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## President's Report

I can't believe it's the holiday season again! Time goes by so quickly! It's been another fantastic year in Henry Farm.

We were thrilled to have **MPP Jonathan Tsao** join us as our guest speaker for this year's AGM. Over the years, we've had great conversations with our city councillor, **Shelley Carroll**, who's helped us navigate many of the city's changes in our neighbourhood. We wanted to widen that lens a bit. Having a provincial voice gives us a better understanding of the bigger picture—how decisions at Queen's Park shape life right here in Henry Farm.

And, not to leave anyone out, we've also invited **MP Maggie Chi** to join us in the new year, so we'll have the federal perspective covered, too. It's important for us to have these one-on-one connections—it helps us understand where our governments are heading, and it gives them a chance to hear directly from the people who actually live here and how it all connects back to our little corner of the city.

There are other changes we will need to stay aware of. Zoning changes for retail and multiplexes, Sheppard subway and lane updates, ongoing developments in the surrounding streets, school board changes and of course, traffic calming measures in Henry Farm. Several streets were part of a traffic study report, and George Henry Boulevard between Farmview and Manorpark Court has satisfied the Traffic Calming Policy and been recommended for speed bumps on George Henry. The councillor's office will reach out to the HFCIA to organize a meeting to address these findings, along with other street results.

It takes a lot of dedication (and maybe a little caffeine) to make these events happen and to keep our neighbourhood as vibrant as it is. For a small community of around 800 households, the turnout and enthusiasm at every event are remarkable.

From **Neighbour's Night Out**, to community sessions with **NYGH**, **Options in Aging**, **Toronto Fire Prevention**, and evenings with our government representatives—to our **annual city cleanup** in April—and, of course, our proudest moment: **The Henry Farm Gives Back Parade**.

This year, we raised \$750 and four truckloads of food for the North York Food Bank. That's what community looks like—neighbours helping neighbours.

And speaking of teamwork, our collective efforts made real change happen with the bylaw at **28 Silkwood**. Because of your voices, the city reviewed zoning applications and adjusted [www.henryfarm.ca](http://www.henryfarm.ca)

rules around bedroom sizes and home structures. While the city continues to explore multiplex housing, we can be proud that Henry Farm helped shine a light on areas that needed improvement—and made sure builders are held accountable.

None of this would be possible without our **sponsors** and **volunteers**. If you've ever thought about getting involved, please do! Whether you helped set up an event, delivered flyers or donated to a cause, every bit of effort makes a difference. It's incredibly rewarding and a great way to meet your neighbours.

As this is my last President's report, I wanted to say thank you. It's been five years of laughter, learning, new ideas, teamwork and plenty of emails at 11 p.m. It's truly been an honour to help this community, and I've loved every minute of it. This neighbourhood is truly something special, and it's been such an honour to be part of it in this way.

I also appreciate all of you — the HF members, the volunteers, and the HFCIA executive team — for your support, your ideas, and your encouragement. You've made the president's job an absolute joy.

And I'm so grateful for the support, ideas, and encouragement I've received from all of you—our Henry Farmers.

So, thank you—from the bottom of my heart—for making this neighbourhood what it is.

Happy Holidays to you all. Stay well.

Wendy Petcoff  
President



### HENRY FARM LET'S GET TOGETHER

**St. Matthew's Winter  
Essential Clothing Drive:**  
Dec. 9, 12, 14th 2025

**Community Meeting  
MP Maggie Chi:**  
January 13th, 2026 - 7 pm

**Neighbourhood Clean-up:**  
April 2026

**Neighbour's Night Out:**  
June 16th, 2025, 6:30 pm

**Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Parade:**  
October 4th, 2025 - 3 - 5 pm

**AGM:**  
November 3rd, 2026 - 7 pm



## Neighbourhood Watch Report

### **PARKING:**

We have had some complaints about homeowners' cars receiving tickets for parking on the street for more than 3 hours and/or parking overnight on the apron of the driveway. When the Parking Authority receives a complaint, they issue a ticket to everyone parked illegally at that time. Just be aware of the bylaws and check the parking signs on your street.

### **TPS 33 Division and our Thanksgiving Day Parade:**

We are so happy and grateful for the support we receive each year from Officers at 33 Division, Toronto Police Service. We had two cars and four officers lead the Thanksgiving Parade and help collect Food Bank donations. They went above and beyond, after the Parade had finished, by helping unload our vans full of food at the Parkway Forest Firehall. Thank you to PC A. Yurkiw, PC J. Sylva, PC J. Franken and PC B. Peterson. Special thanks to PC Victor Lai, who made sure we had the Officers available. We really appreciate their involvement in our activities.

### **TPS Mounted Unit and the Parade:**

Once again, we were really honoured to have the Toronto Police Mounted Unit come and be the highlight of the Parade with their famous and very friendly horses, Jack and Northrup. It's exciting for all of us, big and little ones, to see these well-trained horses and their riders visiting our community. The officers were just so patient and kind with everyone, stopping to chat and take pictures. I know it encourages so many to come out and contribute to our Food Bank Drive. Thank you so much to Officers from the Mounted Unit: PC Wil Chambers and PC David Alexander, who enjoyed their afternoon with us, and we look forward to them coming again next year. And did you know these horses have their own picture cards? Amazing! It was another great day in Henry Farm!

### **LEAVES:**

Yes, please remove leaves from the curb in front of your property. If not, they will block the sewer grates during rain or melting snow, creating flooding issues. The early snow in November certainly highlighted the need to keep the leaves off the streets.

Eileen Crichton  
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison  
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## Thank You to Our Outgoing President, Wendy Petcoff

On behalf of the Henry Farm Community, the HFCIA extends its heartfelt gratitude to President Wendy Petcoff for her exceptional leadership, dedication, and countless volunteer hours over the past five years.

Through her passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment, Wendy has helped make Henry Farm an even more connected and vibrant place to live. From community events to thoughtful initiatives to working with City officials, her efforts have left a lasting mark on our neighbourhood and on all of us who call it home.

As she steps down from her role, we wish Wendy all the best and offer our deepest appreciation for everything she has contributed to the Henry Farm Community.

**THANK YOU, WENDY!!!**



## AGM and Community Meeting

Thank you to all the Henry Farmers who attended the AGM and session with special guest speaker **MPP Jonathan Tsao**. Jonathan led a lively discussion on provincial plans and local issues concerning our Henry Farm Community. It was very informative and well-received. Let us know if there is something you would like us to organize in the New Year.





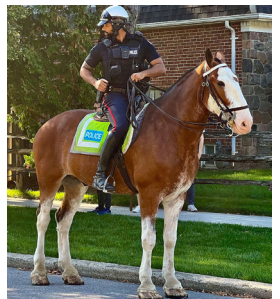
# Thanksgiving Food Drive - Gives Back Again!

Once again, Henry Farm came together in an incredible way – this year was our strongest turnout yet! Every year, our community surpasses its own record for total food donations, and the HFCIA wishes to thank everyone for being a part of this outstanding yearly event. A BIG shout-out to Merida Lake and the Mills Team for their generous sponsorship again this year!

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to everyone in the community who donated food or contributed funds to support the North York Harvest Food Bank. Thanks to your generosity, we filled multiple vehicles to the brim and raised significant funds for families who need it most.

A huge thank you to the officers from 33 Division and the Mounted Unit who once again led our parade through the streets. As always, they brought so much joy and excitement to the community, graciously stopping for photos and making the day extra special for the kids (and the grown-ups, too!). Seeing neighbours waving from their porches and windows truly showed how lucky we are to live in such a connected and caring community.

We couldn't have put this together without the support of our fabulous volunteers, who helped organize the event, gather donations at the church and on the neighbourhood streets, and deliver to the firehall. This food drive is a wonderful example of the magic of Henry Farm. It really does take a village!





## Shelley Carroll City Councillor

If you've been driving through the neighbourhood lately, you've probably seen the new 30 km/h signs going up. These are part of the City's Area Local Speed Limit Reduction Program, and they mark an important shift in how we keep our communities safe. Across Don Valley North, all local roads are being brought down to 30 km/h. In Henry Farm, this includes every street except Havenbrook Boulevard from Shaughnessy to Don Mills, and Shaughnessy Boulevard itself, which will be marked at 40 km/h.

I know speeding has been a long-standing concern, especially along George Henry and Havenbrook, and these changes are meant to help. Once the new limits have been in place for a bit and we can see how drivers adjust, we'll be in a better position to consider additional measures like speed humps. I truly do want to hear your thoughts on that. Your lived experience on these streets is invaluable.

This year, I've probably spent more time thinking about safety than at any other point in my public service career. As Chair of the Toronto Police Service Board, I've been working closely with the Service to support improvements they've wanted to make for a long time. City-wide, we're seeing real progress: major crimes are down 10.3% year-to-date, homicides have dropped by 53.9%, auto thefts are down 30.5%, robberies are down 16.2%, and break-and-enters have decreased by 12.5%. These city-wide improvements are encouraging, but neighbourhood-level concerns matter just as much.

That's why I'd love for you to join me on **Wednesday, December 3** at Divine Mercy Catholic School for a Community Safety Town Hall, co-hosted with Superintendent Donovan Locke of 33 Division. This is your opportunity to hear directly about the work underway to keep Henry Farm safe, the progress we're making together, and the next steps ahead. You'll also have plenty of time to ask questions and share your concerns. I hope to see you there..

For regular updates, be sure to subscribe to my E-Blast to stay up-to-date on events and the issues that matter most in our neighbourhoods: [shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe](https://shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe).



Shelley Carroll  
City Councillor—Don Valley North

## North York General Hospital

### **NYG Teams Recognized for Excellence in Care**

North York General Hospital (NYG) continues to be recognized for delivering world-class care, with recent accolades highlighting the expertise of our surgery, nutrition, and stroke care teams.

### **Surgery Program Ranks Among the Best Internationally**

NYG's Surgery Program has been recognized by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP) as a global leader in delivering outstanding quality in adult surgical care. Out of 609 hospitals participating in the program, NYG ranked in the top 10 percent, achieving "meritorious outcomes" in all surgical categories, including higher-risk cases. Notably, NYG is one of only four Canadian hospitals to receive this distinction for two or more consecutive years.

"This recognition follows a rigorous evaluation of our surgical program and affirms that our hospital not only meets—but exceeds—internationally recognized standards for quality and safety," says Dr. Peter Stotland, Chief of Surgery and Co-Medical Director of Surgery at North York General. "Our entire surgical team should be proud of this achievement and their steadfast dedication to delivering high-quality care."

NYG's surgical team performs over 38,000 procedures annually, leads Ontario in wait times for cancer surgeries, and has pioneered advanced techniques in Ontario by using robot-assisted knee replacements and in Canada by offering transperineal biopsies for prostate cancer.

### **Dietitians Honoured with Academic Appointments at TMU**

NYG dietitians were also awarded inaugural academic appointments at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) within the School of Nutrition. This milestone achievement marks the first time dietitians at NYG have been recognized with an academic appointment at TMU and recognizes their leadership and expertise. Congratulations to Alyssa Legros, Dawn-Michelle Timms, Elena Dilouya, Marianna DiCio-Romanelli, Olivia Petruzzella, Rachel Dies, Sarah Cappuccitti, and Sonia Gangji for their dedication to clinical practice and education.

### **Stroke Unit Earns Best Practice Award for Second Year**

NYG's inpatient stroke unit has received the 2025 Designated Best Practice Stroke Unit Award from Toronto Stroke Networks for the second consecutive year. This recognition reflects the unit's ability to meet and exceed best practices in stroke care, including acute care training, providing dedicated stroke beds, and prioritizing access for patients with acute stroke diagnoses. The award underscores the team's commitment to advancing stroke care and improving patient outcomes.

These achievements support NYG's transformational 10-year strategic plan with a Vision to deliver World-Class care, 24/7 and our ongoing commitment to excellence. Learn more at [nygh.on.ca/strategy](https://nygh.on.ca/strategy).

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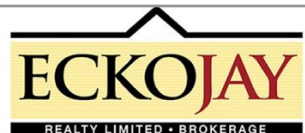


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## ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE ORIOLE



### Christmas Services at St Matthew the Apostle Oriole

In-person Christmas Services at St Matthew will be held on December 24 at 5:00 PM (includes a children's pageant, appropriate for families with little ones), 10 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 10 PM service on the 24th and the 10 AM service on Christmas Day are also live streamed on our YouTube channel at [www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube](http://www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube)

### 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](mailto:kyn_barker@stmatthew.ca) for additional information. A container will be outside the church door facing George Henry Blvd. Donations can be left inside on Tuesdays, 1-4 PM, Fridays, 9 AM-2 PM and Sundays between 8 AM and noon 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.

### Winter Essentials Clothing Drive - St. Matthew Oriole Church

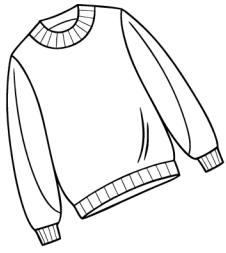
101 Placer is a Shelter for people experiencing homelessness located near McNicoll and Victoria Park. St. Matthew is collecting \*clean\*, \*gently\* used (or new!) gloves, hats, scarves, winter jackets, and boots for men and women staying there. No other items, please. You may bring your items to the church (George Henry Blvd. entrance) on Tuesday December 9th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.; or Friday December 12th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.; or Sunday December 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; or you may call Reverend Sherri at (416) 494-7020 ext. 22 if you would like to arrange an alternate drop off time. All collections must be received by 12:30 p.m. on the 14th at the latest. Thank you for helping to provide warmth this winter to those in need!

### EVER THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING THE CHOIR?

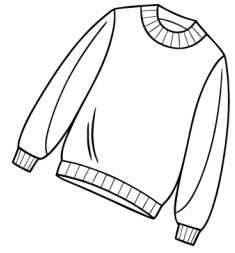


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