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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Use of Section 37 Funds from Parkway Forest Development for Community Capital Projects

We are awaiting Councillor Carroll's office to start the process (expected in Spring/Summer 2021) to determine where the Section 37 funds of \$400,000 from the Parkway Forest Development can be used, as the intended use for the off-leash dog park at Havenbrook Park was cancelled early last year. The HFCIA plans to be actively involved in this process to invest in community improvement project(s) (please note that Section 37 funds can only be used for capital projects). If you have any suggestions, please email me at president@henryfarm.ca. Replacement of the Havenbrook Children's park and an addition of a Pickle Ball court to the Tennis club are two suggestions currently being considered for support by the HFCIA.

Social Activities in Henry Farm during the Pandemic

It is customary of the HFCIA to organize a winter and spring social activity for Henry Farmers so they can meet over social events. The Pandemic has forced us to organize alternate events this year. Our Social Committee Chair, Lily Jarvis, with the assistance of Wendy Petcoff, organized an at home cookie decorating event for Valentine's Day. I am happy to report many Henry Farm families participated and the event was a big success.

Please find, on the last page of the Newsletter, details for the internet-based painting event organized for March 2021. We look forward to many Farmers participating in this event.

Neighbours Night Out, Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7pm

After a successful Neighbours Night Out Street party in September 2020 under pandemic restrictions, we are returning to the traditional time of June for our Neighbours Night Out street party in 2021. The format and details will be released in late May based on pandemic restrictions. Please keep Tuesday evening free on June 22, 2021 and mark your calendars (Rain date will be Thursday, June 24, 2021).

Henry Farm Thanksgiving Rooster Parade, Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 2 pm

The HFCIA is planning its inaugural Thanksgiving Rooster Parade on Sunday, October 10, 2021 starting at 2pm along the streets of Henry Farm. The parade route will also collect donations (cash or non-perishable food) for the food bank.

Enforcement of New Short-Term Rentals (Airbnb, Vrbo, etc.) Regulations:

The City of Toronto's new short-term rental regulations have been in effective since January 1, 2021. Short-term Rentals (STR) can only be provided in your principal residence and needs to be registered with the city. Further, the short-term occupant must follow the rules and regulations related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you notice that a STR is operating without registration, not used as a principal residence, unsafe, making a nuisance or for other non-emergencies, you can contact the following resources:

1. Contact 311 (311@toronto.ca): If a STR is causing you problems, you should contact 311 immediately to report the issues in detail so that a service request can be created. You should also provide your contact information, so that a bylaw officer can follow-up with you for further investigation.
2. Contact the Short-Term Rental Company: If you notice a party or excessive noise coming from the property, you can contact STR companies directly as many have neighbourhood support teams. Please find contact numbers for popular STR companies below:
 - o Airbnb: airbnb.ca/neighbors
 - o VRBO: Submit a neighbourly community concern.
3. Contact TPS: As always, no matter which rules are in place, if you observe criminal activity you should call the police. Call 911 if you are in immediate danger or 416-808-2222 for non-emergencies.
4. Please copy or inform the city Councillors' office -Phone: 416-338-2650 Email: councillor_carroll@toronto.ca and President@henryfarm.ca for follow up action

The HFCIA is aware of a recent STR contravention in one property in Henry Farm and we are pursuing city officials and City of Toronto Police to act against the owner of the property and the guests.

Namby Vithiananthan, HFCIA President



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LET'S GET TOGETHER

Zoom Painting
March 20, 2021

Easter Cookie Decorating
April 4, 2021

Wheels Sale
April 24, 2021

NNO
June 22, 2021

Thanksgiving Rooster Parade
October 10, 2021

AGM
November 2, 2021

Wheels Sale!

Saturday April 24, 2021 10am-12 noon, Henry Farm Tennis Club

Do you have a bicycle, tricycle, scooter or skateboard that you no longer need? Then bring it to the Henry Farm Wheels Sale! This is a chance to pass on your wheels to someone who will use them (and you will regain some space in your garage). Bicycles for both adults and children are welcome. Just drop off your item(s) between 9:45 and 10am on April 24 and provide your name, telephone number and selling price. We will do the rest!

If you are looking for a bicycle, tricycle, scooter or skateboard for yourself or your child to enjoy this spring, come to the tennis courts on April 24 between 10am and noon, and check out the deals! Come early for the best selection!

Please note:

- All items offered for sale will have the high touch surfaces (eg. handlebars) disinfected.
- CASH or e-transfer only!
- A small commission will be charged, with proceeds going to the HFCIA.
- All wheeled items other than strollers are welcome.
- Rain Date is Sunday April 25, 2021

For further information, please contact Laura Norris at laura.norris1421@gmail.com, or call 416-498-0854.



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.

Take a look - you are going to love it!

Go to: www.henryfarm.ca

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Daylight Savings Time arrives on Sunday, March 14th. Isn't that a happy thought!! That means more day light which is the tonic we all need to feel cheery. It also means Safety Check Time. Use that day to check batteries in smoke alarms. Test on a regular basis; at least once a month. The test button is effective to ensure the sound is working and the unit is receiving power. Review the Safety Procedures you have in place with family, should the alarm go off.

Your Carbon Monoxide Alarm device should be in good order and checked annually by the company which services your furnace.

News of House and Vehicle Break-ins:

There have been several incidents since the Christmas Holiday which have been brought to my attention . Cars were broken into on George Henry and Quincy .You are reminded to always lock your car and keep valuables out of sight .

As well, there were two house break-ins in the area of Havenbrook Park, one on Havenbrook Blvd. and the other on George Henry. Both of these occurred in the early evening.

I am in contact with our Community Officer, Dale Swift, as well as other members of 33 Division , as these reports come in.

It helps if you let me know about these events so that we can look at patterns in our neighbourhood. I know that folks don't always want the information released. I can assure you that names and specific houses are not identified in the newsletter. But it enables everyone to keep a close eye out for each other and to take extra precautions if there are recent criminal activities reported.

33 Division recommends:

Place stickers or notices to make folks aware you have a security system.

Try to keep vehicles in the garage when possible. Items typically stolen are easily carried as people who steal are usually walking or riding bikes The usual targets are: loose change, cell phones, jewellery and sunglasses. Our crime statistics show unlocked cars are the common theme.

Good lighting in the driveway or a visible security camera will deter a break into your car.

As well, use timers to set lights so you aren't coming home to a dark house. A well lit property is welcoming to neighbours but also deters break-ins.

February 14th Police Activity in our area:

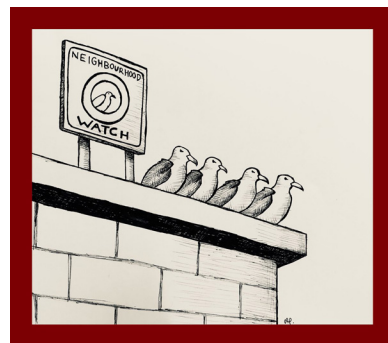
You may have seen lots of Police cars in and around Havenbrook Park mid afternoon on Feb.14th. There had been a carjacking outside of Henry Farm and there was a report that the suspect may have been on foot running through the fields around the 401. This is still under investigation but the original incident did not occur here.

Garbage Bins and Dog Droppings:

And finally, I have checked with the City about our promised garbage bins near Havenbrook. They are still on the " promised list " .

Thank you to our new and regular dog owners/walkers.... it seems we have been doing a better job of picking up after our doggies but there is room for improvement. Thank you to everyone for trying to be good about this and some others need to remember to take the waste bags home to their own garbage bins!!! We all appreciate the efforts to keep Henry Farm looking great.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch
and Police Liaison



Attention High School Students!

Two volunteers are needed to help with the Wheels Sale on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Duties include:

- setting up and dismantling (table and chairs)
- accepting items for sale, labelling them, and recording the seller's information
- assisting buyers with the selection of items
- collecting payment from buyers and recording the transaction
- paying the sellers at the conclusion of the sale

Get involved in your community and collect community service hours.

If you are interested, please contact Laura Norris at laura.norris1421@gmail.com or 416-498-0854.

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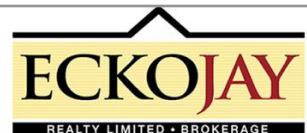
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Valentines Day Cookies

The neighbourhood had a great time decorating Valentines day cookies arranged by the HFCIA for a community event this past month. The packages were done by a small Toronto business and the feedback was so great we are doing it again for Easter so make sure you sign up!

Thanks to the social activities head Lily Jarvis for her hard work – and please post your creations on the Henry Farmer facebook page so we can see the wonderful outcome!



Shelley Carroll Councillor Ward 17

I have heard many of your concerns in Henry Farm about short-term rentals. I want to assure you my team is working to make sure bylaw standards are enforced. You may be aware all short-term rental operators were required to register before the end of 2020 with the City.



If you notice a short-term rental operating without registration, not used as a principal residence, unsafe or making a nuisance, immediately report them to 311.

If issues persist, contact my office or the short-term rental company advertising the property. If you observe criminal activity, contact the police. Call 911 if you are in immediate danger or 416-808-2222 for non-emergencies.

My team and I actively work with MLS to ensure short-term rentals are licensed, safe and good neighbours. For more information on short-term rentals in Don Valley North, please see my website page at <https://shelleycarroll.ca/short-term-rentals>

Shelley Carroll
City Councillor

Ward 17 – Don Valley North

For information on how to contact Shelley or her team visit <https://shelleycarroll.ca/contact>

NYGH Covid-19 Update

Although the second wave of COVID-19 brings a new set of challenges, in true North York General Hospital (NYGH) fashion, our staff and physicians are doing all they can to help our patients and community through this tough time.

One of the ways is through providing support to more than 60 long-term care homes, retirement homes and other congregate settings in North York, including many that have been hard hit by COVID-19. By February 13, NYGH together with the members of the North York Toronto Health Partners vaccinated 95% of residents of local long-term care homes and high-risk retirement homes. This is a wonderful step forward in the fight against COVID and NYGH and in protecting vulnerable community members and health care workers.

We understand how eager community members are to learn about the COVID-19 vaccine roll out. All hospitals, including NYGH, are following a provincial prioritization framework for vaccinations that focuses on protecting those most at risk of COVID-19 while minimizing the spread of the virus. As more vaccine becomes available, additional groups will be able to be vaccinated.

On February 28, the City of Toronto announced that Toronto hospitals and Ontario Health Teams are moving forward with vaccinating those aged 80 and over (born in 1941 or earlier). NYGH and the NYTHP have started a pre-registration process for our 80 plus community members.

Our 80 and over citizens can pre-register their interest in getting vaccinated by filling out a simple form on NYGH's website. This is not an appointment booking system. People who register will receive a follow up to book an appointment later this month.

Vaccination is by appointment only and there are no walk-in clinics. It is important that people do not to come to vaccine clinics if they don't have an appointment.

If you are over 80 and would like to register, visit NYGH's website at www.nygh.on.ca/covid-19-vaccination. Encourage and support eligible family members and friends to register.

COVID vaccines are safe, effective and has been rigorously evaluated. Vaccination together with continued vigilance including wearing masks and physical distancing with those outside of your home is our best hope to prevent people from getting ill, being hospitalized, and potentially dying from COVID-19.

Pay attention to the local news and check NYGH's website and social media accounts for updates on the local vaccination program including the expansion to other groups and how to sign up and receive the vaccine.

Karyn Popovich appointed President and CEO of North York General

On February 4, Karyn Popovich was appointed President and CEO of North York General, a position she's held on an interim basis since October 2020. Karyn has held a range of clinical leadership and executive positions during her tenure at NYGH.

Throughout her professional career, Karyn has distinguished herself as a passionate champion of patient and family-centred care and the pursuit of excellence in quality and operational performance. A trusted leader, Karyn heads up the organization's COVID-19 Emergency Operations Committee.

Karyn's commitment to quality and collaboration extends beyond NYGH's walls. As an active Accreditation Canada surveyor, Karyn assists organizations across Ontario to foster a quality and safety culture. She is a passionate advocate for the organization's new Strategic Plan - *Thinking Beyond* - and its focus on advancing an integrated health system and expanding and modernizing our hospital and Seniors' Health Centre to meet the needs of our growing community.

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HENRY FARM TENNIS CLUB



I wish to encourage everyone living in Henry Farmer community to join their tennis club this season, Covid willing! Although the City Covid rules for this year are still up in the air, we will assume they will be the same as last summer.

The Club Board has prepared a number of programs to keep everyone interested, challenged and engaged.

Dates: the Club will be ready for play on Saturday April 24 at noon; rain date Sunday April 25. No opening event. The Club will close on October 23.

Membership: the fees will remain the same as last year: family = \$200, up to 2 adults (18+) and up to 3 juniors; single adult = \$105; single junior (5-17) = \$50.

Registrations before April 24 will get a 5% discount. Returning members referring new members will get another discount.

Membership registration and payment will be on-line only through the Club website, www.hftc.ca, under "Membership". We will stop issuing shoe tags; for evidence of membership, use the registration confirmation email (paper or your smartphone).

Adult programs: sign-up for them on your membership application:

- House leagues: doubles on Wednesday evenings; singles on Monday evenings
- External leagues: ICTA mixed doubles C on Thursday evenings; ICTA mixed doubles 55+ on Thursday mornings; NYTA 40+ men and mixed doubles on Saturday mornings
- Social kaffee-klatsch play every Monday and Wednesday morning
- Beginner's network on Tuesday evenings
- Season opening free clinics: Tuesdays May 4, 11 and 18.

See details on the Club website.

Junior programs: sign you kids up for them on the Club website.

- Spring after school program: during May and June weekdays from 16:00 to 18:00; lots of flexibility.
- Summer camp: during July weekdays, 3 hours in the AM and/or 3 hours in the PM

See details on the Club website.

Private and group lessons: our Club pros, Ed Wilson (416-414-7158) and John Mowat (647-202-8516) will be pleased to arrange for lessons; you can contact them at their phone number.

Other news: I wish to thank all the Henry Farmers who expressed to Councillor Carroll their support for the use of Section 37 funds to re-surface the Club courts. She received about 40 emails. At a subsequent meeting with the Councillor, she promised to navigate the City bureaucracy on our behalf to effect the courts re-surfacing. Let's hope she succeeds before the start of the season.

Bernard Assouad,
HFTC President

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Proposed Changes to Minister's Zoning Order Powers

The Ford government is proposing to expand the authority of the Minister's Zoning Order to bypass municipalities' site plan control process for development applications and remove the requirement to give public notice when using this power. Typically, the City uses the site plan control process to control technical yet important details of a proposed development, such as traffic access, waste management, and drainage, to ensure that the site is properly designed. These proposed changes will override City Council and City Planning's role and ignore public input in the development process.

Shelley Carroll and many other Councillors have already voiced their strong opposition to these changes last October. We urge you to voice your concerns by emailing MPP Vincent Ke and submitting your comment to the Province (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)

Around the Neighbourhood



One Henry Farm neighbor made getting outdoors fun during this pandemic by building a rink in their backyard for the family to use!



Some Henry Farm families were thrilled with a snowman built in the hood by one very creative artist!



We are so fortunate to have Havenbrook park to use for outdoor fun such as tobogganing and other snow sports!

HFCIA presents

Virtual Paint Class!

Paint the Henry Farm Rooster virtually with Step by Step instruction in the comfort of your own home! Perfect for all ages and Beginner Friendly

March 20 2021, 4PM

Zoom Class Only: \$15

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Each subsequent Kit \$10



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