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President's Message

By: Simon Levy

I trust that you all had a wonderful summer and are now enjoying the cooler autumnal evenings.

As I read through each of the items in this newsletter, it struck me that it might be beneficial to highlight the scope and depth of the contribution that the YMVA and your board members (past and present) have made, and continue to make, to life in the Valley.

Without the YMVA and their constant efforts on your behalf for the past 20 or 30 years, the streets would have sidewalks, the formerly winding roads would have been straightened, and the rolled curbs would be the standard hard city ones; the street signs would not have that special feeling of the valley and the parking lot by the Miller would not have been transformed into a historical "mill relic" site with soft landscaping for us all to enjoy.

In many instances, we are your voice with the city, we meet regularly with the Councillor and City staff to resolve issues, we provide assistance to neighbours, both new and old on how to deal with difficult situations and we try to ensure that the integrity of our community is not compromised by egregious building. None of us are paid for what we do, we do it out of love for the neighbourhood.

Each of the newsletters, previous versions are available on our website, www.hogghollow.net, provide you with important information and advice on living in the Valley.

All of this, together with the many neighbourhood activities that you will see described towards the end of this newsletter, provide us with the sense of community that attracted so many of us to this special, wonderful part of the city.

If you are not already a member of the association, I would encourage you to join the YMVA. You can email Jo-Anne O'Connor at jocdaw@rogers.com. Any cheques, that are received after Nov 1st, will be applied for next year's membership dues, which are only \$50, and provide reductions for all YMVA events.

I would also encourage you to attend the AGM, to be held on December 7th at the Miller Tavern starting around 9.30am. It is an opportunity for you to meet your neighbours, to hear what the board has been doing this past year, and the plans for next.

Most of all, without your support and membership of the association, the Valley will just become another Toronto neighbourhood, rather than the special place we all cherish. Thank you and enjoy the newsletter.

Simon

Hogg's Hollow – Phase III Storm water Management and Road Improvements

By: Louise Sugar
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The City of Toronto will be reconstructing streets, installing storm sewers and curb and gutter on Donwoods Drive from Ivor to Donino, Winton Road, Donwoods Grove and Plymbridge Road to the bridge. This project will also involve replacing the City-owned portion of any substandard water service in order to ensure

continued safe and efficient delivery of water and to improve the water distribution system and drinking water quality.

Phase III construction will take place in the winter 2014. Further notice will be given prior to construction with a more accurate start date and other information regarding the work. Your co-operation and patience during the construction period is crucial and appreciated. There will be traffic impact with the City aiming to ensure to keep at least one-way traffic moving.

As for future phases, the designs are complete. The intention is to commence phase IV works in the summer of 2014 with a new phase each year.

Phase IV – 2014 (Ivor, Donwoods Drive from Yonge to Ivor, Campbell Crescent)

Phase V – 2015 (Plymbridge Road from the bridge to Hillcrest, Plymbridge Crescent)

Phase VI – 2016 (Brookfield, Donino from bridge to Mill St, Old Yonge to Campbell Crescent)

Phase VII – 2017 (York Valley, Green Valley, Old Yonge Street)

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Traffic Calming

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Many Valley residents have become concerned about an increase in cars driving over the speed limit, particularly in those areas that have been newly paved.

The City plan has always been to conduct a traffic study and to make traffic calming recommendations, once the full four phases of road construction are finalized. Given that the roads project is not slated for completion until the end of 2016, the YMVA Board met with Jaye Robinson to request “interim” traffic calming measures, which will allow for temporary traffic calming on known areas of high volume of traffic and speeding. Board members have identified key areas where speeding has become an issue. These are generally straight-of-way stretches of road such as, Donino Road, Brookfield Road and Plymbridge Road, beyond the school.

Jaye Robinson has agreed to meet with the City to request and interim solution for traffic calming and will report back to the YMVA Board in the month of October.

We urge all residents to check your speed when driving through the neighborhood.

New York Mills Valley Park And Renovated Toronto Parking Authority Parking Lot

By: Louise Sugar
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The New York Mills Valley Park is nearing its construction completion date of October 31 2013. You have likely noticed two large mounds of soil on the eastern portion of land, next to the newly renovated City Parking Lot, and to the north of The Miller. These two large topsoil mounds will be distributed throughout the park green space, after October 20th and will become the grounds for the new mill site park.

In the middle of the new park a “mill relic” has been built. The relic resembles the remains of a

gristmill and will have pathways and plantings both in and around the mill site. Residents and visitors to this park will be able to sit on the windowsills and low relic walls and enjoy the area, which is of great historical significance to the City of Toronto. From the late 1700’s until the early 1900’s this area was a great area of commerce with a number of active flour and saw mills.

The final stonework on the mill relic is now being completed. Landscaping and pathways will be completed by October 31st. Upon completion of the park, Toronto Parking Authority will turn the parkland over to the Parks and Recreation Department who, with assistance from the community, will plant flowerbeds on the site. (Date to be confirmed and announced via blast email).

Naming of the park and an official opening ceremony will take place in the spring of 2014. Residents will be informed of the opening ceremonies date in early 2014, but can enjoy this new addition to our neighborhood after October 31st of this year!

The Toronto Parking Authority parking lot was reopened on August 31, 2013. This renovated new parking lot features new stair railings at the entrance, revised landscaping and a large island entrance. The parking lot will continue to have more than required parking spaces for commuter parking.

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Crime Watch and Safety

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There were two break-ins on Donino Ave. in late summer and one on Campbell Cres in late spring at night where a door was forced open.

Neighbours have reported a blue Volvo speeding in the area of Green Valley and York Valley, doing a 360 degree spin and racing past people. We need to be reminded that speed is an issue in the valley and if you notice a reckless driver, please note the licence plate and let the police know or report the incident on line.

There has been a mangy looking fox spotted on several occasions in the valley. If you notice this animal, call Animal Control Services - 416 338-7297 or 311 or on line
Toronto.ca/animal_services.

Youth phone thefts are very common, youth taking from teens. Be aware of your surroundings when walking and keep phones out of sight. Now that darkness sets in earlier, please be extra careful when walking at night.

Don't leave valuables in dresser drawers, hide them away and of course the obvious, lock and check your exterior doors before going to bed and leave front and back porch lights on.

N.A.G. Update

(Neighbourhood Activities Group)

3 Chairs:

Jennifer Fortier – 20 Green Valley Road
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Welcome to another fun year of activities! And thank you to those who took the time to come out to our first meeting on September 25. The activities and events are in the works, but there is still time to step up and join the community spirit! Please contact coordinators to help out. And if you have any questions, please contact one of the NAG Chairs. We look forward to seeing many neighbours throughout the year.

Valley Fall Social

Saturday, November 9th, 8pm
Tickets - \$40 / person
12 Donwoods Grove
Hosts: Paula & Nick Dhillon

Please join us for cocktails and delicious catered nibbles! This event is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with neighbours as well as meet some new ones. Tickets are only \$40 per person and we guarantee a good time will be had by all. So book your babysitter now and see you on Nov. 9th!

Coordinator: Annie anniekatsiris@hotmail.com
Please drop off your cheque (payable to N.A.G.) to 79 Plymbridge Road (the one with the horse statue)

Cookie Exchange

Tuesday, December 3rd, 8pm
77 Plymbridge Road
Host: Vanessa Torokvei

Bake 6-9 dozen of the same cookie, and you go home with 6-9 dozen different cookies ...yum. Everyone is welcome and there is good cheer to go around. Non-bakers are welcome too!
Coordinator: Leslie lvgage@rogers.com

Millstone Caroling

Tuesday, December 10th, 7pm
Millstone Parkette
Corner of Donwoods & Plymbridge

The Salvation Army band will accompany our voices while we sing our treasured Christmas songs. Enjoy a hot chocolate and treat with your neighbourly friends. And if we sing loud and clear we may summon a special guest from afar.
Coordinator: Brett brettlagamba@gmail.com

Soup Swap

Wednesday, January, 22nd, 12pm
37 Brookfield Road
Host: Clare Levy

Have you ever been to a holiday cookie exchange? This is a similar idea, but it is with soup! Bring 6 containers of soup to swap with 6 different soups. Numbers are drawn to determine who swaps first. We'll also have a little lunch and a little wine.
Coordinator: Vanessa vanrae30@gmail.com

Scotch Tasting

DTBD - last week in January
1 Donino Court
Hosts: Deborah & Doug McCutcheon

Details are still in the works. This would be a ticketed event similar to the Wine Tasting.
Coordinators: Philip philip.roe@gmail.com & Deborah debmccut@msn.com

Skating Party

Thursday, February 6th, 4:30pm
37 Old Yonge Street
Hosts: Chanda Carr & Peter Giacomelli

Bring your skates and helmet and get ready to play! There is also a play structure and hill for sliding. All the family is welcome to join in the fun. It's a great time to enjoy the company of your neighbours.

Coordinator: Chanda chandacarr@rogers.com

Book/Movie Group

DTBD – November

This year we are changing up the ever popular Book Club! We will alternate, one month a book and the next month a movie. Viewings will be hosted by neighbours and perhaps we can plan a trip to a movie theatre! The dates and times will be determined amongst the group as well as book and movie titles.

Please email Clare or Annie with your interest and availability so we can confirm our first date in November.

Coordinator: Clare clarelevy@aol.com & Annie anniekatsiris@hotmail.com

Valley Walking/Running Group

Friday mornings, 9am
Millstone Parkette
Corner of Donwoods & Plymbridge

This is a drop in group and you are welcome to join anytime. We'll do a short warm-up, and take off from there! No need to RSVP
Coordinator: Dale hewat@rogers.com

**Come join the community spirit...
Attendance and volunteers make
our neighbourhood what it is!**

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website at www.hoggshollow.net