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President's Annual Report Nov 2021-2022

Social Activity Challenges

Our Social activities during this Winter and Spring have been curtailed by the Pandemic. Our Social Chair Lily Jarvis was able to organize a Valentine's Hot Chocolate Bomb Gifting event successfully with 81 participants. We thank her for her innovative idea and promoting a successful event during the pandemic.

60th Anniversary Neighbors Night Out

The traditional Henry Farm Neighbors Night Out Street parties was back this year! The 60's themed Neighbors Night Out event on June 21 was well attended. A big thank you to Lily Jarvis for organizing the event and Larry Cuthbertson for organizing the Entertainment. It was a fun event but we will go back to individual street parties next year to help with the membership drive.

60th Anniversary Gala Night

60th anniversary gala was held on September 10th at the Emerald Hills Golf and Country club. The dinner and dance was attended by 72 Residents and for many it was the first dinner dance attended since the beginning of the pandemic. The auction items donated by Merida and Andrew Lake as well as myself (Nambly) for the event raised \$1,750 for HFCIA.

Thanksgiving Parade

The 2nd Annual Thanksgiving parade and donation drive for North York Harvest Food Bank was held on Sunday October 10th. The event had about 75% of success as the previous year with 2 pickup trucks full of donations of non-perishable food items from the residents and \$400 in cheques for the North York food bank. A thank you to Lily Jarvis for organizing the parade, Larry Cuthbertson for organizing the entertainment and Eileen Crichton for organizing the Mounted Police unit and police cruisers. We are so grateful to all the neighbors who help contribute to this worthy event.

Dedicated Bike lanes on Sheppard Avenue between Willowdale and Leslie

Our Survey of residents indicated that 89 % of residents in Henry Farm opposed construction of Dedicated Bicycle Lanes as part of Sheppard Av. East. Reconstruction would result in the loss of traffic and turning lanes on parts of Sheppard Avenue E. between Willowdale St and Leslie St. We have forwarded residents' concerns to City officials and await future developments

Monstrous Fairview Mall Redevelopment Plans

Application consisting of four phases of redevelopment around the existing CF Fairview Mall has been submitted to the city. The proposal will create approximately 4,700 new residential units, up to 40,000 square meters of additional non-residential uses, and three new public parks totaling 7,840 square meters. HFCIA is concerned on the effect of this monstrous development on the infrastructure in the neighborhood and have communicated our concerns to city officials and await city action on this matter.

Henry Farm Communication Updates

A big thank you to Wendy Petcoff for getting the 4 newsletters published (lots of work involved in gathering the articles and organizing the contents). Steve O'keefe for coordinating and collecting the advertisement, Barb Simpson and her team for distributing the newsletter to every home in the neighborhood.

Thanks Wendy again for your constant updates to Facebook and the website as well as Ken Klinger for maintaining the chimp mail keeping residents updated and fixing the Henryfarm.ca email accounts. We are also lucky to have the services of Joseph Ceneda who provides the graphic work in many of the materials to promote and maintain a professional image of HFCIA.

Membership, Municipal Affairs Finance, Administration & Members at Large

With an increase in membership fees from \$20 to \$25, we were able to generate a similar amount of revenue as the

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LET'S GET TOGETHER

Neighbor Event
February 2023

Social Event – April 2023

Tennis Opening & Neighbourhood Clean-up
April 2023

Neighbors Night out
June 2023

Thanksgiving Day Food Drive Parade
October 2023

Halloween Pumpkin Walk
Nov 1st, 2023

AGM
November 7th, 2023

President's Report Continued

previous year but overall membership was down. We feel this is due to that fact we did not have street parties at NNO. We are grateful for the efforts of Ken Klinger work in collection of annual membership dues from Henry farm members to offset our expenses. Thank you, Peter Erwood for keeping on the municipal affairs and attending many meetings on behalf of HFCIA. Thanks to Jim Kitchen for taking care of the money and stepping up to help whenever a need arises. Thanks to Dunja Lackovic for keeping records of the minutes and performing the necessary administration. Thanks for the continued help of members at large Joseph Ceneda, Jonathan Mousley, Laura Norris, Sabrina Wong and Sherri Golisky

New Entrance Sign

As my final act as President, I have been working with Joseph Ceneda to replace our aging entrance sign (currently temporarily replaced by 60th Anniversary sign) to a reflective sign that can be seen in day and night. The sign has been ordered and we hope to have it installed before Christmas 2022.

As all of you are aware I will be stepping down as President and as an active member of the executive. I take this opportunity to reflect on my tenure as social activity chair and president for the last 23 years,

I take pride in the fact that I have been to increase the level of social activities with innovative programs attracting participation and adapting the activities to the change in neighborhood demographics.

I had to deal with unprecedented number of municipal issues during this period including massive condo development, transportation and transit issues on Sheppard in terms of LRT, dedicated bus lanes and dedicated bike lanes. Other municipal issues such as a proposed dog park at Havenbrook park and city wide rooming house legislation. On all these matters as the president I have sought the Henry Farm residents' views-based surveys and petitions and advocated based on clear majority views of the residents. We have been successful on some and not on others. As you know fighting city hall is an uphill battle.

I started my presidency with a little or no funds in the bank (in Oct 2003, \$2400) and I am happy that I have contributed to build the current cash reserve to \$ 23,000 including \$ 9,124 received from Henry Farm Scout Program.

I would like to thank all those who served in the executive committee over the last 23 years. I could have not done this job without your support. I would also like thank my wife and 2 daughters who have supported me during my tenure.

It has been a pleasure to serve the neighborhood.

Wendy Petcoff will be taking over as the new HFCIA President. I have worked with Wendy over the last few years and feel confident she has the enthusiasm and ability to continue to make Henry farm the Place to Live.

Thank you.

Namby Vithiananthan
Outgoing President, HFCIA

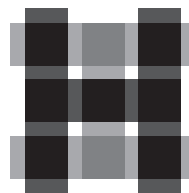
Health Care Options for the Holidays

Hospitals across the GTA are working hard to manage the combined impact of RSV, flu and COVID among other seasonal infections. This holiday season North York General Hospital (NYGH) is reminding the community that if you are concerned about mild or moderate cough, cold and flu-like symptoms, there are several options available:

- See a NYGH physician or nurse through the North York Cough, Cold and COVID Clinic at 555 Finch Ave. W. The Clinic welcomes infants over 3 months, children and adults and can provide medications and prescriptions if needed. Appointments are required and can be made for the same or next day. See nygh.on.ca/coughcoldcovid.
- The Central Healthline shows a list of walk-in clinics and other health services available in North York and the GTA. Find services near you at centralhealthline.ca or call 1-888-470-2222.
- SickKids virtual urgent care program provides medical advice or care for infants and children remotely through your smartphone or computer. See sickkids.ca/virtualurgentcare.
- Health Connect Ontario is a free, confidential telephone that you can call to get health advice and information from a registered nurse, 24/7. Dial 811 or visit Ontario.ca/healthconnectontario.
- The Seniors' Hotline for North York can provide access to essential services including medication assistance and reminders, vaccine support, personal care visits, wellness checks and prescription pick-up among others. Call the hotline at 416-447-5200.

You should go to your nearest emergency department if you are experiencing a medical emergency including severe symptoms like chest pain, severe difficulty breathing, altered state of consciousness and confusion.

Also be sure to get vaccinated for COVID and the flu to reduce your risk of serious illness. Visit nygh.on.ca/covidvaccination for details about community COVID and flu vaccination clinics including at the NYGH Outpatient pharmacy at 4001 Leslie St.



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Shelley Carroll – City Councillor

On October 25, 2022, the day after the municipal election, the Provincial Government introduced Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act. This is the next instalment in the Province's plan to create 1.5 million new homes over the next 10 years.

As you know, Toronto has already been approving the development of thousands of homes for the past 20 years. Bill 23 goes to extreme lengths to create a pro-developer environment that will severely harm affordability, municipal budgets, the Greenbelt, and our existing rental supply.

Of most concern, Bill 23 will cut the fees, called Development Charges (DCs), that developers pay to cover the cost of infrastructure needed to support growth. In nearby Parkway Forest, DCs paid for the construction of Helen Lu Road, vital hydro and water services, the new community centre and more. If that development proposal came forward under Bill 23, you would have to pay a significant portion of those costs through your property taxes.

Taking these charges away is a real hit to our city and our neighbourhoods. Toronto officials have informed the Province that Bill 23 would take away \$200 million in revenue for the City each year. The Province has said they hope to work with the Federal government to replace the missing cash, but I say that's not much of a replacement if it's coming straight out of our income tax pot.

I'll be sure to share more updates on Bill 23 through my weekly E-Blast once it reaches its final reading in the Legislature. Stay tuned by subscribing at shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.

I also want to touch briefly on snow. This year, we have a new contractor overseeing all of the snow clearing operations in our ward. Please reach out to my office right away if there are any problems with snow clearing on your street. We want to flag these issues as early as possible to ensure high levels of service for the rest of winter.

Finally, I want to wish everyone in Henry Farm happy holidays! I look forward to continuing to work with you and your families come the New Year.



Shelley Carroll
City Councillor—Don Valley North

Province's legislation a Major Threat

The provincial government has recently passed or introduced three pieces of legislation that will have a significant, detrimental impact on our local democracy and on our region's greenspace, including allowing development on some of Canada's best farmland as well as conservation lands. The Henry Farm Executive is extremely concerned by the Province's legislation. It is our hope that, with concerted opposition, this legislation will be reversed.

Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, and the similar Bill 39, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022, allow the mayors of Toronto and Ottawa to pass bylaws with just one-third of council support, ostensibly to allow for more affordable housing to be built "as of right" in these cities and with minimal to no public consultation.

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, is comprehensive legislation that amends several other pieces of legislation, including legislation governing the Greenbelt and Conservation Authorities, ostensibly again to allow for more affordable housing to be built more quickly.

Among its key provisions impacting the City of Toronto, Bill 23 reduces or exempts developers from paying fees related to new affordable housing, including affordable units required in many new developments anyway (inclusionary zoning) and which are currently subject to fees. The result will be significantly less annual revenue to the City (\$200 million less on average) and much less capacity for the City to pay for the very infrastructure that supports these and other new homes.

More broadly, as much as building more affordable housing is a good thing, there is no guarantee that developers will pass the savings from lower or no development fees on to homebuyers. Moreover, the legislation defines "affordable" home ownership as 80% of the prevailing market rate. With most homes in the GTA now selling for more than \$1 million and a typical one-bedroom condominium selling for \$750,000+, this means a developer can sell a house for \$800,000 or a condo for \$600,000 without paying any developer fees, robbing the City of much needed cash while building housing that is hardly "affordable" to most.

Other provisions of concern can be found in an email being sent to the HFCIA membership, as well as posted on Facebook. We urge residents of Henry Farm to voice their opposition with the Premier, Cabinet, and our local MPP. It is our hope that, with concerted opposition, these pieces of legislation will be reversed.

Henry Farm Community Interest Association Executive



Neighbourhood Watch Report

WINTER SAFETY

Winter is on the way and I know is greeted with various levels of enthusiasm. I suspect the children are looking forward to the winter fun but driving in the city and shovelling create challenges.

Be a good neighbour and make sure the leaves are cleared from your property and from the curb area in front of your home. Eventually these leaves will block the catch basins and cause flooding. Help make it safe for walkers, joggers, and delivery folks by keeping the sidewalks and walkways clear of leaves and snow.

As well, keep those house lights on, both indoors and outside, now that we are dark so early. It's a safety issue but also so welcoming when we come home in the dark. If your street light is out, report it by calling 311. The city is usually quick to respond to replace these lights.

Our neighbourhood has seen some robberies regarding homes and cars. Please make sure you contact police if you see anything unusual on your street and make sure you keep your neighbours informed if you are out of town.

COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICE

We are pleased to welcome to the Henry Farm Community the new 33 Division Community Officers:

Sgt. Jazen Brautigam

Team 1- PC Rowan Lopez and PC Chris Chan

Team 2- PC Victor Lai and PC Adam Yurkiw

The officers are excited to be a part of our community and were in attendance at the Thanksgiving Parade. When we have special events, I will be extending them an invitation to join us and I know they will be here unless needed elsewhere.

The Mounted Unit was invited again to our Parade but this year it was a real challenge for them. They agreed to come with pleasure, but they can't always guarantee their attendance. This year was an example of the horses needed elsewhere. If the Blues Jays game had taken place on the Sunday they were to attend the game. Because there was no game the Unit arrived in Henry Farm, but after 15 minutes they were called to assist with the search for a missing child.

I hope they will be able to join in next year as they create such an air of excitement for the children and it is very special to see them on our streets. Special thanks to all the officers who attended.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

2022 HFCIA Membership Summary

Neighbours,

Despite a strong surge in memberships toward the end of HFCIA fiscal year, 2022 HFCIA membership was significantly down from previous years – perhaps in part due to our change this year in our Neighbours' Night Out format towards a single event rather than separate street gatherings.

Membership funds events like our Neighbours' Night out, the Henry Farmer as well as subsidizes some of the fun family activities like our Thanksgiving parade and Halloween contest so as always, on behalf of the entire HFCIA executive, I thank all of those who joined this year – it really helps. Looking forward to a return to stronger participation in 2023.



I hope all Henry Farmers, family and friends stay well and have a safe and happy holiday season ahead.

Ken Klinger
HFCIA Membership Chair

The Spirit of Christmas in Henry Farm.

What started with a handful of Christmas stockings at a local seniors home five years ago has mushroomed now into a three city project. Our own Henry Farmer Susan Stronach is expecting to deliver about 700 stockings to local seniors with her niece Megan. When asked how she was asked how do they find our seniors she responded.. "well, they find us". We know that care staff use their own money to make the day special. You can join her in bringing this project to life here in Toronto. Reach out to Susan to see how you can help.

Wendy Petcoff



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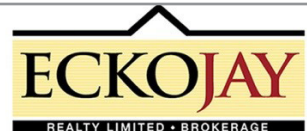


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Christmas Services at St Matthew the Apostle Oriole

Following Covid 19 Protocols, in person Christmas Services at St Matthew will be held on December 24 at 4:30 PM (includes a children's pageant, appropriate for families with little ones), 9 PM (traditional Christmas Eve service with choir and communion) and Christmas Day service with communion and choir at 10 AM. Everyone is asked to wear masks and are welcome at all services.

Reverse Advent Calendar a time of Waiting and Anticipation

An Advent Calendars give us something, usually a treat each day. The "Reverse Advent Calendar" means we give something each day. St. Matthew is collecting food for Oriole Food space, our local food bank, to help them meet the ever-increasing requests for food assistance.

How it works: Each day add an item to a box from a suggested food list found on the St Matthew's Website or

Email kyn_barker@stmatthew.ca for additional information. A container will be outside the church door facing George Henry Blvd. You can bring your donations on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday between 10 and 5 or save it up and bring all items on December 24, Christmas Eve. Join us in helping those in need in our community. Thank you for participating.



Henry Farm Communication Updates!

Henry Farmers can stay connected with the HFCIA through our Henry Farmers facebook page and membership emails. We also work hard to keep the henryfarm.ca website up to date. In our ongoing work to include all our community members we have added a link to the newsletter page on the website which will do a Chinese translation. It is our hope that we can make sure all Farmers keep in touch with neighborhood happening. I also welcome you to keep in touch at president@henryfarm.ca.

On behalf of the entire HFCIA we wish you a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Wendy Petcoff
Incoming HFCIA President



Henry Farm Community Interest Association – 2022/2023 Executive

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Past President	Namby Vithiananthan		

Social Events 2023

Welcome to another year of exciting events at Henry Farm! With the last few years being challenging to get together in person, we are looking forward getting back together again for even more events this year.

Some social events we are planning for:

Winter Wonderland Wine and Cheese, Guess who's coming to dinner, our signature Neighbours night out, Summer Movies in the farm and Havenbrook Pumpkin Walk.

We will also continue our Henry Farm Gives Back thanksgiving parade as well as blood bank donations.

Finally, we are looking to strengthen our partnership with Shaughnessy Public School this year.

Look out for all information about events on our Facebook page or our quarterly newsletters.

All of these events are only made possible with your Membership to the HFCIA.

If you haven't done so, please go to our website www.Henryfarm.ca and sign up for your membership today!

As always, we rely on our wonderful group of volunteers for our events. Many of our highschoolers in the community get the volunteer hours through our various events.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please email Lily Jarvis at events@henryfarm.ca.

We are looking forward to making this in fantastic social year at the farm.

If you have any event ideas, questions, or concerns please reach out to Lily Jarvis

Lily Jarvis
Social

Halloween Decor Winners!

Congrats to the Colpitts family for winning this year's HFCIA Halloween décor contest! While we were unable to move forward with the Halloween event the neighborhood didn't disappoint.



Henry Farm Annual Thanksgiving Parade!

The Henry Farm Community certainly gave back to the community on Thanksgiving. 2 truckloads of food and \$400 in cash & cheques all supporting the North York Harvest food bank. Special thanks to the volunteers, our entertainment truck and the Toronto Metro police!

Lily Jarvis
Social



Thanks to our outgoing HFCIA President Namby Vithiananthan!

At the AGM in November we said goodbye and much appreciation to Namby our outgoing President of the HFCIA. We wish him all the best with a dining gift card and a special thank you from Shelley Carroll.

