

Spring Message from the CHCA

Join us for our Fall Fun Fest Saturday September 16

And just like that, it is already time for another Fall edition of the Clair Hills Connection! We hope you had an enjoyable summer. This summer brought many new faces to the neighbourhood and we want to welcome the neighbours that have moved in over the past few months. If you haven't received your welcome package yet, please email neighbourhoodrep@clair-hills.ca.

The CHCA went through some changes in the spring as two valued board members moved on. We want to thank Scott Dougall and Anne Paulson for their hard work, tireless efforts and commitment to the neighbourhood. We also want to take this opportunity to welcome three new board members: Kara Botelho has been a keen volunteer for the past two years and joined the board at our spring AGM. We also have two enthusiastic new volunteers Season Tompkins and Melanie Roberts who stepped up to the board table as well. It's going to be an amazing year!

We are really looking forward to our annual Fall Fun Fest - the all free, family friendly event for Clair Hills residents which will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 2-5pm. This event

is organized and hosted by CHCA volunteers and is provided free of charge because of the generosity of local businesses who offer cash donations, prizes, volunteer support and advertise in this newsletter. The Fall Fun Fest offers food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. Please plan to join us and RSVP for the event at www.clair-hills.ca/upcoming-events/.

Whether you are new to the neighbourhood or a long time resident of Clair Hills, be sure to join our email list to receive important news about events in our neighbourhood. Email connect@clair-hills.ca to be added to the list. And don't forget to follow us on Twitter (@ClairHills) and Facebook [Clair Hills Community Association and Clair Hills (Buy & Sell)].

We are always looking for more volunteers to join us. Whether you are able to help out at the Fall Fun Fest or are interested in one of our other roles, we would love to hear from you. Please email volunteer@clair-hills.ca for more information.

We would like to thank all of our advertisers as well as our dedicated volunteer team for their ongoing support.

Sincerely,
The CHCA Board of Directors & Volunteers

Join the Clair Hills Parents Group!

The Clair Hills Parents Group is for residents with kids aged 0-6 years to unite those looking to meet other parents and kids in our neighbourhood, plan play dates, share advice and learn about family-friendly events in the community.

We are planning some new parents group activities beginning in September. If you would like to be notified about these events, please email parents@clair-hills.ca to be added to the email list.

Visit our webpage for a list of local programs, shops and events to help get you and your little ones out of the house (<http://www.clair-hills.ca/parents-of-clair-hills/>). There is also a survey on the CHCA website where you can indicate your event preferences.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

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Fall Fun Fest is Saturday September 16! Join us for fun and entertainment. Read more on page 2.



Long time CHCA volunteers Scott Dougall (centre left) and Luke Stuart (centre right) working hard to keep the food coming at last year's Fall Fun Fest.

Fall Fun Fest: Saturday Sept. 16

Join us for FREE fun, food and entertainment!

The Clair Hills Community Association annual Fall Fun Fest is a free event for residents of the Clair Hills community. Organized and hosted by the volunteers of the association, the Fall Fun Fest offers food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. We are able to provide this event free of charge because of the generosity of local businesses and community supporters who offer cash donations, prizes, volunteer support and in-kind services.

Date, Location and Time:

When: Saturday September 16, 2017

Location: Edna Staebler P.S. Parking Lot and Gym

Time: 2:00pm – 5:00pm

What participants can expect:

- A free slice of pizza while supplies last, and drink
- Carnival-style games for various ages
- Carnival food such as popcorn and cotton candy
- Incredible door prizes from our community supporters
- Visit from the local fire truck and fire fighters*
- Entertainment such as the Nimblebus, train, face painting and photo booth
- Local vendors, businesses and/or services
- Opportunity to meet the CHCA volunteers and their neighbours

*Please note that each Fall Fun Fest is different and not all of the above features may be available each year, and are subject to change at any time. *Subject to availability.*

Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers!

Thanks to all our advertisers in this edition of the Clair Hills Connection, as well as any offers of support that came in after printing. If you would like to support the Fall Fun Fest, email events@clair-hills.ca.

Please bring a donation for the FoodBank (non-perishable items only please)



The Fall Fun Fest is generously supported by the following:

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MEET THE CHCA

The Clair Hills Community Association is comprised of a Board of Directors and local volunteers. This group meets regularly to coordinate events and share important information with the community.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Breanna Swanson
Diana Clipsham
Kara Botelho
Melanie Roberts
Rob Wallace
Season Tompkins
Teresa Martin

VOLUNTEERS:

Administrative Coordinator:
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Communications Coordinator:
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Ice Rink Convener: Vacant

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Volunteers: Adam Dougall, Adam Shortt, Alexis Wallace, Ashley Wallace, Andrew Lawrence, Beata Harris, Caitlin Smith, Hakim Saeed, Janice Moore, Kirsten Dougall, Luke Stuart, Margaret Wilton, Scott Dougall, Shahab Khokhar, Urooj Advani, Vicki Dougall

2016-2017 Ice Rink Volunteers:

Adam Shortt, Caitlin Smith, Craig Smith, Iain Thompson, Jerry Walker, Kevin McCarthy, Luke Stuart, Mike Davy, Mike Dixon, Mike Dwyer, Trish Adams, Rob Wallace, Scott Dougall, Tyler Tennant



Our dedicated volunteers at this year's AGM. From left to right (back): Rob Wallace, Anne Paulson, Krysten Palser, Nesar Ahmed, Season Tompkins, Janice Moore, Jamie Harland, Teresa Martin, Don Oberle & Melissa Stark (guest speakers), Scott Dougall, Luke Stuart, Hakim Saeed. Front: Beata Harris, Melanie Roberts, Breanna Swanson, Diana Clipsham, Kara Botelho.

Join Our Volunteer Community

Clair Hills Community Association is a dedicated and fun group of residents who care about each other and the neighbourhood they live in.

Why should I volunteer with the CHCA?

Volunteering is one of the easiest ways to give back to your community and it's a great way to meet your neighbours. Volunteering also provides opportunities to build your resume, gain practical experience, and network. We are always in need of new volunteers to help us continue to be able to provide events such as the Fall Fun Fest and Winter Classic, which our community has come to love. The CHCA wouldn't exist without the dedication and passion of its volunteers. Please consider joining us; we would love to welcome you to the team!

How much time does it take?

Volunteering takes as much time as you are able to give. The CHCA volunteers meet once a month and hold an Annual General Meeting every spring. Events are run throughout the year and help is urgently needed to plan these events in the time leading up to them.

What can you help with?

We encourage volunteers to help in areas that interest them, and to build their own roles within the CHCA. We also have specific opportunities, including Advertising Coordinator, Social Media Coordinator and Ice Rink Convener. Plus, there are seasonal volunteer opportunities including the Ice Rink volunteer role or event-specific opportunities such as helping at the Fall Fun Fest. For more information, email volunteer@clair-hills.ca.



The Clair Hills Community Association works in partnership with the City of Waterloo as agreed in the terms of their Affiliation Service Agreement.

October is International Walk to School Month!

International Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Celebrate International Walk to School Month with students and families around the globe! During the month of October, lace up your sneakers or hop on a bike for your journey to school, work, or wherever you need to go!

Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) is a community-based initiative that promotes active transportation to and from school with the goal of increasing kids' health and happiness and creating daily fitness habits for life.

The ASRTS highlights a gradual decline in the number of children walking and wheeling to and from school on a regular basis, their active journeys replaced with increasing numbers of car rides. Consequences of this include greater traffic congestion and increasing environmental pollution levels, as well as decreasing levels of kids' physical activity.

During October, the ASRTS encourages schools and communities to participate in discussions around themes including increasing daily physical activity, improving traffic and travel to school safety, enhancing the environment, promoting social interaction, and reducing traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools.

Visit the ASRTS website for more information about the initiative and for some unique ideas for making your kids' travel to school a fun and healthy experience!

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Stay Safe on Waterloo's Roads: Bike Safety Tips

As the summer weather continues into September, we get to keep our bikes on the road a little longer.

The City of Waterloo continues to facilitate safer bike travel with increasing numbers of bike lanes being added to our streets.

With the addition of the ION light rail system in our community as well, cyclists face new obstacles as they begin to navigate around the city's new LRT tracks.

Remember these bike safety tips on your next ride:

- Always wear a helmet!
 - Always ride with the flow of traffic, either in bike lanes or close to the right side of the road.
 - Obey traffic signals and rules—this includes stopping at stop signs and using proper hand signals.
 - Before cycling across LRT tracks, look both ways and stay alert. Only cross at designated areas and don't cycle along the tracks.
 - Be predictable—ride in a consistent manner and always signal your moves.
 - Install a bell or horn and lights on your bike—it's the law!
- Note that you can bring your bike on any LRT train!



For more tips on cycling around the LRT route, visit www.GRT.ca/ION.



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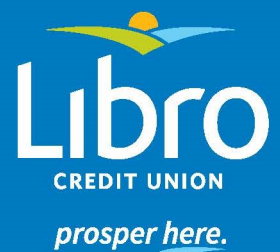
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Local public school information for Clair Hills area

Vista Hills Public School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school and offers French Immersion for Grades 1 through 7. Edna Staebler Public School will continue to serve the Clair Hills community with students from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8.

To register at either school you will need the following:

- Birth Certificate or Permanent Residence Card
- A bill/lease agreement or purchase agreement with your name and address on it

Please contact Vista Hills PS or Edna Staebler PS with any further questions or to book an appointment.

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Join the Clair Hills Buy & Sell Group

Did you know the Clair Hills Community Association has its own Facebook Buy and Sell group?

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Join our Ice Rink Maintenance Team!

The arrival of the fall season is bittersweet; warm sunny days transition into chilly evenings and remind us that winter is just around the corner!

For some of us, winter can't get here fast enough! If you love winter activities and are counting the days until you can lace up your ice skates, then we want to recruit you!

Every year a dedicated team of volunteers affectionately known as the "Rink Rats" works very hard to build and maintain NHL-quality ice at the St. Moritz park rink for our community to enjoy.

If you are interested in assisting with the rink this winter, we would be pleased to save you a position on our team. The ice rink is supported by the City of Waterloo and maintained by volunteers in our neighbourhood.

The CHCA coordinates the required maintenance and actively recruits volunteers.

We look forward to welcoming you onto the ice!

Please email rink@clair-hills.ca to join our Ice Rink Maintenance Team.



Waterloo Mayor Dave Jaworsky gets ready to drop the puck at our 2017 Winter Classic.

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