



Beechwood Park Homes Association

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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BPHA VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS

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Tennis Director	Mark Baetz		
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Bookkeeper	Shenhui Lang	Payroll Officer	Lisa Heaton

2019 BPHA BOARD REPORT

Welcome to the 2019 Beechwood Park Homes Association Season!

Now that winter is over, and we're starting to see signs of spring, it's time to mark your calendars for BPHA events. Since the Annual General meeting in December, your Volunteer Board has been working diligently on plans for an exceptional 51st year of our Association. Again this year, we have a great team working to continue the BPHA tradition of community spirit. We welcome Steve Kobes as Secretary, Amy McPhee as Social Director and Shenhui Lang as Bookkeeper. Thank you to Sue Edwards for taking on the Vice President's role and to Deborah Morden for her drive to bring new programming to the Recreation Centre. Ivy Friedman, Luke Eret, Don Capes, Tracey Nairn, Mark Baetz, Christine Valente, and Lisa Heaton continue in their roles.

****Board of Directors Opportunity**** We are in need of a Pool Co-Director to work with Christine Valente. If interested or for more information, please email us at info@bpha.ca.

50th Anniversary Book of Beechwood Park

If you want to learn the origins of Beechwood Park and how it has evolved through the past 5 decades, be sure to buy a copy of the book **BEECHWOOD PARK THE FIRST 50 YEARS**. A volunteer committee has been hard at work on this commemorative issue of our Award Winning Neighbourhood for the past year and it's going to be something we all will want to own. It will include our history embellished with many coloured photos of past and present residents who were and are active participants in our Community; with many interesting stories that will be a treasure for all time. In this issue of the newsletter, as a taste of this Anniversary Book and the legacy we have inherited, we highlight some of the "Originals" who still live in Beechwood Park. The tentative publication date is June 2019. Watch for details on our BPHA website as to when it will be available!

BPHA Membership Registration Continues

Thank you to everyone who has already registered for their 2019 BPHA membership. Investing in a BPHA membership, besides “casting your vote of support” for this special place we all call home, provides us all with first class facilities and programs for young and mature alike, designed to build lasting friendships right on our doorstep. We have an exciting year ahead of us and we are looking forward to sharing it with you. So, if you didn't register by our April 30th early bird date, you can still register online at www.bpha.ca.

Welcome To our Pool and Tennis Staff

Pool Staff

We are fortunate to have a great staff this year! Our Recreation Centre will be cooperatively managed by Shealyn DeCoppel and Victoria Giguere who are looking forward to providing a fun-filled summer for our members! Erin Dawdy will be returning as an Instructor/Lifeguard. In addition to her role as an Instructor/Guard, Kimia Kordestani will also take on the role of Program Coordinator. We are excited to welcome our new Instructor/Lifeguards Patrick Benest, Elyse Benest, and Derek Milroy. You may also see Zoe Andres and Carly Knibutat around the pool again this summer working as substitutes.

Tennis Staff

This year's new Tennis Instructors are Maddie MacMillan and Markus Kangur. We are happy to announce that Oscar Judelson-Kelly will be returning this season to instruct some of the advanced tennis lessons, and will also be available to instruct both semi-private and private lessons! Hugh McKenna and Daniel Nairn will be your Assistant Instructors. Patrick Benest and Kimia Kordestani will join Tennis this year as substitute Instructors.

Pool Opens and Swim begins Friday May 24th

4pm to 8pm and BBQ/Potluck begins at 5:30pm

See full pool schedule at www.bpha.ca/pool

Spring Tennis Lessons begin May 6th

Sneak Peak - This Year's Programming Highlights

- **Bottle Drive:** for Recreation Centre Beautification; **Collection Days: May 21, July 2nd, August 6th**, Sign up online at www.bpha.ca
- **Spring Rec Centre Cleanup:** Saturday May 4th, 10:00a.m.-12:00noon
- **Adult spring tennis lessons begin:** Monday May 6th
- **Junior spring tennis lessons begin:** Tuesday May 7th and Wednesday May 8th
- **Perennial Swap and Sale:** Saturday May 11th, 9a.m.-1:00p.m. at the Recreation Centre. Attention all gardeners, experienced and new **“Bring a Perennial, take a perennial, don't have any, come buy a one”!**
- **Opening Day Family Potluck:** Friday May 24th at 5:30p.m.
- **Dinner and Kinky Boots Musical:** Sunday May 26th at Centre in the Square.
- **Community Garage Sale:** Saturday June 1st 8:00a.m.-12:00noon in the Recreation Centre parking lot at 293 Shakespeare Drive. Rent a space for \$5.00 or donate lightly used items to the BPHA charity table. All proceeds will go to “Strong Start Charitable Organization” for child literacy.
OR: You are encouraged to host your own garage sale or come out and shop the Neighbourhood. But still register at info@bpha.ca and we'll do the advertising for you.
- **Produce Stand Opens:** the 12th season begins Wednesday June 12th in front of the Recreation Centre.
- **Adult Pool and Patio Party:** Saturday June 15th. Details forthcoming.
- **PickleBall:** The popular sport of Pickleball is coming to Beechwood. Lines are scheduled to be painted (on court 2 only) this spring and nets are on order. If you have experience playing or want to learn, we would love for you to get involved - just email us at info@bpha.ca. Further details will follow once the courts are ready.

New Programming This Summer

- **Teen Program (13+)** This program runs every Wednesday throughout the summer and includes activities such as “The Amazing Race” and “Minute to Win It” as well as offsite trips to fun places like Grand River Rocks, Laser Quest and CTRL V!
- **Junior Lessons Program:** This is a drop-off lesson program that runs Monday-Friday from 9a.m. to 1:00p.m. Children will be supervised by a BPHA staff member while participating in a Red Cross swim lesson, tennis class, and active games and crafts.
- **Poolside Play:** Children 5+ will be supervised by a BPHA staff member while playing with Neighbourhood friends at the Recreation Centre. This program runs Monday-Friday from 1p.m.-5:00p.m. and is available all four sessions during the summer. It will also be offered on PD Days in June.
- **Kids’ Pajama Party (Parents’ night out!):** This is a drop-off program for kids ages 5-12. They will have the opportunity to swim, play active games, do a craft, and then watch a movie...with popcorn of course! The program runs from 5:30-9:30pm on Fridays June 14, July 12, and August 9th. \$25/child or \$40/family.
- **PD Day Camp:** Not sure what to do with the kids on PD Days (May 31 and June 28). We’ll keep them busy with plenty of fun activities. Combine this camp with the new Poolside Play program for a full day of childcare. PD Day camps are limited to 30 participants and fill up quickly! Register early! \$25/child.
- **Adult FUNDamental Swim Lessons (18+)**

Adult Programs

Do you have an idea for an **adult program**? Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by emailing Deborah Morden at bpnaprograms@gmail.com.

Accessibility Project

We are excited to share our plans to improve access to the pool for our members with mobility challenges. We are organizing some fundraising activities to help offset the cost of the installation of a Therapeutic Ladder in the shallow end of the pool! Let us know if you are willing to participate in the fundraising or would like to make a donation to this initiative. Thanks.

Visit www.bpha.ca for more information about all of our events and programs and to register for membership and lessons - if you haven’t already! Also, follow us on Facebook (BPHAIInc) to keep up-to-date with what’s going on in the neighbourhood.

I’m sure you’ll agree that these fantastic events provide something for everyone! Thank you for your support and involvement. You are the reason BPHA continues to thrive.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the BPHA Recreation Centre this summer!

Sincerely: Ivy Friedman, President, on behalf of your Volunteer Board of Directors.

BPHA WOMEN’S RUNNING OR CYCLING GROUP

Wendy Zufelt-Baxter would welcome hearing from any women in the neighbourhood interested in starting an outdoor running or cycling group. She can be reached at wzufeltbaxter@gmail.com.

THE BEECHWOOD PARK PRODUCE STAND

Notwithstanding spring's slow start, we are happy to announce that our 12th season of the BPHA Produce Stand will begin on Wednesday June 12th from 12:00noon-6:00p.m. under the trees at our Recreation Centre at 293 Shakespeare. The stand will operate every week, rain or shine, until mid-September. (We like to say from strawberries to squash). Our fruits and vegetables all come from our local farm community and are as fresh as fresh can be. The stand also sell honey from Listowel, fresh bread made right in our neighbourhood, Lighthouse Lemonade concentrate from Fergus, and other locally sourced items. The money raised at the stand goes right to our local schools and charities as well as our own Association.

If you and/or your children are interested in volunteering at the stand for a few Wednesday afternoon shifts this summer, please contact Dolores Penner at pennerfamily@rogers.com and she will slot you in. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet and chat with your neighbours.

FAMILY MATTERS

- In June, Vera Causa Opera will perform four short operas including "The Shoemaker's Orphans" written by 2 of our local youth, Rivi and Kyri Friedman (ages 13 and 11). The opera depicts how two young orphans overcome tragedy and help turn the tide against the bubonic plague in old London. The opera is part of Vera Causa's "Canadian Opera Fest 2019" and will be performed three times in the tri-city area from June 14-16th. The Waterloo show will be on Saturday June 15th, 7pm at Knox Presbyterian Church. For tickets (\$15) please visit: <https://www.vcopera.ca/tickets>.
- Jessica West, who resides at 363 Coleridge Place, successfully defended her doctoral thesis in August 2018. This after dedicating 10 years of hard work to her doctoral studies, while giving birth to two energetic children, chairing the Board of the Centre Educative Village d'Elizabeth daycare for the past five years, working full time as a program officer at Project Ploughshares for the past two years and being married to a husband who travels too much for his work. Her family is very proud of her accomplishment and wondered what she would do with all of her free time? The answer came quickly when Dr. West volunteered to support social activities for the BPHA. Thanks, Serge Levert-Chiasson.
- Renee Lemieux (we know her by her nickname Summer who face painted kids at the pool as a teenager and lives on Longfellow), has released her first original song and had it introduced by Alan Cross on 102.1 the Edge a few weeks ago. The name of the song is "Feel More" and it's available on iTunes and Spotify. Her singer/songwriter name is Wandrer. She has sites on Facebook (@wandrermusic.ent), Instagram (wandrer.music) and a youtube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EUd4UsHr1KU>). She has a whole album of songs that will be released in the near future. Congratulations Summer!
- Mark and Jeanie Baetz, who live on Amos Ave., are delighted to announce the arrival of their second grandchild, Holland Catharine Bolton, born on March 7th, a sister for their first grandchild Bennett Timothy. Parents are Tim and Julie Bolton (Julie has many great memories of growing up in this Neighbourhood).
- Malkin and Brian Dare, longtime residents on Marlowe, received a blessed gift on March 20th when their children, Katherine Dare and Jamie Groome presented them with their 4th grandchild with the arrival of Jocelyn (Josie) Jean, a sister for Cordelia. All are doing well but a bit sleep deprived.
- The Zufelt-Baxter family moved onto Hiawatha about 2 years ago. Since then their daughter, Haley has enrolled in a PhD program at UW looking at sport management, volunteerism and retirement transition (all important topics!) and is heading to Australia to do research in January. She also coaches girls' hockey and is a Placement Supervisor in Conestoga College's Recreation Leadership Program. Her mom, Wendy, recently retired, keeps busy as a board member at St. Paul's University at UW, volunteering at the Stork Family YMCA, playing recreational women's hockey, leading a running group at the "Y" and doing outdoor cycling with her husband Peter, who also plays baseball and walks their dog Rayne around the neighbourhood.

NEW NEIGHBOURS IN BEECHWOOD

Our neighbourhood continues to evolve into the next generation with homes of longtime residents like Mary Lynch, the Khares, the Dipples, Jim Furlong, the Urhigs, the Davidsons, and many others choosing to downsize and simplify their lives a bit. On behalf of the entire neighbourhood we welcome the following new individuals and families. We know you will enjoy living in this special place as much as we do.

- 343 Browning Place: Nick and Kelly Bayley and their 2 children, Ben (2) and Cole (6mth.) will be moving into the Khare's home after their renovations are completed. They have friends in the neighbourhood and are very excited to be moving to the area. Nick is an Orthopedic Surgeon.
- 332 Longfellow: Hans De Sterck and Jane Gao, and their children Evelyne 6 and Elaine 3, moved in last fall. Both are mathematics professors at UW.
- 345 Coleridge Drive: Alysia and Stephen Fitz-Henry, and their 2 children Zuri 2 and Nash 8mths, moved to their new bungalow at the corner of Amos and Coleridge recently.
- 238 Shakespeare Drive: Pat and Jenna Mooney and their 2 children (a third on the way in August!) Catherine 3½ and Nora 1½ moved here recently from London Ontario. Jenna works at UW and Pat is in the concrete business. Pat is a self-professed "soccerhead" who is looking for a local team to join. They are also big fans of outdoor markets and are really looking forward to the startup of our Produce Stand.
- 289 Algonquin: Peter Park and Xinle Fan and their 2 young children Max and Johnny moved into longtime resident Bill Lobban's home in January. They are excited to be here.
- 364 Coleridge Place: Ian and Miriam Hincks and their 3 year old son Ezra moved into their new home last November. Ian works in Quantum Computing while Miriam is a professional cellist. They are expecting a second child any day!
- 113 Amos: Matt and Kendra Burkholder and their 10 month old Rhett are hard at work renovating their new home. Matt is a firefighter with the Waterloo Department.

HOUSE FOR SALE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

175 Tennyson at the top of Tennyson Place is a 3 bedroom plus nanny suite, 4 bathrooms, sauna, wool carpets, new roof, new furnace, 2 fireplaces, wood burning and gas, in floor heating, high-end appliances, immaculate condition, on large treed lot. Please contact Roben Stikeman at rstikeman@gmail.com.

YOUTH JOB ADVERTISEMENTS

- **BABYSITTING:** Lori Watt, daughter of Lila and Stephen, lives on Hiawatha and is entering Grade 9 at WCI in September. She is available for babysitting children ages 5-12. She can be reach at 519-495-2214 or superkawaii Lori@gmail.com.
- **BABYSITTING:** Hello! My name is Chloe and I'm 15 years old. I am offering babysitting for ages 1 and older and have two years of experience, first aid certification, a babysitting course and swimming bronze star. I love kids of all ages and would be thrilled to hang out with yours! I am usually available Friday nights and nearly all Saturday nights. Most Wednesdays and Thursdays work too! I can be reached at chloekonrad23@gmail.ca or on my mom's phone at 519-998-3618.
- **TUTORING:** Chloe is also offering Conversational French Tutoring, see above for contacts.
- **TUTORING:** Ryan Ellis is a high school student who will be attending UW in the fall for Engineering. He is offering tutoring in math, physics and chemistry, having achieved 96%+ in those courses at the grade 12 university level. He is great with kids and thrilled to work with all ages, having been a counselor at the YMCA and Engineering Science Quest. He can be contacted at 519-884-9896 or rdne13@rogers.com.

YOUTH JOB ADVERTISEMENTS continued...

- **BABYSITTING** Hello! Are you looking for childcare this summer? My name is Alexandra. I live on Longfellow Drive and I'm in Grade 9 at WCI. I'm available to provide daycare or babysitting for kids this summer. I have my babysitting, first aid, and bronze star certifications and two years of babysitting experience. I speak French and Spanish fluently and am creative, athletic, enthusiastic, caring and responsible. I would be delighted to spend part of my summer with your kids! I am available all day the weeks of July 14-20, August 19-25, and August 26-31 and afternoons the weeks of July 29-August 4 and August 5-10. I am also available for French and Spanish tutoring. Please contact me at alexandramblit@gmail.com
- **DOG WALKING AND LAWN MOWING:** Liam Ellis is almost done Grade 8, likes all kinds of dogs and is available after school and in the summer to walk your pet. He also has lawn mowing experience, so once the snow finally goes, you supply the mower and he will mow. You can contact him at 519-884-9896 or Lmme4627@gmail.com.
- **BABYSITTING:** Annie Scott from Hiawatha, age 13, is a Grade 8 student at Centennial P.S. She is great with children of all ages, has a love of music and a babysitting go bag filled with arts and crafts, games and her ukulele. She has taken the Red Cross babysitting program. Her contact is 519-498-8855 or js.julieannescott@gmail.com.
- **DOG WALKING:** Whether you're stuck in traffic and require a visit on short notice, or you wish to leave your pet at home whilst away on vacation, Lucas Midwood (Craigleith Drive) is able to visit your pet, and feed and exercise as instructed. He has familiarity with fish, birds, reptiles, and cats as well. Lucas can be reached at 519-957-9136.
- **BABYSITTING/DOG WALKING:** My daughter Katherine, who lives on Shakespeare and is 13, would like to offer her services to people in our neighbourhood. She has taken the Red Cross Babysitting course and has some experience from the United Kingdom with a 3 year old. She can be contacted at percivalfamily5@gmail.com.
- **BABYSITTING:** My name is Tessa Hedrick and I am a grade 12 student at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. I have first aid certifications, and more to the point, I love kids! To contact me, email tessa.hedrick@gmail.com.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Tessa has also started doing photo shoots with her DSLR camera. If you are interested in individual, family, or friend photo shoots for a low price, I would love to help you out. Please contact me at tessa.hedrick@gmail.com.

LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME BABYSITTER

Hi! I'm looking for a babysitter, or a shared nanny, for a pair of one year old twins who live on Lions Gate. Two days a week. Flexible on which two days. Ideally from 7:30-4p.m. for the months of May and June. Please call or text Krista at 519-807-1310.

JULIE'S HOMEMADE GRANOLA

Julie Kim, who lives on Coleridge with her family, kindly shares her delicious granola recipe below. -4 ½ cups rolled oats (I buy the gluten free oats by Bob Mill)

- 1/2 cup of crushed nuts (either pecans, almonds or walnuts); raw pumpkin seeds, raw sunflower seeds.
- zest of a whole orange
- 1/3 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1/3 cup coconut oil (melted)
- 1/3 cup maple syrup

Mix all ingredients together and spread on cookie sheet over parchment paper. Bake at 275°F for 50-60 min. or until light brown. Stir often. Makes 6 Cups. ENJOY!

BEECHWOOD RAP BY KYRI FRIEDMAN

Kyri's rap carries on a tradition that began with Nicholas Penner years ago, who would pen a rap each summer about our neighbourhood for the closing talent show. Hope you like it.

1. Hey y'all people of the BPHA
You got a whole rap coming your way
About all the peeps who helped this pool
If you're one of them then you're really cool.

2. Let's take it over there where the kids take dives
To maintenance and lifeguards I'll give hi-fives,
Cause if it gets all muddy or a toddler takes a pee
They tell you that it's happening and make it
Squeaky clean.

3. Or if someone can't swim and starts to sink,
The problem gets solved before you can blink.
That's just our first stop, we've only begun
Now we're at the tennis court down in the sun!

4. The blue right here is not for a swim,
It's a tennis court, it's more of a gym.
You're gonna like it if you're fine with sweat,
Maybe not a pool but you get just as wet.
Here's a shoutout to Oscar, Kimia and Jessie,
Without them learning tennis would get sorta messy

5. Then out front on the lawn there's a stand,
Selling fresh produce from Elmira Land.
Now, a thank-you to Dolores and Singer, Steve
They'll stock you with plenty before you leave.
Giving you all the veggies you can eat,
Tomatoes, carrots, but No Meat!

6. Then the gazebo with craft class,
Make art instead of fail or pass
A toilet paper tube mean dragon
Or a popsicle stick wagon.

7. And we have a pancake Monday
Have lunch here on that one day.
Barbecue every so often
Taste it and your heart will soften.

8. Those are the cool things we do,
I hope you do these things too.
But here's the real point, no need to fear,
We do this kind of thing every year!

TALKING "TRASH"

Stopping Junk Mail Delivery In Our Neighbourhood

In the last few months our neighbourhood has been inundated with weekly bundles of flyers and the Waterloo chronicle tossed onto our driveways by car delivery. For many of us, these bundles are unwanted litter that heads straight for our blue bins for costly recycling by the Region. Sometimes these bundles sit on driveways for days if our neighbours aren't around. If you want to stop your delivery as some of us have done, call Metroland Media (the K.W. Record) at 519-894-3000 and firmly ask to have your address removed from the delivery list. A heads-up that it might take a few calls to succeed but if you are persistent it will happen. If you need extra help try contacting one of Metroland's distribution managers, Grant Soper (gsoper@therecord.com). A final note that for those who make use of these flyers you can access them online at www.save.ca.

Sharing Garbage Truck Stops

Elizabeth Percival on Shakespeare wants to remind us all that our weekly recycling/garbage trucks encourage neighbours to share garbage stops to reduce their stops and starts; it speeds up their work and reduces pollution; not to mention being neighbourly. We could do an odd/even method with our neighbours directly across the road week to week. Talk to your neighbours and let's give it a try. Thanks Elizabeth!

Recycling Tips

Recently Myrna and I went on an hour long tour of the Erb St. Waste Management Facility to get an idea of what happens to our blue box/green bin/garbage after it leaves the curb. We learned a lot! Did you know they use hawks to keep away seagulls and other scavengers from the dump site! The new garbage/recycling pickup schedule implemented a year ago has doubled the amount of green bin pickup in the region. Green bin contents are composted in 8 weeks in Guelph and purchased by companies who make garden fertilizers and triple mixes. Green waste recycling has dramatically reduced landfill smell and the production of methane gas as well as extending the life of our landfill 15-20 years. It was nice to know that most of the recycled material is sold by the Region in Ontario and that none is shipped overseas. (So the Philippines can't make trash war on our Region!) Here are a few recycling tips we learned during the tour:

- “All” containers” metal, plastic, glass, tetrapacks, milk cartons should go in the container blue bin.
- It's very helpful at the sorting plant if our paper, boxboard and cardboard are tied in separate bundles or bagged as this reduces sorting time. These materials are sold to different end recyclers.
- Shredded paper should be put in our green bins. Its organic material. But not unshredded paper.
- When we are shopping try to avoid packaging that can't be recycled.
- Black plastic is O.K. to put out for recycling and the single use plastics marked with #1 or 2 are the most valuable to the region.
- All pet waste is compostable. Only use dog waste bags that say “compostable” and have a logo and registration #. If the bags only say recyclable, earth friendly, biodegradable, that's not enough.
- You can purchase these certified compostable bags online from Pawsitive Solutions in Toronto. www.Pawsitivesco.com. Use code Free Shipping.

Hopefully, these tips will make recycling a less confusing and happier experience for all of us.

CONTACTING THE CITY ABOUT PROBLEMS

If you have questions, concerns, complaints about City services (i.e. trees, roads, leaf pickup, sidewalks, sewers, ice, garbage, etc.) don't be afraid to contact the appropriate department so they know what your issue is and can deal with it promptly. Just call the main number 519-886-1550 and ask for the appropriate department. Also, keep our city counselor, Jeff Henry, in the loop at jeff.henry@waterloo.ca. He can often be of help. Remember, “the squeaky wheel gets the grease” but “he who hesitates is lost”.

POUND DOG RESCUE EVENTS FROM KATIE GIBB

Pound Dog Rescue is a non-profit, volunteer run organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing dogs from Southern Ontario pounds and low resource shelters. It is our mission to adopt these dogs out to loving, secure homes. Our organization is hosting 2 enjoyable fundraising events we think you would really enjoy.

5th Annual Howler Dog Walk And Family Fun Day Bring your dogs out for a pack walk followed by fun dog activities like ‘try it’ stations. There will also be demos, vendors, raffles and lunch from Ethel's Lounge. June 8th, 10am-4pm at the WRPA Recreation Centre, 1128 Rife Rd., North Dumfries. For info and tickets visit; pdrhowler.ca.

High Tea At The New Dundee Emporium Sunday May 19th, 269 Front St., New Dundee. There will be two seatings 2:00p.m. or 3:30p.m. Price is \$40/ticket. You can order tickets on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Pound.Dog.Rescue> or <https://twitter.com/PoundDog911>.

Thanks you: Katie Gibb 519-781-6219.

KEATSWAY PARENT SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Involvement

Keatsway Public School Parent Council is seeking community members' involvement. Anyone from the neighbourhood is welcome to contribute. Whether you wish to simply be in the loop and receive emails of the minutes and updates from the Parent School Council, or wish to occasionally attend meetings, contribute to projects and fundraisers, or be a Member at Large of either the Council or Safe, Caring and Inclusive School(SCIS) meetings, please email keatswayschoolcouncil@gmail.com. Thank You!

2019 Fun Fair June 20th

Mark your calendars for our annual fun fair from 5-8p.m. All members of the community are welcome to attend. The proceeds raised from the Fun Fair are directed to education opportunities and activities that enhance the learning experience for all our children such as the Home Reading program, field trips, phy ed equipment and updating our Kindergarten space. To assist in raising these funds we are seeking donations of items for our silent auction. Your support for Keatsway will help ensure that we are able to continue the tradition of quality and excellence in education. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MAINTAINING OUR HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE

With extreme weather events becoming more common, it's important that all of us do what we can to ensure our homes and property are ready for these events. This winter's freeze/thaw, snow/rain cycles were especially hard on our foundations and several neighbours experienced water in their basements. Here are a few things to be aware of:

- Keep your big trees trimmed away from your house.
- Ensure your window wells are free of leaves, the drainage is not blocked, and cover them with plastic shields.
- Ensure your weeping tile is functioning and grade your yards away from the house.
- Check your sump pumps to make sure they are operating. They only have a 10 year life normally. Have a battery backup pump as well.
- Make sure your downspouts drain away from the house and install plastic extensions if necessary. Keep your eavestroughs clean.

Remember, investing in this type of home infrastructure renewal in this era of Global Warming will help avoid unwanted damage down the road.

BEECHWOOD PARK'S ORIGINAL FAMILIES

While many of our original, first generation homeowners in Beechwood Park no longer live here there are still a surprising number who call our area home. These neighbours, like those who are moving into our neighbourhood today, were just starting their young married lives and careers, many coming from Toronto and other surrounding areas to Waterloo; which in those days was a small industrial city just beginning to spread its wings. At that time Beechwood Park was at the boundary of the city surrounded by farms; Westmount Road ended at Erb St. and children had to hike to Empire Public School before Keatsway and Centennial were built. Horses grazed in some of the backyards along upper Shakespeare.

Forty to fifty years later, when you chat with them, you really get a sense of how much they still love Beechwood Park. They talk about the close friendships they forged in the neighbourhood; how much they love their homes; how wonderful it was to raise their families here; how much fun they had as members of the neighbourhood Association playing tennis, taking their children to swim, having pot luck parties, forming bridge and volleyball groups, etc. Many have helped our Association thrive by serving on the Board of Directors and financially supporting the Association for many years. And to this day they all share a common belief that Beechwood Park is one of the best places to live in Canada and that they won't be moving out any time soon.

Below is a list of these original, long time Beechwood families who still live here and to whom we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude for helping our community in its formative years. Hopefully, some of you might have the opportunity to chat with them someday soon. If you do, you can be assured they will have great stories to tell!

The Originals

Coleridge Drive

- *Dr. Hugh Jack, 316 Coleridge, since 1969
- *Dr. Charlie and Pam Irwin, 315 Coleridge, since 1969
- *Doug and Gail Graham, 321 Coleridge, since 1969

Shakespeare Drive

- Angelo and Ruth Borrás, 228 Shakespeare, since 1978
- *Don and Marg Cowan, 276 Shakespeare, since 1968
- Bill and Jenny Bernhardt, 277 Shakespeare, since 1976
- *John and Maria Brzowski, 289 Shakespeare, since 1967
- Peter and Judy Wyshynski, 307 Shakespeare, since 1970
- Sheila Forsythe, 313 Shakespeare, since 1970?

Mohawk Drive

- Gary and Mary Houselander, 215 Mohawk, since 1971
- Al and Cherry Watson, 213 Mohawk, since 1972
- Wayne and Joan McKinnon, 201 Mohawk, since 1971
- David and Sally Leask, 198 Mohawk, since 1971

Longfellow Drive

- *Doris Woodruff, 324 Longfellow, since 1970

Algonquin Drive

- *Roland and Margaret Austrup, 290 Algonquin, since 1964

Marlowe Drive

- *Fred Cornish, 339 Marlowe, since 1973
- Roy and Kay Wentzell, 344 Marlowe, since 1973
- Emile and Rosemary Frind, Coleridge Place and 346 Marlowe, since 1972

Hiawatha Drive

- *John and Magdalena Putschli, 302 Hiawatha, since 1976

McDougall Road

- *Allan and Diana Plumtree, 101 McDougall, since 1969

Note: An asterisk beside the name indicates they have been the only owner from the very beginning. Also, we apologize to anyone in the neighbourhood who should have been on this list and weren't. Please email us at info@bpha.ca so we can add you to this list.

The Next Generation

Below is a list of children who were raised in Beechwood Park and now live in the homes they grew up in. Many moved back as young couples to raise their families; others have returned after a longer hiatus. All of them have returned because of the great memories they have of this neighbourhood.

- 209 Mohawk, Andy Abicht and Christine Valente
- 298 Algonquin, Steve and Jessica Kelley
- 302 Algonquin, Cathy Siegner
- 292 Hiawatha, Duane and Carole Chris

- 320 Shakespeare Place, Brian and Ev Cameron
- 325 Coleridge, Mike Singh and Shelley Coates
- 254 Shakespeare, Phillip and Jennifer Schnarr
- 171 Tennyson, Sheila and Craig Wiebe

That's all for the Spring Issue of our Newsletter. We hope you find it both informative and enjoyable and we encourage feedback on anything in this issue or ideas for future issues. Once again, a big thanks to our amazing newsletter editor, Tracey Nairn, and to all the volunteers who deliver it to the nearly 400 local homes in our community.
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