

Staying Connected

Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association (THCA)
Newsletter—Spring 2021



Please help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask, stay home if you are feeling sick, and abide by social distancing guidelines.

Arbor Day—Join us online for a virtual Arbor Day event on Sunday, April 24th from 2-4pm. Take pictures of trees as you are out for a walk in the neighbourhood and send them to events@thca.ca for presentation during the event. Tree Ottawa will join us to talk about their Tree Giveaway Program. We will talk about trees and how to protect them. A librarian from Ottawa Public Library will join us to tell us about the New Recovery Program and to read some stories about trees. We will have an artist to lead a painting session.



Email events@tchca.ca to receive a link to join the event, request free materials for the painting session, and information about where to receive a free tree from Tree Ottawa.



Our 20-Minute Neighbourhood—One of THCA's four key messages in characterizing our location is depicting Tanglewood-Hillsdale as a 20-minute neighbourhood. Our eastern boundary is Rydon Place and our western boundary is Woodroffe Ave. If we use the Baptist Church as the center of the neighbourhood, and walkability to locations as a distinguishing attribute, the east sector has a well of resources, including a high school. If we consider the west sector, it's less so, but it is nearest to a range of health professional offices including a

pharmacy. Check out the 36 "enterprises" of our Business Directory that are within walking distance. Don't forget the Sportsplex! (Post Covid-19).

Tanglewood-Hillsdale has been selected as one of four Ottawa neighbourhoods that has the potential of evolving into a 15 minute neighbourhood. To be clear, the Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability Inc. has applied for a grant from the Federal Government to advance this project in the four locations. In the Ottawa of the Future, being recognized as a 15-minute Neighbourhood would place those locations as meeting the Gold Standard.



The mission of the Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association (THCA) is to enhance the quality of life, to promote community spirit, to represent the views of its membership, and to participate in charitable, educational and recreational activities.

Stay Connected with the THCA

—Visit our website at www.thca.ca

—Follow us on Facebook to www.facebook.com/thcadotca

—Contact the THCA President at president@thca.ca

—Contact the Staying Connected Editor at editor@thca.ca

—Contact the Facility Manager (to rent space at the Tanglewood Community Centre) at: rentals@thca.ca

INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS & UPDATES



2021 Winter Audit—The THCA completed its Winter Audit, reviewing Community Mail Boxes, Fire Hydrants, and Potholes.

With respect to the 50+ Mail Boxes, the Association communicated with Canada Post through MP Chandra Arya's office. We had been told of a community member falling at a box site because the icy pad was not properly sanded. The THCA was also concerned about mail carriers being able to access the mailboxes as well as the amount of snow and icy surrounding sidewalks at two specific locations. Beginning this year, these two sites will be cleared.

With respect to Fire Hydrants, yellow flags were found in all but one site. Access to hydrants located on resident properties were not always kept cleared. If there is a fire hydrant on your property, it is your responsibility to keep it clear of obstruction such as snow. Should you be not able to clear 1.5

meters around the hydrant, call 311 and that hydrant will be put on the list of sites for the City to clear. Send a photo of your effort to hydrants@ottawa.ca and receive a certificate! Call the same number if you observe a leaking or otherwise damaged hydrant. A reminder will be published next fall/winter regarding this service.

The audit of potholes in the community was performed by George Kong. George located 24 areas of concern and recommended the City of Ottawa action them immediately. Within 24 hours, the City had responded to the requests and repaired the identified potholes and cracks along Tanglewood-Hillsdale roads. George and the rest of the THCA was very impressed by this service and recommend that community members continue to report any new potholes through the City of Ottawa website at www.ottawa.ca.

Medhurst Park Renovation—The public consultation has been concluded for the redesign of the basketball court. Suggestions from our neighbours were positively received. In March, the THCA honoured its pledge of \$10,000 towards the funding of this project. The next step is to go to tender. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the fall of 2021. Another improvement for Medhurst Park will be the marking of handicap parking spaces in the park's parking lot. This will also ensure wheelchair access to both benches adjacent to the popular volleyball court. With this designation, the outstanding request for an expansion of the parking lot becomes more urgent.

Residents of Dalehurst, Lavone, and Strathearn, we continue to support a pathway into the Park in the Hydro One corridor. One of our local businesses has provided a cost estimate. We will advance the conversation with the city, Hydro One, and potential funders. This leached park is home to walking circuit, a play structure, two ball diamonds, a volleyball and basketball court and a soccer pitch.

The circular pathway's refurbishment has been placed on the City to-do list. With that we envisage a lighted year-round pathway from Medhurst Dr. to Woodfield Dr. and the bus stops adjacent to Lansfield Way.



Help keep our community safe.

When using the Tanglewood Park ball courts, please wear a mask and keep 6 feet/2 meters apart from people you don't live with.

Tanglewood Park—Off-Street parking is currently limited for those attending events such as Music in the Park, Movies in the Park, the Annual Corn Roast, and Carnival. While overflow parking for events can be directed to behind the Brick, it is not available for general Community Centre and Ball Court users. To fix this, the THCA is requesting that in next year's budget, the City expand the parking lot by six spaces.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Children's Timbits Soccer—Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 7:30pm between May 4 to August 10 (15 weeks). Learn the basics of soccer! For children aged 4 to 10 years in the field near the Community Center. Timbits will provide balls and uniforms for each child. **Cost:** \$21.00 (THCA members), \$25.00 (Non-Members). To register, go to <https://thca.ca/programs-and-activities/tpcc-run-programs/> or call Niki at (613) 224-6815.

Suzuki Violin Lessons—Saturdays at 1pm and 3pm. Group and private violin lessons with Sara. Register by contacting Sara Mastrangelo at (613) 798-6264 or senns@hotmail.com.

Nepean Rideau Osgoode Community Resource Centre (NROCRC) 55+ Seniors Virtual Program—Mondays from 4 - 6pm and Tuesdays & Fridays from 2 - 4pm. Exercise, socialize, and activities with other seniors. For registration and Zoom details, please call Zeba at (343) 572-2474 or email ztaj@nrocc.org.

COMMUNITY GROUP & VOLUNTEER NEWS

Interior Programs Manager—This position is great for university students, retirees, or anyone looking to do more with their spare time! This position involves a commitment of approximately nine hours per month. In this position you would be responsible for organizing indoor or online programs (coordinating events with facility management, promotions, hiring instructors, etc.), creating content for posters, and attending quarterly meetings. This position offers the ability to work from home, a quarterly gratuity of \$180.00, and colleagues who are supportive! The ideal candidate will have basic computer skills, show strong initiative, and have above average communication skills (oral and written). If you'd like to make a difference in your community and are interested in this position, please send your resume to president@thca.ca

Young at Heart 55+ on Zoom

Join our monthly sessions and meet other seniors in your neighbourhood. Takes place on fourth Monday of every month between 10am - 12pm. To register, call Rana at (613) 596-5626 or email rawni@nrocc.org.

Online Seniors Chair Exercise (*Webex needed*)

Monday to Thursday from 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Contact Savita at (613) 226-5461 to register.

Monkey Rock Music (*Zoom needed*)

Participate and sing fun songs with your toddler. Go to [monkeyrockmu-](http://monkeyrockmusic.com)



sic.com to register.

Christ Kingdom Fellowship—Sundays from 3pm - 6 pm. For more information about this service contact Matthew Kalaiselvam Thiruvengadam at (613) 889-5831 or mathewbensy22@yahoo.com.

Check out the THCA website at www.thca.ca/covid-online-3rd-part-programs to check out all of the other virtual programs you can join.

Community Garden News — Gardening season is just around the corner. If you are interested in renting a garden plot, contact Allen at tanglewoodgarden@thca.ca.



Garden plots cost \$21 (THCA members) or \$25 (non-members). More information will be available to those who apply as we get closer to planting season.

Emergency Preparedness Week—The first week of May is Emergency Preparedness Week. Visit the City of Ottawa website at www.ottawa.ca for more preparedness tips and information. Make a plan, build a kit, and stay informed.

Community Rink Season Summary

The 2021 Tanglewood Park community rink season operated from January 10 to February 26 for a total of 41 days. Due to Covid-19, safety measures were implemented. Pleasure skating was popular on our oversized 6,600 square foot rink surrounded by snow banks. Many families enjoyed the rink this year using the early learner skating frames and benches located around the rink. Hockey sticks were allowed after February 16th on the larger boarded rink. Family Day was the second busiest day of the season. We thank our rink operator Matt Budd-Kenny and his assistant Jason Ashe for their commitment to preparing and maintaining our rink for your winter enjoyment. We thank Don Cornwell for volunteering to operate the snowblower.



Holiday Decoration Contest Winners for 2020 Season

Thank you to all those who took the time to make their spaces extra festive this winter. Below are this year's winners:

Best Single Home - 49 Medhurst Dr.

Best Semi-Detached Home - 9 & 11 Benlea Dr.

Best Tree - 49 Kidgrove Gdns.

Best Garden Home - 78B Brockington Cres. and 42F Benlea Dr. (TIED)

Best Townhome - 59D Woodfield Dr.

Two-some Townhomes - 47A and 47B Woodfield Dr.

THCA Membership Registration/Renewal Form

Our Community is a desired location to live, with a progressive Association recognized as a leader in the Ward and the City. That is because of dedicated, imaginative volunteers. Show them your encouragement and financial support by being a member.

If you're an existing THCA member looking to renew your membership, or are interested in becoming a member, please visit the THCA website at <https://thca.ca/join-us/>, or fill out the form below. Completed forms and payments (cash/cheque payable to Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association) can be mailed to the Tanglewood Parks Community Centre (30 Woodfield Dr.) or dropped off in the mailbox outside of the front door.

Length of Membership (circle one): 1 yr (\$10) or 3 yrs (\$25)

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail (optional): _____

Names household members: _____
