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President's Report

We are getting close to Spring in the Farm and I, for one, can't wait for it to arrive. While I love how the neighborhood looks after a snowfall, I am excited to see green grass soon and get back into my garden as I am sure you all are.

28 Silkwood Update

This situation has demonstrated how vital the HFCIA is to our neighbourhood. Three weeks ago, we emailed our active HFCIA members a petition regarding the zoning application for a 24-bedroom fourplex with a garden suite on the property. The owner submitted the application indicating that he was building a fourplex, not a multi-tenant rooming house, which is a more straightforward application for the city to approve. In response, we have received over 250 people submit their response to the HFCIA, many letters and emails sent to the zoning department and Councillor Carroll's office expressing our concern over this submission.

We have received a letter from the zoning examiner advising us that they have confirmed with the Applicant that the proposed building would be used as a fourplex and not a multi-unit house, as we had assumed. They also stated that the zoning application has been approved since it has complied with all the zoning regulations.

Councillor Carroll's office has scheduled meetings with the Chief Building Official to discuss objections with Community Planning to address the deficiencies in the multiplex by-law that have allowed this type of development to proceed.

The Association has also set up a meeting with the Councillor on March 24th at 7 pm at St. Matthew's Church. This will be a question-and-answer period with our Councillor on issues with this zoning application. Please submit any questions you have for the Councillor in advance of the meeting to president@henryfarm.ca

I would like to thank everyone who reached out and submitted their petition to us. This is one of the many reasons why the HFCIA exists and why we need neighbourhood support with membership and commitment.

2600 Don Mills Road

Changes have been made to this proposed development at the Northwest corner of Don Mills and Sheppard. Four new towers and the current apartment building are being

demolished. When finished, this will add 1439 units to the site, for a total of 1814.

Police Unit at Fairview Mall

33 Division has opened a Community Safety Hub at Fairview Mall. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for community outreach. They will be hosting training information sessions, such as fraud. It includes a table and chairs, a TV/display screen, as well as shelving installed with all Crime Prevention pamphlets and information. As you are aware, the HFCIA is part of the CPLC, joining monthly meetings discussing neighbourhood updates such as information or concerns the Henry farmers let the Association know about so we can pass it along to 33 Division in the meetings.

Events in Henry Farm

March 18th, 7 pm St. Matthew Church - Options In Aging

Join us on March 18th at 7:00 p.m. for an inspiring community conversation about your options for aging. You will come away with many fresh and practical ideas for successful aging in the community.

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HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Options In Aging

March 18th, 2025,
7:00 - 9:00pm

Community Meeting with Councilor Carroll

March 24th, 2025,
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Henry Farm Neighbourhood Cleanup

April 26th, 2025,
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Neighbour's Night Out

June 17th, 2025,
6:30- 8:00 pm

Thanksgiving Food Drive Parade

October 5th, 2025,
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

AGM

November 4th, 2025,
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

President's Report Cont.

Our guest speaker, Sue Lantz, is the Managing Director of Collaborative Aging, and the author of a user-friendly guidebook called, *Options Open: The Guide to Mapping Your Best Aging Journey* (c). Sue will share her relatable "travel planning approach" for charting your course for later life. Sue helps you to assess your future vision and circumstances - and make the best arrangements for maintaining your health, making housing choices, building your social networks, preparing a caregiving team, and making the best use of your resources.

If you want to learn more, you can pick up a softcover version of the *Options Open Guide* at this event. This will be a lively and interactive community conversation while you learn about the latest innovations in aging well in our community.

For more information about Sue Lantz and her work in the field of aging, you can visit: www.collaborativeaging.com

April 25th, 11-1 pm - Annual Henry Farm Clean up

Once again, we are joining with Shaughnessy PS for a city-wide neighborhood clean-up. The meeting time is 11 am at the corner of Havenbrook and Don Mills and will end in Havenbrook Park with an ice cream truck treat! All needed supplies will be available.

June 17th, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm - Neighbours Night Out (NNO)

The HFCIA is working on plans for the next NNO on June 17th. This year's theme is "The Magic of Henry Farm." We're seeking ideas and volunteers to assist with this annual event. Please send a note to president@henryfarm.ca with any suggestions on how we can continue to make this the best night in the Farm!

Wendy Petcoff
president@henryfarm.ca

HENRY FARM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS:



Henry Farm Annual neighborhood cleanup

APRIL 26 11-1PM

we supply the gloves, bags & icecream truck!

JOIN US AT THE CORNER OF DON MILLS AND HAVENBROOK AT 11AM
QUALIFIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Shaughnessy Public School

Hello, Henry Farm Community!

I'm Bronwyn Davidson, and I'm excited to introduce myself to this wonderful community. As the new Principal at Shaughnessy PS, I look forward to not only working with students and families but also connecting with the broader Henry Farm community.

A strong school is at the heart of a thriving neighborhood, and I believe in the power of collaboration to create a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone. Whether through school events, partnerships, or simply getting to know one another, I hope to build strong connections with residents, local organizations, and businesses.

I'm especially looking forward to working together on the Henry Farm Spring Clean-Up in April—it's a great opportunity to come together, take pride in our neighborhood, and make a positive impact!

I can't wait to meet more of you—please don't hesitate to say hello if you see me around. Here's to a fantastic year ahead in Henry Farm!

Bronwyn Davidson (she/her)
Principal
Shaughnessy PS
bronwyn.davidson@tdsb.on.ca

HFCIA Information Night! St. Matthews Church 7 pm March 18th, 2025

We are looking forward to hosting this inspiring community conversation about your options for aging. You will come away with many new and practical ideas for considering your aging options!

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And, if you want to learn more, you can purchase a softcover version of the *Guide* at this event!

This will surely be a lively and interactive community conversation. We know that you will enjoy becoming an informed navigator, while also hearing about the latest innovations when it comes to aging successfully aging in our community. For more information about Sue Lantz, and her organization, you can visit: www.collaborativeaging.com

2025 Membership Update



Neighbourhood Watch Report

Recent events reinforce the importance of increasing the number of Henry Farm Community Interest Association memberships at this time and in the future. **There is strength in numbers.** Our membership has steadily increased over the past several months, so thank you very much to all who have joined the Henry Farm Community Interest Association this year—we truly appreciate your support!

The HFCIA membership period runs from June 1 to May 31 each year. If you would like to become a member for 2024/25 or renew your membership for 2025/26 (starting June 1, 2025), there are two easy and convenient payment options available. You can make an online payment of \$25 per household per year at www.henryfarm.ca/membership, or you can drop off a cheque made out to the Henry Farm Community Interest Association in an envelope addressed to the Membership Chair at 23 Meadowglade Crescent. Please ensure that you clearly print your name, address, and email address, as well as indicate whether you would like to receive the President's monthly email newsletter, which is exclusive to members only.

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

Stay warm everyone!

Kelly Perrin,
Membership Chair

HOUSE NUMBERS:

An important message for Emergency Services

Is your house number visible? It has been noted that, in many cases, it is not possible to see the house numbers on homes in the Henry Farm Neighbourhood. A new build or a renovation may have created this problem or some numbers may have just disappeared or faded over the years. **Please take a look outside your home and ensure that your house number is easily visible from the sidewalk and street, day and night.** This is important for mail and parcel delivery, but it is critical if there is a call for Emergency Assistance from Police, Fire, or Medical Vehicles. Precious seconds can be lost if your home number is not visible. I urge all neighbours to check their homes and make the necessary replacements or repairs to house numbers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB AT FAIRVIEW MALL:

33 Division of Toronto Police Service officially opened the Community Safety Hub at Fairview on Monday, January 27, 2025. This Hub will help Crime Prevention Officers, Neighbourhood Officers, Auxiliary Officers, and other Police Units to provide education, information, and serve the public. Members of the community are welcome to visit the police at the hub and share concerns. The intent is that the hub will be a place for officers to interact with us in a non-law enforcement role, as well as build trust. Officers will share crime prevention tips and strategies. Hopefully, we will see an improvement in our relations with the Police and create more effective policing. The Hub will be open during Mall hours and will be clearly marked as not a Police station. There will be materials available, and it will make services more accessible to folks. This initiative aligns with the 2023 TPS goals of improving trust, supporting police reform, and creating safer communities. Check out the Hub next time you are at Fairview!

Criminal Activity in the Farm :

Thank you to those who keep us updated when there is criminal activity around your home. There have been several attempts to steal cars, as well as break-ins to homes. If you are going to be away from your home, make every effort to ensure your home looks occupied and have a neighbour or friend check the house daily. Never leave newspapers on your front steps and be sure parcels and mail are picked up daily. Have someone return your garbage bins, from the curb to your property on pickup day.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

COMMUNITY SAFETY HUB MARCH 2025

Located within Fairview Mall- 1800 Sheppard Ave E
Entrance 5, across from TD Bank

TUESDAYS

Break & Enter Prevention
11:00am-1:00pm

WEDNESDAYS

Auto Theft Prevention
11:00am-1:00pm

THURSDAYS

Seniors Fraud Prevention
11:00am-1:00pm



EVENTS

Many thanks to all who attended the January 14th Community Information Session to hear North York General Hospital (NYGH) President and CEO Dr. Everton Gooden present the NYGH 10-year Vision and Strategic plan. NYGH is undertaking the largest expansion in its 56-year history, which will help serve the highly diverse and growing population that is projected to exceed 500,000 in 10 years. Highlights included hearing about the long-term care development and seniors' healthcare hub being built at 4000 Leslie Street, the state-of-the-art Patient Care Tower being built on the NYGH site, and the doubling of beds/services in 10 years.

NYGH currently has one of the highest-volume Emergency Departments in the GTA, among Ontario's largest birthing centres within a community academic hospital. It is a provincial leader in wait times for Cancer, Surgery, and Ambulance offload. Additionally, it is the only accredited Breast Cancer Program in Canada, has a regional eating disorder program, offers Clinical Genetics services, and co-leads the provincial Evidence to Practice initiative—leveraging digital technology to enable evidence-based care.

NYGH's commitment to excellence has been acknowledged through various awards and accolades. These recognitions highlight NYGH's dedication to delivering high-quality, patient-centred care and their success in providing exceptional service to our community!



OUTDOOR TENNIS ALERT FOR HENRY FARMERS

Even though there are piles of snow still all-around Henry Farm and especially at the Havenbrook Park and the tennis courts, the countdown to Spring has earnestly begun. In less than 8 weeks, the Henry Farm Tennis Club will reopen for the new outdoor season. Early bird membership renewals and registrations for adult and junior programs began on Family Day, and now registrations are open on a first-come, first-served basis for all adults and juniors. Remember, we are constrained by court capacity, so act now and sign up today while limited spots are still available.

Our Head Pro, Ed Wilson and Stuart Perkins, our Director of Tennis Operations, have thoughtfully developed extensive programming for everyone from tots to tweens, teens, youth, adults and seniors. Whether you are an absolute beginner or a seasoned player seeking competitive tennis opportunities, you can pursue your passion for tennis at Henry Farm. Two more coaches are being added from Spring/Summer to support our Pros and the various programs on offer. This year is going to be a milestone year for the Club. So if everything goes according to plan, we will be rolling out some significant improvements to the Club, including special events.

One of our focus areas in 2025 will be on developing junior talents. In early May, we plan to host the Rogers' Rookie Tour, which will be a province-wide tournament for 10–12-year-old juniors. Our Junior High-Performance program too is attracting some promising talents, and this will continue to grow this year. However, before your kids and grandkids can pursue competitive tennis, it's important to enroll them in our Spring, Summer and Fall programs, which are designed to lay a solid foundation for their pursuit of tennis. To facilitate this, we have also reduced pricing for junior membership. So hurry and register your juniors today for our Spring and Summer camps.

Please visit our website: <https://henryfarmtennisclub.ca> or

Our member portal: <https://app.courtreserve.com/Online/Portal/Index/9705> or

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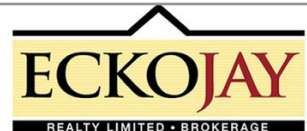


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Easter at St. Matthew

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services



St Matthew the Apostle Oriole Anglican Church | 80 George Hendry Blvd.

Yes, Easter is early this year!

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend one, or all, of the following services during Easter Holy week at St Matthew:

- Maundy Thursday, March 28th at 7:30 pm. Foot Washing, Institution of the Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar
- Good Friday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m. Solemn Liturgy
- Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, March 30th at 8:30 pm.
- Easter Sunday Services Sunday, March 31st at 8:00 am. (Said service) and 10:00 a.m. (Choral Eucharist)

The Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm, Good Friday 10:00 am services AND the 10:00 am Easter Sunday service are also live streamed on our **YouTube channel at [stmatthew.ca](https://www.youtube.com/stmatthew.ca)**

Shelley Carroll City Councillor

Last week's extreme snowfall reminded us all how much we rely on city services to keep roads and sidewalks safe. When that system doesn't work as it should, people are understandably frustrated. I hear you.

Mayor Chow has called for a review of the city's winter maintenance contracts, and I fully support that. But I also want to go further. We need to ensure that snow removal—not just clearing—is prioritized in specific locations where built-up snow creates real safety hazards, especially in the suburbs.

In my own neighbourhood, every year after a major snowfall, a lane near my cul-de-sac fills with snow, making it nearly impossible for residents to exit safely. It feels like it never gets properly cleared. I know there are similar trouble spots across the city—places where snow piles up and blocks turning lanes, narrows already-busy streets, or forces pedestrians into unsafe conditions.

These aren't just minor inconveniences. A single uncleared lane can disrupt an entire area, making it harder for emergency vehicles to get through, causing backups at intersections, and creating unnecessary hazards for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

As we review these contracts, I want to ensure we're addressing these critical hot spots. That's where I need your help. If there's a location in your neighbourhood where built-up snow creates an ongoing safety risk, let me know. Your input will help ensure we make meaningful improvements—not just in how we clear snow, but in how we remove it where it matters most.

As always, if you experience issues with snow clearing on your street again this year, please contact my office right away. My team will be more than happy to flag these issues with City staff to have them rectified as soon as possible.

My office will also be hosting a number of community events in the coming months. Be sure to subscribe to my E-Blast to stay up-to-date on these events and the issues that matter most in our neighbourhoods: shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe.

Shelley Carroll
City Councillor—Don Valley North



SPECIAL NOTICE!

**Join the HFCIA in a Community Meeting
with Councilor Shelley Carroll**

**Monday, March 24th, 7- 9 pm @ St. Matthew the
Apostle Church, 80 George Henry Blvd.**

The HFCIA has extended an invitation to our Don Valley North Councilor to attend a question-and-answer period with the Henry Farm neighbours.

The topics of discussions include changes in the neighbourhood zoning laws and the major concerns regarding the proposed four-plex at 28 Silkwood Cres.

Please submit any questions you may have for the Councilor in advance of the meeting, or any other inquiries please email: president@henryfarm.ca

