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### **Board Meetings (Mondays at 7:30pm):**

January 15<sup>th</sup> - Paul Lavelle

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Katie McLean

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Marjorie Nicol

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - Tim Bates

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - Pamela Spence

York Mills Valley Association Environment Committee Presents:

# **You Can Be Green Without Feeling Blue.**

An Environmentally Friendly Property Maintenance Information Evening.

**Janet McKay**, Programme Manager, LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests). Will talk about the value of trees to our environment, how you can get **free** trees from the city, and how you can help your trees to have a long and healthy life.

**Janet May**, Anti-Pesticide Campaign Coordinator, Toronto Environmental Alliance. You can have a beautiful lawn and garden **without** pesticides. Janet will show you how. She'll also talk about the campaign to limit pesticide use in the city, and what you can do to protect yourself and your kids if your neighbours insist on spraying.

**Cheryl Shour**, President of the Organic Landscape Alliance, and Master Composter. Cheryl is the Chief Environmental Officer of Healthy Home Services Inc., and an expert on health and the environment. Among other things, she will talk about how to use compost to make your garden even better.

**Monday 2 April, 7:30 pm, Agricola Church,**

**25 Old York Mills Road**

Pesticide free refreshments and organic, fairly traded, shade grown, bird friendly (is there any other kind?) coffee will be provided.

*For more information or to join the environment committee, call Marjorie Nichol at 483-6387.*

## Neighborhood Activities Winter & Spring 2001

### About The Nag

Are you new to the neighborhood and are wondering what the NAG is all about?? The Neighborhood Activities Group (NAG) is comprised of a group of valley residents who volunteer their time and effort to organize various events year 'round for all residents, big and small.

The NAG is headed by two co-chairs, AKA The Head Nags (fondly, we hope!), who happen to be ourselves, Jill Haythornthwaite and Sherry D'Costa for the current year. The NAG works in tandem with the York Mills valley Association (YMVA). Katie McLean is the current NAG-YMVA liaison, who has the responsibility of keeping the two groups informed and coordinated. The YMVA sets a nominal budget for each of the NAG events and we strive to operate within the prescribed budget. Helen Wong the treasurer, will keep the books for the year and Christine Rosenthal who has graciously volunteered her time to put together and publish the YMVA newsletter, will keep you informed of all NAG events and more. The newsletter is published approximately four times a year and is delivered to your door. Prior to each event, Carolyn Clark prepares two posters, which are displayed at the corner of Mill and Old Yonge Streets and the Mill Stone Parkette. Susanne Holland is our volunteer events photographer for the year, so watch out, the evidence may

come back to haunt you! And lastly, the people that actually make all these things happen and are our raison d'être are the event volunteer. A list of our recent and upcoming Winter and Spring 2001 events and our modest volunteers appears below.

The NAG typically meets at 8:30 p.m. on a Wednesday evening, approximately four times a year. Past experience has indicated that this is the optimum meeting time for most people. The last meeting was held on 22 January 2001 and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 21 March, 8:30 p.m., at 56 Plymbridge Road. Relaxing over a cup of decaf or a glass of wine we discuss and volunteer for events, review past events for improving them, and suggest new events. Does all of this sound like a lot a fun? Well it is!!! Most of us find this to be a great forum for meeting our neighbors and getting involved. So please join us at the next meeting along with your great ideas, to make 2001 a fun year for all.

*If you would like more information about the NAG, please do not hesitate to call either of us, Jill 416-544-9907 / [jillandluigi@sympatico.ca](mailto:jillandluigi@sympatico.ca) or Sherry 416-485-2492 / [sdcosta@home.com](mailto:sdcosta@home.com)*