

Staying Connected

Tanglewood-Hillsdale Community Newsletter December 2018

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Successful Labour Day Corn Roast:

Check out Doug McColeman's photos of residents in attendance at the event on our Facebook page. Thank you to the enthusiastic volunteers under the oversight of Niki Mintenko, Programs & Events Manager (Outdoors). Donations were received from K. Egli, J. Dean, L. Wellings and our vice president G. Kong. Donations in-kind were received from Costco, Fresco, Loblaws and McDaniel grocers. Financial assistance for our fun-filled evening was also received through the City of Ottawa's Civic Events Grant.

Tornado Response: Those in attendance at our annual Recognition Day Luncheon (Nov 10), saluted Leo Parent of Benlea Drive for his innovative response to the loss of power associated with the September 21 tornado. At the Centre and at the Baptist Church, he made ice available for a good will offering. Proceeds were donated to the Red Cross for tornado relief.

Our vice president George Kong visited a number of homes that had been impacted by the storm. While visiting with residents, he provided information on sources of assistance. He also attended the September 29 Disaster Recovery Session at Woodvale Pentecostal Church to remain current on the services available to residents.

On September 24, Councillor K. Egli arranged for a supper to be provided at our Community Centre. Our main means of communication was going door to door. 120 persons attended, thanks to our volunteers and word of mouth.

On November 26, our Board of Directors met with a staff of the City's Forestry Services to discuss replacement of trees in Medhurst Park. In October, the Board made an application for a Civic Event Grant to celebrate Arbour Day at the end of April next year. We hope to plant a commemorative tree in the Medhurst Park with a plaque commemorating the loss of trees in our neighbourhood.

The City's Trees in Trust program is available to those who have lost a City owned tree on the right of way in front or at the side of their home. Residents can call 311 to request a tree.

Program information to replace trees on

Halloween Contest Winners!!

- : Best Single Home: 20 Brockington
- : Best Semidetached: 119 Benlea
- : Best Townhome: 46F Medhurst
- : Best Garden Home: 44/46 Greynam
- : Best Multi Home: 9B/C/D Woodfield
- : Best Sound and Lights: 35A Woodfield
- : Best Interactive Display: 5 Ancroft

private property will be available in the coming months.

The best protection in any emergency is knowing what to do!

Copies of the Red Cross's pamphlet *Be Ready* have been placed on the display shelves of the Centre.

<https://www.redcross.ca/crc/documents/3-1-1-Prepare-Pamphlet.pdf>

Community Garden: Thanks to the steadfast organizing skills of co-ordinator Danilo Orozco, the building equipment and know-how of Bill Blampied and the timely assistance of Avanti Interlocking Stone Ltd, as well as half a dozen other volunteers, six new garden beds were completed in October. At the November Recognition Day Luncheon, the welcomed contribution of all three were acknowledged. This initiative was made possible through a grant from *Just Food Ottawa*. An application to them for assistance with the last six beds will be made in 2019.

A *permaculture workshop* was held at the Centre on October 29. A representative spoke on the ideas of this approach to gardening aimed at our community boxes.

President's Corner

Recognition Luncheon

Recipients of the Neighbourhood Builder Awards were announced for the December 2018 Holiday contest (3), Lawn and Garden contest (8) and Halloween Contest (12). Volunteer of the Year was Andriana McNamara for her key contribution to *Young at Hearts* (4th Monday Afternoon of the month). The Club has been running since 2013. Those in attendance received framed certificates. The group and

individual photos are on Facebook. Photo of their homes and gardens will be on display for a year. Appreciation is extended to those selecting recipients and preparing pictures for display.

Nov. 10 Annual General Meeting

Directors and Managers were thanked for their service to our neighbourhood. For the Year ending September 30, revenue was \$33,201 and Expenses were \$23,417. 61% of our income comes from rental of the Centre, 25% from grants, 8% from program registration and memberships, 5% from event income and 2% from donations. Regarding expenses 48% are for staffing, 28% are related to other Program & Event expenses, 12% is for administration and 8% is for facility maintenance. This year saw the replacement of the roof of the centre. In the coming year, the Association is partnering with the City for a refurbishing of the Kitchen and an external Bulletin Board at Benlea.

We are pleased to welcome Luigi Magone as our new treasurer.

Nepean Trail: Construction activity is still underway. Final asphalt paving is scheduled to be completed in the next couple weeks. The new path sections at Colonnade, Merivale and Woodfield (as well as the new path behind the Emerald Plaza from Birchwood to Meadowlands) will be open to the public mid-December. The path on the west side of Merivale will be winter maintained (because the path replaced the sidewalk). Some minor finishing work, such as topsoil and grass, will be completed in the spring.

Make A Difference Where You Live!

Facility Promoter: As a member of the management team of the Centre, you make know our Programs & Events. More

specifically you design attractive posters and announcements. You assist the Programs and the Events Managers in preparing the Activity Schedule for our Newsletter SC. You prepare posters announcements or text for the Programs Manager (interior) to post on internal and external bulletin boards and on A frames. You post them on Facebook and our Website. Such posters are shared with the Ward Councillor office. You oversee a budget. The commitment is 4 hours a month. Modest stipend is associated with this position.

Secretary: As a member of the Board of Directors, you take and distribute minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board and the quarterly meetings of the Centre's management committee. You sign official documents as required. Examples of minutes: <https://thca.ca/category/thca-meeting-minutes/>

Public Skate Change Room Attendant: As a volunteer, you are a member of the Outdoor Activities team responsible to open and oversee the public skate change room of the **Centre from 4:15 to 5:30** Monday to Friday stating in January and ending March 1 weather permitting. Depending on the number of volunteers interested this would be a two or three day a week commitment. You work primarily with our Rink Supervisor, Jason Ashe. You are at least 17 years old and prepared to obtain a Working with Vulnerable Persons Clearance from the Police. Community Volunteer Hour program applies. Additional hours could be obtained by helping to clear and flood the rink, and volunteering to help at our Winter Carnival.

We need **Back-Up For The Rink** You would be willing to help get the rink back to skating

or we get a large snowfall. You work primarily with our Rink Supervisor, Jason Ashe. This is a paid position.

For more information on immediately available positions please contact Graeme: president@thca.ca

Upcoming Events: All at Centre

Just Food Presentation

Thursday, Dec. 13 6-8pm

Presentation for residents to learn more on the community garden. All are invited!

Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 15 10:30am-12:30pm

Come have fun with Santa and neighbours! Best part it's free! Donations will also be taken for the Food Bank. Thanks to NROCRC for providing cookies to decorate and paying for the crafts and face painting. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided courtesy of Keith Egli. See THCA.ca for more details.

Tanglewood Craft Fair

Sunday, Dec. 16 2-4pm

THCA/TPCC & NROCRC will jointly host a sale of Homemade local crafts & baked goods, free draw, Free entry and free parking. If you want more info or have something to sell, contact activities@thca.ca or rawni@nrocr.org

Tanglewood Winter Family Carnival

Saturday, Jan. 19 1-4pm

- Games on ice & snow
- Horse drawn sleigh ride
- Hot food & drinks (discount for THCA members)

Info to Remember

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Dec. 16 – Craft Fair 2-4pm

Jan. 19 – Winter Carnival 1-4pm

SC Editor: Patrick Peori

Communication to the Newsletter Editor should be addressed to: info@thca.ca

What is THCA?

Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association (THCA) is run by volunteer residents for residents of the community. We aim to support our community in being a desirable, safe place to live.

Some of the ways we do this:

- Organizing seasonal, recreational, and social events.
- Working with the municipal government on the community's behalf.
- Overseeing the community centre.

How you can get involved:

- Participate in various activities at the community centre such as: t-ball, soccer, skating, Tanglewood Tykes.
- Come out to the summer & fall fun days and winter carnival (discounts for members!).
- Beautify your home and the neighbourhood and possibly win one of our Lawn & Garden, Halloween, or Christmas decorating contests!
- Check out the newsletter and website, www.thca.ca, for up-to-date information.

How your membership fees are used:

THCA is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization. All funds received go towards supporting the community and reducing the various costs involved in running and maintaining the community center, its events, and programs. Some of these costs are:

- Recreation and social events like the corn roast and winter carnival.
- Website maintenance and printing the newsletter.
- Promotion in the community.
- Member discounts (THCA membership gets you discounts on food, events, and facility rentals).
- THCA community awards.
- Office supplies.

THCA Membership Registration/Renewal Form (also available on-line)

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Length of Membership (circle one): 1 yr (\$10) or 3 yrs (\$25) Cheques Payable to: Tanglewood-Hillsdale Community Association

Given & Family Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail Address (optional): _____

Names of family members: _____

Check out our website, www.thca.ca and the THCA newsletter, *Staying Connected*, for information on activities and volunteer opportunities to do your part in making our community a pleasant, safe place to live.