



## Presidents Report

Dear friends and neighbours,

The Association has had another busy year continuing to represent the community. As we welcome the fall season, we reflect upon the various past community events such as our mini-soccer program, community garage sale and our Fun Day in the Park. These events were extremely successful and enjoyed by residents. With the promise of snow and winter in the air, the executive is working to organize and plan our annual Children's Christmas Party. We are looking forward to an afternoon of fun-filled activities and a visit from Santa himself.

Please note that our list of events is not limited to only mini-soccer, garage sale and Fun Day, so please continue to visit our website, read our newsletters or join our Facebook Group Page for updates and news as to dates for registration and ongoing events.

The Executive thanks you for your continued support and we look forward to continuing to represent this amazing community that we call home.

Sincerely,  
Goretti Pernitzky, EWRA President

## Neighbourhood Notes

### Membership Drive

The Association will be finishing up our bi-annual membership drive over the coming weeks. Please support your **association** by becoming a member. The bi-annual fee of \$10.00 per household covers the membership for two years and the benefits of Membership include, but are not limited to:

- Planning and execution of various community events such as Fun Day in the Park, mini-soccer and the children's Christmas party
- reduced registration rates for members
- Showing support for the EWRA and strengthening our voice with the City and Developers
- Regular updates on what is occurring in your neighbourhood such as development (e.g. Light Rail, Albion Rd diversion, traffic, etc.), park planning, sports programs, meeting updates etc.
- Opportunities to have your concerns and ideas heard by City officials and your neighbours

If you have already registered, then we thank you for your continued support. If you have not already registered, watch for your renewal forms to be delivered to your home.

### Community "Snow Tour"

Have you experienced issues with the snow removal in your area? Councillor Diane Deans, along with members of the City's snow removal team, invite to you discuss your issues in an effort to find a solution. You will be asked to contact Councillor Deans' office to schedule a 15 minute visit by the Councillor, her staff and members of the city's snow removal team. They will survey your location with you in order to view the property, discuss your issue, view any impediments and determine how the issue may be resolved.

The Snow Tour will take place sometime in mid-November, so please stay tuned for more information as to when and where to register through our website, FaceBook and community bulletin board.



### ***Emerald Woods Residents Association is on Facebook!***

Become a member of our closed group to keep informed of what's going on in your neighbourhood, share news or simply chat with your friends and neighbours!

### **New to the Neighbourhood?**

For lots of great information including important phone numbers, events and local businesses that support our community please go to:

**[www.emeraldwoods.ca](http://www.emeraldwoods.ca)**

## *EWRA Annual Children's Christmas Party*

The Association is looking forward to hosting this year's Annual Children's Christmas Party. The venue has been booked and we are busily researching new craft ideas and projects to introduce to the children. Please be sure to register your child in advance and arrange to drop off a wrapped gift, clearly marked with your child's name.

We would also like to take this time to ask for volunteers for this event, individuals who would be interesting in overseeing our craft stations and assisting at the event. Students looking to fulfill their volunteer requirements for high school are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Association at [ewra300@gmail.com](mailto:ewra300@gmail.com) or at our FaceBook Group page

## *Mini Soccer*

Our Mini-Soccer program experienced yet another successful season. We had over 25 children registered and were fortunate enough to have amazing volunteer coaches organizing and assisting with this season. It was great to see all the children out on the field enjoying the fresh air, comradery of organized sports and learning about the fundamental basics of soccer. We want to thank our coaches, as well as all the siblings and parents that were kind enough to step out on the field to help. Without these amazing volunteers, the Association couldn't provide our residents and their children with these fun-filled activities.

Please note that we are currently seeking individuals interested in volunteering next year with our Mini-Soccer program. If you are interested in coaching or assisting, please contact the Association at [ewra300@gmail.com](mailto:ewra300@gmail.com)

## *Family Fun Day*

This year's community Fun Day was a huge success! We all gathered together to take part in a Sunday gathering of old and new neighbours. Everyone was entertained by Alan and the wonderful music from his Street Organ, Bunky the Clown and her balloon creations, games, and an amazing presentation from Rays Reptiles. We also presented Art in The Park, inviting local artists to showcase their talent. The BBQ was kept busy and manned by a crew of great volunteers serving up the best burgers and hot dogs going. Our servers could hardly keep up with the lineup of residents wanting to enjoy the great food. Our craft table was busier than ever this year. It was amazing to watch their creative juices flow and the excitement on their faces. We extend our sincerest thanks to Laurie McHugh for her crafty ideas and overseeing our little artists.

Also, be sure to check out our website for a list of our amazing sponsors.

## *Executive Positions and Volunteers*

In order that we can continue to provide the community with all of our wonderful events and successfully represent our residents, we need new Members to join the Executive and assist with our efforts. If you don't wish to commit to becoming an elected member of the Executive, you can still help us out by volunteering at our events, delivering flyers, etc. Please take a moment and consider sharing some of your time within the Association.

Without volunteers, we cannot continue to serve our community, so please consider volunteering your time.

## *Fall/Winter 2015/2016 Calendar*

### *Registration: Children's Christmas Party*

To take place on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at 1364 McMahan Avenue

A separate flyer with details will follow.

### *Children's Christmas party*

Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Sawmill Creek Community Centre.



A separate flyer with details will follow.

## *Emerald Woods Park Clean Up*

As part of the annual City of Ottawa Spring Cleaning Event, we met in EW Park on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in April and raked leaves, picked up garbage, chatted with old friends and met some new ones! We are proud to say we found the park was in great condition with very little garbage. Thank you to Laurie McHugh for organizing the event and to everyone that came out to help.

If you'd like to help next spring, look for details in the Spring newsletter and on our park bulletin board. **(Students - this is a great way to get volunteer hours!)**

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