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President's Report

As many of you may know, I have taken over as President of the Henry Farm Community Interest Association and am both honoured and excited to be working even more closely with this amazing community. The HFCIA monthly executive meetings started up again this past week and, going forward, I will be emailing, to the membership, a monthly President's report outlining the work in progress the executives are doing for the neighbourhood. If you are a member and would like to receive my monthly email updates, please sign up on the website. Henry Farmer's will still receive the quarterly printed Henry Farm newsletter, can visit our Facebook page the Henry Farmers, and of course our website www.henryfarm.ca which is kept up to date. I encourage you to keep yourself as informed as possible with any of these communication tools. Please feel free to reach out to any of the executives if you have any questions, wish to join as a volunteer, help with any events, and/or be a member at large. I also want to thank those for the support of our neighbourhood membership. While the executive is volunteer based, we have expenditures for the communications tools as well as the many community events throughout the year, printing of the newsletter, new neighbourhood signs, etc. so the annual membership fee is an important tool to help us keep the neighbourhood vibrant. If you would like to help support and join as a member (\$25 per year), it is possible to do so on the Henry Farm website. www.henryfarm.ca.

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD SIGNAGE

I am sure you have all noticed that we have new neighbourhood signs at the Shaughnessy entrance. Thanks to the former president, Namby, who spearheaded the updating of our community signage with the help of our neighbourhood creative director Joseph Ceneda and neighbour David Haller who did the installation.

PASSING OF ZONING BY LAWS BY CITY

The association has confirmed a community meeting May 2ND with Shelley Carroll (City Councillor for Don Valley North) to review the recently passed re-zoning laws allowing for multi-tenant housing (commonly known as rooming houses). This meeting will allow HF to ask questions in regard to permits and what conditions will be allowed. It will be held at St. Matthews Church at 7 pm and we look forward to seeing you all there.

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JOIN US FOR GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER 2023!

We are so excited to bring back the Henry Farm "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" fundraising event on April 22nd. This has been a well-loved event in the neighbourhood for years and we are happy to bring it back after being on hold for a couple of years. The flyer is on the last page of this newsletter, and we hope to get as many neighbours as hosts or guests as possible to this event. Any questions, reach out to Lily Jarvis at events@henryfarm.ca. HFCIA is also looking into Henry Farm T-shirts and grocery bag fundraising and more info will be coming on that soon.

I hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day and many thanks to all who supported the Valentine's Day candles fundraiser for the association.

SPEEDING ON GEORGE HENRY/HAVENBROOK/SHAUGHNESSY TO DON MILLS

HFCIA has been reviewing speed problems in the neighbourhood and inquiring of installation of center road signs indicating the speed on George Henry and Havenbrook. These roads, which include Shaughnessy, appear to be a detour from Sheppard to Don Mills which will only increase once the new condo developments and Sheppard bus/bike lanes. Shelley Carroll has been advised of our concerns and is looking into options.

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HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner

April 22, 2023

Neighbourhood Clean-up

April 22, 2023

Tennis Opening

Mid April

Community Meeting with Shelley Carroll

May 2, 2023

Neighbours Night Out

June 20, 2023

President's Report Continued

CRIME IN HENRY FARM

I would like to send out a notice to all Farmers the importance of notifying the associations Neighbourhood Watch executive Eileen Crichton (nwatch@henryfarm.ca) regarding any crime in our area. Eileen advises our community police of any issues we have been having so that we are on a patrol radar more often.

CANADA POST REMOVES MAILBOX ON SHAUGHNESSY

The association has been looking into the removal of the Canada Post mailbox on Shaughnessy Blvd. We have heard back from Canada Post that there have been a number of thefts from that box therefore it was removed in December 2022. None of the mail posted can be tracked so it is recommended that if Farmers have found a bill that hasn't been paid, to make sure you put a stop payment on any checks sent.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

There are several developments in the works around the Henry Farm area. The Fairview Mall proposed development community engagement meeting was held March 6th and another one on March 13th from 5 to 8 pm at Parkway Forest Community Center. We will keep you informed of any other developments in my monthly President's email and the Henry Farm Facebook page. Information can also be found at <https://shelleycarroll.ca/developments/february2023>.

Please feel free to reach out at president@henryfarm.ca if you have any questions or suggestions.

Wendy Petcoff

President, HFCIA

SPRING CLEANUP

This year's Toronto neighbourhoods' Spring cleanup is scheduled for April 21 to 23. Henry Farm will be holding its cleanup on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, before the tennis open house.

Come join us at the corner of Havenbrook Blvd. and Don Mills Rd. at 10am. Garbage bags, plastic gloves and treats will be provided. Students can receive community service hours.

Let's work together to make our small part of the city look much better. See you then!

NORTH YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL

North York General Hospital Top Ranked in Ontario for ED Length-of-Stay Performance

North York General is home to the Charlotte & Lewis Steinberg Emergency—one of the busiest Emergency Departments (ED) in the Greater Toronto Area and now for the second year running the top ranked in Ontario out of 74 hospitals for the ED Pay-For-Results (P4R) program.

The ED P4R Program is run by the Ontario government and provides financial incentives to hospitals for improved performance on ED length-of-stay targets. NYGH has been among Ontario's leading performers for years and has continued this trend despite facing exceptional challenges over the pandemic.

NYGH's performance is the result of an organization-wide effort to help reduce the time patients spend in the ED waiting to be assessed, receive care and be admitted, if needed.

"Being recognized as a top performer under the ED P4R program validates the good work the NYGH team is doing to reduce wait times for inpatient beds says Andrea Ennis, Interim Director of the Emergency Services Program. "We are sharing our leadership and learnings with other hospitals through providing advice, coaching and tours of our ED."

Some key initiatives behind NYGH's successful approach include:

- Developing a timely offload process for patients who arrive to the ED by ambulance, so they are quickly triaged to receive the right level of care according to the complexity of their condition and so paramedics can to return to the community and respond to other patients needing care.
- Assigning a dedicated "flow" coordinator in the part of the ED that treats patients with minor to moderate conditions like abdominal pain or mild breathing difficulties (the yellow zone). The coordinator greets and processes incoming patients triaged to the zone and directs the medical team to attend to patients in an organized and seamless way without interrupting care to existing patients.
- Finding ways to improve the process for placing patients into hospital beds including planning mixed gender rooms and standardizing the process used to assess patients to contain and control potential infections when admitted.
- Opening the new Reactivation Care Centre (RCC) at the NYGH Finch Site for patients who require additional restorative care between their hospital stay and transition to long-term care, back home or to another appropriate setting for ongoing care. This has helped free hospital beds for patients with complex needs.

To learn more about NYGH's services and programs, visit nygh.on.ca/areas-care.

Shelley Carroll – City Councillor

We've had an eventful start to the year at City Hall, to say the very least. Our former Mayor, John Tory, resigned last month, leaving many folks across Toronto wondering what the future holds for our city. We are in good hands with Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, who will be at the helm until the new mayor is sworn in this summer.

Our City Clerk announced that the mayoral by-election will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023. I want you to rest assured that I will be doing all I can to ensure that there is no interruption to the services you rely on during this interim period. There are still thousands of projects underway across our city, and City staff are still hard at work moving those projects forward.

Here in Don Valley North, we have some exciting community infrastructure upgrades on the horizon. Our brand new Ethennonhawahstihnen' Community Centre and Library, located at Bessarion Station, is close to completion and is set to open later this year. This will be a fantastic new resource for the community. Sheppard Avenue East, from Bayview to Leslie, is slated for reconstruction in 2024, and community conversations about this upgrade will continue this spring.

I know that in Henry Farm, there are also many questions about new re-zoning regulations for our neighbourhoods and about local developments, particularly Fairview Mall. I hope that many of you joined my team and City staff at one of the two Fairview Mall open houses held for the community. I'm also looking forward to attending an HFCIA meeting later this spring to answer your questions about these topics and more.

My office will also be hosting a number of community events over the spring and summer. This is the best time of year to come together as a neighbourhood, and I look forward to connecting with you on the issues that matter most. I'll be sharing more details in my E-Blast, so stay tuned by subscribing at shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.



Shelley Carroll
City Councillor—Don Valley North

Spring into Action at your Tennis Club

Join our jam-packed season of fun-filled activities and innovative programs on hard courts that are the envy of other tennis clubs in the city.

We are excited to announce the reopening of Henry Farm Tennis Club in mid-April (depending on weather) for the start of a thrilling outdoor tennis season! Our experienced coaches, Ed Wilson, John Mowat and Stuart Perkins, are proud to offer a wide range of programs for both juniors and adults. Whether you are a beginner or a competitive player, our programs are tailored to your individual skill level and designed to help you reach your tennis goals.

We are also thrilled to introduce our new member portal and court management software, which makes it easier than ever to book and manage your court time. With just a few clicks, you can sign up for membership and programs or manage your account, all from the convenience of your computer or smartphone. Yes, you can download our free mobile app too from the Apple App store or the Google Play store and enjoy a new level of convenient access.

Membership and program participation is on first come first serve basis. We invite you to visit our website, <https://henryfarmtennisclub.ca>, to sign up for our programs and take advantage of the fantastic outdoor tennis opportunities this season at Henry Farm. Join us and discover a world of possibilities on the court!

**For more information
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Urgent Vacancy for Tennis Club Monitors

Part-time club monitors required, preferably from Henry Farm or neighbouring areas, to help maintain the courts and clubhouse and assist the club management when required. These are paid positions ideal for high school students who wish to earn some volunteer hours and gain some useful work experience or for adults with some spare time who wish to engage in some gainful community activity. No experience required, just common sense. Please send your resume immediately to: redwilson44@gmail.com or call our Head Pro at 416-414-7158.



Neighbourhood Watch Report

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

It helps all of us when information is shared about concerns in Henry Farm. Please let me know if there is an incident or a concern at your home or on your street. In the newsletter, we never print a name or address, but we do share news that can keep us safe or remind us to look out for each other. I communicate with our Community Officers and this information helps them to determine where to send officers, if they are available, to support us.

CAR THEFT CONCERNS

Car theft continues to be a serious problem in our area. Recent reports list Meadowglade and Manor Park as streets where a theft occurred.

Car thefts are up 45% compared to last year at this time in the GTA.

Some information being shared by Toronto Police Services: two reasons cars are being stolen:

for exportation to a market overseas, and for domestic resale. Cars are being given a new identification number (VIN) and offered for resale with the shortage of vehicles in our country.

Most commonly stolen vehicles have a push-to-start ignition, the ones with fob keys.

Topping the list of Cars of Interest:

Lexus RX Series SUV

Honda CR-V Series SUV

Honda Civic Series Sedan

Toyota Highlander Series SUV

With more vehicles equipped with keyless entry remotes, electronic auto theft is on the rise.

Car thieves want to get in quickly and drive away.

Here are some suggestions:

Know if you have a car model that is of interest to thieves.

If possible, park in your garage.

Take your keys with you when you park.

Don't leave your car running.

Close doors, windows and set the Emergency Brake.

Don't leave original ownership or insurance cards in your car.

Make copies.

When parking, turn your wheels towards the curb to make it harder to tow away.

If you have rear-wheel drive, back into your spot.

Front-wheel drive, park facing forward.

Keep fob key in a signal-blocking pouch. Don't leave fob key near front door of your home or window.

Avoid walking away as you lock your car door. When you press lock from a distance, it leaves fob's signal vulnerable to being intercepted.

Several cars have been stripped of their **catalytic converters** overnight in early February in the Garage of the Henry Heights Townhouse Complex. The incident was caught on security cameras and reported to Police.

PET SAFETY

There are reports of food / treats being left around Havenbrook Park which can be poisonous to pets and other wildlife. A reminder that Havenbrook Park requires that your pet be on a lead. It isn't an Off Lease Park!! Even that doesn't guarantee that your pet won't eat something without you realizing it.

In mid-February, a resident reported his dog found what appeared to be a full roast of beef close to the playground, in the vicinity of the ball diamond.

Residents have reported sick and dead raccoons near the park, as well as an increase in coyote sightings
Be extra careful walking your dog. And be vigilant.

I reported this to our Community Officers so that they can help if they are in the area. A report also went to 311. They are not able to help unless we have very specific information or a description of someone doing this.

If you see anything suspicious around your property or in the neighbourhood, please call the police.

Eileen Crichton

Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Henry Farm Community Interest Association would like to hear from you!

The HFCIA is always looking for people in the neighbourhood who would like to join the executive, either as a member of the board or a member at large. We also have a need for volunteers who might be interested in helping with events, social media etc. We would love to have you join. Please let us know if you are interested. We also 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! Feel free to send me a note at my email at newsletter@henryfarm.ca.

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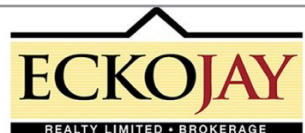


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ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE ORIOLE

Easter Events at St Matthew the Apostle Oriole

Everyone is welcome to attend the Easter week activities at St. Matthew. The services are: Maundy Thursday on April 6th at 7:30 p.m., Good Friday on April 7 at 10:00 a.m. with Stations of the Cross for Families (outdoors) at 1:00 p.m. and April 9th for Easter Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Please feel free to attend as many services as you wish. All are asked to wear a mask.

All families are also invited to join in "Messy Church"! Typically, one Saturday morning a month, and more sessions during special seasons of the year. Messy Church is church that is fun and geared for children! Games, crafts, snacks, learning about the Bible. Next dates are March 18th and April 1st at 11:00 a.m. For more information and to register children and the name of adult who will be attending with them please email us at: office@stmatthew.ca



HENRY FARM WRITING CONTEST!

What is your favorite thing about living in Henry Farm? The HFCIA is holding a writing contest for school aged children who live in Henry Farm.

There are three contest groups. Grades JK to 3, grades 4 to 8 and grades 9 to 12. One winner will be chosen from each group by the HFCIA executive. The winners will each receive a \$25.00 gift card to Indigo/Chapters as well as have their essays published in the Henry Farmer newsletter and the Henry Farmers Facebook page.

Any student meeting the criteria above, who lives in Henry Farm, can qualify no matter what school they attend.

The essay should be no more than 100 words and submission deadline is April 30th and images are welcome!

Any questions, please send an email to newsletter@henryfarm.ca

We look forward to reading your articles!

Merida Lake
Newsletter Editor



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HENRY FARM — LET'S GET TOGETHER!

GUESS WHO'S BACK FOR 2023!!



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We are very excited to bring back *"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"* for 2023!
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and drop off your cheque at 45 George Henry Blvd

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

HOSTS – Couple or single: hosts prepare a delicious dinner and dessert for 6 Guests

- Hosts donate their time and food

GUESTS – Couple or single: cost of dinner for each guest is \$30 paid to: The Henry Farm Community Interest Association

- Guests bring a bottle of wine, or two to dinner

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Hosts and guests will register with Lily Jarvis, our Social Activities Chair
- Hosts and guests will be matched by the committee
- Hosts and guests will be told *"Who's Coming to Dinner"* two days before the event

Or simply fill out the print form below and drop it off along with your cheque at 45 George Henry Blvd.

HENRY FARM 2023 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER • REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM & CHEQUE BY APRIL 15, 2023

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☐ HOST
☐ GUEST

NAME:

☐ HOST
☐ GUEST

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Please fill out your Henry Farm 2023 *"Guess Who's Coming To Dinner"* Registration Form and forward it, along with your cheque to:
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