

Clair Hills Connection

The Clair Hills Connection is a NEW bi-annual newsletter dedicated to informing residents about upcoming events, community initiatives, and ways to get involved.



President's Message: Fall 2012

Dear residents,

We trust that your summer has been a very enjoyable and safe time for all. The late summer/early fall not only brings a return to school and a change of season, but also brings the return of the Clair Hills Community Association annual Fall Fun Fest (see details below). Please plan on attending this event as it really is about getting all of us together as friends and neighbours to celebrate this great community and our great fortune to live here.

Since I wrote to you last January, there have been some changes to our neighbourhood. As well as the new restaurants and retail outlets that have

opened or are opening in the area, we have two new retirement communities, and new parks that have opened or are underway.

The CHCA has also experienced its own growth and change, including our revamped website and the establishment of our social media presence. As communication is the key to community, the CHCA is committed to communicating with you as effectively as possible. In addition to our web and social media presence, we will continue to send out electronic newsletters as well as two semi-annual newsletters, in hard copy, that will be delivered to your door.

Finally I would like to

thank, on behalf of the entire community, all members of the CHCA, all volunteers, our community partners and our generous sponsors. Without their tireless efforts and continuous contributions, the CHCA, the community newsletters, website, social media and events like the Fall Fun Fest would simply not exist. Thank you all!

Best regards,

John

John Sweeny

president@clair-hills.ca

The Clair Hills Community association is committed to creating a clean, safe, welcoming, and connected community.

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Clair Hills is growing again. Read more about the St. Moritz park on page 3.

Fall Fun Fest is September 22nd: Join us!

The Clair Hills Community Association is pleased to announce it is hosting its annual Fall Fun Fest this year, thanks to the dedication of its volunteers and generous donations of local sponsors. Come and enjoy a great BBQ, games, face painting, *Kricket the Clown*, *Norah the Astrolo-*

ger, exciting door prizes, special guests and more. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and learn more about your Clair Hills Community Association. Admission is FREE, however donations to the Waterloo Food Bank would be appreciated.

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Fall Fun Fest

Sat. Sept. 22, 2012

2pm - 5pm

Edna Staebler P.S.
Parking Lot

FREE!

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Fall Fun Fest: We need your help!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a very small number of dedicated volunteers who are helping organize this event. However, in order to make the event run smoothly, we need some enthusiastic volunteers to lend a hand at the actual event on September 22nd.

Duties may include helping set up the event, running carnival games, assisting in the food and beverage tent, cleaning up, etc. The time commitment is anywhere from one to five hours depending on your availability and we welcome student volunteers. If you are friendly, helpful and reliable, and wish to help your community association, please contact Jamie at events@clair-hills.ca to sign up, or to request more information.

ADVERTISING & DONATIONS

We have been very fortunate this year to have so many generous advertisers and donations from local community members and businesses. The funds generated from advertising in this newsletter will go towards ensuring the Clair Hills Community Association can put on events such as the Fall Fun Fest and Spring Clean Up, and sending out newsletters like this one. A complete list of our Fall Fun Fest sponsors is located on our website www.clair-hills.ca and is being updated regularly. If you would like to donate to this year's Fall Fun Fest, please email events@clair-hills.ca. If you would like to advertise in future editions of the



Clair Hills Connection, please email advertising@clair-hills.ca.

We would also like to thank the **City of Waterloo** for its **Neighbourhood Matching Grant Fund**. This fund helps award applicants a cash grant to use towards a specific project and the Clair Hills Community Association received a grant to use for the 2012 Fall Fun Fest.

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Local park development in Clair Hills: Keats Way and St. Moritz

Our Government Affairs director, Thomas Bryll, provides the park updates you've been waiting for

Parks update - September 2012

The CHCA has been working closely with the City of Waterloo to keep the momentum on the local Park developments on track and to continue addressing the needs/concerns of the Clair Hills residents. The Keats Way Park was scheduled to finish in the Spring 2012 and has been a hub of activity with kids, families and pets enjoying our latest addition.

St. Moritz Park update

The St. Moritz Park is to be located in Ward 2 of Waterloo; north of St. Moritz Blvd, south of the SWM pond block, bounded by Edna Staebler Public School to the east and future single family

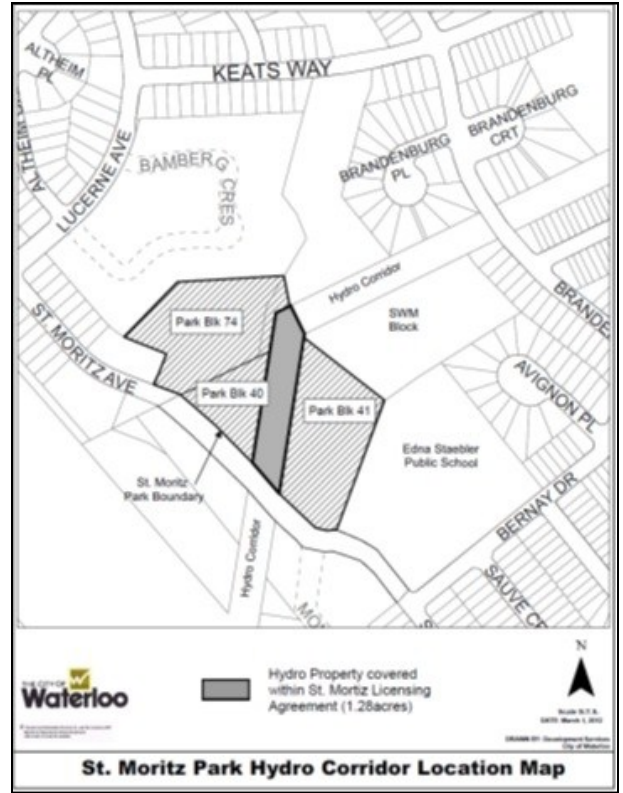
homes to the west (see map). The overall park design is to incorporate all the blocks of land including the Hydro corridor to create a seamless interconnected park block.

Hydro One has approved the License Agreement so the City can begin working in the Hydro corridor. Discussions with the developers continue and work has begun including grading the different areas. The City has outlined the completion of Phase One of the park (The foundational work) by this fall.

Thomas

Thomas Bryll

government.affairs@clair-hills.ca



Board of Directors & Volunteers

The Clair Hills Community Association is comprised of a Board of Directors and local volunteers. This group of dedicated residents meet regularly to coordinate events, liaise with government and city officials, and bring important information to the community.

Board of Directors:

- John Sweeney, President
- Jeff Dooley, Treasurer & Advertising
- Caitlin Smith, Communications
- Craig Smith, Social Media
- Scott Dougall, Business Affairs
- Thomas Bryll, Government Affairs

Volunteers:

- Shelly Reed, Webmaster
- Jamie Harland, Events Coordinator
- Adriann Kennedy, Events Volunteer
- Sarah Geidlinger, General Volunteer

- Craig Campbell, General Volunteer
- Wendi Campbell, General Volunteer
- Diana Clipsham, General Volunteer

The association would like to extend a very BIG thank you to all its volunteers for their time and commitment.

The CHCA would also like to thank *Janette Kruegel* and *Matt Greenberg* for their past volunteerism with website maintenance and FaceBook.

If you would like to volunteer and/or attend one of our next meetings, please email communications@clair-hills.ca.

UPCOMING CHCA EVENTS:

- **Fall Fun Fest:** Sat. Sept. 22, 2012
- **Spring Clean Up:** April 2013
- **Yard Sale:** May 2013

If you would like to recommend a community event, please email events@clair-hills.ca

The CHCA coordinates the annual clean up. Take a look at what we cleaned up this year...



Upcoming Events in Waterloo: Swim, Shop, Explore, Culture

AQUATICS FUN

When: Saturday September 15, 2012

What: Aquatics Expo and Free Swim-At the Swimplex

Time: 2:05pm–3:30pm (Free Swim),
3:30pm–6:00pm (Aquatics Expo)

Details: Try some cool aquatic sports with the experts in the field such as diving, synchro, competitive swimming and water polo. More information at www.waterloo.ca/swim

OPEN STREETS IN UPTOWN

When: Sunday September 16, 2012

What: Open Streets UpTown Waterloo

Time: 1:00pm–4:00pm

Details: The north end of King Street will show off its fashion fabulosity and feature clothing stores [Delirium](#), [Meow Boutique](#), [Patina Vintage](#), [Bon Mot](#), and Unit 5.

EXPLORE NANOTECHNOLOGIES

When: Saturday September 29, 2012

What: Mike & Ophelia Lazaridis Quantum-Nano Centre Open House

Time: 10:00am

Details: This state-of-the-art facility at the heart of campus is home to the Institute for Quantum Computing and the Waterloo Institute for Nanotechnology. During the day-long Community Open House, you can tour the cutting-edge laboratories, meet the scientists and learn about the incredible quantum devices and nano-

technologies being pioneered in Waterloo. A series of public lectures by renowned guest speakers will explore the joys and wonders of science, and an interactive Discovery Zone will allow hands-on scientific exploration.

For more information, please visit <http://uwaterloo.ca/mike-ophelia-lazaridis-quantum-nano-centre/events/mike-ophelia-lazaridis-quantum-nano-centre-open-house>

FAIR IN THE SQUARE

When: Sunday September 30, 2012

What: Fair in the Square

Time: 1:00pm–5:00pm

Details: Please see page 7 for more information about this cultural experience.



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Have you connected with Clair Hills?

If you're not already aware, you can connect with your Community Association on Twitter: [@ClairHills!](https://twitter.com/ClairHills)

So far we've connected with nearly 150 people in and around our community, and we'd like to see that number grow.

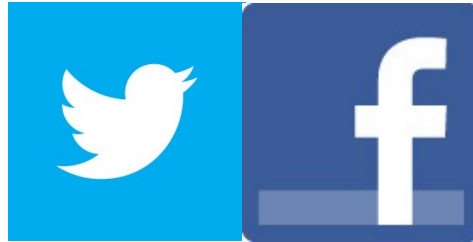
We talk about community events, bylaw advice, safety and anything else that people want to tweet about with us. Help us put the 'social' back into social media, and connect with us!

Not signed up for twitter? No problem! You can visit our website www.clair-hills.ca and you can also find us on Facebook. We also send out monthly e-newsletters and important notifications as required, so be sure to sign-up for our email distribution list on our website or by emailing us.

Craig

Craig Smith

social.media@clair-hills.ca



Quotable Twitter Moments:

@ClairHills thanks for the note—what a great neighbourhood to raise a family in.

From @ROB_Wallace

If you want to get involved building community on the Westside, please check out @ClairHills...

From @KarenScian

Out and about this morning, looks like lots of selection and good deals this morning @ClairHills Yard Sale! #gooddeals

From @Craig Campbell

Forestry Alert

Emerald ash borer is a highly destructive insect that attacks and kills ash trees. It has made its way into Waterloo as well as Waterloo Region.

The cities of Waterloo, Cambridge and Kitchener, the townships of North Dumfries, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich, the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency are working together to implement measures to help slow the spread of this pest.



The potential damage of this insect rivals that of Chestnut blight and Dutch Elm Disease.

Clair Hills Connection Advertising

Learn how you can connect with our community by advertising your local business in the pages of the next edition of the Clair Hills Connection.

The Clair Hills Connection offers advertising opportunities for local businesses. With competitive rates and a distribution of approximately 1,500 homes in the Clair Hills community, it is an affordable way to connect with customers.

Our newsletter is hand delivered twice annually in fall and winter by volunteers of the CHCA. Our door-to-door approach ensures it reaches all our residents.

If you are interested in advertising in future issues of the Clair Hills Connection, please email advertising@clair-hills.ca or visit our website www.clair-hills.ca for more information.

Our next issue of Clair Hills Connection will be published in **February 2013**.

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By-law 101: Be aware of important by-laws to report and protect

BY-LAW BASICS

City by-laws protect us and our property. Understanding by-laws helps ensure we abide by them and also know how to properly report those who don't.

ANIMALS

By-law 09-047: Prohibits the running at large of dogs in the City of Waterloo and it also imposes a licensing fee on the owners of dogs. Every dog owner must remove any excrement left by his or her dog on any property including their own.

By-law 09-047: Includes regulations for cats and kittens. They must be kept or harboured in a manner that does not adversely impact neighbouring properties or residents whether through offensive odours, noise likely to disturb the inhabitants, straying or roaming, accumulation of feces or otherwise.

IDLING

By-law 2009-077: Limits unnecessary idling of vehicles to three minutes or less. The fine for idling your car for more than three minutes is \$75.

GRAFFITI

By-law 2010-094: If you witness any form of graffiti vandalism in progress, please call 911 immediately and report the crime to the police. When you see graffiti on property in the city, you are encouraged to report it by calling the Graffiti Busters hotline at 1-855-TAG-FREE (824-3733) or emailing by-law@waterloo.ca

PARKING

By-law 08-077 and **Regional Parking By-law 06-072** regulate parking on Regional and Municipal roadways. These by-laws are extensive but **three noteworthy items for our neighbourhood are:**

The parking bylaw prohibits parking on the "apron" or "boulevard" portion of a driveway. A boulevard is the part of a road between the curb line and the property line of the lot abutting the roadway. It includes the apron of a driveway. The fine for violating this bylaw is \$40.

It is prohibited to park within 3 metres of a point on the curb or edge of the roadway nearest to any fire hydrant.

It is also prohibited to park within 9 metres of an intersecting roadway

NOISE

By-law 2010-073: Excessive noise such as a dog barking daily, and excessively; loud stereo or musical equipment being played on a regular basis; and construction equipment operated before 7 am and after 7 pm and on Sundays and statutory holidays. The minimum fine for an offence under this by-law is \$400.

SNOW REMOVAL

By-law 09-156: As a resident of Waterloo, you are required by law to clear the snow and ice from the sidewalks at the front and side of your home within 24 hours of a snowfall. Although it's the law, it's also the neighbourly thing to do. To report unshoveled sidewalks call 519.747.6280

Disclaimer: This by-law information has been collected from the City of Waterloo's By-law Enforcement Division section of its website. For the most up-to-date information, please contact: Enforcement Division at 519.747.8785 or email bylaw@waterloo.ca

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Celebrating Creativity in Our City: Fair in the Square Sept. 30th

City of Waterloo

Nothing brings people together like a celebration. Mingling with family, friends and neighbours creates a sense of community that contributes to the overall quality of life. Before you know it, the community has a certain quality, a certain culture, making it more attractive and sought-after as a place to live. Enhancing this quality is one of the driving forces behind the City of Waterloo's Culture Plan project.

When a city is rich in culture, it is attractive to all who work, live and play there. We want our city to be as energetic, vibrant and lively as possible. And we're off to a great start! We have a wide range of cultural venues as well as numerous creative workers in arts, music, theatre and other cultural activities. Waterloo also hosts several festivals and cultural events throughout the year.

This year, the City of Waterloo is hosting Fair in the Square on Sunday, Sept.30 from 1pm to 5pm in Waterloo Public Square.

Fair in the Square will showcase lively performances, talented musicians, artists and entertainers the entire family will enjoy. Featured performers include Craig Cardiff, Theatre on the Edge, and Starlight Steel Drum Band. Visitors will be able to participate in a scavenger hunt, contribute to a community art project, and enter to win some great prizes – all in the hub of UpTown Waterloo.

Fair in the Square is a great way for residents to celebrate creativity and it will also serve as the kick-off to our culture plan public consultations. Staff will be on hand to gather your input into how to make our city a more vibrant and creative place. This consultative approach will get people talking about Wa-

terloo's cultural development so we can shape the future of culture in Waterloo for generations to come.

For information about Fair in the Square and the City of Waterloo's Culture Plan, visit our website at www.waterloo.ca/cultureplan.

The Clair Hills Community Association works in partnership with the City of Waterloo and is a proud recipient of the City of Waterloo's Neighbourhood Matching Fund for 2012.





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