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Executive's Report

A very Happy Spring! After a long winter of cold and snow, we are all looking forward to seeing the neighbourhood come back to life again!

Community Conversations with Government Representatives.

The HFCIA continued its speaker series, giving residents an opportunity to hear directly from our elected representatives and ask questions about issues affecting our community.

In the first of our 2026 speaker series, we were pleased to welcome **MP Maggie Chi** to St. Matthew's Church in **January**. Discussion topics included Budget 2025 – Economy and housing (Build Canada Homes), major infrastructure projects, skilled trades, and health investments in infrastructure, workforce and programs. Programs and services for families and youth (programs and services) were also discussed, along with community safety (two current legislations).

The evening concluded with a lively question-and-answer session, ensuring that the voices and concerns of the Henry Farm community are heard at all levels of government.

In February, we were delighted to welcome **Councillor Shelley Carroll**. Topics discussed included the latest Henry Farm Traffic Study, the status of 28 Silkwood, sixplexes in residential zones, and Retail as-a-right in residential areas. Residents also had the opportunity to ask questions and share their perspectives during the discussion period.

Henry Farm Traffic Study Update

The City recently completed a traffic study in Henry Farm covering Havenbrook Blvd. to Sheppard Ave. (west of Don Mills Rd.). The findings showed that Shaughnessy Blvd. does not currently meet the criteria for traffic calming measures. However, George Henry Blvd. (from Manorpark Ct. to Farmview Cres.) does meet the requirements, and speed humps are now being planned.

Residents will be consulted before the proposal is brought forward to the North York Community Council for approval.

School Closure Concerns

Recent media reports have raised concerns about the possibility of school closures by the Ontario Ministry of Education. Shaughnessy Public School has long been a concern for residents in our neighbourhood. Councillor Carroll advised that the provincial government has the authority to close schools, and local school

trustees are not always notified in advance about which schools may be under consideration.

Further information from the meeting with Councillor Shelley Carroll will be shared in the April Executive email, which is sent to HFCIA members.

HFCIA Website

Did you know that Henry Farm has its own website? It's a great resource for up-to-date community information, including upcoming events, neighbourhood history, and important government and community updates. Check out www.henryfarm.ca for more information.

HFCIA Survey Coming Soon

Members can look forward to receiving the HFCIA Neighbourhood Survey in April. We value your feedback and look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions for our community. More details will be shared soon.

As always, the HFCIA welcomes your ideas, comments, and concerns about our neighbourhood. Please feel free to reach out to us at executive@henryfarm.ca. You can also stay connected by following our Facebook page, The Henry Farmer, or by becoming a member to receive updates and information about upcoming events in our community.

Best,
HFCIA Executive



HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Henry Farm Neighbourhood Cleanup

April 25th, 2026,
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

HFCIA Neighbourhood Survey

April 2026

Neighbour's Night Out

June 18th, 2026
6:30- 8:00 pm

Thanksgiving Food Drive Parade

October 4th, 2026
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

AGM

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

2026 Membership Update

Hello Henry Farm neighbours. I am sure many of us are missing those wonderful opportunities to chat with neighbours and friends while out walking in the neighbourhood, working on our properties, or just catching up while standing on our driveways. The cold and snow can be very isolating for many. Hopefully, we will soon start to see a shift to milder temperatures and melting of snowbanks and snow on sidewalks!!!

I extend a warm welcome to all new residents of our Henry Farm community. We hope that you will support our Community Interest Association so that we can continue to publish our neighbourhood newsletter, offer guest speaker events, host our fabulous and fun Neighbours' Night Out as well as the tremendously successful Thanksgiving Food Drive and Parade. The Henry Farm Community Interest Association Executive sincerely appreciates the support of each and every household in Henry Farm.

The HFCIA membership period runs from June 1st to May 31st each year. If you would like to renew your membership or become a member for 2026/27, 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 drop off a cheque (made payable to the Henry Farm Community Interest Association) in an envelope addressed to the Membership Chair at 23 Meadowglade Crescent. Please ensure that you print your name, address and email address clearly and indicate whether you would like to receive the monthly Executive Report 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 healthy, warm and safe, everyone!

Kelly Perrin
Membership Chair

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•RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026•



Neighbourhood Watch Report

POLICE LIAISON NEWS

Toronto Police Services- 33 Division--celebrated the one-year anniversary of their Community Safety Hub at Fairview Mall on February 20th.

The Hub was created to strengthen connections, support residents, and promote community safety. If you haven't seen the Hub, it's located near entrance #5, across from TD Bank, 1800 Sheppard Avenue East. Residents are welcome to stop by and talk with officers about any concerns, from crime and traffic to how to keep their homes safe. It's worth a visit.

On December 3rd, 2025, I attended a Town Hall meeting for Don Valley North, held by 33 Division and Councillor Shelley Carroll. Reports indicate that crime across all areas is down, which is good news. Major concerns noted at that meeting were traffic, speeding, and handling of protests in the city. Crimes of opportunity are on the rise, so stay alert and take note of your surroundings. Once again, police stressed the importance of reporting all suspicious activity. Call the non-emergency line at 416-808-2222 or file a report online. They emphasized that all reports are assigned to an officer and will be followed up.

CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) is a program that the Police Service recommends, and they will come to your home and help with it. It is a strategy to help homeowners reduce the risk of break-ins by using smart design and maintaining the property. By making simple and intentional changes to your home's surroundings, you can make it less appealing to criminals and help create a safer, more watchful community. Ask about this program if you visit the Hub at Fairview.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

Daylight Savings Time Began Sunday, March 8th: It's also Safety Check Time!! Check batteries in your smoke alarms. Test to ensure they are working correctly. When you have your **annual furnace service completed**, have your Carbon Monoxide Device checked. We are required to have one on every level of our homes, as of 2026. Each family should also have and review a safety plan for their home in case an emergency arises and alarms go off.

Canvassers knocking on doors late in the Evening:

We need to discourage strangers knocking on doors after dark!! Several times over the last two months, one or more people have knocked on doors late in the evening to market products. I have called companies, as have others. Apparently, these people work on contract, and companies say they are not responsible for them. Don't answer the door, but if you do, please discourage them and, if possible, take a name and number. File a report with the company or with the Police.

Check your property: A neighbour on Skyview reported finding a side gate open and footprints by the back patio

door in mid-February. The incident occurred overnight. It reminds us that with the snow and cold weather, we must still be vigilant about checking all areas of our property. Thank you to the neighbour for sending out an alert.

Home Break-ins in the Farm: We have received reports of homes being broken into on Skyview Cres., Quincy Cres., and Manorpark Ct. In some cases, entry was gained through glass patio doors in the back yards. Make sure you alert neighbours if you are going to be away. We are all trying to help by looking out for each other. Perimeter lighting is also a deterrent.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

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As we begin our 44th year of publishing the Henry Farmer newsletter, we would like to sincerely thank our many loyal advertisers and new advertisers for their ongoing financial support over the past years and into 2026. We appreciate their continued commitment and involvement in the Henry Farm community.

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Many of our advertisers have performed excellent work in the neighbourhood and have local references if needed. In fact, many of the advertisers reside in Henry Farms and are part of our community.

Please take a few minutes as you read the Newsletters to familiarize yourself with our advertisers' ads and, if and when the need arises in the future, consider using their services. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.

Shelley Carroll City Councillor

Dear Henry Farm Community Interest Association Members,

Thank you to everyone who joined us on February 11th for what was a lively and productive town hall. For those who couldn't make it, I wanted to share a quick summary of what we covered. We touched on a wide range of issues affecting our neighbourhood: Provincial changes to the Planning Act and how they are reshaping affordable housing in Toronto; the slowdown in new condo construction driven by economic uncertainty and rising material costs; the opening of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT (Line 5) and the ongoing questions about what comes next; and serious concerns about the Province's takeover of the TDSB and the risk that school closures — including potentially Shaughnessy — may follow. On that last point, I strongly encourage residents to contact the Minister of Education directly. Community voices matter here.

Traffic Calming & Road Safety in Henry Farm

This generated some of the most engaged discussion of the evening. I'm pleased to report that the traffic study on George Henry Boulevard (Farmview Crescent to Manorpark Court) has met the City's warrants for traffic calming — speed humps are now being planned. My office will consult with residents before the proposal goes to North York Community Council for approval. On Shaughnessy Boulevard, the study did not meet the threshold for speed humps, but residents can request Watch Your Speed radar signs or police enforcement. We are also following up with Transportation Services on the advance green signal at Don Mills and Havenbrook, which residents noted is not responding properly to traffic demand throughout the day.

Multi-tenant Housing, Sixplexes & Development Concerns

There were thoughtful questions about how our neighbourhood is changing. Sixplexes are not currently permitted in Don Valley North or Henry Farm — the City is running pilot projects in select areas first before any wider rollout. On convenience stores in residential areas, strict guidelines remain in place, and approvals have slowed considerably. As for the long-stalled development at the northwest corner of Sheppard and Don Mills, nothing is moving. Economic pressures and steel tariffs have paused several projects across the ward, and the City has limited tools to compel builders to act — though Property Standards can step in if a site falls into disrepair.

Thank you again for your engagement. It is a privilege to represent this community.



Warm regards,
Shelley Carroll
Councillor, Don Valley North

For regular updates, be sure to subscribe to my E-Blast to stay up-to-date on events and the issues that matter most in our neighbourhoods: shelleycarroll.ca/subscribe

NYGH

North York General's Seniors' Health Centre: 40 Years of Care and Beyond. There's a lot to celebrate at North York General's (NYG) Seniors' Health Centre (SHC). For more than four decades, community has been at the heart of everything we do, and that commitment continues to shine.

Seniors' care is a key priority as we deliver on our Strategic Plan (2025-2035). NYG's Connected Care strategic direction focuses on supporting an integrated, continuous healthcare journey across primary, home, community and hospital care — meeting people where they are, every step of the way.

Serving one of the largest and fastest-growing seniors' populations in Canada, with the highest percentage of people 65 and older in Toronto, our vision for seniors' care includes a new Long-Term Care (LTC) Development that will include one of the largest LTC homes in the country, along with a Seniors Community Hub for North York. Together, we will bring health and wellness services into one accessible space for residents and community members.

This commitment to high-quality, compassionate care was recognized this past fall when **SHC received Exemplary Standing, the highest level possible, from Accreditation Canada.** The independent non-profit company evaluates health organizations against national and international standards focused on quality, safety, and efficiency.

SHC met all accreditation standards in key areas, including infection prevention and control, long-term care services, and service excellence. Surveyors also highlighted what many families have already experienced: SHC's strong culture of collaboration, open communication, and the meaningful involvement of families in care.

This recognition came during a milestone year for SHC, which **marked 40 years of service** in 2025. Since opening in 1985 as a 60-bed long-term care home, SHC has continued to grow and evolve while remaining grounded in its mission. A celebration held in November brought together team members past and present, to honour that legacy and look ahead to what's next.

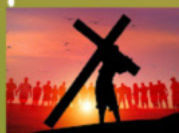
Together, these milestones highlight years of dedication and a continued commitment to delivering exceptional seniors' care.

As we look back on countless memories at SHC, we're also preparing for what's next: the construction of our new LTC Development, part of our commitment to delivering World-Class Care, 24/7.

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Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services



Easter at St. Matthew

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

- Maundy Thursday: April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. (Foot Washing, Institution of the Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar)
- Good Friday Solemn Liturgy: April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.
- Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, April 4th at 8:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Services April 5th at 8:00 a.m. (Holy Communion – Said Service) and 10:00 a.m. (Holy Communion – with Choir)

The Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday services are also live-streamed at www.youtube.com/@stmattheworiole

Spring Is Calling...and So Is Tennis!

The Countdown Begins at Henry Farm

With winter finally fading, it's almost time to trade snow shovels for racquets. Outdoor tennis season is just around the corner, and the Henry Farm Tennis Club (HFTC) at Havenbrook Park is preparing for one of its most exciting years yet. Programs begin in early May 2026, welcoming returning members and the new adult players who secured one of this year's limited memberships. We can't wait to see everyone back on the courts.

A Bigger, Better Season Ahead

This year's program calendar is more dynamic than ever. Popular programs have been expanded or refreshed, and the coaching team—Head Pro **Ed Wilson**, Director of Tennis Operations **Stuart Perkins**, and coaches **Nicole Kim** and **Erick Alban Ortiz**—is ready to support players of all ages and skill levels. Private and semi-private lessons for adults and juniors will continue throughout the season.

Match-play opportunities are also growing. The Singles Box Ladder and Mixed Doubles House League return, offering fun, friendly, and highly engaging competition. Both programs continue to attract strong participation and have become pillars of the club's social-competitive culture.

For those seeking formal competition, HFTC will again field teams in the Inter-County Mixed Leagues (B and C divisions) and the NYTA 40+ men's and mixed leagues. Juniors will kick off their competitive season with two Rogers Rookie Tour tournaments for U12 and U14 players scheduled early this spring.

Junior Memberships Still Open

While adult memberships are full, junior memberships remain available. Tennis offers kids a safe, healthy, confidence-building environment, and our junior programs are designed to be fun and developmentally enriching.

To further support youth engagement, HFTC is launching a **First Set Tennis in Schools** initiative at **Shaughnessy** and **Dallington** Public Schools in spring. These free introductory sessions will give students their first experience with tennis in a familiar school setting.

Looking Ahead: A Season Full of Community Spirit

Members can also look forward to a vibrant lineup of social events, building on favourites like Junior Spring Tennis Fest, Breakfast at Wimbledon, and Member Appreciation Day. These gatherings have become cherished traditions and promise even more memorable moments this year.

Learn More and Get Involved

Full program details—including junior memberships and competitive program pricing—are available on the member portal:

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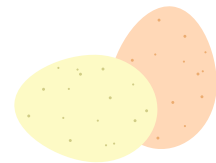
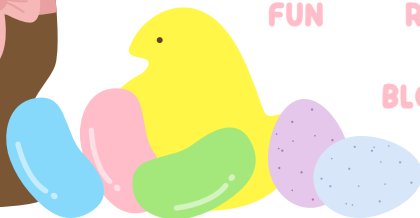
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