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**“Once Upon a Time...  
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# **YMVA Newsletter**

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## **York Mills Valley Association** **Membership Drive Update**

By Jo-Anne O'Connor - Chair, Membership Committee

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We are in the heart of the 2013 membership drive for the York Mills Valley Rate Payers Association (YMVA). We look for your ongoing support to maintain our strong presence within the community.

### **Why should you become a member of the YMVA ?**

The mandate of the YMVA is to represent our residents interests to the City. Our rate payers association has been in place for over 70 years and has developed many strong relationships that we continue to leverage in our attempts to preserve the uniqueness of this community.

The YMVA ensures regular communication of neighbourhood news through our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in December, the quarterly newsletters, blast emails and the YMVA website. The Board also prepares and distributes the annual Valley Directory, welcomes new neighbours and is, **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, the key contact with the O.M.B, Counsellors, and many other City departments.

The benefits of Membership include:

- The right to vote at the AGM
- Covers costs that arise when dealing with Stormwater Management and Road Improvements
- Helps other Rate Payer Associations fight development issues with the O.M.B
- Subsidizes neighbourhood activities, such as The Valley Fair
- Covers operating costs of the YMVA

- Staying actively involved with pursuing the communities dream - connecting the North and South via footbridge.

### **Membership = Community**

#### **To renew or become a member you can either:**

- 1) Make a cheque out to the YMVA in the amount of \$50 and drop it off at 11 Green Valley Rd
- 2) Pay via email money transfer. For directions check out our website:  
<http://hoggshollow.net/Membership.htm>

We also encourage you to make a donation to the Beautification Fund - a separate account that supports: the replacement of old street signs; a new wooden fence at the bottom of the Donwoods Dr; and an eventual parkette at the end of Knightswood Rd.

On behalf of the YMVA Board, we thank you in advance for your continued support.

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### **Crime Watch**

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We have several incidents of concern during April. A man working as a labourer on a site in the valley, approached two young girls at separate times asking for directions and encouraging them to get into his car to give him directions to a street in the valley. Thankfully, none of the young ladies obliged. He drives an older model green Honda licence # BFKD 506.

Also in April, a young boy walking home from the subway was assaulted by a male stranger demanding his cell phone and taking his bag. Police were called in on all three instances, but no arrests were made. The police said it is not a crime to talk to someone and couldn't take action based solely on that fact.

We recommend everyone exercise heightened vigilance within our neighbourhood and suggest you review street safety with your children and the importance of being aware of their surroundings when walking home. It is not a good idea to walk through the park while talking on the phone or wearing ear buds. It becomes obvious that you are distracted. We also want to remind people that it is a good idea to wear colour or flashing lights at night when walking or running as the valley is very dark. This helps drivers and is a definite safety issue.

If you have police concerns, you can call 32 Division 416 808-3200, or 416 808-3200 for non-emergency concerns like stolen bikes or property damage. Of course 911 is the number for emergencies and please email me a copy of your police concerns. The police reported no break-ins in the Valley that they are aware of this month.

### **Valley Clean Up**

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This year's turnout was very good despite the schizophrenic weather. Neither snow nor rain kept 15 people away from collecting a record total of 18 bags of garbage. Let's be mindful of keeping our neighbourhood clean throughout the year and please remember that doggie poop bags do not belong in the leaf bags, but in regular garbage bins. Thanks, everyone!

## **Environment and Beautification**

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You may have already noticed more attention being paid to our parks. We have a new parks team who are doing a brilliant job trimming, raking and planting in our local parks. They will even address the lack of drainage issue in Brookfield Park. They ask for patience but within the next 3 years, TRCA will do some work on the ditch running to a drain in Brookfield Park. Before our Valley Fair, the Parks folks will provide some fill for the standing water along the road.

## **NAG Update**

On behalf of the Hogg's Hollow neighbourhood we would like to give a heartfelt goodbye to our dear friend and NAG Co-Chair Lynn Marcus. She has been a tremendous addition to our Valley Community and we will miss her charming English ways. Lynn - we will miss you terribly and appreciate all that you have contributed. You are one in a million!

To all Hogg's Hollow residents; come join the community spirit... Attendance and volunteers make our neighbourhood what it is! And if there is anyone interested in Co-Chairing the Neighbourhood Association Group, please don't hesitate to be in touch. Like/follow Hogg's Hollow at [www.facebook.com/hoggshollow](http://www.facebook.com/hoggshollow) and visit the website at [www.hoggshollow.net](http://www.hoggshollow.net) .

Thank you to all that have helped throughout the year.

See you Saturday, June 1, for our 37th annual fair.