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President's Update

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A number of valley projects have had changes to the timeline recently. The changes are as follows:

Toronto Hydro Upgrades

- end date moved from February 2011 to June, 2011

Yonge /York Mills Channel Maintenance Program - TRCA (Toronto and Region Conservation Authority)

- deferred one year to fall 2011

Road and Sewer Infrastructure upgrades

- continuation deferred from April 2011 to July 2011

New Parkland by Miller Tavern

- deferred one year from May 2011 to May 2012

Build Toronto Development on the NW corner of Yonge and Wilson

- no longer under consultation

Councillor's Corner

Please do not hesitate to contact our councillor, Jaye Robinson, at:

Email: Councillor_Robinson@toronto.ca

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Sincerely,
Councillor Jaye Robinson
Ward 25 – Don Valley West

Roads and Sewer Infrastructure Upgrade

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An Open House and public information session was held at the Agricola Church on March 31st 2011. During that meeting the plans for the 2011 phase of the works were presented.

At time of press, these plans were still on track, with expectation that work would begin on the resurfacing of Ivor Road in June 2011.

Work on the storm water systems for Donino Avenue, Donino Court, Plymbridge Road, and Maytree Road is scheduled to commence in July 2011. At that time the existing water-main for Donino Court will also be replaced. Mitigation measures will be in place to minimise the disruption to residents and to the neighbourhood.

We have received a commitment from the City to complete the remaining sections of the Valley by 2015. We have been advised that there are several infrastructure projects that will be completed during 2011 that will free up capital expenditure, which we expect to be deployed to the Valley project over the next 4 years. When we receive a more definitive calendar for this work, including the specific streets for each year, we shall advise the community.

Discussions with respect to traffic calming are scheduled to begin upon completion of the first section of the project.

YMVA Membership

The YMVA urges you to consider renewing your membership.

**Membership = Community
Join today!**

This year we have introduced an online payment method for your YMVA membership. This will make it easier for many. Please submit your money by Sunday, May 22nd either by cheque or through our email money transfer process.

Thank you,
Susanne Holland - YMVA Membership Chair

Environment and Beautification

By: *Christine Acconcia*
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Unfortunately, our Valley Clean Up was rained out this year. An alternate rain date is not offered by the City, but that doesn't mean that we can't keep our neighbourhood clean throughout the year. If you know of a teenager who still needs community hours, just ask them to contact me and I'd be glad to arrange something.

Communication

By: *Christine Acconcia*
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Our web site www.hoggshollow.net is in search of a new webmaster! If you are interested in this role which would take about 6-8 hours a year of your time, please contact Christine at cacconcia@rogers.com . Thank you.

Anyone who isn't getting the valley blast emails and would like them, please email Jan Kosick at jankosick@rogers.com. We realize that we all get way too many emails already, so we only use

this communication tool when it involves an important and/ or time sensitive announcement. One can always unsubscribe, so please consider giving it a try.

Crime Watch

By: Penny O'Rourke

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There was only one incident reported since the last newsletter.

March 25

21:15 – 22:05 hrs

Green Valley Rd.

The victim's home alarm company received an alarm from the front door of the house. Officers met with the victim who was parked in the driveway. The victim believed they saw someone at the side door. Nothing appeared to be taken.

The police have cautioned people against using cell phones, iphones, ipads sitting on busses or subway cars and particularly walking through park pathways. There has been a surge in thefts of this type so be very aware of your environment.

Remember to leave car doors locked, do not leave ladders in places where intruders could take advantage of them to enter homes. Leave your front and back porch lights on. Lights deter would-be intruders. Also, keep all main floor windows locked at night.

Please continue to be diligent about observing your neighbours and report to me or police anything that seems not right.

Penny O'Rourke 416 486-5060

NAG Activities



After the long winter, come out and visit with your neighbours!!!

SATURDAY MAY 14TH – YORK MILLS VALLEY PARK

12:30 – 2:00pm

Bring your family out for an afternoon of activities and crafts
Pack a picnic lunch!!

For info call: Kaelyn (416 480 1140) or
Lauren (416 480 1100)

Teen Event Bungee Run



Saturday May 14 – 1 Knightswood Rd.

7:30 - 11:00 pm

13 – 17 year old Valley Teens Only
Please

Pop and Snacks and Music Provided
Bungee Run and Volleyball in the backyard too!!

Contact:: Jennifer (416 480 1140) or
Perry (416 433 3871)

Salvation Army Donation Drive

Last years' donation drive was a great success, so we are bringing it back!

In conjunction with the Family Fun Day on Saturday May 14th, we will hold a Hogg's Hollow donation drive to benefit the Salvation Army Thrift Store in Regent Park.

We ask that you please bring all your gently used donations, including books, toys, clothing, household items and furniture to the drop off point at the park entrance (on Donino Avenue) on May 14th between 12:30pm and 2pm. All collected items will then be taken down to the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Please note that the Salvation Army Thrift Store does not accept baby furniture or equipment; or large appliances (i.e. stoves or fridges).

We are looking forward to seeing you all out at Family Fun Day. And remember - please bring your gently used items for donation!

Date: Saturday May 14th

Location: park entrance on Donino Ave.

Time: 12:30pm to 2:00 pm

Contact: Erin Nella @ 485-1858 or
erinnella@hotmail.com

Empty Nesters Tea

Thank you to Leanne Lewis for hosting this charming get together featuring yummy sandwiches, desserts and beverages. What better way to catch up with neighbours and enjoy the delights of summer. Please keep an eye on our poster boards and your email as we firm up the details.

Date: Sunday June 12

Time: 1:00-3:00

Location: Leanne Lewis' house

Contact: lvgage@rogers.com

Wine Tasting

A chance to reconnect with neighbours, nosh and enjoy some wonderful wines. From Sauvignon Blanc to Syrah, come learn and taste some wines that may surprise and delight. Christine and Joel Rosenthal will graciously host this event on Tuesday June 21, so come out to kick off summer and who knows, you may find a new favourite to savour. Again look to our poster boards and emails for updated details.

Date: Tuesday June 21 timing TBD

Location: Christine and Joel

Rosenthal's house

Contact: lvgage@rogers.com

Valley Book Club

All are welcome for a morning of coffee/tea and a neighbourly discussion about a book. Even if you have not completed the book (or read it) – the topics are often so wide reaching there is

always plenty of conversation. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September to June, and rotate moderators and hosts.

The book for the next meeting is:

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

Summary: Three ordinary women are about to take one extraordinary step. Twenty-two-year-old Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962, Mississippi, and her mother will not be happy till Skeeter has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone. Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. Something has shifted inside her after the loss of her own son, who died while his bosses looked the other way.

Next Meeting Date: Wed. May 18

Time: 9:30 am

Location: TBA

Contact: to RSVP or for information.

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