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President's Report

Time to say goodbye.

I can't believe it's almost Fall again. The seasons move so quickly, although I must admit winter sure seems to take its time. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

I have some news to share with all of you. I am stepping down as the president of the Henry Farm Community Association, effective the Nov 4th AGM meeting. It has been a great privilege to be part of the HFCIA association and work with the dedicated volunteers on the executive. We have all done some great work over the past 5 years that I have been the President, especially with neighbourhood residents stepping up to make sure we continue to make this neighbourhood one of the best places to live in Toronto.

The executive will be discussing who will take my place, and the position is open to anyone who might be interested in being part of the association. I know from personal experience how rewarding and how important the work is. You can send a note to me at president@henryfarm.ca if you're interested in helping in 2025/26 in any of the executive positions.

Many of you have reached out over the years, and I thank you for the continued support. It has been a challenge at times, but a most rewarding one.

Neighbours Night Out

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to the 2025 Neighbours Night Out in June! This annual event continues to be one of the highlights of the year, bringing our community together for an evening of connection, fun, and laughter. We had an incredible turnout, and it was wonderful to see so many neighbours catching up and meeting new friends.

Special thanks to the HFCIA executive team for their tireless efforts in planning and organizing the event, especially Merida Lake, Kelly Perrin, Steve O'Keefe, and Joseph Ceneda for leading the charge behind the scenes. Many volunteers, spouses and community members also pitched in to make sure the evening ran smoothly. Everyone's support made the difference.

This event would not be possible without our generous sponsors. We extend our gratitude to Merida Lake from The Mills Team, Heather and Melissa Griffiths from RE/MAX, Judith Fair from Ecko Jay, Richard Cunningham from Johnston & Daniel, Larry Cuthbertson of Cuthbertson Entertainment and Events, and the Perrin and Shajani Families.

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Thank you also to those who donated prizes for our raffle draw - The Henry Farm Tennis Club (Gift Certificates), Michael Perrella (Vin Bon Wine Basket), Merida Lake (Pokémon Baskets), Brenda Rosenberg (Ruth's Kitchen Gift Card), and the AB World Food Basket from JF Dery.

And a special thank you to the 33 Division Officers who attended and who are an integral part of this community evening each year.

Residents heard and won

Below is a statement from Councillor Carroll regarding the issues of bedrooms in four and six-plexes. We, as Henry Farmers, can be proud of the work that was done to let the city know of the loopholes in the laws regarding duplexes, especially regarding 28 Silkwood, and can honestly say that it was our charge that made the council sit up and take notice. I am extremely proud of all of us, and it proves that a resident group can make a difference.

The most important change? A cap on the total number of bedrooms per property. This ensures that while multi-generational families can build flexible, livable units in a fourplex, we no longer risk seeing unregulated rooming houses disguised as multiplexes.

On the topic of six-plexes, I know many of you have questions, and you aren't alone. PH22.4 was the most controversial item on the Council floor this month, and I was very clear in my remarks: I fully support the need for more varied housing options in our neighbourhoods, but we must build public trust alongside housing supply.

That's why I supported the compromise that was reached. To meet federal conditions for the Housing Accelerator Fund, Toronto must adopt permissions for low-rise six-plexes. But instead of applying this citywide all at once, these permissions will begin as pilot projects in a handful of districts — giving other parts of the city, including Don Valley North, time to evaluate how these policies function on the ground.



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LET'S GET TOGETHER

Thanksgiving Food Drive

October 5, 2025,
3:00 to 5:00 PM

AGM/Federal Representative Maggie Chi

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

President's Report Cont.

Of course, we know that the federal government is pushing Toronto to build more houses around transit areas, and a major push is to have six-plexes city-wide. I have posted on Facebook our councillor Carroll's view on areas that have already allowed this change.

Meetings with our Representatives

Jim Kitchen and I sat down with MP Maggie Chi and MPP Jonathan Tao this summer regarding Henry Farm and the surrounding areas. Most topics of conversation were centred around:

1. Betty Sunderland trail closure – inquiry into re-opening/construction work.
2. Inquiry into Federal support for TTC to relieve congestion on Sheppard
3. Bike lanes
4. North York General Hospital – funding for Long-Term Care

We also touched upon 28 Silkwood Cres. and bike lanes on major arteries. A review will be made at the Nov 4th AGM meeting.

Events

The HFICA will be holding the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive parade on October 5th from 3 to 5 pm, starting at St. Matthew's church. There will be a music truck as well as the Toronto Police Horse division going through the neighbourhood picking up food donations collected in the bags sponsored by Merida Lake from The Mills Team. You will find the bag with this month's newsletter.

Please fill the bag and leave it at the end of your street by 3:00 pm to be picked up on October 5th. Alternatively, you can drop off food donations at the church during this time. We will also be able to collect funds for the North York food bank. We are looking for volunteers to help collect food and participate in the parade. If you can help, please send an email to president@henryfarm.ca.

We welcome Maggie Chi, who will be our guest speaker at the AGM on November 4th. We hope you will attend to show support for our neighbourhood.

Clean up Sewers on your street

Several neighbours have asked me to remind everyone to please clear out the sewers near your home. It was a tough start to the summer season with clogged drains, and the Fall only makes things worse.

I wish you all well.

Wendy Petcoff

President

2025 HFICA Membership Update

Our Henry Farm Community Interest Association is very fortunate to have the ongoing support of so many of our community members. Again, this year we have also had a number of new residents join. This expression of interest and commitment to our neighbourhood is greatly appreciated!

I am sure many of us in Henry Farm have had a very busy summer or possibly been away on holiday. You may not have had the opportunity to renew/purchase a membership, or possibly forgotten to do so. You can still join at any time. All residents of Henry Farm are welcome!

There are two very easy ways to purchase a Henry Farm Community Association Membership. You can make an online payment (\$25/household/year) at www.henryfarm.ca/membership, or you can drop off a cheque payable to the Henry Farm Community Interest Association at 23 Meadowglade Crescent.

Please ensure that you print clearly your name, address and email address and whether you would like to receive the President's monthly email report. Your 2025/26 membership is valid from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026.

If you are not receiving the monthly President's email report anymore and would like to, please sign up for a membership, including a note with your email address so that we can add you back onto the email list.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who have joined the Henry Farm Community Interest Association this year! We truly appreciate your support!

Kelly Perrin,
Membership Chair





Neighbourhood Watch Report

Community Safety:

We continue to have our share of break-ins since the last newsletter. These have occurred around George Henry Blvd., Shaughnessy, Quincy and Shaughnessy. However, our Community Police report that the number of incidents is not increasing, so that is good news. We need to stay vigilant. Know your neighbours and let folks know when you are away. Don't signal that you are away by leaving parcels, mail, and newspapers on your property. Package delivery has become more sophisticated. Delivery trucks take photos and let you know that a package has been delivered. If you're not home, have someone pick up the parcel before thieves find it.

Secure your Home:

Improvements in home security devices may help deter thieves:

Choose the Right Lock: All exterior doors should have deadbolts with reinforcement plates around the cylinder.

Protect Windows and Doors: Lock all windows on the ground floor and install deadbolt locks on sliding doors

Brighten Outside Areas: Use motion-activated outdoor lights. Keep property well-lit and leave lights on as late as possible.

Know Who's Knocking: Consider a video doorbell. Never answer the door after dark unless someone notifies you.

Pretend Someone's Home: Use light timers that turn on at specific times. There are timers you can buy that let you control them when you're not home

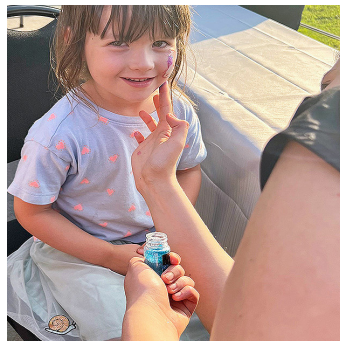
Consider a Security System: There are multidevice packages which may include security cameras, entry and motion sensors monitored by an alarm company.

Appreciation to 33 Division Officers: Once again, we want to thank the officers of 33 Division who turned up and led our Parade on Neighbours Night Out, June 17th. They helped our volunteers set up and take down equipment in the parking lot, set up the safety information tent with PC Joel Roberts and members of the Police Volunteer service, and provided two ATV Police Vehicles for everyone to enjoy. Lots of photos were being taken! These officers give us tremendous support and are an integral part of our neighbourhood. Thank you to PC Chris Chan, PC Rowan Lopez, PC Adam Yurkiw, PC Stephen Budia, and PC Joel Roberts.

Eileen Crichton
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Neighbours Night Out

Neighbours Night Out 2025 was another fantastic success! It was wonderful to see so many neighbours – both familiar faces and new friends – come together to enjoy food, listen to music, and celebrate our amazing community. The energy and spirit throughout the evening reminded us once again why our neighbourhood is such a special place to live. There was so much for everyone to enjoy: cookie decorating, basketball throwing contests, bubbles, face painting, a bouncy castle, crafts, etc. And thanks to all the volunteers and organizers who brought it to life. Merida Lake, Newsletter Editor



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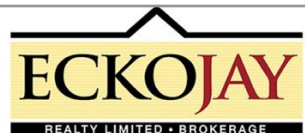


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Sunday Services with Holy Communion are held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. weekly, and we offer additional ministries and special events such as Family Friendly Worship; a monthly Messy Church program ("Church that is fun for all ages!"); Lunch and Learns; Bible Study and other fellowship groups; and weekly Choir practice (our choir is always looking for new singers and instrumentalists!).

For more information on any of the above, please visit our website www.stmatthew.ca or email our Administrator at: stmatthewtheapostleoriorle@toronto.anglican.ca

SHAUGHNESSY PUBLIC SCHOOL:

Welcome Back, Henry Farm Families!

We're so happy to welcome all our Shaughnessy students and families—new and returning—back to school for another exciting year of learning and growth. A special shoutout to our wonderful Henry Farm neighbourhood: your ongoing support and community spirit makes our school stronger.

As we begin this new chapter, we're looking forward to joyful days, curious minds, and the many ways we'll work together to support every child's success. Your presence and partnership help make our school a vibrant and welcoming place for all.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Best regards,

Bronwyn Davidson
Principal, Shaughnessy Public School
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North York General Hospital

North York General launches a transformational 10-year Vision and Strategic Plan

North York General (NYG) has launched its groundbreaking 2025 – 2035 Strategic Plan, a roadmap to deliver World-Class Care, 24/7, for our patients, residents, families, and communities.

We serve some of the region's fastest-growing and most culturally diverse communities, including many newcomers and the highest proportion of seniors in Toronto. With Ontario's senior population expected to grow by 60% by 2040, our plan focuses on meeting the needs of a diverse and aging population while addressing major health challenges such as the rise in chronic disease.

Over the next decade, we will:

- Deliver personalized experiences. We will continue to meet the unique needs of every patient, offering culturally responsive and hyper-personalized services supported by strong community partnerships.
- Become 24/7 and improve access to care. We are committed to ensuring people receive the right care at the right time, whether in the hospital, in the community, or at home.
- Harness digital innovation. From an AI-powered companion to a single unified personal health record, we will use technology to create a seamless health care journey.
- Transform our Campus of Care. Plans include building a New Patient Care Tower and Long-Term Care Development that will form the heart of a modernized, multi-site campus. Together, they represent the largest expansion in the organization's history.

In late August, NYG announced an update to its capital expansion plan by issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) in collaboration with Infrastructure Ontario and in partnership with the Ontario government for the New Patient Care Tower. This marks an important step towards breaking ground on the new Tower.

Ranked as Canada's top Community Academic Hospital for the past seven years, we are entering our next chapter of leadership in health care. Guided by our mission of People-Centred Care for a Healthier Community, our 10-year plan reimagines how care is delivered with compassion, innovation, and impact for generations to come.

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