



YMVA Newsletter

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President's Message

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Happy New Year

I would like to thank all of you that came to the AGM in December. It was well attended and the new location seemed to provide a more intimate place for discussion and debate about many of the issues that concern all of us.

Since our last newsletter, and the AGM, we certainly have seen a blast of real winter. There is something magical about the snow covered ground and the smell of wood burning fires as you walk around the neighbourhood. The cold weather has helped with the ice rink in Brookfield Park, which is now up and running and ready for use (including floodlights for evening skating).

The cold weather also brought a severe ice storm that tested many of us over the Christmas period. It also demonstrated the true sense of community that we share, with many neighbours helping others with food, warmth and candles....

Whilst on the subject of the community, it brings me to the membership of the YMVA. We shall shortly be starting our membership drive for 2014 and I would like to take this opportunity to encourage each of you to join, as without your participation, we cannot claim to be the voice of the neighbourhood with the city. Unfortunately our membership has dropped in recent years, and although there may be many reasons for it, absentee owners, not understanding the relevance of the YMVA, thinking that the association has deep coffers and doesn't need the money, I would like to reiterate the importance of membership to help

us retain the neighbourhood that we have all grown to love.

The YMVA is, in many instances, 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.

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 order to continue to be your voice in the neighbourhood, we need to demonstrate that we are relevant for the community and needed by the community. Membership demonstrates that relevance.

I therefore ask you to send your \$50 cheque for membership, made payable to York Mills Valley Association, to Jo-Anne O'Connor. 11 Green Valley Road, Toronto, Ontario M2P 1A4.

Thanks,
Simon

Crime Watch and Safety

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There was a rise in break in attempts in November on Donwoods Drive, Winton Rd, St Margaret's Dr. and Brookfield Rd in the daytime where jewellery and silverware were taken. An attempted break-in occurred on

York Valley Cres., where the thieves came down the hill behind the house. Alarms went off and nothing taken, but several windows were smashed.

I would like to thank everyone for being diligent in reporting these incidents to the police and to me. It appears there was a surge in the number of attempts but the police have caught one of the repeat perpetrators.

Please continue to leave alarms on and front and back door lights on. It really acts as a deterrent.

Valley Clean Up

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This year Valley Clean Up will be later than usual, on Saturday, **April 19, 2014**.

This is a City wide initiative done in many neighbourhoods. Check out their website for lots of helpful information
<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 one of 3 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/or enjoy gardening? We'll be happy to write a letter for “time served!”

After that ice storm, the Parks Department will have lots of clean up to do this spring, so let's do our part. Please come out and help! The more the merrier! Thank you.

One last strong reminder to pick up after your dog. It is your responsibility to poop and scoop, not your neighbour's!

Valley Fair 2014!

Mark your calendar...

Valley Fair - Saturday, June 7th

It's time to start planning the 39th Annual Valley Fair and we need your help. This year, the theme is **World Cup Soccer!**

A round of applause to our Fair Co-Chairs;
Glen Silvestri and **Peter Giacomelli**,
And a cheer goes out to our Fair Secretary;
Annie Katsiris.

There are many committee roles to be filled to make it a Championship Day! **Men** and women are encouraged to join the team and take on a role from the beginning. Please contact the Fair Co-Chairs or the Secretary to find out where you can help.

Glen Silvestri: glen.silvestri@gmail.com
Peter Giacomelli: peter.giacomelli@rogers.com
Annie Katsiris: anniekatsiris@hotmail.com

Auction items needed! **Auction Co-Chairs needed!!**

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

Valley Fair ...Kick-Off Meeting **Wednesday, March 5th - 7pm**

Everyone is welcome, even if you don't intend to take on a committee role. All ideas and support are encouraged to make this year's fair a World Cup success! Let's make a winning team.

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 5th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: 25 Plymbridge Crescent

The Valley Fair Needs You!

N.A.G. Update

(Neighbourhood Activities Group)

Once again our neighbourhood has continued to show community spirit throughout the fall and winter. Many thanks to the wonderful hosts and coordinators who have help make it happen. And thank you to the residents who attended events, showing their support. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following:

- Nick and Paula Dhillon for hosting and Annie Katsiris for chairing the Fall Social
- Jennifer Fortier for coordinating and hosting , and Frank Cianciotta for hosting the Kids Halloween Party
- Vanessa Torokvei for hosting and Leslie Gage for coordinating the Cookie exchange
- Brett La Gamba for organizing the Millstone Caroling
- Clare Levy for hosting and Vanessa Torokvei for coordinating the Soup Swap
- Chanda Carr and Pete Giacomelli for coordinating and hosting the Skating Party
- Dale Hewat for organizing the Walking/Running Group
- Trudy Young for organizing the Dinner Club
- Annie Katsiris for hosting NAG
- Perry Lupyrypa for Social Media updates Facebook and Twitter like us at Facebook.com/hoggshollow and Follow us @hoggshollow.net
- Jan Kosick for writing, editing and printing the Newsletter.
- Paula Dhillon and her team for delivery.

Many Thanks from your NAG Co-chairs:
Jennifer Fortier, Perry Lupyrypa, Annie Katsiris

Valley Fair Kick-Off Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 5th
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: 25 Plymbridge Crescent

Join the team ...let's start planning!

Pot-Luck Luncheon

Everyone is welcome. Bring your favorite dish to share with friends while catching up after a long winter. It's always nice to meet new neighbours as well, so don't be shy. See you then!

Date: Thursday, April 3rd
Time: 12:30 pm
Location: 6 Donino Court
Host: Tamara
RSVP: Jennifer
jennifer.fortier@rogers.com or 416-480-1100

Spring Social - Saturday, April 26th

Party in the hood! Get your groove on and join the spring fun. Tickets are \$45 per person and must be pre-purchased by Easter weekend. No ticket...No entry. Get yours now!

Cheques payable to N.A.G. can be dropped off at 79 Plymbridge Road, or given to any of the 3 NAG Co-Chairs. Thank you.

Date: Saturday, April 26 (weekend after Easter)
Time: 8:00 pm - LATE
Location: 19 Ivor Road
Host: Simone & Dave

Poster Party

Bring your brilliant budding artists to create masterpiece posters for advertising our annual Valley Fair. All ages and levels of talent are welcome to put their smear, smudge or handprint on our one-of-a-kind creations! The more posters plastered throughout the neighbourhood the better.

Date: Wednesday, April 30th
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Location: 20 Green Valley Road
Host: Jennifer

Morning in the Park

Let's all welcome spring! Join your neighbours for a family fun get together. There will be coffee for the adults and treats for all. We meet at the park with the playground! You don't have to have children to come out and enjoy the morning.

Date: Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day)
Time: 10 - 12 pm
Location: park with the **playground** structures
Coordinators: Paula, Karen & Maureen

Valley Walking Group

The drop in walking group is going strong and has met almost every Friday morning throughout the winter! You are welcome to come out and join any time. The group meets at the corner of Donwoods and Plymbridge. No need to RSVP.

Date: Friday mornings
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Millstone Parkette