



## President's Report

Dear friends and neighbours,

I hope you have all had a good summer and are looking forward to the fall and winter. We hope you had a chance to participate in one or more of our EWRA events last spring. A highlight this year was the 2017 Fun Day where, thanks to a grant from the City of Ottawa and generous sponsors, we were able to offer a musical retrospective of 150 years of Canadian music, a return of the petting zoo, free food and drinks and more. Details of this event and others hosted by the EWRA are included in the Neighbourhood Notes below.

Our bi-annual membership drive will be wrapping up soon and the Membership Directory will be distributed to those who have joined the EWRA. If you haven't signed up as a member yet, you can still join by completing the membership form at the bottom of the second page and dropping it off at the addresses noted.

As we look ahead to activities for the coming year, we will need additional volunteers to help run and organize events. We have a very small group of executive members and volunteers so more are needed if we are to continue holding all our traditional events. Please see our section on Volunteers Needed and if you can help, contact us at [ewra300@gmail.com](mailto:ewra300@gmail.com) or leave a comment on our website <http://emeraldwoods.ca> or on our Emerald Woods Residents Association Facebook page.

We regularly post on our Facebook group page and our website, so check them for important community news and contact information.

We look forward to serving our community in the coming year.

Sincerely

Kamen Garbouchev, EWRA President

## 2017-18 Membership Drive

It's not too late to support the EWRA by becoming a member. The bi-annual fee of \$10.00 per household covers the membership for two years. You can still join by completing the membership form at the bottom of the second page and dropping it off at one of the addresses noted. The Membership Directory will be distributed to members before Christmas.

## Volunteers Needed

The EWRA organizes a number of popular community events but we need more volunteers if we are to continue holding them. If you can help with any of the following events, please contact us at [ewra300@gmail.com](mailto:ewra300@gmail.com) or leave a comment on our website <http://emeraldwoods.ca> or on our **Emerald Woods Residents Association Facebook page**. **If we do not have enough volunteers, we will have to cancel events.**

The main events for which we need to have volunteers identified **in advance** are:

**Children's Christmas Party** - early December.  
Volunteers to organize and assist with the party, including planning and supervising crafts, student volunteers and a visit from Santa Claus.

**Mini-soccer** - mid May to end of June.  
Volunteers to assist with organizing, coaching and assisting weekly one-hour evening sessions.

**Fun Day in the Park** - first week-end in June  
Volunteers to organize the event including overall planning and coordination, soliciting donations, lining up attractions, equipment rentals, purchasing and serving food, managing student volunteers, assisting with children's crafts and activities, park set-up and clean-up.

**We are also looking for more people to join our executive to participate in planning activities and liaising with the City on local issues**

# Neighbourhood Notes

## Fun Day in the Park

Our Fun Day in the Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> was a great success! With the assistance of a City of Ottawa Canada 150 grant and other generous sponsors, we were able to expand the activities offered and provide free food and drinks this year. We celebrated Canada 150 with live music from the band Soaker, who performed a retrospective of Canadian rock music through the years.

Other activities included a petting zoo, Art in the Park, crafts and bubbles for kids, Bunky the Clown and her balloon creations, and a plant sale. The BBQ was kept busy and manned by a crew of great volunteers serving up the best burgers and hot dogs going. Pizza and drinks were also available. Our children's craft table was very popular thanks to Laurie McHugh, ably assisted by a number of student volunteers. Our local councilor, Diane Deans, and our community police officer also attended.

Our thanks to our generous sponsors, including K & S on the Keys, Ozzy Food Market, Giant Tiger, Metro, Loblaws, Produce Depot, Farm Boy, Contractors Rental, W.O. Stinson & Son Ltd and Diane Deans.

## Garage Sale

We just couldn't get a break from the rain for our garage sale this year! As it rained on our scheduled Saturday, we kept the signs up for an extra week to give residents a chance to put items out on Sunday or the following Saturday.

## Mini Soccer

Our Mini-Soccer program experienced yet another successful season in 2016 despite the challenges of dealing with our rainy spring. Almost 20 children participated and we had great volunteer coaches organizing and assisting. 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.

## Emerald Woods Park Clean Up

As part of the annual City of Ottawa Spring Cleaning Event, we met in Emerald Woods Park on a Sunday afternoon last April and raked leaves, picked up garbage, chatted with old friends and met some new ones! Thank you to Laurie McHugh for organizing the event and to everyone that came out to help.



**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)** .



**2017-18 Membership (if you haven't already joined)  
PLEASE PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW**



Name(s) (Last/First): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Email copy of newsletter? Yes  No

We'd like our name, address and phone number in the EWRA Membership Directory: Yes  No

**Please enclose \$10 for the (two-year duration) 2017/18 membership fee and drop off this form at 2834 Mozart Court before November 15.**