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Presidents Report Summer 2022

Henry Farm 60th Anniversary Neighbours' Night Out

This year Neighbours Night Out will feature a 60's theme party to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Henry Farm at St. Matthew's Church parking lot on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, from 6.30 pm to 8:30 pm. (rain date is Thursday, June 23 at the same time). Please note, we will not have street parties this year during Neighbours' Night Out. Instead, there will be one giant gathering of Neighbours at the St. Matthew's Church parking lot. Please see flyer on last page for details. We look forward to your participation. Please bring your annual subscription payment to the party if you have not paid online.

Sheppard Avenue Reconstruction and Dedicated Bicycle Lane Installation

Please find Henry Farm residents response to the survey on Current & Future Bicycle Use Survey for Sheppard Avenue East on page 2 of the newsletter. We have communicated the survey results to Councillor Carroll's office and city project manager for Sheppard Avenue Reconstruction for their consideration. On March 29, 2022, at the Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting, HFCIA Municipal Affairs chair, Peter Erwood, made a presentation on behalf of HFCIA to hold approval of dedicated bike lanes by sections until a comprehensive study of bicycle lanes along Sheppard Avenue is conducted. Our request did not have the support of majority of Councillors and Sheppard Avenue East Road Resurfacing from Bonnington Place to Clairtrell Road (one block west of Bayview Avenue), which included the construction of dedicated bike lanes, was passed.

We have been informed by city officials the proposed design for Sheppard Avenue East Road Reconstruction, which is Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street, will come back to the public for a Phase 2 consultation on the preferred design proposal later this year. Inputs on the design options for Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street were received through the Phase 1 comment form December – Jan 2022, via email and on-going communications. The preferred design options for Bayview to Leslie are still undergoing internal and technical reviews. As a stakeholder we will receive an email when they launch the Phase 2 consultation later this year.

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. HFCIA will be contacting the developer and the local councillor to raise our concerns on the impact to the community. The Developer information on the project is available on the website www.futurefairview.ca.

Spraying for Gypsy Moths to Avoid Caterpillar Infestation in the Neighbourhood

In addition to the aerial spraying taking place in certain parts of Don Valley North (Aerial Spray is not planned for Henry Farm area), City workers will continue to apply treatments to city-owned public trees. Several trees in Henry Farm have received or been scheduled for egg mass removal or TreeAzin Injection. If there are locations where City-owned trees are particularly affected by the infestation, you can report them through the Online Reporting Tool by contacting 311 by phone or emailing 311@toronto.ca. This allows Urban Forestry staff to track infestation levels in the neighbourhood and informs the treatment plan for next year.

Namby Vithiananthan, President



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Neighbours Night Out
June 21, 2022

Thanksgiving Food Parade
October 9, 2022

60th Anniversary Gala
October 2022

AGM
November 1, 2022

Survey Results for Sheppard Avenue East

Survey Purpose - Current and Future Bicycle Use

The City of Toronto has presented design concepts for reconstruction of Sheppard Avenue from 2022 to 2024 from Bonnington Ave., which is East of Yonge Street to Leslie Street, with dedicated bicycle lanes by reducing vehicle traffic lanes and turning lanes based on the city's assumption/goal that active transportation (cycling and walking) will account for 75% of trips under 5 km citywide by 2050. This survey is being conducted in Henry Farm to assess current and future bicycle use if dedicated bike lanes are built on Sheppard Avenue East and their support to build dedicated bike lanes at the expense of reducing vehicle lanes, which are currently used by 40,000 vehicles a day.

Henry Farm Community Residents			
Current & Future Bicycle Use Survey for Sheppard Avenue East			
Survey Results as at March 20, 2022			
1. Primary Mode of Travel on Sheppard Avenue between Leslie St. & Yonge St.			
Car (Driver or passenger)	101	93%	
Public Transit	5	5%	
Bicycle	2	2%	
Walk	1	1%	
Total Responses	109		
2. Do You Currently Ride a bicycle			
Yes	47	42%	
No	64	58%	
Total Responses	111		
3. Do You Ride a Bicycle for			
Recreation	50	94%	
Other (Work /Shopping / Commuting)	3	6%	
Total	53		
4. Do You Plan to Ride a Bicycle in the Future			
Yes	50	45%	
No	62	55%	
Total	112		
5. Do You Use a Bicycle to Travel on Sheppard Avenue East			
Yes	9	8%	
No	102	92%	
Total	111		
6. Would You Cycle on Sheppard Avenue East More Frequently			
If there were Dedicated Bicycle Lanes?			
Yes	13	12%	
No	98	88%	
Total	111		
7. If construction of Dedicated Bicycle Lanes as part of Sheppard Av. East Reconstruction resulted in the loss of Traffic Lanes and turning lanes on parts of Sheppard Avenue E. Between Yonge St & Leslie St would you support it?			
Yes	12	11%	
No	99	89%	
	111		

NYGH Announces Largest Development In More Than 50 Years

North York is one of Toronto's fastest growing communities with the highest percentage of seniors in Toronto. As the community grows, health care services and programs will need to expand to meet the needs of those living in our community.

Investing in a Better Tomorrow is a key commitment in NYGH's Strategic Plan, Thinking Beyond. Central to this is transforming and expanding its buildings to provide healing environments, an outstanding patient experience, and the highest quality of care for patients and families.

In partnership with the Government of Ontario, the NYGH Foundation and donors, NYGH is embarking on the largest expansion of its buildings since opening over 50 years ago.

The New Patient Care Tower will add 110 new inpatient beds for a total of 535 beds at the General site which will transform health care in our community including:

- An expanded and modern **emergency department**.
- **100% private patient rooms** to promote privacy, safety and dignity of patients, families, and caregivers.
- Brand new and expanded **ICU, Maternal Newborn and Women's Health, surgical suites, mental health services and other high-demand services**.

The new Long-Term Care Home will feature 384 beds, making it one of Toronto's largest homes and among the first built using learnings from the pandemic, particularly related to infection prevention and control. It will be located across the road from and fully integrated with our hospital, providing residents will have 24/7 access to a range of emergency and specialized care.

Planning is well underway, and the home is expected to open before 2027 while the New Patient Care Tower is anticipated to open in 2029/30.





Neighbourhood Watch Report

Our Lawns and Gardens: Mother Nature has sure taking its time to bring us some warm, dry weather. It's May as I write this and finally the dreary, wet stuff has been replaced by the lovely sunshine. The gardens are starting to look very fine. All your efforts to spruce up your properties are welcome and offer an incentive to get out there and walk the neighbourhood. We remind you to take care of your lawns/medians and remove litter left over from the winter snow. Also, be a good pet owner and pick up after your dogs. This is so appreciated by everyone.

The Good Neighbour Role: We hope you are saying "Hi" and looking out for each other. There are many changes in Henry Farm, as families move in and out. Take the time to welcome your new neighbours and be sure to let them know about our Association and the Newsletter. Let your neighbours know when you are going to be away, even for a few days, so they can keep an eye on your property. With COVID causing lots of us to stay home, we aren't seeing some folks as much as in previous years. Look out for neighbours who might need assistance or at least knock on the door, if you know they live alone. We all need help from time to time.

Community Police Officers : There are roster changes to the **33 Division** officers appointed to the Neighbourhood Community role.

Our wonderful Officer, PC Dale Swift, has been with us for five years and we are so unhappy to know that he will not be a part of the Henry Farm activities and celebrations he is so famous for. Thank you Dale for all the amazing work you have done to build trust and bring joy to this neighbourhood. We also appreciated the support of his partner PC Aaron Sit, as he joined us on many occasions.

At the moment we have two new officers, PC Rowan Lopez and PC Chris Chan, working with us and two more officers will be appointed in the next few weeks. We welcome them to our community and look forward to seeing them on our streets and joining in the activities we offer.

Security Protection Suggestions: Apparently, the COVID pandemic has seen a rise in swindles as people have exploited the environment of fear, uncertainty, and loneliness.

Some digital best practices to prevent being taken advantage of:

- Keep your passwords and PINS secret and change your passwords regularly
- Use direct deposit and autodeposits to prevent lost and stolen cheques
- Review account statements on a regular basis and use transaction alerts
- Try NOT to respond to urgent requests. Take the time to research any requests that come online or talk to a friend before you act. Ask for advice from someone you trust
- Be very careful when opening an email from a sender you don't know, particularly one which has an attachment.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police liaison

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Farmers Clean Up

Despite the threat of rain, on the day before the bike sale, a small group of Henry Farmers undertook to pick up litter on the public rights of way bordering Henry Farm along Don Mills Road and Sheppard Ave., up to and including the Betty Sutherland Trail. More than a dozen large bags of litter were gathered and left for pick up by the City.

With the last two scheduled April clean-ups having been interrupted by COVID, it was good to be out and cleaning up our local area again. Not only was there an accumulation of three years of litter, some areas (such as the southwest corner of Don Mills Rd. and Havenbrook Blvd.) were cleaned for the first time in living memory.

It's hard to imagine how animals are able to negotiate between the vast quantities of garbage found in various "hot spots", such as the valley. What we humans are doing to our natural environment is very sad, indeed! We need to do better. For example, as a start, let's push our various levels of government to ban plastic water bottles in keeping with the upcoming ban on single use plastics in Canada, or at least push them to mandate cash refunds for their return.

Jonathan Mousley



Henry Farm Community Interest Association Needs Volunteers!

The HFCIA is always looking for volunteers to help with our executive or events. If you are interested in helping please send an email to Namby Vithianathan at president@henryfarm.ca. We are happy to offer high school community hours or just to have more neighbors involved in all activities.

Successful 2022 Wheels Sale!

The 2022 Wheels Sale took place on a Sunday April 24,

We had a beautiful sunny morning, with over 20 adult and children's bikes offered for sale.

Most buyers who came to the sale were successful in finding what they were looking for.

We had several adults who were getting back into cycling after many years, and it was great to see them trying out the bikes on the path beside the tennis courts.

Our two high school volunteers, assisted by the monitor from the tennis courts, did a great job accepting the bikes as they came in and recording the sales.

Three of the bikes sold were donated, so all proceeds went to the Henry Farm Community Interest Association.

Thank-you to the volunteers, buyers and sellers who came out to make the event a success!

If you are not on the HFCIA membership list, please consider registering. When we make a last-minute change (e.g. due to weather), we send out an email notification, and post on the Henry Farm Facebook page.

Laura Norris



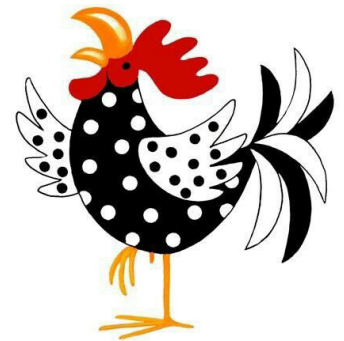
We would like to hear from you!

The HFCIA would like to hear from you in regards to any suggestions 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 have two social media sites. You can log onto the Henry Farmer group Facebook page so you can be informed on neighbourhood issues and events as well as the newsletter and the HFCIA email. Make sure you are part of the membership!

Or you can send me a note at my email at editorhenryfarm@gmail.com. Always happy to hear from the community.

Wendy Petcoff
Newsletter and Social Media Editor



Many thanks to Joseph Ceneda for designing and installing the 60th anniversary sign for Henry Farm. We are looking forward to celebrating on June 21st for our 60th so SAVE THE DATE!

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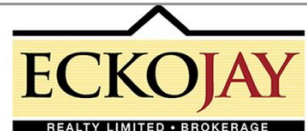


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Membership Drive

It is that time of year again when the grass is getting greener, the flowers are starting to bloom and it's time to join or renew your Henry Farm Community Interest Association annual membership!

This year, there are a couple of important changes that I'd like you to be aware of...

First, as we've mentioned in previous Henry Farmer editions, the cost of HFCIA Family membership is increasing this year from \$20 to \$25. We've been able to maintain the \$20/ family rate for several years but with the cost of everything going up, we are finding it necessary to increase the rate to continue to substantially subsidize all the great services and events HFCIA organizes on your behalf throughout the year – everything from Neighbours' Night Out to our Thanksgiving parade and children's activities to the Henry Farmer itself.

Secondly, this year's Neighbours' Night Out will be forgoing our regular individual street parties in favour of a single, larger event at the church – we're hoping to see most of you there. As our annual Neighbours' Night Out street parties are normally the single most significant membership renewal process, we're hoping that most of you can join/renew your membership online at our website before the event.

As many of you already know, we have a very easy, online method for joining or renewing your membership at www.henryfarm.ca/membership or if you prefer, you can always drop off the membership fee in an envelope with your name, address and email address at 26 Quincy Crescent, attention HFCIA Membership Chair (see membership form on the last page of this Henry Farmer).

Expect a few reminder emails from me over the coming weeks – looking forward to a successful membership drive this year! Thanks in advance for your support!

Ken Klinger
HFCIA Membership Chair

Membership helps with Henry Farm events!



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HENRY FARM — LET'S GET TOGETHER!

The Henry Farm Community is 60 Years old!

Come celebrate at the 60s inspired Neighbour's Night Out: "Groovy Edition" *NO STREET PARTIES THIS YEAR!*

• Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:30pm - 8:30pm. (RAIN DATE: Thursday, June.23)

Look for the 'Vintage Cars' Parade to come down your street, then boogie on over to our groovy party at St. Matthew the Apostle Anglican Church on 80 George Henry Blvd.

Come dressed in your most far-out 60s attire and compete for your spot as best dressed at the costume contest! Visit with vintage cars and play all the 60s inspired fun games and shake your booty to the best 60s rock'n'roll! *Peace & Love- see you there!!*



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cars on display!



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Dress in your most far out 60s
attire and compete for your spot as
best dressed at the costume contest!



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This is your opportunity to become a Member of your Henry Farm Community Interest Association. Please go to our Henry Farm Community Interest Association website - [Purchase 2022/23 Membership](#) where you can pay your \$25 annual membership fee (per family), conveniently, securely and without contact at any time with your credit card. Or if you prefer, drop off cash or cheque payments in an envelope in the mailbox of Membership Chair at 26 Quincy Crescent with the attached form below completed.

NAME:

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Join Our Henry Farm Community

☐ YES • I want to be added to the HFCIA e-mail lists

☐ I wish to serve in the Executive Committee

☐ I wish to volunteer for events

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

The Henry Farm Community Interest Association is committed in following all Covid-19 CITY OF TORONTO Guidelines & Bylaws