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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June 16, 6:30 pm - Zoom Meeting to Submit Ideas for Use of Section 37 Funds from Parkway Forest

We have had some residents forward some ideas for section 37 funds of \$ 400,000 from the Parkway Forest Development that HFCIA was actively involved in securing for the community along with city officials. We discussed these ideas at the HFCIA meetings and their viability. However, we have been informed these ideas have to be submitted at the public zoom meeting at 6:30 pm on June 16, 2021. Another meeting will be organized in late summer at Havenbrook Park to vote on the costed viable ideas. Please see the councillor's article in the newsletter for more details.

HFCIA encourages residents to attend June 16, 2021 meeting and submit their ideas. More importantly the residents should attend Councillor Carrolls second meeting and vote for their choice of viable ideas to ensure the Henry Farm community benefits from a capital project for the improvement of the neighbourhood.

HFCIA will communicate details of the second meeting when they become available.

Looking Forward to Resumption of Social Activities in Henry Farm

It is customary of HFCIA to organize a winter, spring and summer social activity for Henry Farm residents to meet over social events. Since the Neighbours Night Out in September 2020, HFCIA has not been able to organize any social activities due to the pandemic. We had to postpone our upcoming annual Neighbours Night Out in June 2021 to Saturday, September 11, 2021. We hope that with the help of vaccinations we can get past this Covid-19 pandemic and get to socialize with neighbours in our planned activities for the latter part of 2021. We are grateful to our Social Activities chair, Lily Jarvis, for organizing the cookie decorating events for Valentine's Day and Easter for residents in 2021.

Annual HFCIA Family Membership Renewal Due in June 2021

Please find details in the newsletter for renewal of HFCIA family Membership of \$20.00. Please support the efforts of the HFCIA by renewing your annual membership.

Namby Vithiananthan, President



LOOK FOR OUR NEW HENRY FARM WEBSITE!

Bright and colourful with all information on community matters, upcoming events and what is important to the neighbourhood. It's your forum to stay connected in Henry Farm.

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HENRY FARM LET'S GET TOGETHER

Councillor Carroll Zoom Meeting on use of Section 37 Funds from Parkway Forest Development
June 16th, 2021

Neighbours Night Out – Street Parties
September 11th, 2021

Thanksgiving Rooster Parade
October 10th, 2021

Kids Halloween Party
October 31st, 2021

AGM
November 2, 2021

We would like to hear from you!

The HFCIA would like input for social events or anything you would like to see in this newsletter. We would like to make sure everyone has input so reach out!

We would also like to invite you to The Henry Farmers face book page. It's a community page set up to help inform of events and allows neighbours to connect along with the newsletter and the HFCIA email. And make sure you check out the new website designed by the HFCIA. www.henryfarm.ca

Feel free to send me a note on my email at editorhenryfarm@gmail.com.

Wendy Petcoff
Editor

Be a good neighbour!

We are all outdoors more often for walks and use of Havenbrook park. But with the lockdown we are unable to do the usual April community clean up.

Be a good neighbour and pick up any garbage that you can in the hood..and be respectful of other people's property. It takes a village to keep our neighbourhood clean.



Short-Term Rental

Since January 2020, a home in Henry Farm at 12 George Henry has been offered as a short-term rental for approximately \$1,100 per night. Since then, the Henry Farm Community Interest Association has worked with Shelley Carroll's office and 311 to insure that this rental complies with all the regulations. This home is registered with the city for Short-Term Rental. As you can imagine, renting a home for this price has attracted multiple families travelling together as well as large parties all in contravention of the province's Covid-19 regulations. Many of the neighbours have been repeatedly reporting these violations of these regulations to the police, 311 and Shelley Carroll's office. In February 2021, the Henry Farm Executive met with Shelley Carroll to discuss this problem. Up until then, no concrete action had been taken other than a few visits from the police to investigate what they characterize as noise complaints. After Shelley Carroll had a meeting with the City's senior managers responsible for Short-Term Rental and enforcement, the authorities finally took this situation seriously at the end of March this year. The police and the bylaw enforcement visited the home together and apparently levied fines to the occupants and to the host/owner.

Thank you to all the neighbours who have been so diligent in reporting the violations at this home and we are glad the city and police finally took some action. It seems that this home is no longer being offered as a Short-Term Rental for the months of April and May but we will have to keep an eye on it as long as the Covid-19 regulations remain in place. If you have a Short-Term Rental near you that is not complying with the Covid-19 regulations as outlined on the city's website, report it immediately to 311 and the Toronto Police 33 Division at 416-808-3300.

Jim Kitchen

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT

Shelley Carroll Councillor Ward 17

Wonderful Garden Viewing in the FARM

Yes indeed! All of your efforts to beautify your home and garden are very welcome and offer added incentives to get out and keep exercising. It is fun to see new ideas being used to improve property and adds so much to the walking/running activities so many residents are doing.

Some have noted that not all of us are doing our part in looking after our responsibilities as home owners. Lots of garbage still on lawns and medians. Let's do our bit and remove the stuff left after the winter snow. A few wonderful neighbours have been taking a garbage bag along their walk to remove litter!! Thank you so much. If we all look after our own property, it makes a huge difference.

Puppies, Dogs and...

Many new additions to the Farm in the form of **new puppies**. That means more attention required from everyone to "stoop and scoop" and bring the bags home to our own garbage cans. Many thanks to all the good citizens in Henry Farm who are continuing to show the way here. Remember that **dogs must be on a lead at all times**; that means when walking your dog on the sidewalk, as well as in Havenbrook Park. School property is **off limits for dogs at any time**.

SAFETY and LIGHTS

Install lights on timers to ensure you come home to a well-lit home. It is a deterrent to break-ins and is so welcoming to folks returning home on your street.. If there is a streetlight out, call 311 and it will be repaired quickly.

Cars should be **locked** all the time when parked in your driveway. Don't tempt theft by being careless.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Easter Cookie Decorations a hit!

Many thanks to social director Lily Jarvis for her work on the HF Easter cookie event. We had a good turnout as usual and will be doing this again. Thanks to all who participated!



So often, we engage with government only when we need to say no to something. I like to use Participatory Democracy whenever there are local government discretionary funds to spend because it is all about saying YES.

We have some community benefit dollars left from the nearby Elad development that need to be spent in the Henry Farm neighbourhood. Starting in June, we will be conducting a participatory democracy process so that you can propose your own ideas and vote for to spend \$400k in your community.

My team and I have figured out a way to conduct the process in as little as two meetings. The first meeting, where we explain the process and collect all of your ideas will be virtual. The second meeting, if the pandemic numbers continue to fall and people keep vaccinating, will be held later this summer in Havenbrook park.

I strongly encourage you to attend both meetings. That way all of your questions about the process and the projects on the ballot will be answered. You will be casting an informed vote on which of your neighbours' ideas should go ahead.

Join us to make Henry Farm even better. It's your money, you decide.

First meeting: June 16th, 2021 at 6:30pm
Join us virtually at shelleycarroll.ca/participatory-budgeting

Second Meeting and Voting Night:
Date will be announced in my Thursday Eblast when City Staff have costed all viable ideas. Sign up to receive the eblast at shelley.carroll.ca

Shelley Carroll
Councillor Ward 17



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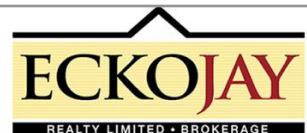
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NYGH Covid-19 Update

The third wave of COVID-19 has tested our community once again – from parents helping their children navigate online school to frontline staff working day and night to ensure we have food on our tables and other needed services.

Our thoughts are with the community members affected by this terrible virus. Unfortunately, the highly infectious variants of concern, which are now the dominant forms of COVID-19, affect young and older people alike.

At the same time, the COVID-19 vaccine has sparked hope for a return to normalcy. North York General Hospital (NYGH) and the North York Toronto Health Partners (NYTHP) are proud to play a key role in our local vaccination roll out.

The NYGH-NYTHP Vaccination Team has worked hard to make sure that those at highest risk receive the vaccine. To date, over 90% of residents in long-term care (LTC) homes in North York have been vaccinated. Our mobile team has also brought the vaccination to other at-risk groups including in “hotspot” buildings and postal codes, essential workplaces, and door-to-door for homebound individuals. As of May 21, our Vaccination Team has around 50 mobile clinics along with clinics at Seneca College and NYGH - including 10 targeting the M2J postal code - and administered more than 100,000 doses to community members.

Our Vaccination Team has also come up with inventive ways to remove barriers to vaccination. The Team recently launched “The Vaccinator,” a bus that brings the vaccine to people working and living in hot spot areas. Family physicians from NYGH and the North York Family Health Team travel through the communities on bikes, notifying locals about the clinic on wheels and answering questions about vaccination.

The Vaccination Team held numerous mobile clinics for specific groups like TTC employees, cultural groups, students, and families. Through these efforts, some North York neighbourhoods now have among the highest vaccination rates in Toronto. According to the latest Toronto Public Health data, 61% of Henry Farm residents have received at least their first dose

Thank you for doing your part to overcome COVID-19, To stay current on the vaccination rollout in our area follow NYGH on social media and visit our website.

For the third year in a row, NYGH was ranked the number one community academic hospital in Canada and one of the top 5 hospitals in the country by Newsweek Magazine.



HENRY FARM TENNIS CLUB

I am happy to advise that, following the announcement of the Ontario phased re-opening strategy, the Henry Farm Tennis Club, effective May 22, is now open. But there are Province- and City-imposed restrictions:

- recreational play only, singles and doubles
- no leagues, house or inter-club
- no instructions and camps
- clubhouse is closed.
- court booking mandatory

Since we are now in Phase 0, these restrictions will apply until Phase 1 (notionally June 14) when some restrictions might be lifted.

I invite you to consult our Covid-19 page on our website (<https://henryfarmtennisclub.ca/covid-19/>) where the City and the OTA official documents are posted.

So, welcome back to tennis. But please exercise reasonable caution: masks, distancing, hand sanitation, etc.

*Bernard Assouad, President
Henry Farm Tennis Club*

Welcome the Reverend Sherri Golisky

The congregation of St. Matthew the Apostle, Oriole Anglican Church is very pleased and excited to announce the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge. The Reverend Sherri Golisky will be joining us effective June 1st 2021. Rev. Sherri comes to us from St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church in Leaside where she was an Assistant Curate. Sherri will reside in the Rectory and is looking forward to becoming an active member of the Henry Farm community.



Although the church is still not open for in-person worship, Rev. Sherri will conduct her first virtual service at St. Matthew on June 6th which can be viewed on YouTube which can be seen at this link: www.stmatthew.ca/youtube

Please join us in welcoming Sherri to the Farm!

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Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods (The "Missing Middle")

The City of Toronto is considering significant changes to zoning regulations to combat the city's ongoing housing affordability crisis. This includes options for a wider variety of homes and increased density in single detached neighbourhoods across the city. Currently, these neighbourhood zones account for more than 35% of Toronto's land, but only detached homes are permitted in them.

A study requested by City Council in 2019, which looks at expanding housing options in these neighbourhoods, is scheduled to be released and sent to City councillors later this year.

Essentially, the City wants to include more allowance through zoning for the construction of so-called "Missing Middle" housing, which includes laneway housing, duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, rooming houses and low-rise apartment buildings. These types of housing are intended to be higher density than single-family housing but lower density than a mid-rise building, which the City defines as 6-11 storeys, and much lower density than the highrises we see in areas like Don Mills and Sheppard.

Perhaps most controversially, one of these housing types, multi-tenant rooming houses with up to six dwelling rooms, would allow everyone from students to low income workers to live in a shared space at a fraction of the cost of most housing within the city. Along with the creation of a comprehensive city-wide zoning approach to rooming houses, the City is proposing enhancements to licensing and enforcement aimed at ensuring safety and minimum standards of upkeep.

Opportunities for public input have been posted on the City website as the Expanding Housing Options in Neighbourhoods program has moved forward. You can also contact the City for more information at EHON@toronto.ca.

HFCIA



*Henry the rooster says
"Make sure you become a HFCIA member
in the June Membership Drive!"*

2021/2022 Henry Farm Community Interest Association Membership Drive!

As many of you know, late June is normally when we gather for our Annual Neighbours' Night Out to reconnect with friends and neighbours we have not seen much of through the winter. Neighbours' Night Out is also, by far, the most significant drive for Henry Farmers to renew their annual membership – a nice evening in June can make the difference between a great membership year and a not so great one...

Unfortunately, Neighbours' Night Out will be postponed again this year due to City of Toronto COVID-19 restrictions, but we're hoping to keep our annual momentum for HFCIA Membership during this time none-the-less.

As you know, your **Henry Farm Community Interest Association Membership** helps fund our community social activities like:

- Neighbours Night Out
- Dinner Socials
- Fall Children's Halloween Party

as well as production of the Henry Farmer newsletter- just to mention a few of the contributions to our community.

Significant membership also gives Henry Farm a louder voice when communicating with the city through our Councillor. Having a documented list of over 200 interested, engaged, paying community members gives our Executive Committee a much stronger voice when making requests to the Councillor's office for action on issues affecting our neighbourhood.

This year we'll be encouraging membership by having a bit of a street-level contest – **The Road to Registration** – I'll be posting regular updates for the June drive by Email and on The Henry Farmers Facebook page to let everyone know the streets that are leading the way for 2021/22 HFCIA Membership. We'll be presenting a prize for the street that wins the contest at Neighbours' Night Out when it does happen, hopefully in the early Fall.

There are two ways to pay your annual \$20 (per household) membership fee starting in June::

1. The most convenient way is to go to our Henry Farm Community Interest Association website - Purchase 2021/22 Membership where you can pay conveniently and securely at any time with your credit card.
2. Drop off cash or cheque payments in an envelope in the mailbox of **Membership Chair at 26 Quincy Crescent** with your name, address and Email.

Thanks again for your continued support and an even larger membership in 2021/22.

*Ken Klinger (416) 578-5365
Membership Chair*



HENRY FARM — LET'S GET TOGETHER!

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THIS YEAR'S NEIGHBOURS' NIGHT OUT IS COMING TO A STREET NEAR YOU!

Saturday - September 11, 2021 4pm - 6pm. (RAIN DATE: Sunday, Sept. 12)

As we are still navigating life under COVID restrictions, we will be hosting
our popular Neighbours' Night Out in September 2021!

Stay tuned for announcements on activities and plans closer to the date!



One of the many fun street parties at last year's very successful Henry Farm Neighbours' Night Out!



Become a member of the HFCIA by simply filling out the Membership
Form below and your name will be entered in a grand prize draw.

Note: if you have already joined come to the street party and have your name entered in the draw.

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For more information please contact Ken Klinger, Membership Director, HFCIA, membership@henryfarm.ca, or visit www.henryfarm.ca/membership

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