



The Hickory Hills Holler



October 2025



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2025 Summer street parties:



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Dr.



Above & right: Wilkins Cres:



Wilson
Ave.



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Brasher Dr.

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In Memoriam

Heartfelt condolences are extended to loved ones of the following residents who passed away recently.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you

Mavis Grainger	August 21st
Doris Ens	September 15th

Back-Up Delivery Team

The following residents have volunteered to deliver the Holler as back-up. If one of our delivery team is unable to deliver the current month's Holler, please contact one of our volunteers listed below.

Thank you and welcome to the Holler Delivery Team.

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All submissions must be into the Holler and calendar by the 15th of the month, in a digital format compatible with our Publisher program ie: Word. If you do not have a Word type program, we can work with a well-constructed email that we will 'copy and paste'.

If you wish to have any photos of your activity in the Holler, you need to send them directly to the Holler in a jpg format. Due to space constraints, at times we are unable to print all the photos you send to us; however, please continue to send the photos of your activities and we will do our best to include as many as we can.

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Board Report

Fall is almost here and while the trees are starting to change color, the warm weather continues into mid-September. Because of this and the late opening, the pool closing was postponed until September 24, allowing swimmers to enjoy a bit more time in the water before the season ends.

Fall is also a time when activities that went on summer hiatus resume and the Recreation Centre again comes alive with residents enjoying a full schedule of events. The Hickory Hills Board is excited to host the Volunteer Wine and Cheese Appreciation event to recognize the dedication and support of Convenors and volunteers who consistently help ensure that activities can continue. The event will take place on Sunday, October 5, from 2:00 – 4:00 in the Main Hall.

The 2025/26 phone books will be published soon. To clarify questions about a "delay," the publication occurs only after both the May Annual General Meeting (AGM), where Board Directors are elected, and the annual Convenor meeting. The Board Vice President must first have an updated list of Convenors before the phone book can be finalized and sent for publication.

Once the phone books are ready for pickup, an announcement will be made on Condo Control and an email will be sent to all residents. Please note that again this year, a \$1.00 charge will be applied to help offset printing costs.

Two news items from the Town Council directly affect our Hickory Hills community. Firstly, regarding speed limits on Wilson Drive, the recent traffic study indicated that most vehicles travel at speeds of 40 kph or less; however, some vehicles were recorded going as fast as 60, 70, and just under 80 kph. As a result, Resolution #2025-314 was passed, which directs Town staff to prepare a report on the feasibility of installing removable soft speed bumps or humps during the winter, along with other traffic calming measures for Wilson Avenue at the northern end of Jackson Court. This report will be sent to the Traffic Advisory Committee for further consideration. Secondly, under consideration is that the temporary three-way stop at Wilson Avenue and Baldwin Street will be made permanent.

Board report continued:

We will keep you updated on the developments regarding these proposals as the reports are completed. Thank you to all residents who have shared their concerns with the Board and Town Councillors.

The Board is busy working on the budget for 2025/26 and the Information Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2025. It will start at 10:00, with registration beginning at 9:15. Packages will be distributed to your mailboxes in early October.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the residents who take the time to email the Board or speak with Directors about their questions and concerns. This is the best way for us to understand what is important to our community members. We cannot address concerns that are not brought to our attention.

Your Board of Directors



Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese



An afternoon to acknowledge the Convenors and Volunteers who ensure both the continuation and success of our HHRA activities.

When: Sunday October 5

Where: Main Hall at the Rec Centre

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

While the weather doesn't yet have us dreaming of Christmas Decorations (CT does!), we are seeking people to put up the outdoor lights across the front of the Recreation Centre. This would include the lights along the roofline, the lights across the burning bushes at the front and also lights on the "Christmas Tree".

As we aim for the lighting of the tree on December 1, it would require advance planning preferably in warmer weather (like late October, early November). Thank you to Cal and Kathy Petty for their assistance over the past 3 years. Should you wish to form / join the "Christmas light décor team", please contact John Valle at 519-300-3250.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Date: Saturday, November 22nd **Time:** 9 am to 2 pm

The following is an overview of the various venues that will be hosted by the Christmas Bazaar Committee. Included is information re: types of donation needed and timelines.

A. Bake Table (main hall)

This includes anything....but cookies. Might be pies, squares, loaves. Donations would be brought to the clubhouse on Friday, November 21 (3-6:30 pm).

B Cookie Walk. (Main hall)

ONLY cookies of any type. These will be displayed on long tables where vendors will add the cookies to your goodie bag as you "walk" along. \$6 for 13 cookies...a bakers dozen. Donations should be brought to the clubhouse on Friday, November 21 (3 - 6:30 pm).

C. Tea Room (Craft room)

This is a return of a Hickory Hills tradition where ticket purchasers enjoy fancy sandwiches, dainties, tea and/or coffee. Tickets will be \$5.00.

D. Draw Table (main hall)

A variety of items (not necessarily Christmas themed) will be displayed individually or in groups. We are asking for good quality, gently used items. This is not a yard sale table. At each stop will be a coded cup into which you will put your draw ticket(s). The price of each sheet will be determined by the quantity and quality of the items to be sold.

E. Books, Games, Puzzles (Lounge)

Donate your books...hardcover or paperback, fiction or non-fiction. Puzzles and games should be complete and in good condition. All ages, all challenges.

F. Silent Auction (Library)

Items for the Silent Auction will include a combination of gift baskets and more valuable donations. Donations for inclusion in baskets would also be appreciated.

Donations for the Draw Table, Books, Games and Puzzles or the Silent Auction will be received between OCTOBER 6 and NOVEMBER 6. Totes will be set in the lobby for your donations.



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Congratulations to all the dedicated residents who brought "The Honeymooners" to life in August! Thanks to Stu Ion for writing and directing. From Ralph's belly laughs to Ed's sewer-deep wisdom, the performances were nothing short of "to-the-moon fantastic"! The audience was thoroughly entertained by the acting, the singing and yes—even the dance moves! Who knew our community had so many stars hiding in plain sight? Bravo to the entire cast and crew for a night of laughs, heart and enough Brooklyn charm to make Alice and Trixie roll their eyes in unison! Thanks for a truly unforgettable event!

TIME TO DANCE IT OFF!

We know you'll still be digesting your 14 mini chocolate bars but November 1 is coming soon with our "One Day After Hallowe'en Dance!" DJ Joe will be spinning the beats and making sure no one escapes the dance floor! Come dressed in costume or don't! We're equal opportunity partiers. Ghouls just wanna have fun, right?

THEY'RE BAAAACK!

November 15 brings the much-anticipated return of our favourite husband and wife musical power couple: Crystal Gage and Ryan St. Denis! They sing, they harmonize and we're thrilled to have them back on our stage. You do NOT want to miss this dance.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & A SHOW... TWICE!

Because one night of festivity just isn't enough, we're serving up a 2-night Christmas Dinner (turkey with all the trimmings) & Tribute Show on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13! Back by popular demand, the ever-sparkly Jackie Grainge and the Celebrity Productions crew will light up the stage with hits from the '60s, '70s pop, country and disco! Keep your eyes peeled for the poster with ticket info, pricing and everything else you need to plan your glittery holiday night out.

2026 AND AULD LANG SYNE IS CALLING!

Get ready to dance like nobody's watching at the upcoming New Year's Eve Bash with Starlight DJ Services because we're ringing in 2026 with a bang! Details to follow.

PS : At the time of publishing, we are eagerly awaiting the Murder Mystery interactive play and dinner. An update will be in the next edition.

DATE	COMING EVENTS	TICKET SALES
	October Events	
Wed Oct 1	OMO (On my Own) Lunch	
Sat Oct 4	Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Hour	
Mon Oct 6	Musicians' Jam Night - 7:00 pm	
Mon Oct 13	No Music Night - Thanksgiving	
Sat Oct 18	Coffee Hour	
Mon Oct 20	"One Hit Wonders" Karaoke Night - 7:00 pm	
Tue Oct 21	Trivia Night hosted by Frank & Deb Wright	
	November Events	
Sat Nov 1	Birthday & Anniversary Coffee Hour	
Sat Nov 1	Halloween Dance - music by "DJ Joe Antonissen"	Oct 4, 11
Sat Nov 8	Coffee Hour - Remembrance Day	
Sat Nov 15	Saturday Night Dance featuring "Crystal Gage and Ryan St. Denis"	Oct 25, Nov 1
Tue Nov 18	Trivia Night hosted by Joanne Fowlie & Kimberly Thomas	
Sat Nov 22	Christmas Bazaar	
Sat Nov 29	Coffee Hour	
	December Events	
Mon Dec 1	Christmas Tree Lighting	
Sat Dec 6	Coffee Hour	
Fri Dec 12 & Sat Dec 13	Christmas Dinner and Show (2 nights) featuring "Celebrity Productions with Jackie Grainge"	Nov 8, 15
Sat Dec 20	Christmas Coffee Hour	
Wed Dec 31	New Year's Eve Dance featuring "Starlight DJ Productions"	Dec 6

HICKORY HILLS ACTIVITIES

OCT 2025

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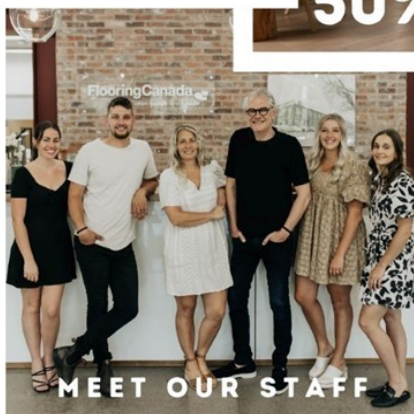


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OCTOBER 2025

LAST TWILIGHT IN PARIS by Pam Jenoff

A Parisian department store, a mysterious necklace and a woman's quest to unlock a decade old mystery are at the center of this riveting novel of love and survival in post-war London.

WE ARE ALL GUILTY HERE by Karin Slaughter

Welcome to North Falls, a small town where everyone knows everyone. Or so they think. Until the night of the fireworks, when two teenage girls vanish and the town ignites.

ON ISABELLA STREET by Genevieve Graham

Toronto, 1967. Two young women with different backgrounds, attitudes and aptitudes are living in an exciting but confusing time, the most extreme counter-culture movement the modern world has ever seen. They have little in common except for the place they both call home: an apartment building on Isabella Street.

SHE DIDN'T SEE IT COMING by Shari Lapena

When a beloved wife and mother disappears, a luxurious condo building transforms into a potential crime scene, and the investigation begins. Can the detectives find her before it's too late?

Bryden and Sam have it all, thriving careers, a smart apartment in a luxury condominium, supportive friends and a cherished daughter. The perfect life for the perfect couple, until Bryden disappears.

YOU BELONG HERE by Megan Miranda

Beckett Bowery never thought she'd return to Wyatt Valley. A tragedy in her senior year ended with two local men dead and her roommate on the run, never to be seen again.

For the last two decades, Beckett has done her best to keep her distance. Then her daughter, Delilah, secretly applies to Wyatt College and earns a full scholarship, and Beckett can only hope that her lingering fears are unfounded. But deep down she knows that Wyatt Valley has a long memory and that the past isn't the only dangerous thing in town.

DON'T LET HIM IN by Lisa Jewell

He's the perfect man. It's a perfect lie. Nina Swann is intrigued when she receives a condolence card from Nick Radcliffe, an old friend of her late husband, who is looking to connect after his unexpected death. Nick is a man of substance and good taste, with a smile that could melt the coldest heart. But to Nina's adult daughter, Ash, Nick seems too slick, too polished, too good to be true. Without telling her mother, Ash begins digging into Nick's past. What she finds is more than unsettling.

THE FIRST GENTLEMAN by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

America has a powerful new president, and her husband is on trial for murder. Is the First Gentleman a killer? A pair of brilliant investigative journalists set out to answer that burning question about the NFL star-turned-political spouse.

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Celebrity Productions with Jackie Grainge
(60s, 70s music and more)

Friday, December 12th & Saturday, December 13th

Traditional Turkey Dinner \$45.00 per person

Happy Hour: 6:00 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm
Show: 8:00 pm

 Ticket Sales: 9:00 am November 8th, 15th 

BYOB LUCKY DRAW



NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Bring in 2026 with
"Starlight DJ Productions"

\$35.00 per person

Happy Hour: 7:30 pm Dance: 8:00 pm
Ticket Sales: 9:00 am December 6th

Light Refreshments
Champagne to be served at midnight

BYOB Lucky Draw



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Wishing a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to....

Cathy	ARNOLD	Donna	MACLEOD
Ken	BLAKE	Debra	MARCY
Lesley	BLAKE	Ian	McINTYRE
Joanne	BROWN	Ian	McLETCHIE
Tom	BROWN	Glenda	MORRISON
John	CRAMER	Doreen	ORTH
Joan	CRAWFORD	Jenny	RAMER
Rick	DARLING	Don	RODGERS
Diane	EDMUNDS	Rosemary	SANDERS
Alie	EDWARDS	Isaura	SANTOS PHELPS
Ed	EPPL	Rachel	TROTTIER
Brenda	FITZGERALD	Virginia	VALLE
Heidi	HALL	Dorothy	VANDERHAEGHE
John	HEWINGS	Shirley	WATERHOUSE
Cora	HILL	Larry	WATSON
Barb	HUNTER	Diana	WOYCHESKO
Brian	JEAN-LOUIS	Dan	YOUNG
Anna	KELLY		

And a

Happy

Anniversary

to....



Gord & Dale	CUNNINGHAM	51 yrs
Ed & Sally	EPPL	57 yrs
Manfred & Olga	GAPPA	60 yrs
Gary & Linda	JEWKES	56 yrs
Tage & Jane	KRISTENSEN	45 yrs
Barry & Myrna	McKINLAY	65 yrs
Marguerite & William	RACHAR	67 yrs
Robert & Wendy	TEDFORD	51 yrs
John & Judy	WIEBE	50 yrs

For more than 10 years, Glenda Morrison has edited this page, ensuring that those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are honoured throughout the community. This month, she made the difficult decision to step down from this job and has passed the torch. Thanks so much, Glenda, for all your hard work. You produced this page at least 120 times! On behalf of the entire community - thanks again, and enjoy your well-earned retirement.

Thank you

Please note- Only couples celebrating an anniversary over 50yrs of marriage (all couples in this range) and those whose anniversaries are falling on a year in multiples of 5 (ie 10, 15, 20, 25 etc) are printed. We wish all couples a Happy Anniversary. If you are at Coffee Hour and your anniversary is not listed, please join us for Celebration and picture taking

September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Front row - L to R: Wanda Clarysse, Wilma Jefferies, Mary Frost-Johnson, Pat Armitage, Phyllis Lawrence, Lorene Brooks, Diane Bridgeman, Helen Hetsler

Back Row - L to R: Dave Cook, Roger Oliver, Dwain Ankersmit, Greg Driver, Carel Van De Munt



L to R: Marilyn & Murray Malcolm, Gloria & John Ludington, Virginia & John Valle, Maureen & Wayne Rowan, Sheryn & Stan Rekstis, Joanne & Dan Young



The Hickory Hills Knitting Circle, over the course of the past year, collected 5 backpacks for ages 5-9 plus 13 small ones for ages 3-5.

These backpacks were filled with donated toys, books, clothing, slippers & knitted items.

These are to be given out by our local Food Bank to families with children falling into those age groups.

The Thursday morning Carpet Bowling group (9:30) ended the season with a pizza lunch, hosted by our captains Dave & Judy Jacobi.

As well as marking the end of a fun summer season, a special presentation was made to Maria Popp who has been bowling with Hickory Hills for 25 years.

Congratulations, Maria !



Saturday Morning Coffee hour - the usual large turnout.

Below: Our eager 'lucky draw' tickets sellers.

