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President's Annual Report November 2022-2023

Thank you to the community for attending the HFCIA AGM on Nov 7th. This meeting is the summary of the year for the Association and a review of the new year to come. There was a power point presentation outlining the work done and we will be posting on our website in the coming days.

There are always so many people to thank for all their hard work on the executive. This year we are losing Ken Klinger (Membership) and Lily Jarvis (Social). I am very grateful to them both for all the hard work they have put into the Association over the years. Lily is staying on as a member at large and I am hopeful to be able to find someone in the neighborhood who will help with the social chair. Kelly Perrin is taking over membership. We always need help on the HFCIA so please reach out if you are interested in joining.

I would like to thank the rest of the executive team for staying to help with the community for another year. We make a strong team because of everyone's hard work to make this association as vocal as we can and is appreciated not only by myself but the Henry Farm neighborhood judging by the emails I receive.

Our events this year were a huge hit. Neighbors' Night Out and the Thanksgiving Food Parade were supported by the entire neighborhood. This year we were fortunate enough to have sponsors help us with the event and we offer many thanks. We were also happy to bring back "Guess Who's coming to Dinner" which had a great response. We are planning to bring back all of this next year along with more community information nights such as the Toronto Police Information meeting and the MP Shelley Carroll question and answer evening. I am hoping to send out a survey to gather ideas for further information nights in 2024.

The association has also been tackling changes in the Henry Farm area including the re-zoning policy voted on by the city council this year, Airbnb law changes, rooming houses and of course the new developments happening in the next few years around our neighborhood. With the min of 5 developments in the process of city approval we are on track to increase the population to around 45,000 people. While housing is important to the city the HFCIA also works hard to make sure that this community voice is heard regarding social services keeping up to support the increase in the form of parks, schools, and community centers as well as

changes on Sheppard Ave East that propose bike lanes and bus lanes and reducing car lanes.

I have also sent an email and posted on the Henry Farmer Facebook page the consults that have been happening by Metrolinks regarding the subway along Sheppard Ave East. This has long been a topic of conversation with the city and the neighborhood with no decisions being made confirming a subway or LRT. We have seen the problems with the Eglinton LRT and know that the traffic problems that would occur if an LRT were to be put in place. If you have not received the President's email in regard to this issue, please send me a note at president@henryfarm.ca.

As you also may know we have been pushing for upgrade of the Havenbrook playground voted on by the PB two years ago. There is a survey regarding input for design at <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/construction-new-facilities/park-facility-projects/havenbrook-park-improvements/>. The survey will be promoted to residents in Henry Farm via Shelley's E-Blast and local channels like the HFCIA. There will also be a poster up at the Park directing visitors at the playground to give their feedback via the survey. Construction will start hopefully in the spring of 2024.

Please make sure you keep in touch with our updated website at www.henryfarm.ca, the Henry farmer Facebook page and most important join the membership for email communications.

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HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Guess Who's coming to Dinner
April 13th, 2024.

Neighbors Night Out
June 18th, 2024

Thanksgiving Food Drive Parade
Oct 6th, 2024

AGM
Nov 5th, 2024

President's Report Cont.

Thank you once again to everyone in Henry farm for their continued support. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

I wish everyone a happy and joyful holiday season.

Wendy Petcoff
President HFCIA



AGM meeting Nov. 7th, 2023

Thank you to our Advertisers!

As we come to the close of our 42nd year of publishing the Henry Farmer newsletter, I would like to sincerely thank our many loyal advertisers for their on-going financial support over the past year. These past couple of years have been a challenge for everyone, especially for small business owners, and we appreciate their continued commitment to our community.

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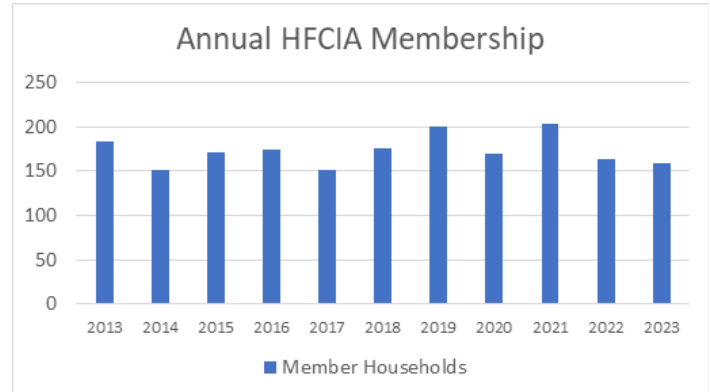
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Steve O'Keefe
Henry Farmer Advertising Coordinator

2023 HFCIA Membership Update

Neighbours,

Following is the final summary for 2023 Annual Membership with comparison to previous years.



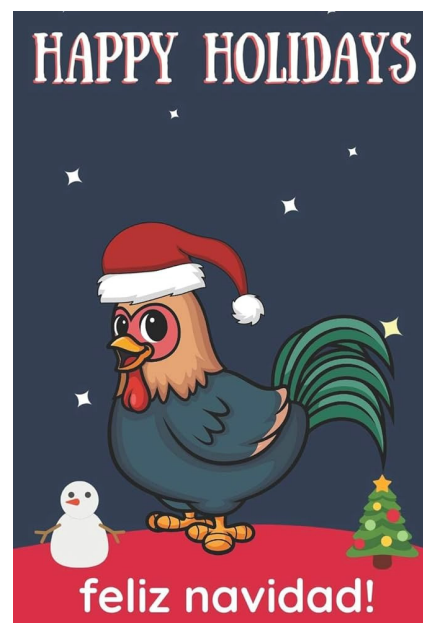
You can see that overall Membership was almost the same as last year, albeit down from the all-time highs of 2019 and 2021.

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.

On a personal note, I'll be stepping down as Membership Chair this year to give others the opportunity to inject some fresh ideas on continuing to engage neighbours in our community and grow participation and membership.

Thanks so much for all the support over the past several years.

Ken Klinger
HFCIA Membership Chair (outgoing)





Neighbourhood Watch Report

Be a GOOD Neighbour and Safety Bits and Pieces

As we change from lawn care to snow removal, remember to remove leaves from your property and from the curb area in front of your home. These leaves will likely cause flooding if the catch basins are blocked. Help make it safe for everyone by keeping the sidewalks and walkways clear of snow and debris.

Safety becomes a focus when it gets dark very early in the evening. Keep those outdoor lights on early for all as we come home during those dark winter days. If your streetlight is out, report this by calling 311. The city is very quick to respond to replacement of these lights.

Inform new neighbours of garbage collection days. Our pickup day is Tuesday. Bins and garden waste go out the night before. Sometimes large items are sitting out by the curb for days! This should not happen! Call to request a pickup for these items.

Don't be careless and tempt theft! Lock your car doors in your driveway/garage and consider installation of video cameras to protect property.

And finally, there should be no canvassing of our homes after dark. Report any incidents to the organization and let me know if this continues to happen.

Community Police and The Mounted Unit

It was a wonderful Thanksgiving Parade on October 1st, 2023. Our Community Police Officers were incredibly supportive this year and provided us with three cars and Officers to lead the Parade. Special thanks to PC Chris Chan, PC Victor Lai and PC Rowan Lopez, who were very generous in their participation and engagement with the children and families. We are so pleased to welcome them to all our Henry Farm Events.

The star of the Parade is always the Mounted Unit and this year was no exception. We welcomed Officers Douglas McCall, Marten Engel and their horses, Invictus and Moose. They create such an air of excitement, and it is a great experience to see these well trained horses visiting our community.

Thank you to the Community Police Officers and the Toronto Mounted Unit for contributing so much to a successful Thanksgiving Drive for the North York Food Bank.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Fundraiser for Shaughnessy Public School

We need your help to enrich the student experience at Shaughnessy Public School. A pillar of the Henry Farm community, Shaughnessy has been educating our neighbourhood for over 50 years. The school teaches over 200 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8, but it's so much more than an educational institution. It is a second home where children come together to build lasting friendships, make core memories, and discover the magic in learning something new and exciting.

Each year, parents on the School Council lead fundraisers to provide supplemental events and support. This year we would like all children to participate in a field trip regardless of financial means, help our teachers with classroom enrichment materials, and bring the community and school together to celebrate with a spring fun fair. You can help make that happen.

Please donate now to receive a charitable tax receipt.

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/shaughnessy2024>

Select Shaughnessy Public School and pick General. Your charitable donation goes directly to the school and will offset costs for every child.

Please consider giving locally to help the children in your neighbourhood. For more information, contact SC.ShaughnessyPublicSchool@tdsb.on.ca.

Thank you,

Deanna Koitsan & Lily Jarvis
Co-Chairs, Shaughnessy School Council

Henry Farm Word Search

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NYGH

NYGH Bids Farewell to Karyn Popovich, President and CEO of North York General Hospital, and welcomes incoming President and CEO, Dr. Everton Gooden

After an incredible 42-year career with North York General Hospital (NYGH), Karyn Popovich, President & CEO, has retired. Her last day in the role was November 30, 2023.

Karyn was a pillar of the NYGH community for most of its history. Through her roles as a clinical leader, executive and President and CEO she directly contributed to NYGH's standing as one of Canada's top ranked hospitals.



*Karyn Popovich,
former President and
CEO of NYGH*

Karyn began her career at NYGH as a registered nurse in orthopaedic surgery, later moving to the Emergency Services Program where she spent the next 20 years. For more than a decade, she served in executive roles responsible for all the hospital's clinical programs and NYGH's long-term care home, the Seniors' Health Centre, and also served as the hospital's Chief Nursing Executive.

Karyn is known as someone who always puts people at the centre of everything. This is reflected in the many provincial, national and international awards, and recognitions NYGH has achieved for quality of care, wait times and patient safety. Last year, Karyn received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee medal in recognition of her contributions to the community and to health care in Ontario.

North York General welcomed its new CEO, Dr. Everton Gooden, on December 1, 2023.

Dr. Gooden also has a deep connection to NYGH, North York and our communities. Since joining NYGH more than 20 years ago, Dr. Gooden has served in clinical, administrative, and leadership roles including as Chair of the Medical Advisory Committee, President of the Medical Staff Association, Division Chief of Head and Neck Surgery, and as a member of the NYGH Foundation Board.



*Dr. Everton Gooden,
new President and
CEO of NYGH.*

Dr. Gooden combines his work as a physician and medical leader with humanitarian work close to home and abroad. Currently, Dr. Gooden sits on the Board of Face the Future Foundation, volunteers with the Kenya Relief Organization, and is a member of the Black Opportunity Fund's Healthcare Working Group.

Dr. Gooden's passion for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) led him to establish and co-chair NYGH's First Anti-Black Racism Steering Committee, and to champion the establishment of NYGH's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Office, EDI Framework and action planning to tackle Anti-Black Racism.

Shelley Carroll City Councillor

Winter is upon us, and here at City Hall that means one thing: Budget season. As Budget Chief, I spent the past month participating in a line-by-line review of the budget with each City division to find efficiencies and savings wherever possible. I also attended all eight of our Pre-Budget Community Town Halls, where I heard from residents in every corner of the city about their budget priorities. Thanks to all the neighbours in Henry Farm and across Don Valley North who came out to our North York Town Hall or shared their feedback through the online survey.

If you weren't able to participate in the Pre-Budget Consultations, rest assured there will be plenty more opportunities to engage in the Budget process come the New Year. This will be a challenging budget season, which makes it all the more important that my fellow Councillors and I hear your thoughts. Stay up-to-date on upcoming budget opportunities at toronto.ca/budget and by subscribing to my weekly E-Blast at shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.

With winter coming, I also want to share an update on our winter services. I know that Henry Farm in particular had many challenges with our new contractors last season. Council has directed our General Manager of Transportation Services to take a number of steps to address these issues and closely monitor our contractors this winter. In particular, we've directed the GM to implement a process to ensure all contractor deficiencies are recorded in a central system so that we can track issues and ensure they don't repeat. If you experience issues with snow clearing on your street again this year, please contact my office right away. My team will be more than happy to flag these issues with City staff to have them rectified as soon as possible.

And of course, I want to wish every Henry Farmer a happy holidays and very happy New Year! I hope you all enjoy a restful, safe, and healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Carroll'.

*Shelley Carroll
City Councillor—Don Valley North*

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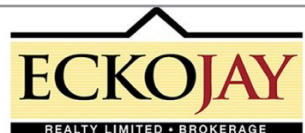


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St. Matthew The Apostle Oriole



Christmas Services at St Matthew the Apostle Oriole

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 welcome at all services. The 9 PM service on the 24th and the 10 AM service on the Christmas Day is also live streamed on our YouTube channel at [stmatthew.ca](https://www.stmatthew.ca)

Reverse Advent Calendar a time of Waiting and Anticipation

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.

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Sing with us at the 10:00 a.m. service, practice Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Instrumentalists are welcome to join, as well, for occasional service music.

Email davidbraund@sympatico.ca or speak to David after the postlude.

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EVENTS

THANKSGIVING PARADE BIG SUCCESS!

Many thanks to Henry Farm for making the third annual Thanksgiving Parade such a huge success. We collected two truckloads of non-perishables and \$545 in cash/cheque donations! Special thanks to 33 Division – Toronto Police Service, the Mounted Police Division, and the Toronto Fire Department at Parkway Forest for taking in two truckloads of food on behalf of the North York Harvest Food Bank.



Congrats to Ken, Irene, and Olivia Lee-Newton, as well as Talia and Jacob Jarvis for their submissions to the Halloween Costume contest!



HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Spooky delight in our neighbourhood! The streets were alive with the magic of Halloween as children paraded in a dazzling array of creative costumes. From pint-size superheroes to whimsical creatures, the creativity and joy echoed through the streets. Trick-or-treaters painted the town with smiles and giggles, and our community came alive, making this Halloween a memorable and festive affair for all. Many thanks for all the photo submissions!

