

## Fall Message from the CHCA

Welcome to our many new neighbours we've seen move in this summer! We hope you'll join us at our Fall Fun Fest on Saturday September 20!

If you're new to Clair Hills, welcome to the neighbourhood – we're so excited for you to join our beautiful community. This may be your first introduction to the Clair Hills Community Association (CHCA) and it's a timely one. In less than two weeks, we'll be hosting our annual Fall Fun Fest – a free BBQ for all our residents, promising lots of fun including face painting, the Tumblebus, and even a visit from the local fire truck. To learn more about this event, read the article on page 2. We hope you'll join us.

This fall, the CHCA has some exciting volunteer opportunities including our new Neighbourhood Rep program. If you want to help out but don't have a lot of time, this is an ideal way to get involved. Read more about this volunteer program on page 4. We're also looking for eager residents to fill our events and communication roles, plus we have board of director opportunities too! If you're interested, check out page 3. For more information or to get involved, please email [volunteer@clair-hills.ca](mailto:volunteer@clair-hills.ca)

The St. Moritz Park development is coming along. We'll have more updates this fall as the multi-purpose surface is finished. To keep up-to-date, make sure you join our emailing list. Email [connect@clair-hills.ca](mailto:connect@clair-hills.ca) to join.

Finally, it's an election year! You'll notice many election candidates have advertised in the pages of the Clair Hills Connection. To learn about all the candidates, read the information to the right of this page or visit the City of Waterloo's website.

We look forward to seeing old friends and new neighbours this fall! Thanks for reading and thank you to all our advertisers!

Sincerely,

*The Clair Hills Community Association Board of Directors and Volunteers*

## Municipal Elections are coming! Are you ready to vote on October 27?

Ontario's next municipal and school board elections take place on October 27, 2014. Make sure you're eligible to vote! Confirm or add your information in a few easy steps, and get ready to have your say.

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For a list of local election candidates, [click here](#) or visit the City of Waterloo's website: <http://www.waterloo.ca/en/government/election.asp>



The Fall Fun Fest is fast approaching. Learn more about this annual tradition on Page 2.

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## We're very Social

- Connect with us on Twitter, Facebook and BBM Channels





The Fall Fun Fest has a variety of games for kids. This year we have the Tumblebus!

## Fall Fun Fest: Saturday Sept. 20

Join us for a FREE BBQ, entertainment, games and prizes, plus meet your neighbours

The Clair Hills Community Association annual Fall Fun Fest is a free BBQ 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're 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:

Rain or Shine, Sat. Sept. 20, 2014 at Edna Staebler P.S. 2:00pm to 5:00pm

*While our event is free, please bring a donation for the FoodBank.*

### What attendees can expect this year:

- A free hot dog or hamburger, and drink
- Carnival-style games for various ages
- Carnival food including popcorn and cotton candy
- Visit from the local fire truck and fire fighters
- Entertainment including the [Tumblebus](#) and face painting from [Happy Space Arts & Entertainment Inc.](#)
- Local vendors, businesses and/or services including: [Taoist Tai Chi™ Kitchener-Waterloo club](#), [Drumfit](#), [Monkeynastix Waterloo](#), [City of Waterloo Aquatics](#) and [Region of Waterloo Waste Management](#)

### Benefit to community:

The Fall Fun Fest benefits the community by bringing neighbours together who might not necessarily have the opportunity to meet. The format and location create a unique opportunity to help residents interact with one another and is a stepping stone in establishing friendships and strong networks that make the community connected, safe and welcoming.

## We're Hiring

Multiple volunteer roles available with the CHCA

**Fall Fun Fest Volunteers:** Duties include event set-up and/or tear down, and/or support during the event itself which includes a variety of tasks such as managing games for children, helping prepare food, taking photographs, and other tasks as required.

**Events Coordinator:** Duties include planning and organizing CHCA events including the Fall Fun Fest, Spring Clean Up and Yard Sale.

**Communications Coordinator:** Duties include writing and editing content for our newsletters and website, and supporting the Communications Director and Social Media Director.

**Communications Director:** We need a volunteer who can help provide leadership and strategic direction for our communication activities. This position requires a regular time commitment each month and attendance at board meetings and events. Please email [volunteer@clair-hills.ca](mailto:volunteer@clair-hills.ca) if you're interested in volunteering.

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Bring a FoodBank donation to the Fall Fun Fest. Here are the most needed items:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fish
- Canned Fruit
- Cold Cereal
- Canned Pasta
- Beans in Sauce



## MEET THE CHCA

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 and share important information with the community.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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### VOLUNTEERS:

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**Parents Group Coordinator:**  
Diana Clipsham

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Lisa Stuart

**Web Administrator:**  
Joe Radman

**Neighbourhood Reps:**  
Erin Michalski

**General Volunteers:**  
Shelly Reed, Jamie Harland

The association would like to extend a very BIG thank you to all its volunteers for their time and commitment. If you would like to volunteer or attend our meetings, please email: [volunteer@clair-hills.ca](mailto:volunteer@clair-hills.ca)



Our volunteers like to have a good time, especially at the Fall Fun Fest. They serve up everything, including the food! From left to right: Scott Dougall, Thomas Bryll, Craig Smith and Teresa Martin.

## Join Our Volunteer Community

Clair Hills Community Association is a very 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. Our volunteers have all become friends and you'll find them meeting each other for coffee, hosting UFC parties in their living rooms, and organizing play dates. Volunteering is also a great way to build your resume, gain practical experience, and network. Our volunteers receive a special nametag, a volunteer t-shirt and special recognition throughout the year including a volunteer appreciation dinner.

### How much time does it take?

One to five hours a month. Sometimes it's less and sometimes it's a little more. We meet every month (with a break in the summer) and hold an Annual General Meeting every May.



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

# Neighbourhood Reps: A New Way To Volunteer!

We've got an exciting new volunteer role to share. If you're looking for a unique way to get involved but that doesn't require a lot of time, consider becoming a **Clair Hills Neighbourhood Rep (NR)**. All that's required is delivering our newsletter a couple of times a year to your neighbours in a designated area of Clair Hills, and introducing new neighbours to the CHCA with a special welcome package that we provide! We have a special gift for our Neighbourhood Reps too. If you're interested, email [volunteer@clair-hills.ca](mailto:volunteer@clair-hills.ca) for more information.

## How it works:

Each NR is responsible for a designated area in Clair Hills. Ideally the area includes the personal street of the NR and any surrounding streets that require support. Once assigned to a street(s), the NR then carries out the following responsibilities:

- Delivers Welcome Packages to new residents, as required
- Monitors house sales and notifies CHCA when a welcome package is required
- Delivers the Clair Hills Connection (printed newsletter) door to door, twice annually\*

- Notifies the CHCA of any issues on their street(s). Examples can include recurring bylaw infractions, unusual activity such as car break ins or prowlers already reported to police, safety concerns such as traffic, etc.

- Attends a minimum of one CHCA meeting per year

\* NRs will be provided ample notice if the distribution frequency changes.

## Role of the CHCA:

- The CHCA will provide training materials and in-person training (when required) to ensure each NR understands their responsibilities and has the tools and resources to carry out their duties.
- The CHCA will provide regular communications with NRs to ensure they are up-to-date on all CHCA activities and changes. The CHCA will share meeting minutes and extend all regular meeting invites to NRs.
- The CHCA will provide each NR with a copy of the welcome package including the CHCA travel mug. The CHCA will provide an @clair-hills.ca email address, magnetic nametag and access to its electronic file share on Dropbox.
- The CHCA will include NRs in annual volunteer appreciation activities.

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# Parents of Clair Hills

Are you interested in getting to know your neighbours and have your children meet other little ones in Clair Hills? Join the Parents of Clair Hills group by emailing [parents@clair-hills.ca](mailto:parents@clair-hills.ca) with your interest. Here are some of our upcoming events:

## Coffee in the Park Play Dates

**When:** Saturday September 13th 3:30 PM-4:30 PM **AND** Saturday October 4th 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

**Who:** You and your little ones!

**Where:** Bonn Park (741 Brandenburg Blvd, Waterloo)

There are swings and a playground for all ages

**What to bring:** Coffee or your bevvies of choice, appropriate weather gear-rain or shine!

**How:** Please drop us a quick email at [parents@clair-hills.ca](mailto:parents@clair-hills.ca) to let us know you are joining us

## Toddler Play Dates

**When:** Mondays at 10:30 AM (this may change depending on interest and availability) starting up again in September

**Who:** You and your toddlers (siblings big and small are also welcome)

**Where:** Bonn Park or another local park (we may change it up depending on who plans to come and where they live)

**How:** There is a separate distribution list for the CHCA Toddler Play Dates participants, so if you aren't already on the list, please email [parents@clair-hills.ca](mailto:parents@clair-hills.ca) and we will add you on the list to keep you updated on locations and cancellations

## Stroller Walks

**When:** Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (this may change depending on interest and availability) starting up again in September

**Who:** You and all your little ones that fit in a stroller or carrier, so the parents/caregivers can get a little exercise!

**Where:** Meeting point will vary, depending on who plans to come and where they live

**How:** There is a separate distribution list for the CHCA Stroller Walks participants, so if you aren't already on the list, please email [parents@clair-hills.ca](mailto:parents@clair-hills.ca) and we will add you on the list to keep you updated on locations and cancellations

Hope to see you out at some or all of our upcoming events!

For more information about our Parents Group, contact:

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We want to hear your feedback so we can continue to bring you the right information and events that meet your needs. Please fill out the survey online at our website [www.clair-hills.ca](http://www.clair-hills.ca). If you wish to mail in your response, please fill out the survey below and mail to:

Clair Hills Community Association

c/o 473 Lausanne Cres, Waterloo ON N2T 2X4

**Submissions will be entered into a draw for a Boston Pizza gift card. Submissions must be received by September 30th, 2014.**

1. How many people currently live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many children, by age, currently live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How do you hear about our events?
  - E-newsletter
  - Clair Hills Connection (print newsletter delivered to your door)
  - Twitter
  - Facebook
  - BBM Channel
  - Website
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which CHCA events have you participated in?
  - Fall Fun Fest
  - Spring Clean Up
  - Yard Sale
  - Holiday Drop-in
  - Waterloo Siskins Game
  - I have not attended any CHCA events
  - Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you like most about CHCA events? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What do you like least about CHCA events? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What can the CHCA do to improve future events? \_\_\_\_\_
8. How many of your neighbours do you know?
  - All of them
  - Most of them
  - About half of them
  - A few of them
  - None of them
9. How strong is the sense of community in this neighbourhood?
  - Extremely strong
  - Quite strong
  - Moderately strong
  - Slightly strong
  - Not at all strong

10. How often do you visit the public parks in this neighbourhood?
  - Extremely often
  - Quite often
  - Moderately often
  - Slightly often
  - Not at all often
11. Overall, how safe do you feel in this neighbourhood?
  - Extremely safe
  - Quite safe
  - Moderately safe
  - Slightly safe
  - Not at all safe
12. Overall, how clean is this neighbourhood?
  - Extremely clean
  - Quite clean
  - Moderately clean
  - Slightly clean
  - Not at all clean
13. How proud are you to live in this neighbourhood?
  - Extremely proud
  - Quite proud
  - Moderately proud
  - Slightly proud
  - Not at all proud
14. What do you like most about this neighbourhood? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What do you like least about this neighbourhood? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What changes would most improve this neighbourhood? \_\_\_\_\_
17. If you would like to be entered into the draw for a gift certificate, please complete the fields below with your contact information. The CHCA will not distribute your contact information and will only use it to contact you if you are selected as the winner.
 

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
18. If you would like to be added to our email distribution list (includes our monthly e-newsletter), please provide your name and email address below. The CHCA will not distribute your contact information.
 

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# Little Libraries: Expand Your Reading Opportunities

Little Libraries of Kitchener-Waterloo is a loosely organized group of people who are really into the idea of Little Free Libraries

*Submitted by the Janzen Family*

Our goal is to make buying/building, setting up and maintaining your Little Library as easy as possible. Here are some of our reasons for wanting a Little Library... what are yours?

**Neighbourhood Bonding** – When you put out a Little Library, you are exchanging ideas and opinions with your neighbours. As they walk by, they can take or leave books, and perhaps start a conversation about the books with you. A Little Library is a great way to engage those who live near to you. Put out books on art history, or on the biology of rabbits! Put out 6 copies of a book that you want all of your neighbours to see! You're the steward of your Little Library; you get to curate it!

**Immediate Availability of Books** – While we do have a great set of libraries in Waterloo, there is a tangible benefit to having a book immediately available for perusal and taking, with no registration or process required. See a book that intrigues you? Just take it! Don't like it? Drop it back off, put it in another Little Library, or just give it to a friend. No need to head over to the main library or bookstore; the book is right there, just for you! You may pick up a book that you never intended to read, that you might have glossed over otherwise.

**A Marker of What We Believe** – Just the presence of Little Libraries, perhaps even more so than the books in them, is a big part of the message. Having Little Libraries all around town, and seeing them on a daily basis, reinforces that we in this community truly value literacy, thought, education, opinion, engagement. We value knowledge over ignorance. We value our millennia of personal experiences. In short,



we value books! What better way to say that than to display them prominently?

**Personal Engagement** – When we walk through residential areas, often we see houses that are very much separate from the public roadways we walk along. We value the notion of private property, and our propriety doesn't allow us to interact with what we see. A Little Library is a way for a homeowner to reach out, to say "You are welcome here. I want to engage with YOU."

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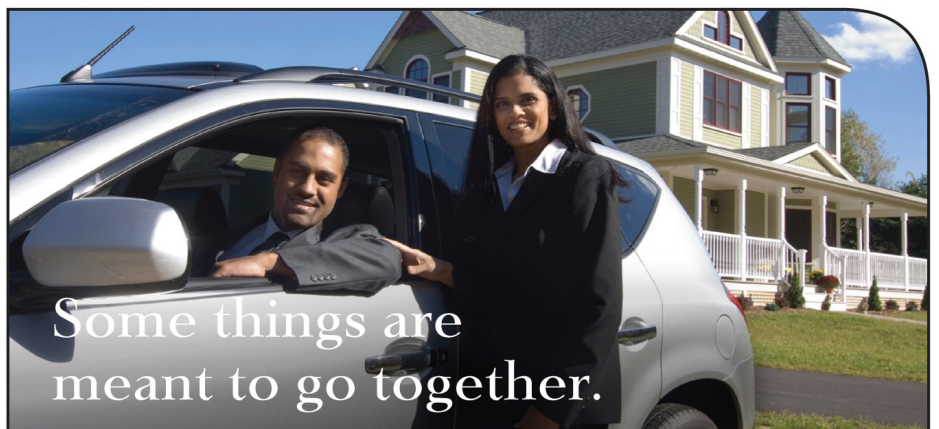
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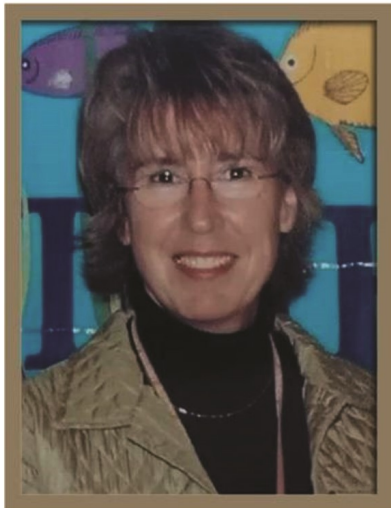
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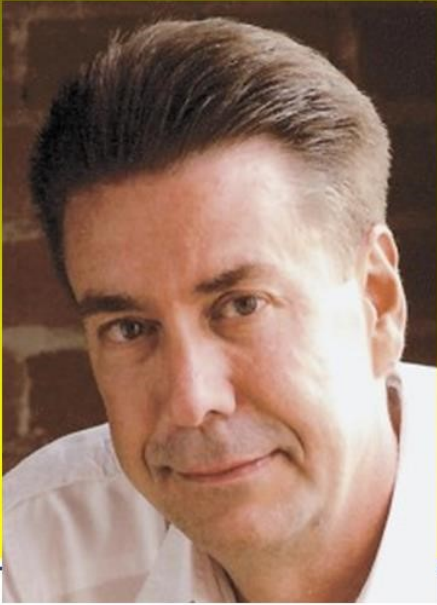
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