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Our Clair Hills Community Entrance Sign is Getting a Facelift!

Join Us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in St. Moritz Park on Saturday, June 2, 2018

As Clair Hills residents, we are fortunate to live in a neighbourhood that is vibrant, friendly and inclusive. This is something we can all be proud of! However, our existing entrance sign does not do our neighbourhood justice. The CHCA is excited to announce that this is about to change!

In the month of May, you will see our current entrance sign (on the northwest corner of Erbsville Rd. and Columbia St. W.) refaced with a new design that was voted on by more than 200 residents.

Voting took place at our December 2017 monthly meeting, at the CHCA Winter Classic in February, and online through our website which was announced on social media and in our March e-newsletter.

The winning design was clearly the favourite with over 75% of the votes.

The Clair Hills Community Association is also installing a community message board in St. Moritz Park. This message board will provide a new community space for us to promote our upcoming events and share important neighbourhood information.



To celebrate the new entrance sign and community message board, the CHCA will be hosting a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony after the Community Yard Sale, in St. Moritz Park on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 12:30 pm. We invite you and your families to join us for pizza, refreshments and an opportunity to meet your neighbours.

Please RSVP so we know to expect you at the ceremony: www.clair-hills.ca/ events/ribbon-cutting-ceremony-2018/

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Connect With Us!

To receive our monthly e-newsletters and other important community information, visit our website at www.clair-hills.ca. Click on the Connect with CHCA button to sign up!

We're Very Social

Follow us on Twitter and Like us on Facebook!







Spring Clean Up: Saturday May 12

Help keep Clair Hills beautiful by volunteering to tidy up the neighbourhood

The Clair Hills Community Association annual Spring Clean Up is an opportunity for residents to help tidy up the neighbourhood after the snow has melted.

Organized and hosted by the volunteers of the association, the Spring Clean Up provides residents with supplies including garbage bags and disposable gloves.

Date, Time and Location:

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 10:00am-12:00pm

We will have stations set up at two locations:

- The entrance to St. Moritz Park on Brandenburg Blvd
- The corner of Columbia Street West and Lucurne Ave

Please come to whichever location is most convenient for you. There will not be an afternoon session.

Please RSVP at <u>www.clair-hills.ca/events/spring-cleanup-2018/</u> so we know to expect you!

If there are any areas in the neighbourhood that you would like to see cleaned up, please email president@clair-hills.ca and we will send teams to help.

What participants can expect this year:

- Free garbage bags and disposable gloves to use to help collect litter
- · Free water and snacks, while quantities last
- Guidance from the CHCA volunteers on which areas to clean up

Please bring a donation for the FoodBank.

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Non-perishable items only please.

For a list of items that are needed please visit the

FoodBank website: www.thefoodbank.ca/get-involved/most-needed/

Annual General Meeting May 8

The CHCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a time to celebrate and reflect on our 2017-2018 season.

It's also an opportunity for the community to provide feedback, learn more about volunteering with us and address any concerns you may have.

Join us on **Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 7:00pm** in the Craft Room at the Clair Hills Retirement Community.

Our guest speaker is Remax realtor Sharon Parsons, who will be providing information about the current local real estate market.

Our AGM is also when we elect our board of directors and establish any formal volunteer positions. If you are interested in a leadership or volunteer position, please email president@clair-hills.ca.

Clair Hills Yard Sale June 2

Our annual Clair Hills Community Yard Sale is **Saturday**, **June 2**, **8:00am to 12:00pm**.

Sign up at www.clair-hills.ca/events/2018
-clair-hills-community-yard-sale to be listed as a seller in this year's sale.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to follow Yard Sale in St. Moritz Park at

12:30pm in celebration of our new community entrance sign and the installation of our new message board. Join us for pizza, refreshments and the opportunity to meet your neighbours and the CHCA volunteers.

Please RSVP here www.clair-hills.ca/
events/ribbon-cutting-ceremony-2018/ so we know to expect you at the ceremony!

MEET THE CHCA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

VOLUNTEERS:

Co-Presidents: Breanna Swanson, Diana Clipsham

Administrative Coordinator: Krysten Palser

Advertising Coordinator: Vacant

Communications Coordinator: Krysten Palser

Events Coordinator: Vacant

Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant

Ice Rink Convener: Vacant

Neighbourhood Rep Program Coordinator: Season Tompkins

Parents Group Coordinator: Season Tompkins

Social Media Coordinator: Patricia Huynh

Web Administrator: Melanie Roberts

Volunteers: Alexis Wallace, Ashley Wallace, Andrew Lawrence, Dori Mueller, Giannina Camacho, Hakim Saeed, Heidi Stieh, Jamie Harland, Janice Moore, Kirsten Dougall, Luke Stuart, Margaret Wilton, Mike Steg, Nesar Ahmed, Scott Dougall, Urooj Advani, Vicki Dougall

2017-2018 Ice Rink Volunteers:

Adam Shortt, Caitlin Smith, Craig Smith, Jerry Walker, Kevin Wilde, Luke Stuart, Mike Dixon, Mike Dwyer, Rob Wallace, Scott Dougall. Stephen Legge

Neighbourhood Reps: Angela Clancy, Beata Harris, Breanna Swanson, Diana Clipsham, Dori Mueller, Geoffrey Moon, Jamie Harland, Janice Moore, Jennifer Leitch, Jenny & JP Bhavnani, Kara Botelho, Krysten Palser, Lisa Stuart, Margaret Wilton, Melanie Roberts, Nesar Ahmed, Paula Rick, Pooneh Ghaffari-Aultman, Season Tompkins, Shad Lusted, Tanya Romantsov, Wes Worlsfold



Our dedicated volunteers! From left to right: Diana Clipsham, Melanie Roberts, Teresa Martin, Breanna Swanson, Kara Botelho, Heidi Stieh, Krysten Palser, Nesar Ahmed.

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.

What can you help with?

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. Help is urgently needed to plan our community events.

We encourage volunteers to help in areas that interest them, and to build their own roles within the CHCA.

We are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

Advertising Coordinator: Acts as the liaison between the CHCA and local businesses to solicit advertising for our bi-annual print newsletters and our website.

Events Coordinator: Acts as the lead in planning CHCA events including the Fall Fun Fest and Winter Classic. Coordinates event sub-committees for individual events.

Fundraising Coordinator: Solicits local businesses for financial and in-kind donations to sponsor CHCA events and activities.

Ice Rink Convenor: Coordinate ice rink construction, maintenance, and ice rink volunteers.

For more information about these roles or volunteering with us in general, go to www.clair-hills.ca/contact-us/volunteer-opportunities/ or email volunteer@clair-hills.ca.

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



Save the Date for the Boston Pizza Fun-Raiser!

Celebrate the start of summer at Boston Pizza Erbsville on **Thursday**, **June 28**, **2018**, **from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**. 10% of sales from this event will be donated to the Clair Hills Community Association to help raise funds for future community events.

Get to know your neighbours! Family friendly activities such as Face Painting and Boston Pizza's very own Lionel mascot!

Reservations are strongly recommended. Please bring this flyer with you when you dine in or take out during the event.



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Columbia Street Construction Update

The City of Waterloo has provided an update on the progress of ongoing construction along Columbia Street West.

The Seegmiller Group is now back on site to complete work on Columbia Street within the next few months.

Seegmiller has begun work on the roadway between Cavendish Drive and Erbsville Road. During this stage of construction, the road has been reduced to one lane in each direction along this stretch of Columbia Street.

The work will also include completion of storm sewers in this section of the road.

Expect construction to continue throughout the spring. Completion and the opening of all four lanes along Columbia Street West is slated for the end of June.

Support the CHCA with Shoetopia!

Shoetopia Waterloo has generously partnered with the CHCA to help raise funds for future community events!

When you use the coupon below to take \$20 off your purchase at any Shoetopia location, **10% of your purchase will be donated to the CHCA**.

Start your spring and summer shoe shopping today! Coupon valid until June 15, 2018.



We Need Your Help!

Find out about CHCA volunteer opportunities

at www.clair-hills.ca/

contact-us/volunteer-

opportunities/

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volunteer@clair-hills.ca



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Third Annual Clair Hills Winter Classic a Fun-Filled Success

This year's third annual Clair Hills Winter Classic was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our volunteers and participation from our neighbours and local supporters!

The Winter Classic was held on February 10, 2018. The winter weather cooperated with us this year, which allowed for a solid ice surface on the rink and we had a great turnout.

The event included several winter activities including public skating and a fun pick -up hockey tournament.



Luke Stuart coordinated the tournament and Peter Hughes officiated. Adam Shortt ran the popular Turkey Tosses for both adults and kids. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

In addition, the free event featured horse-drawn carriage rides from St. Jacob's Horse Drawn Tours and pony rides with Conestoga River Horseback Adventures. The CHCA provided a free pizza lunch and sends a special thank you to our local Panago Pizza (668 Erb St. W.) for their support in helping to provide the pizzas. Thank you also to Starbucks at Erb and Ira Needles for providing us with hot chocolate and coffee to keep us warm!

Local dignitaries who attended the event included Mayor Dave Jaworsky and MP Bardish Chagger. Thank you for coming out to support Clair Hills!

A big thank you to the entire Clair Hills Community who donated a total of \$40 and collected 146lbs of food which amounts to 234 meals for the FoodBank of Waterloo Region!

Finally, another big thank you to the volunteers who helped plan and execute the event, and the Ice Rink Crew for making sure the rink was ready to go!

Join the Clair Hills Buy & Sell Group



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

Looking to buy used or find a great bargain? Hoping to find new homes for those items you no longer use? This group is for you!

Join us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ClairHillsBuyandSell/



CHCA volunteer Kara Botelho and her family at the event.



Left: Getting ready to roast marshmallows by the fire!

Right: MP Bardish Chagger stops by to chat with Clair Hills residents.



A Horseback Adventures guide makes sure everyone is having fun!

Waterloo Region Garbage Collection and Recycling Tips

Help keep our community looking clean and beautiful by following these collection day tips:

- Avoid putting garbage at the curb until the morning of your collection day. If you do put garbage out at night, make sure to use a plastic garbage bin to prevent animals from ripping open bags.
- ☑ Download the My Waste app for collection schedule and recycling sorting information (<u>www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/waste-whiz.aspx</u>).
- ☑ Rinse out containers before recycling to reduce animal activity. Put loose papers in a plastic grocery bag and tie handles to reduce litter on windy days.
- ☑ Bag green bin waste in a certified compostable bag before putting it in your green bin. This protects collection crews and keeps your bin clean.

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 currently planning some new Parents Group events for the spring and summer.

If you would like to be notified about these events, please email parents@clair-hills.ca to be added to the email list.

We have recently updated the CHCA Child Care Registry with a list of available private day care providers and babysitters in the neighbourhood. If you are seeking child care for your children and would like access to the list, or if you or someone you know would like to be added to the list, please email us indicating your interest.

Visit our webpage for a list of local programs, shops and events to help get you and your little ones out of the house: www.clair-hills.ca/parents-of-clair-hills/

We look forward to seeing you at our next event!





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