



# Parkview Hills Community Association

## Newsletter – Fall 2009

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

With the Holiday season upon us, I thought I would take this opportunity to provide you this update from the Parkview Hills Community Association Board of Directors.

2009 has been an incredibly busy year. It started with a very successful and inaugural Family Day Free Skate, which took place last February at Victoria Village Arena. Because of its success, we will be planning our second one next February.

Last spring, our Board was engaged and keeping a watchful eye on a proposed development at 968 O'Connor Drive (at Curity) and of course we had a successful 19<sup>th</sup> annual PHCA Picnic to kick off the summer season. A portion of the proceeds from the funds raised continues to be directed to the Presteign-Woodbine United Church, Presteign Heights School and the Toronto East General Hospital. Our expanded picnic attracted over 300 people and took place on a great day and featured new additions from the Toronto Marlies and a silent auction. Our thanks go out to the local business community for their continued support towards the event. Next June will see our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Picnic.

Over the summer, you were kept informed on the labour disruption and where our community could go to dispose our waste. We held a very successful Community Cleanup event in July with MPP George Smitherman, who initiated a city-wide clean-up campaign, which he called onetoronto.ca. Our event

received significant news coverage on Citytv, CP24, Global Television and in the Toronto Sun.

In October, we devoted one of our Board meetings to the creation of a Board Strategic Plan. We were pleased to welcome city activist John Tory who facilitated the meeting and our Board had a very lengthy and thorough discussion about what priorities we think matter to our community. Some of those priorities and updates can be found inside this newsletter.

Our Board has had a very busy and productive year. I am grateful for the contributions that our volunteer board has made since our last Annual General Meeting (AGM). Speaking of our AGM, it's that time of year and I would like invite the residents of our community to attend this meeting on **Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm at Presteign-Woodbine United Church**. As we approach the New Year, I would also encourage you to take out a membership for 2010 by filling out the box on the back or bringing it with you to the meeting. Your membership helps us represent your views and makes sure your community is kept informed.

As always, if you have a complaint, suggestion or idea, the PHCA would love to hear from you. You can e-mail us at [phcaboard@yahoo.ca](mailto:phcaboard@yahoo.ca). I hope you can join us on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Justin Van Dette  
President

## **ATTEND OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, November 26, 2009 - 7:00pm**

**Presteign Woodbine United Church**

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**Get an update from our community.  
Let us know about your concerns and ideas.  
Join our Board and Volunteer.**

# STAY UP-TO-DATE AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE

## PRESTEIGN WOODBINE UNITED CHURCH

### Candy Cane Tea & Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 21 from 11 - 3

Baked goods, crafts and lots of holiday gift ideas.

Lunch in the Tea Room

### Carol & Candlelight Service & Tree-Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

Special worship service with carol-singing and anthems by the choir, followed by the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree. Light refreshments.

### "Help Us Light the Community Christmas Tree"

You are invited to make a donation to put a light bulb on the tree. Bulbs are placed on the tree in honour or in memory of anyone you choose. Watch for the blue flyer in your mail, or call the church for more info.

### Christmas Eve Family Communion Service

Thursday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

## Toronto Hydro will pickup your old fridge – free of charge, free of hassle.

Introduced by Toronto Hydro, The Fridge Pick-Up program will haul away your old appliance from your home and there's no charge for this service!

And they guarantee that they will dismantle and dispose of it in an environmentally friendly way, ensuring harmful chemicals stay out of landfills and metal is recycled. Book a pickup appointment online at [www.everykilowattcounts.com](http://www.everykilowattcounts.com) or by calling 1-877-797-9473.

## REPORT A POTHOLE

If you see a pothole on a city street, call the City at 416-599-9090, press the pound key (#) followed by 164 and leave a message or e-mail Access Toronto at [acesstoronto@toronto.ca](mailto:acesstoronto@toronto.ca)



## 968 O'Connor Drive Development Update

Almost a year ago, you may remember our last newsletter featured an article regarding a proposed development at the above address, which is located at the corner of Curity and O'Connor Drive. A meeting was organized by the City on March 25<sup>th</sup> and to ensure proper community notice, the PHCA hosted its own meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup> where the developer attended and made a presentation.

Working closely with the Topham Park Homeowners Association and the Woodbine Gardens Homeowners Association, we are pleased to report that we submitted a lengthy communication outlining our concerns. Those concerns included inadequate parking – 58 parking spaces (11 of which are for visitor parking) for 84 units and the proposed setback. The height is also a major issue because it's inconsistent with the other buildings in the nearby area.

By way of update from City Planning, the City of Toronto is now awaiting a resubmission from the applicant. The city still has our concerns that were raised from the public meeting last spring. The final report, along with its recommendations, will not be ready until a resubmission is made.



**Keeping Parkview Hills clean during the City Strike this past summer.** Volunteers gathered with special guest Deputy Premier George Smitherman and Councillor Case Ootes. Special thanks to **The Home Depot on Curity** for donating the gloves, bags and brooms.

## COMMUNITY ISSUES UPDATE

In addition to the special events that we organize, the PHCA Board of Directors has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss a number of issues that matter to our community. Here's an update on some topics, which have appeared on our agendas.

### Duncan C. Little Parkette Signage

The signage at the parkette located at the corner of Woodbine Heights and St. Clair Ave. E. has been missing for years. We hope to see a sign installed in the near future. The parkette was named after the longest serving employee with the Borough of East York.

### St. Clair Avenue East Resurfacing

We have been in contact with our Councillor and requested that St. Clair Ave. E in our neighbourhood be considered for resurfacing in the near future. City staff is reviewing this request. We received a number of complaints from residents who find the street in very poor condition.

### Parkview Gardens Parkette

We continue to work with our Councillor and bring forward items of concern. The lighting should be improved shortly on the stone wall and plans to add some more trees are being reviewed. The Parkette was recently given a thorough cleanup and we hope the city will continue this on a regular basis. Plans are being reviewed to request a bus shelter or bench at the stop

located at the end of Doris Drive. Proper recognition of those who were involved in the creation of the parkette is still being worked on. Our hope is to have a plaque erected in the near future. Local resident and former Councillor Bob Willis has offered his help with this project.

### Dead Trees in our Community

The city has recently removed the dead trees on the Northdale Blvd island. Plans to plant more trees there and in the piece of land next to the stairs entering Taylor Creek Park off of Alder Road are being reviewed.

### Oasis Bins in our Community

The two Oasis bins in our community have become an open dumping ground for broken chairs, sofas and other unwanted items. Complaints have been brought to our attention and we have been in contact with our Councillor who has been in touch with by-law enforcement regarding the removal of the bins. One bin near Northdale has been removed. We hope to have the other one addressed soon.



## GETTING RID OF GRAFFITI IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY

*Call these numbers to report graffiti on these public spaces.*

*Graffiti is becoming a growing problem in our community.*

Canada Post Mailboxes – 1-800-267-1177

Hydro Poles - 416-542-7826

Garbage Cans – 416-395-0404

Bus Stops (Astral Media) 1-866-827 8725, press 9, press 2



**Volunteers and supporters of the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Parkview Hills Community Association Picnic on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> with guests Councillor Case Ootes and MP Maria Minna. Local Parkview Hills resident and MPP Michael Prue and Councillor Davis also attended.**

## Working for you...

The PHCA Board held a very successful strategic planning meeting with guest facilitator John Tory on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

From left to right:

Front Row – Bill Petropoulos, Michael Tziretas and John Pasalis.

Back Row – Frank Nacarrato, Demetra Samaras, Justin Van Dette, Graham Reid, John Tory, Jim Moutsanas and Nick Georgakopoulos



# Parkview Hills Christmas Decoration Contest

~Be Creative~



Residents of Parkview Hills are invited to participate.

Decorate the outside of your home.

Nominate someone or nominate yourself.

Our team of judges will be out on Friday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The winning house will win a great gift package.

To enter or for more information, contact

Demetra Samaras at [demetra.s@hotmail.com](mailto:demetra.s@hotmail.com)

## Become a member and support the Parkview Hills Community Assoc.

Help the PHCA by becoming a member and providing the input we need to accurately represent the concerns of Parkview Hills. Tell us what is bothering you and what you think would make Parkview Hills a better place.

**Become a member and support the Parkview Hills Community Association.** An effective and well-funded organization can look forward and be prepared when problems arise. **The PHCA is a strong advocate for our neighbourhood. We are here to deal with the challenges that face our community.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee: \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Cash or cheque to: "Parkview Hills Community Assoc"  
Or Mail it To: c/o Parkview Hills Community Association, 4 Welby Circle, East York, Ontario, M4B 2Y8

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