



YMVA Newsletter

Website: www.hoggshollow.net

Membership

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The 2017 membership drive for the York Mills Valley Rate Payers Association (YMVA) was launched September 3rd and will run until October 30th. We look for your ongoing support to maintain our strong presence within the community. Thank-you to those of you that who have already registered to become a member.

**It is easy to renew or become a member by
registering online at our YMVA website
www.hoggshollow.net**

The mandate of the YMVA is to represent our resident's interests to the City. Our rate payers' association has been in place for over 75 years and has developed many strong relationships that we continue to leverage in our attempts to preserve the uniqueness of this community.

The YMVA ensures regular communication of neighbourhood news through our Annual General Meeting (AGM), regular newsletters, blast emails and the YMVA website.

The Board also prepares and distributes the annual Valley Directory, supports the Neighbourhood Activities Group (NAG), welcomes new neighbours and MOST IMPORTANTLY, is the key contact with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), Counsellors, and many other City departments.

The benefits of YMVA Membership include:

- The right to vote at the AGM, which will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. Members will receive the meeting information package ahead of time.

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YMVA Membership Form**

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- Covers costs that arise when dealing with Stormwater Management and Road Improvements.
- Helps other Rate Payer Associations fight development issues with the OMB.
- Subsidizes neighbourhood activities, such as The Valley Fair.
- Covers operating costs of the YMVA.
- Stays actively involved with pursuing the communities' beautification plans

Membership = Community

The YMVA website membership page allows for easy on-line membership sign-ups via STRIPE, a safe, secure and user-friendly service provider. As always, The YMVA will continue to keep all email information confidential and your home address and contact information will only be published in the Valley Directory with your permission. The annual membership fee is \$50. For over 15 years, we have avoided increasing the membership dues, despite increasing expenses. To continue to avoid raising fees, we need to maximize participation.

To renew or become a member please visit <https://hoggshollow.net/membership/register>

Please note – we are encouraging all YMVA members to register online. If you are not able to register online, a paper form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Communications

*By: Jennifer Fortier
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Thank you to Linne Dobbin, Cynthia Goodchild, Marcy Frew and their families for taking on the role of making up our community posters again this year. We have two poster boards, one at the corner of Mill Street and Old Yonge Street and the 2nd at Doncliffe Place and

Doncliffe Drive. The posters are a great reminder of the up-coming events.

Thank you also to Paula Dhillon and her team for getting the YMVA Newsletter delivered to every neighbour's mailbox a few times a year.

The YMVA Executives and different committee members do their best to get all the information ready for the Newsletter. Sometimes information comes available after it has already gone to print and delivered. In these cases you can expect an email from York Mills Valley Association at the beginning of the month with the most up to date information and reminders of events. If you are not receiving the monthly email please contact Jennifer Fortier at jennifer.fortier@rogers.com

The Website is available for all to peruse. It is updated to represent the information that goes out in the Newsletter. It is also a wealth of information about the YMVA, Membership and Community Safety. Go to www.hoggshollow.net

Street Reps and Welcome Committee

*By: Perry Lupyrypa, Noreen Peroff and Jennifer Fortier
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Please allow us to introduce and thank our YMVA Street Reps. These vital volunteers are our street level eyes and ears of the YMVA and are responsible for welcoming new members; assisting with the annual YMVA membership drive; and act as a conduit between you and the YMVA board members. They may not have all the answers, but can help direct you where to go. We are very grateful for their efforts and support and hope, you too, will thank them for helping to make our community welcoming to all neighbours.

Your Membership Team

Brookfield Road - Clare Levy and Marcy Frew
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Scotch Elmway - volunteer spot available

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Winton Road - Paula Dhillon
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Yonge Street (8 homes) - volunteer spot available

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Community Safety

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Over the past few weeks, there have been a number of break-ins in the Valley, reported by neighbours concerned about the safety of our community. I have contacted Officer Howard Clements of 32 Division, who is our liaison with Toronto Police, and he has confirmed that there has been a rash of break-ins in the Valley, and provided additional information and guidance about these. Officer Clements reported that the incidents have been assigned to a major crime detective, who is overseeing the investigation by a group of officers.

Further information on the break-ins: they have happened throughout our neighbourhood, most of these have happened during the day, sometimes when the homeowner was gone for as little as an hour. Most of the entries have been through the back of the house, and the thieves have efficiently ransacked the home looking for cash, jewelry and silver – small items. Even when alarms are on, the perpetrators have managed to leave before the police or security-company arrives.

The people involved in the break-ins are generally well dressed and drive high-end cars to blend into the community. Neighbours have reported seeing a blue grey van in the area around the time of the break-ins, and even more consistently, a black Audi or BMW.

Although the usual recommendation is to call the non-emergency police phone number (416-808-2222), if we see something suspicious, **Officer Clements has said that we are to call 911 if we see someone sitting in a black Audi parked in the neighbourhood**, and indicate that this has been consistently noted in the break-ins in the Valley.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted Ann to let her know about concerns and ongoing events as they unfold. It has been very helpful. It is dreadful to feel unsafe in our homes; hopefully the police will catch the perpetrators soon. In the meantime, let's continue to exercise caution, arm our house alarms and look out for our neighbours.

Environment and Beautification Update

*By: Christine Acconcia
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Our focus this year has been the Millstone Parkette. The city has replaced the 2 wooden benches with a new bench in the Millstone Parkette. We have also been working with a carpenter to design a new shelter over the existing 2 benches which will hopefully be installed in November. This will be funded by the Beautification Fund. Thank you to those who have donated to it over the years.

Enjoy this fantastic Fall weather by walking, running, bicycling or whatever your activity of choice may be through our "country in the city". If your travels take you over the Donino Avenue bridge around Thanksgiving, remember to keep your eyes open for salmon swimming up the West Don. They come every year! Let's hope they come this year. Quite a spectacle to admire!

Roads Construction Update

*By: Louise Sugar
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Green Valley Road, York Valley Crescent and Old Yonge St

- The City is in the final stage of the negotiation with the Rosedale Golf Club for the acquisition of the easement inside the Golf club. The City has modified the design of the outfall as requested by TRCA and The Golf club.

- The plan is to start the construction of the outfall and the section of the storm sewer inside the Rosedale golf club this winter and finish this work inside the golf club before April 15, 2018.
- The reconstruction of the road and storm sewer is planned to take place from April to September 2018

Brookfield Rd and Donino Avenue

- The City is in the process of updating and submitting to MOECC the Environmental Assessment of the Hogg's Hollow area done in 2005 in order to consider changes in the layout of the proposed storm sewer that includes a section of the storm sewer that goes from the Brookfield Park to Plymbridge Cres.
- It is estimated that the MOECC review process will take several months.
- The reconstruction of the road and storm sewer is currently planned to take place from April to September 2019. The YMVA Board is working with the City to ensure that traffic calming measures are built into the plan, at the time of construction.

N.A.G. Update

(Neighbourhood Activities Group)

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2017/2018 Valley Events

Welcome to another fun year of activities in the Hollow! Thank you to those who attended our first meeting in September and are taking on coordinating roles. Our Events and Groups are being organized, however it is never too late to step up, get involved and help us build community spirit.

We are still looking for one or two leaders to help co-chair the N.A.G. Committee. There are

typically 2 meetings a year, open to all neighbours that would like to be involved in planning our social events. There is a strong network of community willing to help. If you have some new ideas or simply want to help lead, please be in touch.

Valley Walking Group

Friday mornings at 9:00 am
Meeting Spot: Millstone Parkette
(corner of Donwoods and Plymbridge)

This is a drop-in group, you are welcome to come when you can; every week or once during the year! No need to RSVP

*Coordinator: Paula Dhillon
dhillon@rogers.com*

Mommy Connections

It's great to be connected with other moms and families in the neighbourhood. If you would like to connect for walks, playdates or to meet at the park please contact one of the coordinators.

*Coordinators: Morgan Donaldson and Livia Grujich
donaldson.morgan@gmail.com;
livia@onqcommunications.ca*

Valley Dinner Club

This is a great way to meet new neighbours and become more acquainted with long-time residents, and it's a lot of fun! All is very simple, and you don't need to be a "gourmet" cook to enjoy the company of others.

Format:

4 couples get together every 2nd month starting in November or December and alternate dinners at each other's homes. The host couple supplies the main course. While the other 3 couples take turns bringing hors d'oeuvres, first course and dessert. All couples bring a bottle of wine!

To sign-up for Dinner Club you can either email Trudy or fill out the paper form attached to the end of this newsletter. Please drop it off at 97 Donwoods Drive.

*Coordinators: Trudy Young
jtyoung@rogers.com or fax: 416-481-7564*

Urban Stroll

Friday, October 6th at 9:00 am
Meeting Spot: Millstone Parkette
(corner of Donwoods and Plymbridge)

On the first Friday morning of the month a group of neighbours will carpool to an amazing area (other than our neighbourhood) to stroll and enjoy what our city has to offer ...and then go for coffee or maybe on occasion lunch! Our first stroll will be along the Don Valley Evergreen Brickworks, starting from Chorley Park. There is free parking along Douglas Drive. The full walking loop is just under an hour, approx. 4km. There is a second stroll that can be added if the group that day would like to extend the stroll. There is a lovely café for coffee at Brickworks to enjoy after our stroll. Be sure to have a camera since the changing fall leaves should be spectacular. Please contact Tamara to arrange carpool and determine how many people will need to drive to our destination or if you will meet us there.

*Coordinator: Tamara Angelides
tamara.angelides@gmail.com*

Mahjong (play and learn to play)

Friday, October 27th at 9:30 am
2 Hedgewood Road (up top, off York Mills)
Host: Tamara Angelides

Mahjong is a game that originated in China. Four players collect tiles with similar pictures and numbers, the player who has collected the maximum number of sets is the winner. Tamara will be hosting and teaching the Standard American version of Mahjong. There are 8 spots available to have 2 games going at the same

time. Those who know the game or have had a few lessons are teamed with beginners when there are less than 8 people. Please RSVP for this session or future sessions, the link is on the website, www.hogshollow.net

*Coordinator: Jennifer Fortier
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Urban Stroll #2

Friday, November 3th at 9:00 am
Meeting Spot: Millstone Parkette
(corner of Donwoods and Plymbridge)

The second stroll is being planned for Riverdale or Cabbagetown area. The plans will be confirmed after the Evergreen Brickworks stroll. If you are not able to make the first stroll and would like to be kept in the loop for future strolls, please contact Tamara.

*Coordinator: Tamara Angelides
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Fall Social – SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm
Miller Tavern (corner of Yonge and Mill St.)
Tickets: \$40 / YMVA Members
\$45 / non-YMVA Member

Join your neighbours and friends in the heart of Hogg's Hollow at the Miller Tavern for our neighbourhood Fall Social. Your ticket will cover the first 2 drinks and a selection of appetizers. The Social is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with friends and neighbours and possibly meet some new ones! We look forward to seeing you.

*Coordinator: Annie Katsiris
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To **RSVP** for this year's Fall Social, please drop off your cheque (**payable to NAG YMVA**) at 79 Plymbridge Road **by October 31st**.

Please include names of attendees on your cheque or in a note.

Book Group

Thursday, November 16th, 9:30 am
10 Cole Millway
Host: Heather Ferguson

Book: **Wonder by R. J. Palacio**

R. J. Palacio has written a warm, uplifting story that will have readers laughing one minute and wiping away tears the next. With wonderfully realistic family interactions (flawed, but loving), lively school scenes, and short chapters, Wonder is accessible to readers of all levels. Although most of us would love to always finish the book on our reading list, know that book club is an opportunity to enjoy the company of one another. It is never mandatory to have read the book, many times the discussion is so far reaching everyone has something share.

*Coordinator: Heather Ferguson
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Movie Night

Friday, November 17th
Theatre TBD

Wonder (the film) is a family comedy-drama directed by Stephen Chbosky and written by Steve Conrad based on the 2012 novel of the same name by R.J. Palacio. The film stars Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson as the parents of a young boy struggling to overcome a facial difference, portrayed by Jacob Tremblay. More details will be shared in the November email.

*Coordinator: Jennifer Fortier
jennifer.fortier@rogers.com*

Holiday Carolling

Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 pm
Millstone Park (corner of Donwoods and Plymbridge)

The Salvation Army band will lead our voices while we sing our treasured Christmas holiday songs. Enjoy a hot chocolate and other treats

with Hollow friends and families. Professional singing experience not required!

*Coordinator: Brett Lagamba
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Cookie Exchange

Wednesday, December 13th at 8:00 pm
15 Knightswood Road
Host: Chris and Joel Rosenthal

Bake 6 to 9 dozen of the same cookie and you go home with 6 to 9 dozen different cookies....yummy and perfect if you're entertaining over the holidays! Everyone is welcome....even the non-bakers!

*Coordinator: Annie Katsiris
anniekatsiris@hotmail.com*

Pot Luck Luncheon

Thursday, January 18th, 2018 at 12 noon
77 Plymbridge Road
Host: Vanessa Torokvei

Bring your favourite dish to share and enjoy a lovely afternoon with friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome.

*Coordinator: Clare Levy
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Ice Rink in Brookfield Park Skating Party in or out of the Hood!

Let's all hope Mother Nature is kind and gives us perfect conditions to make a rink in Brookfield Park. Last year we had no choice but to venture out of the hood for our annual Skating Party, thank you to Emily McKeown for coordinating the event.

If you would like to help build up and maintain the Brookfield rink, please let your interest be known to any of the board members. Details of a skating party will come out in the New Year.

Hogg's Hollow Valley Fair Wrap Up!

*2017 Valley Fair Chair: Annie Katsiris
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A very big, heartfelt THANK YOU to all who participated in our annual Valley Fair held on June 3rd. Mother Nature favoured us with a gorgeous sunny day and the fun never stopped! We started with the Pet Parade beginning at the Millstone Park led by guest attendee Rob Oliphant wearing our custom designed Hogg's Hollow Canada 150 t-shirt. The parade wound its waggy way to the Brookfield Fair grounds for our first special event, the annual Pet Show. Thank you to Aiden Lupyrypa for being such a great MC and many thanks to our impartial judges, Doug McCutcheon, Alex Wheeler and Evan Frew. Jennifer Day of Cabbagetown Pet Clinic deserves a special thank you for generously sponsoring the Pet Show, and Perry Lupyrypa and Noreen Peroff for organizing.

Dr. Jennifer Day of Cabbagetown Pet Clinic:



The afternoon Midway was busy with kids, parents, friends and neighbours enjoying themselves. Thank you to Glen Silvestri for organizing the inflatables and the dunk tank which was sponsored by the Giacomelli family. The kids loved it! There were lots of other activities and games for kids of all ages to enjoy thanks to Morgan Donaldson who organized and set them up around the park.

Under the tent, we had our yummy Bake Sale table organized by the amazing Heather Ferguson, with treats generously donated by our Valley chefs. Thank you to Leslie Gage and her family for organizing and managing the Snack Table all afternoon. Big thanks to the talented Brigg's siblings for their wonderful sketches. Thank you to Simone Carlier and her children, Beata and Hugh, for the fun Arts & Crafts. Also, thanks to the McCutcheon's for supplying the LEGO table. A big shout out to our special Hogg's Hollow Ambassador, Lydia Dhillon, for

hosting the lovely tea party at the YMVA membership area set up by the Lupyrypa family.

The family games and races were organized and announced by our dynamic neighbourhood Olympian, Karen Stemmle after an enthusiastic warm up for all with our local private trainer, Amando from Reverence Fitness Studio on Yonge Street. These races have become the highlight of the afternoon thanks to Karen's hard work and enthusiastic commentating Clare Levy designed brilliant logos for the potato sack races and worked tirelessly as Karen's right hand woman.

As the afternoon wound down, the tent was transformed into a fun dining space for the evening's BBQ catered by Strano. While the DJ (organized by Karen) entertained with great music, neighbours were wining, dining and stretching for the annual tug-of-war. Final results! The South men and children won their respective contests but the North women prevailed to avoid a total sweep. Thank you to Chia-Yi Chau for organizing the crew to help set up the tables and chairs and clean up later.

We would be remiss if we did not give a special shout out to the generous support of Paula and Vicko von Stedingk. Although they never ask for acknowledgement of their many years of sponsorship, we must thank them for their wonderful dedication to our community.

Paula and Vicko von Stedingk of Chestnut Park:



Noreen Peroff deserves her own massive round of applause. Not only was she a key sponsor of the Fair, she helped organize the amazing Pet Show which kicked off the day – well done and thank you!

Noreen Peroff of Remax:



Another family that quietly contributes so much but deserves praise for their support is the Clark's. Thank you for generously supporting our community.

Thank you to Andrea Von Konisglow for designing the wonderful Hogg's Hollow/Canada 150 logo.

Andrea Von Konisglow, talented artist:



Thank you to those that volunteered their time and energy to making this day possible. Thanks to Simon Levy for organizing the permits and hanging flags! Vanessa Torokvei for helping with decorations and temporary tattoos. Jennifer Fortier and Paula Dhillon for producing and delivering the Fair Newsletter – we missed you! Huge thanks goes to the poster crew for getting the message out there so creatively! Marcy Frew for helping with the Pet Show, the water for the Dunk Tank and generously helping with clean up Sunday morning despite the downpour! Julian Brandon for lighting our way into the evening with the use of his generator. Thanks to Deb McCutcheon for being the best Treasurer imaginable. Clare Levy for helping with everything! Karen Trimmer and Andrea Knutson – thanks for always lending a hand.

We also must thank the YMVA Board for their steadfast support of our social activities, like the Fair, that give our beloved Hogg's Hollow its unique sense of community.

Please know that all contributions toward the Fair are greatly appreciated and we would like to acknowledge everyone who attended the 2017 Valley Fair and enjoyed the day. The smiles on the faces of kids and adults made it all worthwhile!

Valley Dinner Club

All newcomers to the neighbourhood, this is one amazing opportunity to meet new couples in the valley. We had a very successful year of dinner parties again last season. All is very simple, and you don't need to be a "gourmet" cook to enjoy the company of others and have fun.

Format:

4 couples get together every 2nd month starting in November or December and alternate dinners at each other's homes.

The host couple supplies the main course.

Other couples take turns bring Hors D'Oeuvres, First Course and Dessert.

All couples bring a bottle of wine.

This is a great way to meet new neighbours and become more acquainted with longtime residents, and did we mention it's a lot of fun!

Suggested Dinner Months: *November, January, March, May*



This is a Fun event in the Valley!

----- cut and drop off by October 31st, 2016 -----

Trudy Young

97 Donwoods Drive

Email: jtyoung@rogers.com or fax: 416-481-7564

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____
(please print in capital letters)

Phone # _____

Address: _____

Preferred nights _____

Special requests _____

Please identify food allergies or religious restrictions _____



YMVA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name / Resident(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Members must reside in Hoggs Hollow. Fees fund newsletters, administration, community meetings, and support the on-going efforts to represent community issues. Donations to support the Valley Beautification Fund are appreciated. *Tax receipts cannot be issued.*

Fees: \$50 for one year

Beautification Fund Donation Amount: _____

Payment:

Please visit the Valley Website www.hogghollow.net to register and make a payment.

Or make cheques payable to YMVA and drop off to YMVA Membership, c/o Karen Trimmer, 17 Knightswood Rd

VOLUNTEERS

I would like to volunteer to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood Activities Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment (Park, Trees) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications (Newsletter, Website) | <input type="checkbox"/> External Relations/City Wide Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Website: www.hogghollow.net or please visit us on Facebook.