



**HARRISON MILLS REGIONAL ASSOCIATION - "UNITING THE COMMUNITY FOR A BETTER LIFESTYLE"**

Can you believe that the malls are already alive with the sights and sounds of Christmas? Where does the time go? Another successful *Bald Eagle Festival* has just concluded and in spite of the uncooperative weather, we had many hundreds of visitors to see why we love our area so much. It was worth the trip alone to see Sonsie, a *magnificent* rescued female eagle now assisting *Owls Unlimited* with their educational efforts. Every year I realize how fortunate I am to live adjacent to one of the world's great ecological systems and with the convergence of eagles gorging on salmon on the final stage of their journey.

Our membership continues to grow but we are always seeking additional people to join us with ideas and their energies. Please visit our website [www.harrisonmillsra.org](http://www.harrisonmillsra.org) on a regular basis to catch up on what's new in our area and perhaps you will find an item that will assist you with your seasonal planning and it may even save you money. If you have a community event to share, please email us two weeks in advance and we will share your event **details** with our members in the community. We also produce a quarterly newsletter to pass along to our members and friends.

Wildlife in our area continues to be of major concern and our directors have recently agreed on the importance of educating all residents and visitors of what is required to preserve this valuable and sensitive area.

We continue to train and coordinate our community emergency response team members (**CERT**) and we are designing an effective **Emergency Grab and Go Kit** which will be displayed at all our future events. We hope everyone will take this notion of emergency preparedness seriously particularly in view of *Hurricane Sandy* and think of what a significant difference a little planning and a few dollars spent can make before disaster strikes.

There is improvement on the horizon for cellular customers with a planned additional facility on Mt. Woodside but the exact date for the cellular tower construction is still unknown. We remain in close contact with the planning department at Telus and we all look forward to much improved voice and data transmission in the Harrison River valley.

We are again turning our thoughts to hosting a *Volunteer Luncheon* most recently rescheduled to Spring 2013. Please consider nominating someone you may know who may work tirelessly in the community often without much thanks or recognition.

From all of us at the *Harrison Mills Regional Association*, we wish you and your family and friends a safe and wonderful holiday season.

William Wrinch  
Director