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Executive's Report

Welcome Spring! We are happy to see you. It's been a long, cold winter, and while we love rain to help the garden, it's time for sun and warmth and for neighbours to connect again.

Events in Henry Farm

Community Police Seminar

On May 12th, the community welcomed Constable Joel Robertson to St. Matthew's to review how to make our community safer. We have been made aware of recent break-ins and, of course, the shooting at Fairview Mall. Thank you to all in the neighbourhood who attended. If you would like to reach out to the HFCIA Neighbourhood Watch, Eileen Crichton, please email her at neighbourhoodwatch@henryfarm.ca. It's important that we keep in touch with each other and communicate with our local police. We know that there is a private WhatsApp group in the neighbourhood, but Constable Joel encouraged people to call the police first if they consider it an emergency and post on the group threads after. 911 is for emergencies only. If you are reporting something, please use the non-emergency number 416.808.2222.

Henry Farm Cleans Up

Thanks to all who joined the HFCIA for our annual neighbourhood clean-up earlier in May. Thanks also to Jonathan Mousley from the Henry Farm Executive, who organized and led the way to help keep our neighbourhood clean and made sure everyone was rewarded with a Tim Hortons gift card for their efforts.

Neighbours Night Out

Please mark your calendars to join your neighbours for our annual Neighbours Night Out! Our theme this year, "Growing Friends in the Farm," will not only give you the opportunity to renew your membership and receive a package of wildflower seeds for your garden, but also tickets to enjoy the games and food at the event. This will include bouncy castles, slides, and sports games, as well as popcorn, candy floss, hot dogs, and face painting, to name just a few. It's an important and fun night for the neighbourhood, and we hope to see you there. You can pay for your membership (\$25 per family) at the event or online at www.henryfarm.ca/membership.

We have a number of loyal sponsors who help make this happen - but we can always use more! If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please reach out to Steve O'Keefe at steveokeefe51@gmail.com.

Survey Updates

In April, the members of the HFCIA in the neighbourhood were emailed a membership survey asking for their thoughts and suggestions to help the executive plan the best way to support the neighbourhood. We are grateful to the 218 people who took the time to share their thoughts! And congratulations to Soli Pestonji, the winner of the \$50 gift card.

We were happy to see that over 90% of respondents were pleased with the Association's work. Community safety, local development, traffic and roads were listed in order of importance, along with planning more adult/community events.

As you know, the HFCIA does its best to keep the neighbourhood informed about changes. As a small volunteer group, we only have so much influence over what affects us, so we do our best to bring key people to the table, such as our MPs, MPPs, Police, Hospital, and information nights on health and welfare. It is important that the neighbourhood responds to these events by attending to make our voices heard.

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HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Neighbour's Night Out

June 16th, 2026,
6:30- 8:00 pm

AGM

November 3rd, 2026,
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Thanksgiving Food Drive Parade

October 4th, 2026,
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Executive's Report Cont.

As mentioned, the HFCIA is a group of volunteers who offer their time and efforts to planning events. We would love to offer more, but we need people to volunteer and help organize. If you have ideas or are interested in volunteering, we would love to have your help.

Speed bumps in Henry Farm confirmed

We have received confirmation from our councillor, Shelley Carroll, that speed bumps will be installed on George Henry between Shaughnessy and Manor Park in Henry Farm. This plan is being voted on at the North York Councillor meeting in July. A traffic study was conducted in Henry Farm to review speeding, and this area was found to require speed bumps. At the last HFCIA meeting with Councillor Carroll, there was a request for community consultation on this, but the traffic study indicated that this is the area that needs to be the first of the speed initiatives.

To provide some context, the Transportation Staff studied the following areas of Henry Farm

- Shaughnessy Blvd between Sheppard Avenue East and Havenbrook Blvd.
- Havenbrook Boulevard, between Manorpark Court and the East Intersection with Elfindale Crescent
- George Henry Boulevard between Farmview Crescent and Manor Park Court

Based on the study results, **George Henry Boulevard**, between Farmview Crescent and Manorpark Court, **has satisfied the Traffic Calming Policy warrant criteria for both minimum block length and minimum vehicle speed.** Specifically, the block length was greater than 120 metres, and the operating speed was more than 8 km/h over the speed limit of 30 km/h. Therefore, staff recommend installing speed humps on George Henry Boulevard between Farmview Crescent and Manorpark Court.

Development Updates

Northwest Properties is moving ahead with 3 towers to be built behind Fairview Mall, where the medical building currently exists. There has also been a "for lease" sign at the northwest corner of Sheppard and Don Mills. The Association will be looking into what will be happening at that location.

There will be an update on six-plexes and their city approvals in the next executive email, coming out at the end of July. This email is only sent to members of the Association, and we feel it is a valued part of membership, so please make sure to sign up in June for the year.

We look forward to welcoming you on June 16th at Neighbours Night Out!

HFCIA Executive.

2026 Membership Update

A warm hello to all Henry Farm neighbours.

FINALLY, Spring has sprung! Lawn mowers have replaced snow blowers, garden shovels have replaced snow shovels, and ball caps have replaced winter toques. On my daily walks, I see so many more people outside – gardening, walking, chatting with neighbours on driveways and sidewalks and children playing in the parks again. There is such a wonderful energy and spirit throughout the neighbourhood.

Our upcoming Annual Neighbours Night Out on Tuesday, June 16th, is a great opportunity to share in this spirit of friendship and fun. It is also THE most important membership fundraising event for our Henry Farm Community Interest Association each year. With the purchase of your Henry Farm Association membership, you will receive 2 raffle tickets and 25 red tickets to use for all activities and food at Neighbours Night Out. Your membership will help subsidize Henry Farm activities and events, including the immensely popular Neighbours Night Out, the Thanksgiving Parade/Food Drive, and information nights with special guest speakers on topics that address the expressed interests/concerns of our members. The HFCIA can also continue publishing our very own Henry Farm newsletter, funded through membership enrolment.

There are three easy ways to pay your \$25 annual family (household) membership fee:

1. Go to www.henryfarm.ca – Purchase a 2026/27 Membership – where you can pay conveniently and securely at any time with your credit card or by e transfer
2. Drop off cash or cheque payment in an envelope in the mailbox of the Membership Chair at 23 Meadowglade Crescent. Please include your name, address, phone number and email address
3. Pay on site at our Neighbours' Night Out event on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

Your annual membership will be valid from June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027.

If you pay online in advance, please bring proof of purchase to Neighbours' Night Out to pick up your tickets.

Your membership matters. Let's keep growing friendships and strong community connections in this special place we call home.

I hope you will come and share a fun -filled evening with us at Neighbours' Night Out on Tuesday, June 16th!

If you have any questions about your membership, please email me at membership@henryfarm.ca. I would be happy to assist you.

*Kelly Perrin
Membership Chair*



Neighbourhood Watch Report

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE ORIOLE

Summertime Responsibilities:

Is it finally Summer? We have waited so long, and I hope it lasts and we can really enjoy a few months of warm weather, BBQs, and lovely gardens. Please take good care of your lawns and gardens. It shows we take pride in our neighbourhood. Homeowners are responsible for cutting grass and controlling noxious weeds, including the boulevard in front and beside your property. The large amount of rain we got this spring demonstrated how important it was to keep grass clippings and leaves out of the curb areas and to keep the sewer grates clear to prevent flooding. Thank you for being a good neighbour.

Community Police:

Once again, officers from 33 Division responded to our safety concerns by attending our Public Safety Community Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, at the Church on George Henry. Special thanks to PC Joel Roberts from the Crime Prevention Unit and PC Victor Lai for helping us with the setup. This session was well attended, and PC Joel Roberts gave a lively and informative presentation on personal and property safety. His presentation was well received, and he stayed well past 9:00 P.M. answering neighbours' questions. PC Roberts is an engaging and interactive speaker, and we were pleased to have him for this important meeting.

Officers will be present at our Annual NNO event on June 16th, as always. They will lead the Parade and set up a station in the Church parking lot to hear your concerns and offer child fingerprinting sessions.

Safety Tips:

Keep your property well-lit, front and back. timed -lights and light-sensitive timers all give your home visibility, whether you are home or away. If you are away, have someone store your garbage containers and pick up mail/packages/papers. Never leave your property looking unattended!

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

WHAT IS A MESSY CHURCH??

"Messy Church" is a bi-monthly, Saturday morning program at the church, open to all families in the community. Messy Church involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality. Ideal for children ages 3 and up, it is a time of hands-on learning and fun, all focused on teachings from the Bible. We do crafts (often messy ones!), and also gather for songs, snacks, drama, activities, and prayer. Adults join with their young people, and we are invited to participate together. If you would like to learn more, go to:
<https://stmatthew.ca/children-messy-church/>.

St. Matthew's also has a monthly (Thursday evening) Bible study for Youth (ages 12 to 17) on Zoom. To register for either of these or to learn more, please contact:
stmatthewtheapostleoriorle@toronto.anglican.ca

About every 4-6 weeks, our 10 a.m. Sunday service is dedicated to Families and Young people. Our youth lead us in readings and prayers, and we have a relaxed all-ages teaching instead of a sermon. Family Service dates are updated on our webpage. All are welcome.

We wish everyone a safe and restful summer!

Off Leash Dogs In Henry Farm

The Association has received numerous complaints once again about owners who let their dogs run off-leash on the streets, in Havenbrook Park, and Shaughnessy School yard. There are signs everywhere stating no dogs allowed or must be leashed but we still have people who allow their dogs to run free in these areas.

Ask anybody who's confronted a dog owner about it and they'll tell you unhinged tales, so most people don't engage.

However, negligent dog owners should know that many people are quietly seething when you're doing this. The dogs are innocent, but you aren't. They're great — really the best — but a dog will be a dog and yours is not special, or different, and when its off leash it is a threat to other people. Saying "my dog is friendly" is not acceptable.

Please be considerate and leash your dog so you have control and if you feel your dog needs to run there is a dog park at Parkway Forest.

Shelley Carroll City Councillor

Dear Residents,

I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding 28 Silkwood Avenue.

Despite being very clear with City staff that my office needed to be informed of any new application on this site, we were not notified. Yesterday, a neighbour in Henry Farm alerted us that a new zoning review property owners had submitted a new zoning review application. The application seeks permission to demolish the existing structure and construct a 10-unit, 3 storey apartment building at 28 Silkwood Avenue.

At this time, we do not have any additional information and have not yet seen any plans.

My office has escalated this matter to the Deputy City Manager to obtain clarity on the application and to confirm whether what is being proposed would be permitted under the current zoning in Henry Farm. Based on my initial review, I do not support this proposal and do not believe it should be allowed under the existing zoning framework.

Following the previous application on this site, we worked to secure changes to the multiplex by-law that limited the number of bedrooms permitted. This new proposal for a small apartment building raises serious concerns and appears to be an attempt to work around those regulations. I intend to challenge it.

As soon as we receive more information, Robin in my office will be in touch with further updates. Because the application is now public, I wanted to ensure you were informed as quickly as possible that we are actively engaged on this file and taking it seriously.

Sincerely,



Shelley

Councillor Shelley Carroll
Budget Chief
Mayor's Economic Development & Culture Champion
Ward 17 - Don Valley North

NYGH

NYGs Long-Term Care Development: Setting the Standard for Seniors' Care

We asked ourselves what seniors' care would look like if we built the long-term care home we would want for our own parents. A safe place that felt like home, that did not force our loved ones to choose between dignity and care.

On May 26, North York General (NYG) broke ground on a new long-term care development, which is part of the largest expansion for the hospital since it opened in 1968. Developed in partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Health, this will be one of Ontario's most significant long-term care projects, located steps from the hospital in the heart of North York. This is more than a construction milestone. It is a response to a growing and urgent reality.

Ontario's seniors' population is expanding rapidly. The number of people over 65 is expected to double by 2046. North York has one of the highest proportions of seniors in Toronto and Central Ontario, alongside some of the city's fastest-growing neighbourhoods.

At the same time, more than 50,000 people in Ontario are waiting for long-term care. They are our neighbours, friends, and family members who deserve safety, support, and stability.

So, the question was never whether we needed more long-term care. It was what kind of care, and by what standards.

The new development is designed beyond existing national guidelines, shaped by the lessons of COVID-19 and the realities exposed by the pandemic. Isolation and loss of independence had devastating impacts on older adults. In this new model, both are intentionally designed out.

Private rooms are the standard, because dignity is not optional. Shared social spaces are built in, because loneliness is not just an emotion, it's a health risk. The building reflects the North York community itself: multilingual, multicultural, and designed for the people who call this area home.

And when higher levels of medical care are needed, the hospital is seconds away, located right across the street.

It's all part of NYG's vision of World-Class Care, 24/7, made possible by provincial partners committed to reimagining long-term care, by donors whose generosity is deeply embedded into this work, and by a hospital team that refused to let this vision fade when the work became difficult.

We aren't only expanding care in North York. We are redefining it. We look forward to opening the doors of the new development in 2029.

2026 Henry Farm Cleaning Up For Earth Day!

The neighbours of Henry Farm joined the city to help clean up our special area of the city for the beginning of Spring and Earth Day! Many thanks to all who came out for your efforts and support!



SUMMER WORDSEARCH

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JUNE
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HENRY FARM

— LET'S GET TOGETHER!

Join us for our Annual Neighbours' Night Out • June 16

Come meet your neighbours and start growing new friendships!

5:45 pm: Parade starts through the neighbourhood with Henry The Rooster.

6:30 - 8:00 pm: Enjoy all the fun and food at St. Matthew the Apostle Anglican Church parking lot, 80 George Henry Blvd.

This is a great time to join/renew your membership.



Growing Friends In The Farm

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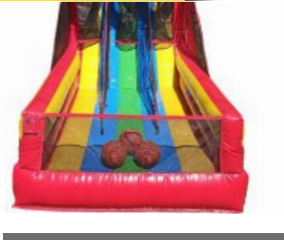


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To all Henry Farmers: entry to our NNO is free, but most activities require tickets which can be purchased at the event. Tickets for raffle prizes can be purchased separately. Neighbours who join the HFCIA membership will receive a package of tickets to use for the games and activities. Be sure to bring your proof of Henry Farm 2026/27 membership if you have paid on line prior to June 16th.

PLEASE BRING CASH FOR FOOD & FUN ACTIVITIES!

HENRY FARM COMMUNITY INTEREST ASSOCIATION • MEMBERSHIP FORM

This is your opportunity to become a Member of your Henry Farm Community Interest Association. Annual membership is \$25 per household. 2 ways to pay: 1) www.henryfarm.ca (credit card or e-transfer) 2) drop off cash or cheque payments to: Membership Chair at 23 Meadowglade Cres. with the attached form completed. Membership 2026/27 is valid from June 1st 2026 to May 31st 2027.

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For more information please contact Kelly Perrin, Membership Chair, HFCIA, membership@henryfarm.ca, or visit www.henryfarm.ca/membership