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Valley Water Mains, Sanitary Sewers and Roads

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Water main and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

The City has commenced with The Valley's water main and sanitary sewer rehabilitation programme prior to the start of the major storm sewer and road works proposed for The Valley.

This year's work will consist of water main structural lining scheduled for Campbell Crescent, Old Yonge, Ivor, Plymbridge Road, Maytree, Forest Glen Crescent and Doncliffe Drive. In addition, the entire Valley will undergo sanitary sewer structural lining as well as the lining of all drain connections. All work will be done from existing manholes and roads will not be dug up to any great extent. However there may be some inconvenience on some roads over the next six weeks.

Given the scope of this project and the pending major storm water and road reconstruction that is being planned in phases for the entire Valley, the City is recommending that the sanitary lines on private property (from the front property line to house) also be rehabilitated at the same time. This would not require

digging on any private property. Since this will entail work on private property, owner consent will be required. This work will be carried out entirely at the City's expense and is totally voluntary. If you do not want this free upgrade carried out on your property do not sign an authorization form that will be circulated by the City to each property owner two to four weeks in advance of the date when the work is planned. The work on individual property sanitary lines will not take more than six hours and again it must be emphasized will only be done if the owner agrees in writing.

The City has also confirmed that no major road works will be commenced on any street in the Valley until the residents have been consulted on the type of curbs that the City will eventually install.

Roads

The "Watch Your Speed" trailer operated for three days in July on Donwoods Drive. In addition the Traffic Department provided a patrol car unit to observe drivers at the stop sign on the Donwoods hill.

A northbound left turn signal phase has been installed at the intersection of Yonge Street and Wilson, which makes negotiating this turn less exciting. Please note that given the heavy volume of southbound traffic, the left turn phase is not operational from 6:30 am to 9:30am.

The Valley Association is grateful to Councillor Cliff Jenkins for arranging for the "Watch Your Speed" trailer which provides a reminder to all of us

that it is very easy it is to exceed Valley speed limits.

Also, the Valley Association is appreciative that Councillor Jenkins and his staff value the unique character of our neighbourhood and the exceptional level of community involvement by our residents. He has been pro active in updating the neighbourhood on issues that affect The Valley and he has been consistently responsive to requests made by the YMVA.

NAG ACTIVITIES

By: NAG CoChairs



We're back and looking forward to planning some fun events and meeting some great people while hosting them. As usual we rely on volunteers from the neighbourhood to run a number of social events for young and old throughout the year. It is easy to get involved and all levels of help are welcome. As you know, many hands make light work and you can be as involved as you want to be. We will hold three meetings in the year but if you can't make them and still want to be involved or have any ideas, just give us a call.

Your Nag Co-Chairs,

***Susanne Holland (416) 485-2218
Michele Hopper (416) 932-9198 &
Priti Kawale (416) 483-2957***

Fall Social



Surfs Up!

It's the Fall Social...

Saturday, Oct. 14th @ 8:00pm

RSVP: Susanne (416) 485-2218 or

susanneholland@rogers.com

Please see the flyer at the back of the newsletter for more Beach Party details!

Kids Get Involved!

To benefit The North York Food Bank

Date: November - Watch the Poster

Boards for more details

To help or get information please call

Kathleen (416) 487-5822 or

Vicky (416) 932-8962

Our second "KIDS GET INVOLVED!" event will take place, before the holiday season is upon us. We plan to get the kids out on a food drive in their own area within the neighbourhood. Our first "KIDS GET INVOLVED!" was a great success in the spring and we hope to continue our momentum!

A team captain may be contacting you to see if each street can get a food "collecting" team together. Each team will be receiving an information sheet and bags for food collection. Food will be collected door to door on November 1. If no one is home a bag will left behind with a designated drop off area noted. Once the food is collected, 18 or so of our kids will go to the food bank to sort food and help out on November 15.

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A vertical rectangular box containing the logo and contact information for Norman Hardie Winery & Vineyard. At the top, the name "Norman Hardie" is written in a red cursive font. Below it, the words "HAND CRAFTED WINES" are printed in a black, all-caps, sans-serif font. Further down, "NORMAN HARDIE WINERY & VINEYARD" is printed in a black, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below that, the address "1152 Greer Road, RR1 Wellington, Ontario Canada K0K 3L0" is printed in a black, all-caps, sans-serif font. The phone number "Winery 613.827.1204" and the website "www.normanhardie.com" are printed in a black, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a red line drawing of a building with a gabled roof and a chimney, set against a red horizon line.

The printing of this newsletter was sponsored in part by the award-winning Norman Hardie Winery. Norman Hardie grew up in The Valley on Donwoods Drive.

We hope that you are excited by the concept of your kids doing some “hands on” work to help those less fortunate. If you are interested in being a team captain or want to help out please give us a call. Let’s encourage our children. Thank you in advance for your support!

Dinner Club



Once again Trudy Young is organizing The Valley Dinner Club. For more information or to sign up, please refer to the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Cookie Exchange



Tuesday, Nov. 28th @ 8:00pm
@ Jill Haythornthwaite’s house
56 Plymbridge Road
RSVP: Louise (416) 483-6614

A very popular event that gets everyone baking and eating!! This fun evening has everyone bringing a specified number of one kind of cookie or square. At the end of the night or when the martinis run out, we exchange and get an enormous selection of the greatest creations you’ve ever tasted. Bring your recipes if you’d like to exchange those too!

NAG Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon



Friday, Dec. 8th @ 12:00pm
@ Laura Lamarche’s house
16 Brookfield Rd.
RSVP: chrisrosenthal@rogers.com

Bring your favourite salad, appetizer or dessert and get together with old friends and make new ones. There is no pressure, just bring what you like! It is a lovely luncheon and great way to start off the holiday season.

Carolling in the Park



Wednesday, Dec. 13th,
7:00pm @ Millstone Parkette
Call: Melodie (416) 481-3333

Come one- come all. This is a fun way to celebrate the festive season by singing carols. Meet at 7:00pm in the parkette with your hats and mittens on and sing all your favourite holiday songs with your neighbours and friends while sipping hot chocolate. In the past, there has also been a special guest appearance by a popular jolly ole’ guy - so keep your fingers crossed! The Salvation Army comes out to accompany us, so if

you choose, bring a little donation for their cause.

Kids' Holiday Crafts



**Saturday, Dec. 16th,
2:00 – 4:00pm @ Agricola Finnish
Church
Call: Eunice (416) 932-8228 to help**

This is a great event for the kids to come out and show-off their creative side! Various crafts stations will be set up for the kids to start crossing off their “gifts to give” list. In the past, they have made beautiful ornaments, cards, gift bags and of course the very popular decorated cookies, to name a few. There are things to make for kids of all ages. This year, in the spirit of giving, we will be collecting gently used winter clothing to be donated to the “Out in the Cold” organization before our winter really hits! Thank you for your support.

Jobs!Jobs!Jobs!

Babysitting, Dog Walking, Snow Shovelling, Lawn Mowing, etc.



Jan Kosick (416) 481-9799

Calling all teenagers! Do you want to earn extra money? Are you already doing odd jobs and need more clients? This is the place for you! We are always updating the Valley baby-sitting and odd jobs list. If you want to be added or

continue to be on the list, please drop off a note (with your name, address, phone # and job(s) you want to do) to Jan at 27 Donwoods Drive or call. She will put together a secure phone list for people to phone when you are looking for some extra help. This service is for Valley residents only.

A Special Thanks



We had a fun spring and we could not have done that without some great people. “Thank You” Lynn Richardson for a successful garage sale and Betty Kneis for a great day in the park during the Spring Fling. Thanks to Trudy Young for bringing back the dinner group with style and Deborah Sutton and Laura Watson for a fabulous night of wine tasting. A big “Thank You” as well, to Devra Baryshnik and David Ossip for opening their beautiful home for the event. Also, thanks to Chris Rosenthal and Chanda Carr for hosting a great NAG Luncheon.

Last but not least, hats go off to Chris Rosenthal and Joy Verde for pulling off an amazing fair in the pouring rain! They smiled through it all. Thanks Ladies!

2006 VALLEY FAIR REPORT

The 2006 Hoggs Hollow Olympic Fair was a resounding success in spite of the non-stop rain! Joy and I were amazed and touched at the support shown by our neighbours who came out wearing smiles and rain gear to enjoy a great day under the tent. We tried a few different

things this year such as the balloon auction and the 5K Run and were glad to see that they were well received.

Many thanks are due to all our neighbours who contributed prizes towards our annual auction, your donations were much appreciated. To all those generous people who bid on those wonderful items – thank you, thank you, thank you! The auction is the only fundraiser for the fair and your participation in the annual auction not only pays for the fair, but helps offset the costs of many NAG events throughout the year.

A special thank you goes out to Colin Kinnear of Bosley Real Estate, Joy Verde of Re/Max Hallmark Realty and Paula & Vicko von Stedingk of Chestnut Park Real Estate for their generous donations.

Thank you also to Frank Bowman and the YMVA for their unending support, both leading up to and during the Fair itself.

At this point we'd also like to thank our committee members for all their hard work! In no particular order: Michele Hopper, Laura and Norm Lamarche, Stephanie Coffey, Joel Rosenthal, Sherry D'Costa, Lisa Barney, Susanne Holland, Priti Kawale, Christine Acconcia, Karen Trimmer and Peter Weiss, Jill Haythornthwaite, Pugs Morrison, Katie McLean, Perry Lupyrypa, Dale Hewat, Betty Kneis, Kelly Alkier, Leanne Lewis, Carolyn Clarke, Danielle Lichong, Jan Kosick, Alison Rochon, Leslie Corrigan and Albina Huang we heartily thank you! The Fair would not have been the success it was without you!

I would also like to add a personal note here. Anyone who attended the dinner this summer heard that after 5 years, I have decided to step down from my position as fair co-chair. I would like to thank the committed people who volunteer every year to be on the planning committee. They truly do all the hard work and running around and without them we wouldn't have such a fun day with which to start off the summer. Thanks also go out the valley residents in general for supporting the fair in coming out year after year. It was an indescribable feeling to watch everyone crowded under that tent wearing dripping rain gear but still having such an obviously great time! It says a lot about the camaraderie we all share while living in such a special neighbourhood.

At the time of publication there is no one to chair/co-chair the 2007 fair. Please consider doing it. There is a core of people who volunteer on the committee every year, so the job is not a hard one, just a lot of phone calls and emails. If you are at all interested, or even thinking about it, please feel free to contact Chris Rosenthal at 482-6666 or Susanne Holland at 485-2218 to discuss the fair.

Your Fair Co-Chairs
Christine Rosenthal and Joy Verde

And an extra special thank you....

to Peter Weiss, Laura Lamarche and the Valley Fair Clean up Crew. This year was a particularly time consuming and unpleasant fair clean up. Animals got into the food garbage overnight and made a huge mess. Also, many attendees brought glassware to the park

which was not taken back home or properly disposed of. Unfortunately by the time the crew returned to the park for cleanup the next morning, much of the glass was broken on the ground. This made for a treacherous and slow clean up.

Next year the Valley Fair Committee will ensure that more recycling bins are made available at the Fair. However, this is a good time to remind everyone that our parks are used regularly year round so if you take items into the park please dispose of them properly or, ideally, take them back home with you.



ENVIRONMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION NOTES

By: Christine Acconcia
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Wildlife has always been a part of life in the Valley. We wanted to share our excitement in seeing a majestic Peregrine Falcon and a Black-capped Night Heron in our backyard this summer. The peregrine falcon, once numerous throughout North America is presently on the list of endangered species in both Canada and the United States since 1970. This is due to the effects of chemical pesticides such as DDT (which have been banned in the US and Canada). The Peregrine is a species at risk in Canada. Adult males are 38 to 46 cm long and weigh about 570 g. Their most reliable distinguishing features are the blackish cheek stripe below the eye and the dark bluish-grey or slate-coloured crown, back, and upper surface of the wings. The throat is white and the under parts are white with

blackish brown bars on the sides, thighs, abdomen, under wings, tail and lower breast area. We stared at it for over 45 minutes and it followed us around as we were taking pictures and a video. Then suddenly it was gone.

The Black Crowned Night Heron is a long-legged wader, standing 23-28 inches tall with a wingspan of 45 inches, looks more like a gray and white penguin than a typical heron. The Night Heron has a heavy grey and white, chunky body, short thick neck, short legs and heavy, sharply pointed, black bill. He comes to roost in a tree over the Don around 2:30pm every day. He stays unnaturally still until dusk and flies off to hunt in the Don. Though we only saw the falcon once, the heron has been a regular visitor. Hopefully they will consider the Valley their home for many years to come. This would be a sign that the river is cleaner and that the wildlife is returning to Hoggs Hollow.



VALLEY CRIME REPORT

By: Pinky Franklin

There is one incident to report since our last update:

On May 9 there was a break and enter on Donwoods Drive. Entry was gained through a rear sliding door. Cash and jewellery were stolen.

Although we do not endorse particular web sites, residents may want to check out www.crimedoctor.com which offers wide ranging advice on crime prevention.

A MESSAGE TO DOG WALKERS

Increasingly the YMVA has been receiving complaints about dog waste. We remind dog walkers to clean up after their dog. Also, as tempting as it may be, please do not put your dog's waste into other people's garbage bins or leaf bags. As loveable as your dog may be, no one else wants have to handle your dog's deposits. Thank you!



OUTDOOR LIVING TOUR

Congratulations to Eunice Lumsden and her team from the Toronto Symphony Volunteer Committee for the successful Outdoor Living Tour held in The Valley on July 22nd. Many Valley residents and TSO supporters had a unique opportunity to visit private gardens in the Valley. As Valley resident Marg Wilkinson noted: "It made us appreciate that we are privileged to be living in such a beautiful spot and we should do everything we can to preserve its character".



A NOTE OF THANKS

Earlier in the summer, portions of a movie were filmed at the home of Pam Spence. Recognizing that filming, with its attendant trucks and staff can cause some inconvenience to the neighbourhood, Pam negotiated to have the film company make a \$1,000.00 donation to the YMVA. This money will be used to benefit the neighbourhood in a variety of ways. We encourage individuals who are renting their homes to film companies to

consider negotiating a similar arrangement. For more information, please contact Frank Bowman (416-489-2456).

NEWSLETTER NOTES

One of the most important communication tools our association has are its regular newsletters. With the world going increasingly electronic, neighbours tell us they appreciate the old fashioned and personal feel of a hand delivered newsletter. In order to maintain this service we need volunteers to help with delivery. Whether you are able to deliver newsletters once a year or you are available to deliver every issue, it is a small time commitment (typically less than 1 hour per issue) and it is a lovely opportunity to stroll through a section of the Valley. To join the team, please contact Christine Gibson at 322-6042.

YMVA WEB SITE

Just a quick reminder that the YMVA web site address is: www.hoggshollow.net. Thanks to Steve Neil, the web site is frequently updated with current newsletters and other items of interest to Valley residents. If you misplace your newsletter and you need some contact information just visit the website.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT

The City is asking Toronto residents for their input on Toronto's waste management. For more information on this consultation, including meeting times and locations, please visit www.torontoceat.org.

