

# Staying Connected

Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association (THCA)  
Newsletter—Summer 2021



## Our Arbor Day was Virtual this Year

Thank you to the presenters of this event! You can watch the recording of the event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1BXSjEhCU>

Tree Ottawa will be giving away trees at the Community Centre Parking lot on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

Register here to receive a tree: <https://www.ecologyottawa.ca/treecampaign>

## Help us Go Green!

If you would like to subscribe to our Staying Connected newsletter and receive direct program updates online, please email [info@thca.ca](mailto:info@thca.ca) with your first and last name, email address, full mailing address, and phone number to be added to our distribution list. We would also use this list to send alerts in case of emergency.

Please note that the provided info will only be used by the THCA to communicate with subscribers/members, and the information will never be shared with any other persons or institutions.



## Neighbours Day—June 27th

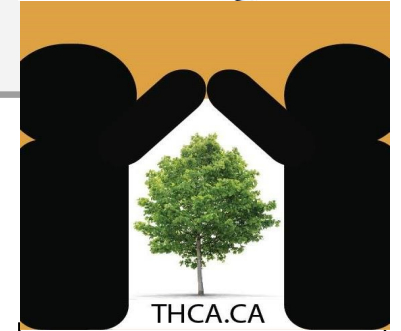
The Association describes our neighbourhood as a friendly, welcoming place, in which residents feel safe and supported. To promote residents on a street or a court getting together outside, the THCA is proclaiming June 27<sup>th</sup> as Neighbours Day in Tanglewood-Hillsdale.

See our website (<https://thca.ca/programs-and-activities/community-fun-days/>) for ideas for ways to celebrate Neighbours Day. Let us know how you will celebrate and communicate with your neighbours. Send an email to [events@thca.ca](mailto:events@thca.ca) with your ideas and if you would like to receive free art supplies for our virtual event on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please also join us for our virtual meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Visit the above link to attend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** According to Health officials we are still only allowed to have 10 people at most within a gathering and still need to practice physical distancing/wear a mask around people that we do not live with.

**Growth in Tanglewood-Hillsdale**—According to a recent CTV News article, Tanglewood-Hillsdale was a top five Ottawa neighbourhood in terms of housing value growth this past year. Read the full article at: <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-neighbourhoods-with-the-greatest-growth-1.5470008>.



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](http://www.thca.ca)

—Follow us on Facebook to [www.facebook.com/thcadotca](http://www.facebook.com/thcadotca)

—Contact the THCA President at [president@thca.ca](mailto:president@thca.ca)

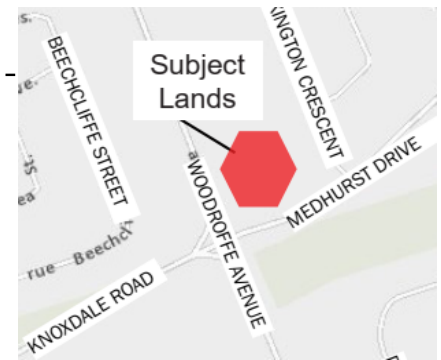
—Contact the Staying Connected Editor at [editor@thca.ca](mailto:editor@thca.ca)

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

## ***INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS & UPDATES***

### **1545 Woodroffe Ave. (Esso Station) Application Plan**

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Councillor Keith Egli hosted an Open House meeting for the Circle K Planner to present the draft site plan for 1545 Woodroffe Ave. (corner of Medhurst Dr. and Woodroffe) and for the Tanglewood-Hillsdale community residents to provide feedback/comments. There were about 26 attendees including Councillor Keith Egli, the Circle K Planner (without the Circle K Owner), City Planner Collete Gorni, and community residents.



The site plan includes a Circle K convenience store with Tim Hortons (sit down and drive thru), gas station and car wash, and a cannabis store. Full details of the application can be found at:

<https://devapps.ottawa.ca/en/applications/D07-12-21-0056/details>.

In the meeting, Tanglewood-Hillsdale residents raised their concerns on the traffic congestion and safety in the corner of Medhurst Dr. and Woodroffe Ave. (to be increased with upcoming LRT), the new cannabis store in a residential neighborhood with children and families, and the amount of traffic activity (cars and pedestrians) within a limited land space.

The THCA would encourage you to visit the above link to review the application and provide your feedback directly to City planning staff as well as Councillor Egli using the "**Send Feedback**" button.

**Spring Audit**—The Association completed its Ball Court and Play Structures Audit in both Tanglewood and Medhurst Park. The findings were compared to last year's audit and together with photos were submitted to the Councillor's office. It is understood that our findings were shared with City Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services (RCFS) staff. Of particular note were the tree branches growing into the tennis court.

The Medhurst Park circular walking path has not been replaced or refurbished since its establishment in the early 1980s. Last year, the THCA was successful in having the path placed on the City's lifecycle list of work to be done.

In the meantime, a photo audit of potholes was sent to the Councillor's office, who forwarded it to the Park Maintenance staff. We have been assured the potholes will be fixed. Like the Traffic Calming Working Group, there should be a staff member assigned to this group, to regularly address our concerns and provide guidance on how the residents can help keep our parks as welcoming places to visit.

The THCA's summer audit will evaluate painted road signage. A cross-walk has been requested from Canbury Cres. to Medhurst Park, and the need for a cross-over on Woodfield Dr. where the Nepean Trail turns south into Tanglewood Park.

### **Attention Tanglewood Hillsdale**

**Youth!**—Crime Prevention Ottawa, in partnership with the City of Ottawa, has provided the Nepean, Rideau & Osgoode Community Resource Centre (NROCRC) funding for an outdoor mural project that supports preventing vandalism and tagging, community safety, and the beautification of Ottawa neighborhoods. The Paint it Up! Program empowers youth through community arts. NROCRC has partnered with the THCA to create a mural piece at the Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Centre

Youth will be painting alongside a community artist and create a mural. Volunteer hours and honorariums will be provided to all youth participating in this project. For more information and for registration details, contact Rana at (613) 596-5626, ext. 253 or [rawni@nrocrc.org](mailto:rawni@nrocrc.org).

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**Children's Timbits Soccer**—Tuesdays from June 15 to August 31 at 6:30 - 7:30pm (12 weeks). Learn the Basics of Soccer! For children 4 to 10 years old in the field near the Community Center. Timbits will provide balls and uniforms for each child. Due to restrictions in numbers, we are at full registration but we may be able to accept more children in July.

Email [events@thca.ca](mailto:events@thca.ca) to be added to the list.

**Cost:** THCA Members \$21/Non-members \$25

**ARCAN Taekwon-Do**—Tuesday and Thursday from 5:45 - 7:45pm. Join us for ITF Taekwon-Do, Self-Defense, Fitness, Competition Team, Private Classes, and Personal Training in the field near the Community Center. For more info and to register contact: Diego Cabanas at 613-407-7766.

**Sunday Worship services** at the Tanglewood Community Center.

—Christ Kingdom Fellowship: Sundays from 3 - 6pm.

For info contact: Matthew at 613-889-5831 or

[mathewbensy22@yahoo.com](mailto:mathewbensy22@yahoo.com).

—Living Word Believers: Sundays 9:30 - 12:30pm.

For info contact Tshingambo Mbundu at 613-263-

1275 or [tshingambo.mbundu@ocdsb.ca](mailto:tshingambo.mbundu@ocdsb.ca)

**NROCR Older Adults 55+ Seniors Virtual Program** Mondays at 4 - 6pm, Tuesdays and Fridays at 2 - 4pm.

Exercise, socialize and activities with other seniors

For registration and Zoom details please call

Zeba at (343)572-2474 or email [ztaj@nrocr.org](mailto:ztaj@nrocr.org)

**Young at hearts 55+ on Zoom**—On the fourth Monday of every month from 10am – 12pm.

To register, contact Rana at 613-596-5626 or

[rawni@nrocr.org](mailto:rawni@nrocr.org)

**Online Seniors Chair Exercise (Webex needed)**

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Time: 2:30 - 3:30pm. Contact Savita at 613-226-5461 to register.

**Monkey Rock Music**

**(Zoom needed)**

Participate and sing fun songs with your toddler.

Register at [monkeyrockmusic.com](http://monkeyrockmusic.com).



Check out our website at <https://thca.ca/covid-online-3rd-party-programs/> to see all of the other virtual programs you can join.

**Protective Neighbourhood**—The last issue of Staying Connected featured our community being a well-situated neighbourhood. Another of our four messages is being a safe place to reside. Safe in relation to you and your neighbours feeling safe in the community as well as the security of your family and property. Compared to eight nearby neighbourhoods, per 1,000 residents, Tanglewood-Hillsdale is the lowest in crimes against persons and midrange in crimes against property. In terms of all crime-related statistics, we cluster with neighbourhoods with the lowest rates of crime.



The THCA is supportive of Neighbourhood Watch (ONW) as we assist each other in our "Be Safe, Feel Safe" mutual prevention effort. Check out the ONW page on the [www.thca.ca](http://www.thca.ca) website (<https://thca.ca/neighbourhood-watch/>) for many helpful crime prevention and safety tips.

With the protection of residents in mind, we are aware that speeding is a chronic problem within our neighbourhood. With the protection of residents in mind, we are aware that speeding is a chronic problem within our neighbourhood. The THCA has encouraged the insertion speed-boards and centre of the road makers. We await speed-boards on Benlea Dr., and observed markers having been installed on Medhurst Dr. In a recent submission to the Councillor, the Association requested a police presence in the neighbourhood, particularly monitoring parking lots, to monitor the area at least once per month.



**Community Garden News**—We're Happy to announce that all 18 garden plots have been rented out, planted, and are looking good! We would like to thank Don Cornwell for cutting the grass and removing weeds around the plots.

Unfortunately, there were a few cases of plant theft. Fortunately, the offenders (kids) were caught in the act. Parents were notified and they promised it would never happen again.

**Inventory of Trees in Our Neighbourhood**—Another of the Association's key concerns is environmental stewardship. The THCA has been awarded a Canada Summer Jobs Grant to perform an Inventory of trees in Tanglewood-Hillsdale. We anticipate hiring a young adult from our neighbourhood. To execute the tree audit. Should you own or rent property with trees, please, permit our young adult auditor to inventory trees growing at your address. A report of the findings will be shared with our residents and with the City's Forestry Service.

**NROCRC Volunteer Training**—If you are looking for volunteer and skills development opportunities in Tanglewood, NROCRC will be offering "Creating the Change We Want" training to new volunteers. Volunteer hours and honorariums will be provided. For mor info, contact Rana Awni at (613) 596-5626. ext.253.

**NROCRC Youth Program**—Join NROCRC youth programs in Tanglewood Hillsdale and learn about some great community initiatives. There will be opportunities for you to gain volunteer hours. To learn more, please contact Nour Toltello at [ntaltello@nroccr.org](mailto:ntaltello@nroccr.org) /Maryam Kreishan [mkreishan@nroccr.org](mailto:mkreishan@nroccr.org).

**NROCRC In-Person Summer Programming**—Are you interested in registering your youth (aged 6-12) for in-person programming this summer? For more info, contact Lindsey at [Lziebell@nroccr.org](mailto:Lziebell@nroccr.org) or (613) 596-5626, ext.241.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Names household members: \_\_\_\_\_

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