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Roads and Traffic:

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At last, spring is in the air! Trees and plants are budding, children are playing out-of-doors, and pedestrians and cyclists are out in increasing numbers to enjoy our beautiful Valley.

For the comfort and safety of Valley residents and visitors, we encourage all Valley drivers to be extra mindful of speed limits and road safety. Also, this is an excellent time of year for Moms and Dads to remind children about road safety, and for parents of younger drivers to remind their kids about the importance of observing slower driving speeds in the neighbourhood.

The Roads and Traffic Committee wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable spring and summer!

Stormwater Management and Road Improvement Project:

Although the exact timing for the start of construction for The Valley's Stormwater Management and Road Improvement Project had not been set at press time, it is expected to begin in late summer. Prior to the start of construction, The City will be hosting a community information meeting to present their road design plans. Following this

meeting the project will go to tender and shortly thereafter, construction will begin.

The YMVA Roads and Traffic Committee is doing its best to work toward a positive outcome for this important project and we regularly communicate with The City.

Over the past four months, the YMVA conducted several surveys and on-street meetings with area residents as the project's design phase got underway. The content of the surveys varied as appropriate by street, with a more detailed survey going to Priority Area A residents.

Although the focus of the surveys and on-street meetings was primarily related to preferences in road design, (e.g. parking, road width and curb style) it also became a forum for residents to raise concerns and issues related to the project. Fortunately, Valley residents are an engaged group and the feedback was very helpful and was forwarded, verbatim, to The City.

One thing that became clear was that a number of residents in some areas of Priority Area A had concerns regarding project engineering related to stormwater management issues. We have asked The City to hold a meeting to specifically address these concerns with Priority Area A residents. We understand that the City will be sending out notices for this meeting in the near future.

Also, as promised, Each street in Priority Area A will get a copy of the survey results for their street under separate cover.

The following is the raw data results for the curb style question which went out to all residents who will be affected by road work:

Total Questionnaires Delivered:

351

Total Responses:

144 (41%)

Preferences:

Total Combined Votes for Alternatives #1 and #3

(Variations on Shallow Concrete Curb) 52.5 (36%)

Total Votes for Alternative #2 ('Typical' 15cm Concrete Curb)

7.5 (5%)

Total Votes for Alternative #4 (Stone Curb)

84 (58%)

Please note that as some of our paperwork is at The City at present, we can only provide the total combined votes for alternatives 1 & 3 in this newsletter. The City does have the votes broken down in more detail and we will post the results for #1 & #3 in future.

In addition to providing resident feedback to The City we will be taking the design and engineering staff on a detailed neighbourhood tour in the next week or so. The purpose of this tour will be to ensure that unique street features and issues are fully considered by City staff.

At that point, all input will be filtered through the requirements of The City's engineers and road design protocols.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the surveys. Also, special kudos go out to all who joined us on that very cold Saturday in late January, for the on-street meetings. We also extend a thank you to Councillor Cliff Jenkins who came to all of the Saturday meetings and who continues to work diligently with us on this project.

Joe's team:

By: *Katie McLean*
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One of our neighbours, Joe Finley of 2 St. Margarets, is doing something amazing!

Joe is working with Princess Margaret hospital to raise \$500,000 to support a special cancer research project. The project is called Translational research and its purpose is to determine what causes cancer and how to stop it at a cellular level.

Joe just finished a two year battle with cancer. His treatment forced him to take a significant amount time off work and left him emaciated at 118 pounds. Incredibly, shortly after he completed his treatment, he did a triathlon in Brockville last August.

Joe then set a new, even more ambitious goal for himself. His dream was to do it

again this year but with a team of 100 people and with a goal to raise money for a significant project for cancer research. Princess Margaret hospital has embraced Joe's idea and together they created "Joe's Team". This is a group of people that will do the Gravenhurst HSBC Triathlon on Lake Muskoka on July 15th. More than a dozen Hogg's Hollow residents have signed on as members of "Joe's Team" making his team 82 strong so far, as he works toward his goal of having 100 team members.

I am inspired by the fact that he is doing this and I am proud that he is a neighbour of mine. Would you like to get involved? You can check out "Joe's Team" at www.joesteam.ca. You can be a team member, you can sponsor Joe or you can sponsor any of your neighbours that are on "Joe's Team" by going to the website or calling me directly:
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Construction and Leaf Blower Noise:

By Barbara Wilkes

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As we head back into prime gardening and construction months, we would like to remind residents about The City's noise By-laws:

Construction, delivery, and gardening noise is allowed from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

A particular complaint that the YMVA has gotten in the past is related to noise generated by heavy construction trucks coming into the valley for deliveries or pick-ups before 7:00 a.m. In particular, the automatic beeping when these trucks are in reverse is disruptive and is specifically against the city's by-laws if it outside of the designated times.

If you have work being done on your property, please consider your neighbours and try ensure that your service companies comply with city by-laws. If you have a noise complaint, you can call the by-law officer at 416-395-7003.

YMVA History and Archive Committee:

By: Leanne Lewis

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At a recent YMVA Board Meeting, it was decided that the YMVA would establish a history and archive committee. The mandate of this committee is to keep the walking tour up to date (thank you to those who have offered updates from our last newsletter), to keep a current history of The Valley, and to gather and organize photos

and Valley documents e.g. past newsletters etc.

If you have anything items or stories that you would like to forward to the committee, please contact Leanne Lewis (416-485-0959, leannelewis@rogers.com).

Valley Crime Watch:

By: Penny O'Rourke

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There were two break and enters reported since the last newsletter.

In early March in an incident on Donwoods Drive, the victim, who was not at home, was contacted by their alarm company because their home alarm had been activated. When the homeowner returned home it was clear that the front door had been pried open. The police attended and it was determined that the second floor bedrooms had been ransacked and a large quantity of jewellery had been stolen.

In mid-March unknown suspects smashed a window in a rear door of a home on St. Margarets Drive and then unlocked the deadbolt. The home alarm was set off and security was dispatched. The suspects were no longer on scene and nothing was taken.

If you have any information for the Crime Report, please contact Penny O'Rourke at 416-486-5060 or porourke21@rogers.com.

Valley Clean Up Update:

By: Christine Acconcia

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April 21st was a gloriously sunny day to do some cleaning! About 30 people came out to help. MPP, Kathleen Wynne joined us and brought some volunteers. Some who

came don't live in The Valley, but enjoy walking here.

With little helpers and big helpers we filled 40 yellow garbage bags. Everyone chipped in for 2 -3 hours and it made a huge difference.

A big thank you to everyone who came out! Let's try and keep our beautiful Valley clean year round by picking up litter when you come across it. (Now if we could only inspire the construction workers to clean up after themselves!)

Newsletter Notes:

*By: Leanne Lewis
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As this will be my last newsletter as editor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted in the publishing of the newsletter over the past few years. It has been a privilege working with the committed neighbours associated with the YMVA Board, NAG and The Valley Fair. As a relative newcomer to The Valley, acting as newsletter editor has given me an even fuller appreciation of just how special our neighbourhood this is.

Also, on behalf of past Communications Chair, Christine Gibson and myself, we would like to thank the folks who have been so helpful in delivering the newsletter:

Christine Acconcia, Kelly Alkier, Tim and Jane Bates, Lisa Barney, Frank Bowman, Carolyn Clark, Stephanie Coffey, Linne Dobbin, Dale Hewitt, Andrea Knutson, Jan Kosick, Debbie Neil, Louise Sugar, and Barbara Wilkes



NAG ACTIVITIES

*By: NAG Co Chairs
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Please check notice boards to confirm event times and locations.

Kid's Spring Fling:

Date: Sunday, May 6th (rain date – Saturday, May 26th)
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. in the park with the swings
Call: Chris Rosenthal (416) 482-6666

This is a fun way to spend some time with your kids together in the park. We'll do a few crafts, enjoy some outdoor games and maybe do some spring planting! Bike on over, bring your blanket and maybe a picnic lunch to stay on to have fun with your neighbours in our beautiful park. Get rid of those winter blues and welcome the warm weather.

Poster Party:

Date: Sunday May 13th – Jill and Luigi's house

See the Valley Fair Flyer attached for details.

NAG Pot-Luck Luncheon:

Date: Thursday, May 24th
Time: 12:30 pm.
Place: Stephanie's house – 14 Ivor Road
Call: Michele (416) 932-9198

Let's get together one last time before the summer takes us in all those different directions. Bring a favourite dish for all to share and come spend an afternoon lunch with friends. **Everyone** welcome!

California Wine Tasting Evening:



Date: Thursday, June 14
Time: 7:00pm.
Place: Michelle & Bruce's house – 86 Donwoods Dr.
Cost: \$85
Call: Louise Sugar (416) 483-6614

Back by popular demand, you are once again invited to a fabulous evening of fine wine, great food and incredible people. This will be hosted at the beautiful home of Michelle Mondville & Bruce Shaw. Come taste a selection of wines from California and learn a little more about them. It will be a "stand and mingle" format. This is a great way to start the summer with neighbourhood friends.

As this event sells out quickly, be sure to call Louise to reserve your tickets soon.

Welcome Party:

Are you new to the Valley? Have you moved in within the past 2 years? If so, let us know. We want to be able to have you to our Welcome Party in the Fall. We are in the planning stages of this evening, set to take place this September. Please contact **Debbie Neil** (416) 488-7690 if you are a new resident so that we make sure to include you!

Valley Fair Meeting:

Any one interested or already involved with the fair this year, please come for a final "do we have everything covered" meeting. The meeting will take place on Wed. May 9th at 8:00 p.m. at 14 Knightswood Rd. Hope to see you there!

Thanks:

A big **thanks you** to all of you who have stepped up to help with the Valley Fair. We could not do it with out you and the team is strong! Thank you Leslie Corrigan and Lisa Barney for a GREAT skating party! It was well attended and a lot of fun.

Also, a huge thanks to the Lamarche's for leading the effort in maintaining the rink. This year the help was particularly thin and we would like to encourage parents to help out next season. The City provides the water and the hose, but we need to supply the manpower. If we have enough volunteers we can create teams of 3 to spend an hour a week to flood and clear the rink whenever necessary. We need your help. Please give it some thought and let Christine Acconcia (cacconcia@rogers.com) know if you can be approached in November.

Have a great summer everyone!



