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Valley Road Construction Update

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Hogg's Hollow Part 2 road construction is underway on the south side of the valley, including Knightswood, Donwoods Drive, St. Margaret's Road and Donino Avenue.

Hogg's Hollow Part 2 works are divided into 2 main phases. Phase # 1 covers the sewer works and phase #2, the actual roadwork.

Phase #1 is divided into 4 sub-phases, including (i) An outfall at Knightswood Road and the Don River, (ii) sewer works on Knightswood Road, (iii) sewer works on Donwoods Drive and St Margarets Road and (iv) Donino Ave.

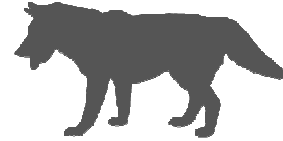
Work on sub-phases (i) and (ii) is in progress. Sub-phases (iii) and (iv) will commence mid-March.

There will be a gas-main relocation on St Margarets to facilitate the sewer works on St Margarets. This will commence the week of February 19th with completion the end of February or early March.

Phase #2 Road work will commence in May.

Your patience and caution while walking and

driving past City vehicles and employees are appreciated.



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Jolly Miller Park

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The Toronto Parking Authority has confirmed that plans for the development of a park in the eastern portion of the Jolly Miller parking lot have been approved by the Ministry of the Environment.

The MOE park approval will allow the TPA to proceed to tender the park construction in March 2013.

Park construction is planned for the months of July for completion by October 31, 2013.

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An Introduction and Guide to the Coywolf

By Laura Lamarche, Kelly Alkier, Perry Lupyrypa
Sources: CBC-The Nature of Things, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

The Urban Coywolf

Part wolf, part coyote this new hybrid species has slipped unnoticed into cities across the Eastern seaboard and literally in our own backyard in Hogg’s Hollow.

The Coywolf has settled in urban areas such as Toronto, Montreal, Boston and New York. The coywolf feasts on rabbits, geese, deer and moose. Scientists say we share our parks, streets even our backyards with these wild animals that both fascinate and baffle scientists. Few of us have ever seen a coywolf.



Your YMVA thought it might be helpful to educate valley neighbours on how to co-exist coywolves, as they potentially come in closer contact with us, our pets, and our homes. Below is [Guide with some Questions and Answers on the CoyWolf](#), published by the Ministry of Natural Resources

Are coywolves dangerous?

Coywolf attacks on people are extremely rare. Like its coyote cousin, coywolves are usually

wary of humans and avoid people whenever possible. Consider that dogs kill 15 to 20 people each year in the U.S., and that there have only been two fatal coyote attacks in North America in the past 500 years.

What to do if you encounter a coywolf

If you see a coywolf, keep your distance and the animal will most likely avoid you. These naturally curious animals may watch you as you go about your business but that alone does not pose a threat. If however, you do run in to an aggressive coyote, there are several things you should know and do:

1. Never approach or touch a coywolf
2. Do not turn your back on, or run from, a coywolf
3. Back away from the coywolf while remaining calm
4. Stand tall, wave your hands and make lots of noise
5. Carry a flashlight at night to scare off coywolves
6. If a coywolf poses an immediate threat or danger to public safety, call 911

How to protect your pets from coywolves

While coywolves, by nature, are wary of humans, they are opportunistic feeders and have been known to kill cats and small dogs that have been left unattended. Larger dogs may be injured in a confrontation.

Here are some tips to keep your pets safe:

1. Pets should not be left outside for any period of time unsupervised, especially at night, even in a fenced enclosure
2. Keep pet food indoors
3. Do not let your pets play with and/or chase coywolves

Coywolf-proofing your property

Preventing a problem is a far better solution than dealing with conflict as it arises. Here are some ways to limit attractants and to help prevent encounters with coywolves at your home:

1. Use secure garbage containers with locking lids and store in an enclosed structure
2. Put garbage out the morning of a scheduled pickup
3. Use enclosed composting bins rather than exposed piles
4. Pick ripe fruit and seed from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground
5. Protect vegetable gardens with heavy-duty garden fences or place vegetable plants in a greenhouse
6. Clear away bushes and dense weeds near your home where coywolves may find cover and small animals
7. Use motion sensor lights
8. Close off spaces under porches, decks and sheds. Coywolves use these areas for denning and raising young

[Source: Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources: Wildlife Management](#)

Where did Coywolves come from?

Coywolves emerged from a thin strip of land at the southern end of Algonquin Park less than a hundred years ago. Their arrival on the scene marks a rare event, the creation of a brand new hybrid species. Zoologist Roland Kays of the New York State Museum has been tracking these new creatures and describes them as having “a coyote like skull with wolf like teeth”.

Geneticist Bradley White from Trent University in Ontario was at the forefront of the discovery of this new species and says: “I am upset that I’m at the end of my career rather than the beginning, because I think this story, the exciting part of this story, is yet to come.”

Crime Watch

By: Penny O'Rourke 416 486-5060
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There was an attempted break in on Ivor road late summer which was not reported until after the fall newsletter had gone to print.

A car was stolen from a driveway in early fall. Neighbours and residents should be diligent about reporting incidents to me and the police. The police will step up surveillance if there seems to be a trend.

Another break in on Old Yonge St was reported in December/January. Jewellery and cash were stolen.

Please be aware that leaving front and back porch lights on at night, discourages thieves. Also, please don't walk through the park talking on cell phones, it is a distraction and you may not be aware someone is watching in order to steal it and possibly knock you down in the process.

Valley Clean Up

By: Christine Acconcia
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This year Valley Clean Up will be on Saturday, **April 20th, 2013** and for the first time the City has set an alternate day of April 22nd in case of rain. This is a City wide initiative done in many neighbourhoods. <http://www.toronto.ca/litter/>

Please join us at the Millstone Parkette between 9:30am and 11:00am for a cup of coffee/ juice and donuts before you head off to your assigned areas. Bring your own rubber gloves please, because it gets messy out there. We will provide you with large plastic bags which you will be asked to drop off at designated "drop off" points. The City will pick them up on one of their special garbage runs. Do you know of

any students who need community hours and enjoy gardening? The Millstone Parkette needs some tender loving care. The City unfortunately is so understaffed that Fall clean up was not possible last year. We'll be happy to write a letter for "time served!" Please come out and help! The more the merrier! Thank you.

A Goodbye

By: Jerry Finczak
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To the Hogg's Hollow (north) residents, and those who moved to the south side. I have been the letter carrier on the north half of Hogg's Hollow for 16 years. With bitter sweetness, the time has come for me to hang up my walking shoes. Over the years, I have seen many changes in the Valley. Many families came and went. I have been around when babies were born, young kids grew up, and left for university. I felt honoured when some of you put your trust in me to assist in your homes when emergencies came up. I will especially miss handing out treats to my four legged friends, (my best customers). It always gave me a warm feeling when people walked by saying good morning, or waving from the car. In speaking with other letter carriers, not one that I know of, has had a similar kind of relationship with their customers, for which I thank you. You have made me feel special.

My life will be much different when Laura (my wife) and I move to Collingwood. I will still work with the public, volunteering as a golf marshal, and courtesy ski patrol. I will miss being in Hogg's Hollow. You are the best and I could not have ever had friendlier customers. My wish for you is that you get a replacement who is dedicated and worthy of your kindness. It is what you deserve.

Thank you for the honour.

Your postie (forever in my heart),
Jerry Finczak finczakjj@yahoo.ca

NAG Update

Our neighbourhood has been fortunate to have many wonderful events throughout the years. And in the spirit of community there is always hope that new residents will jump in and get involved. Thank you to all long-time and new neighbours that have contributed your time, energy and resources to keep the events of the year up and running. We look forward to the upcoming Spring events and seeing each and every one of you.

What more information or to get involved?

Contact jennifer.fortier@rogers.com.

Enjoy the rest of the snow season and have a safe and happy Spring.

Jennifer, Perry and Lynn

Social Media Updates

For event updates and recaps make sure to check out the Hoggs Hollow Valley Facebook Page. Please like/follow HoggsHollow at www.facebook.com/hogghollow - this is your most up to date source of neighbourhood activity, including events, construction updates, lost and found items and more. This is also your opportunity to connect with neighbours and we encourage you to post your comments and ask questions.

Bridge or Scrabble Group

Join in the fun! Get together with neighbours for a regular social. Beginners are welcome! Details will be determined amongst interested persons. Learn-to-play bridge session can be arranged.

Date: Mon, Wed, or Friday (time TDB)

Contact: Lydia Dhillon at 416-487-5057

Please leave a message. Thank you

Book Club / Coffee Morning

All are welcome to a morning of coffee/tea and upbeat discussion about a book. We are meeting the 3rd **Friday** morning of the month and everyone is welcome! It is not necessary to have read the book to join.

April Book: Monkey Mind: A memoir of anxiety by Daniel Smith

Date: Friday, April 19th

Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Location: Tdb – be in-touch if you can host

Valley Fair Poster Party & Afternoon in the Park

Two events in one!! It's an afternoon of family fun for all ages. There is something for everyone ...playground, sports and art. We'll supply the activities and treats. At the end of the day we will have posters to advertise our 2013 Valley Fair! ...

“Once upon a time” – all things Fairy Tale!

Date: Saturday, April 27th

Time: 2:30 pm

Location: Park with the Playground

Contact: Tdb

Wine Tasting

Mark your calendar to join your neighbours for an event of delicious wines and nibbles. An educated sommelier will share their knowledge of wines from South American. More details to follow....

Date: Thursday, May 9th

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Lynn and Bryan's Garden

For Tickets Contact: Leslie Gage

lvgage@rogers.com or 416-927-979

Thank You...

The NAG has had a busy year so far. Since September, we have hosted 8 events in addition to several on-going programs. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers and hosts/hostesses who made them all happen. We would like to say thank-you and acknowledge the following:

- Norm and Laura Lamarche for Hosting and Jennifer Fortier for Chairing the Annual Fall Social “Spook”tacular Evening
- Leslie Gage for Organizing and The McCutcheons for hosting the New Neighbour Party
- Simone Carlier for hosting and Chanda Carr for Chairing the annual Holiday Cookie Exchange
- Rakhi Tejani for hosting and Devra Baryshnik for Chairing the Kids Holiday Craft Party
- Brett LaGamba for organizing (again, and again, and again) Caroling at the Millstone
- Vanessa Torokvei and Jennifer Fortier for organizing and Tamara Lennox for hosting the New Year’s Luncheon
- Chanda Carr for organizing and Chanda Carr and Pete Giacomelli for hosting the annual Skating Party
- Jennifer Fortier for chairing the monthly Book Club / Coffee Morning
- Perry Lupyrypa for organizing and hosting the first ever Soup Swap
- Lynn Marcus for hosting the NAG meetings
- Trudy Young for organizing the Dinner Club
- Leslie Gage for organizing the children/parent play dates
- Perry Lupyrypa for Social Media updates Facebook and Twitter - like us at Facebook.com/hoggshollow and follow us @hoggshollow
- Jan Kosick for writing/editing and printing the Newsletter and Paula Dhillon and her team for delivery.

Many Thanks:

Jennifer Fortier, Perry Lupyrypa, Lynn Marcus
Neighbourhood Activity Group Chairs

The Valley Fair - Once Upon A Time.....

The Valley Fair Needs You!!

Kick off meeting - Tuesday April 2nd (1 pm & 8 pm); Fair - June 1st

We are looking for help to plan and organize the 38th Annual Valley Fair. This year, the theme is “Once Upon a Time in the Hollow”. It will be **ALL THINGS FAIRY TALE** - there are so many ways to spin this with the current popularity of remakes of the classics – the possibilities are endless!!

The Valley Fair is only as good as our community makes it - so please help out!! For those who don’t know, this is the one event that helps pay for the costs of all the other events the Neighbourhood Activity Group runs the rest of the year. These include: The New Neighbour Party, The Skating Party, The Holiday Season Events (Carolling, Kids Crafts etc.) and subsidizes other events including the Fall Social and the Wine Tasting Event.

We are still looking for a **Chair or Co-chairs** for the fair. It won’t happen unless someone steps up!! Another key vacancy is the **Auction Chair** - The Auction is vital to help offset some of the costs for this great event. Many of the roles have been filled, but there are many openings.

Please contact Perry at perry@riverside-to.com or Jennifer at jennifer.fortier@rogers.com if you can help. We would like to fill all the committee roles immediately - so, please contact us before the April 2nd Planning Committee Meeting with your ideas and how you would like to help.

The volunteer committee chair opportunities are as follows:

Chair/Co-Chair - we need someone to step up
Auction Looking for a chair, helpers are: Simon Carlier, Pam Spence and Trudy Young-Auction Booklet

Sponsorship/Advertising Chair - tbd

Mid-Way - tbd

Set Up/Decor - tbd

Take Down - tbd

Prizes - tbd

Snacks - tbd

Poster Party - tbd

Auction items needed!!
Big or small!

The Auction Chair/Co-Chairs may combine some smaller items to make larger theme item. Do be in touch if you have any ideas.

VALLEY FAIR 2013

These are the wonderful Valley members who have agreed to be on the committee so far, please join us in thanking the following Valley Committee Event Chairs:

Games – Jan Kosick and Alison Rochon
Dinner – Nick Dhillon
Volunteer Coordinator – Paula Dhillon
Mystical Creature Pet Show – Karen Stemmler and Marcy Mihalcheon
Entertainment – Toddlers – Rahkie Faheem
Entertainment – Animals – Pam Spence
Tickets (Dinner and Entry) – Lynn Marcus
Permits/Generators, Loo – Simon Levy
Treasurer – Deb McCutcheon
Bake Table – Leslie Corrigan
Evening Entertainment – Michelle Hopper
Fireworks – Norm/Laura Lamarche and Poster Creative – Andrea von Konigslow

If you have any other ideas you would like to see at the fair, now is the time to speak up. We are open to any ideas and welcome any and all volunteers.

VALLEY FAIR PLANNING MEETING –
TUES APRIL 2nd (1PM AND 8PM)

Please come to the Valley Fair Planning Meeting Tuesday April 2nd. We are holding one in the afternoon (1pm) and another in the evening (8pm) to ensure that we can accommodate everyone. Location is TBD

An Apology

Our apologies to Paula and Vicko von Stedingk, for omitting them as sponsors of the June 2012 Valley Fair, in your hand delivered copy of the Fall Valley Newsletter.

Paula and Vicko have been long standing supporters of our annual neighbourhood fair, and once again in 2012, they continued their generous sponsorship. Please accept our apologies.

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