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President's Report

Neighbours Night Out a Huge Success!

Thanks to all Farmers who came out to the June NNO at St. Matthews church. The membership drive and fundraiser was a terrific night with lots of activities. The membership increased from last year and we are hoping anyone who hasn't had a chance to join yet will. You can join the membership on the website at www.henryfarm.ca or send an e-transfer to treasurer@henryfarm.ca. Membership is \$25.00 per household.

This year we had sponsor help from our advertisers for the event and the HFCIA would like to especially thank Heather and Melissa Griffiths from Re/Max, Judith Fairn from Ecko Jay, FreshCo, Richard Cunningham from Johnston and Daniel, Merida Lake from Royal LePage Signature, Larry Cuthbertson from Cuthbertson Entertainment and events, Boutique Micro Winery, and the Henry Farm Tennis Club. Their generous contribution of food, games, and raffle prizes were much appreciated by all! Also, many thanks to the Don Mills Camera club for their amazing pictures as always. See this newsletter and the Henry Farm website to view!

I would like to extend a personal thanks to Lily Jarvis, Merida Lake, Steve O'Keefe, Ken Klinger, and Kelly Perrin of the HFCIA executive for their over and above help with this year's event.

HFCIA Community Meetings

Shelly Carroll will be attending the HFCIA meeting on September 12th at 7 pm at St. Matthew's church. The topics we have asked to be discussed are the Sheppard Extension plans, Development at Fairview Mall and other surrounding developments updates increasing the population of our area to be over 45,000, re-zoning policies and city follow ups on rooming houses.

As well the Annual General Meeting of the HFCIA is November 7th at St. Matthews church. All community members are welcome.

If you have any questions, you would like us to include, please email me at president@henryfarm.ca.

Join us for the Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Parade

The HFCIA is once again holding the Henry Farm gives back Thanksgiving Day parade on October 1st from 4 to 6 pm. All proceeds to the North York Harvest Food bank. See details on the back of the newsletter.

We hope to see everyone there.

Toronto Police Visit Henry Farm

The Toronto Police Community Event on June 6th had a great attendance in the neighbourhood with sound advice from both Constable Victor Lai and Constable Joel Parks from Crime Prevention.

The HFCIA is looking into having more information sessions in the near future including the AGM on November 7th called "A guide for Mapping your best Aging Journey". If this seminar is something you would be interested in attending, please email me at president@henryfarm.ca before September 12th so we can plan to move forward.

Havenbrook Park Playground and Lights

The executive has been communicating with Shelley Carroll's office regarding the Chapter 37 funds and the promised playground and park lights. Below is the latest response.

The playground improvements at Havenbrook Park are scheduled for construction in summer 2024. We know this is a significant delay and really appreciate the community's patience on this. We're hoping to host an on-site at Havenbrook Park this fall for design input.

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HENRY FARM
LET'S GET TOGETHER

Community meeting:
Councillor Shelley Carroll
September 12, 2023

Thanksgiving Food Drive
Parade
October 1, 2023

AGM
November 7, 2023
Aging at Home Seminar, TBD

President's Report Cont.

The City has also created a webpage for the project: <https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/construction-new-facilities/park-facility-projects/havenbrook-park-improvements/>

This website will have a survey available this Fall and has an option for folks to sign up to receive updates on the project.

In terms of the lighting, staff claim to have completed retrofits on all the lighting fixtures in the park this past Spring. We know that the project chosen through PB was for additional lighting, and we are in the process of scheduling a site visit with staff to try to move the additional lighting forward.

Would you like to be part of the HFCIA?

We are looking for new executive for the Henry Farm Interest Association. If you would like to join, please reach out to me at president@henryfarm.ca. We have some spots to fill with membership, social events, as well as members at large, so please let us know if you would like to join us.

Have a wonderful Fall.

Wendy Petcoff
HFCIA President



Shelley Carroll City Councillor

We've had an eventful summer at City Hall. Our new Mayor Olivia Chow wasted no time getting started and recently announced her official appointments for new leadership roles. I am excited to share that I have taken on the role of Chair of the Budget Committee and Vice-Chair of the Economic & Community Development Committee, where I'll act as the Mayor's Economic Development & Culture Champion. This is a pivotal moment for our city, and I'm ready to get to work on a budget that delivers for residents here in Don Valley North and across the city.

To provide some updates on projects in our own backyard, the Sheppard Avenue East Reconstruction, happening from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street, will begin next year. City staff held multiple rounds of consultation on this project and heard from hundreds of neighbours. Thanks to this robust consultation process, we have guaranteed two lanes of traffic in each direction, necessary turning lanes, and proper treatments at intersections to make sure all road users can get from point A to point B safely and reliably. Thanks to all of the Henry Farmers who took the time to be a part of this process.

Lastly, I wanted to share an update on the Havenbrook Park playground upgrades that were chosen through the Henry Farm Participatory Budgeting process. I appreciate the community's patience and am excited to announce that community consultation on the proposed playground designs will start this fall. Once the community selects a design, construction is slated for summer 2024. This has been a long time coming, but I'm confident that the upgrades will be worth the wait.

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.

Wishing all of Henry Farm a wonderful fall,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Carroll'.

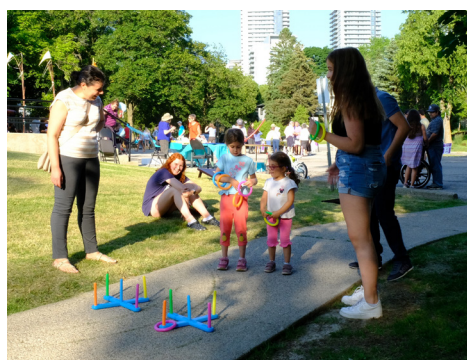
Shelley Carroll
City Councillor—Don Valley North

Neighbours Night Out

Neighbors' Night Out was a fantastic event with a pirate theme. Families enjoyed a bouncy castle, face painting, balloon animals, crafts, and delicious treats like popcorn and cotton candy as well as an ice cream truck. The presence of Shelley Carroll, the city councillor, and the local police made it even more special. We met new neighbors, had loads of fun, and are very grateful to all our sponsors. Looking forward to next year's gathering!

Thanks to the organizing committee and all the volunteers that helped make this event a success!

Email events@henryfarm.ca if you'd like to know more about the event or for any feedback/questions.





Neighbourhood Watch Report

Construction

As the summer of 2023 is coming to a close, the trucks, dust, and noise continue. But it does seem to be nearing an end on some of our streets. Please remember to say hello and welcome new neighbours as they move into their new homes. A warm welcome to Henry Farm is what we are noted for. Provide information about our Association, the garbage pickup days, and events we traditionally run in October, such as the Thanksgiving Parade with the Food Drive, and our Halloween plans for a fun day for the children.

Crime Activity and Safety issues

In our neighbourhood, we all express concerns about theft and break-ins. But, if you look at statistics, compared to many other areas of the city, Henry Farm is a very safe and crime free place to live. This is because we take our role seriously in looking out for each other.

Let's try to keep it that way. Let neighbours know when you are away and leave a number where you can be reached if there is a problem with your home/property.

Once again, park cars in your garage, if possible. Lock car doors at all times and make sure there are no items of interest visible through car windows. Don't tempt theft by being careless!

Installation of Security Cameras is a valuable deterrent. If an incident occurs, as it did this month at a home on Havenbrook Blvd., the video can be given to Police to help identify the suspects. The homeowners were alerted by their security cameras, around 5:30 a.m., that someone was attempting to open their front door. Residents should consider getting security cameras installed on your property and be very public about the fact that we have this equipment, in order to deter break-ins. A well-lit property is a great investment in safety and is also a welcoming gesture to walkers, and visitors, as well as neighbours coming home in the evenings.

Report any incidents to the Police and to me as your Police Liaison. It helps to track what is happening and also assists the Police to determine placement of officers.

Gardens

The flowers and shrubs we have all worked on this summer are lovely and it is a great treat to walk our streets and enjoy the gardens. Don't forget to keep the curb and gutter areas free from leaves and grass clippings so that rain doesn't flood the streets.

Eileen Crichton
Neighbourhood Watch and Police Liaison

Henry Heights Get Together

Henry Heights townhouses residents held their own Meet N' Greet get-together. It is a traditional summer gathering when neighbours spend some fun time together and introduce any new neighbours to the community. It was a beautiful day, there was plenty of good food, good music and lots of laughter shared among friends/ neighbours. Another very successful event. Of course, a large number of Henry Heights residents, as members of our larger community, faithfully attend Henry Farm events such as Neighbours' Night Out."



Toronto Police Information Meeting

At our June 6th meeting, PC Victor Lai, one of our Community Officers from 33 Division, and PC Joel Roberts, Crime Prevention Officer, presented safety information for the Henry Farm neighbours. Their presentation focussed on car thefts, property and neighbourhood safety, phone and internet scams, and traffic on our streets.

PC Roberts offered suggestions to help us protect homes, including lighting and trimmed hedges. He emphasized that making sure your home looks occupied is critical. Always pick up, or have someone assigned to pick up, parcels and mail. Keep your house well-lit and notify neighbours when you will be away and who is caring for your property. It is important to look out for each other and recognize suspicious activity, such as cars and bikes not usually there.

Ways of reporting concerns, from calling 911, to online reporting, were discussed. Even if there is no immediate solution, reporting is critical, so we compile statistics and Police know where to assign officers.

Car thefts were a "hot" issue, and we heard about ways to prevent vehicle thefts by installing alarm systems, vehicle tracking systems, as well as keeping your car out of view as much as possible. With regards to Scams: these people are trying to create a sense of urgency for you to do something. Never send any money online. Call a family member and seek advice.

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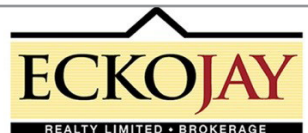


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ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE ORIOLE

What's Happening at St. Matthew this Fall.

We hope everyone has had a chance to enjoy some well-deserved vacation over the summer. Our services are at 8 AM and 10 AM on Sundays, with the 10 AM service being live streamed at www.stmatthew.ca/YouTube. Masks are optional at all services.

Please save the following dates:

The very popular Messy Church is back! Our next Messy Church gathering is scheduled for the morning of **Saturday, September 23rd**. Messy Church is church that is fun, for all ages! It is a form of church that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality. Parents are asked to remain with children. RSVP with all names, and the ages of children to office@stmatthew.ca

Sunday September 24th is the Feast of St. Matthew and there will be a 'welcome back from summer' BBQ following the 10 am service. All are welcome.

Call for Volunteers.

Calling all volunteers! We need your help for upcoming community events. Join us in making a difference and creating memorable experiences. Together, let's build a stronger, more vibrant community. Sign up today at events@henryfarm.ca High school volunteer hours available!

2023 HFCIA Membership Update

Neighbours,

I am happy to report that our 2023 Neighbours' Night Out Membership drive was successful in maintaining our membership support near the level of 2022.

Membership funds events like our Neighbours' Night out, the Henry Farmer as well as subsidizes some of the fun family activities like our Thanksgiving parade and Halloween contest so as always, on behalf of the entire HFCIA executive, I thank all of those who joined this year – it really helps.

If you missed us on Neighbours' Night Out or just haven't had a chance to renew your membership yet, it's not too late – you can still do so easily at www.henryfarm.ca/membership or if you prefer, you can always drop off the membership fee in an envelope with your name, address and email address at 26 Quincy Crescent, attention HFCIA Membership Chair.

I hope all Henry Farmers, family and friends stay well and enjoy the remainder of Summer '23!

Ken Klinger
HFCIA Membership Chair



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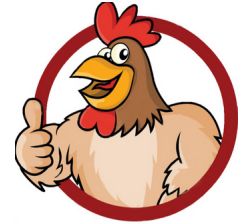


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