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WESTVALE NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2019

Thank You For Your Support!

Submitted by Theresa Ulliyot

This past June, we tried a variation of our past summer's activities and added some new ones. This resulted in a great day and evening, and fun for everyone. We'd like to thank Align Real Estate for sponsoring Beitz Horse and Carriage which proved to be a big hit with people of all ages. We'd like to thank Beitz Horse and Carriage as well, for donating extra time and extra carriage rides.

We appreciated the ample community donations, given before, during and after the fireworks. We embraced technology and made Square Payment available as well as e-transfers along with our door to door \$2-\$20 Campaign. We hope that made it more convenient for everyone to pitch in.

Thanks to React, who always shows up with smiles and big lights, which help us clean up. Also, we'd like to thank our Optimists, who donated to our day, and also had volunteers run some games and crafts.

Picnic blankets lined the grass in the park, where folks were enjoying food and delicious ice cream. By supporting our popular Food Trucks, we were able to receive a portion of their sales- all of which helps pay for a splendid fireworks display. We hope everyone had a great time, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again next year. It has been an event-packed year in Westvale, made possible by the WCA, the Westvale-Waterloo Optimist Club, the City of Waterloo and many sponsors - thank you! We are fortunate in Westvale to have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers.

Next month we have our annual general meeting on Wednesday November 13th at Fire Station #2, 470 Columbia Street West, Waterloo. The event runs 7-9pm and starts with a social, followed by the election of the WCA officers and voting members. We hope to see you there!

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Join us at our monthly meetings, the second Wednesday of every month in the Libro Credit Union boardroom (Erb & Fischer Hallman) from 7pm - 9pm.

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PAST EVENTS

Westvale Perennial Exchange

Thanks to the Westvale residents who came out to the Perennial Exchange in May and donated their plants to trade for new and different flowers. There were plenty of gardening discussions and suggestions as we were all eager to get working in our gardens. This year we had visitors from other neighbourhoods, including one from Westmount who heard about the exchange from a friend, and a local school bus driver who saw the signs on her daily trips through Westvale! All types of gardeners are welcome at our exchange, whether you are a first-timer wondering where to start or an experienced veteran sharing valuable tips and tricks. We particularly appreciated those who could help us identify and describe the plants that were donated. Thanks to everyone who contributed, Westvale's gardens looked great all summer long!



Westvale Family Fun Softball

Submitted by Tim Taylor

This summer was our 15th season of Family Fun Softball, and it was our best ever! We had lots of Westvale kids and parents come out to play each Saturday night in June, July and August. We made up teams from whomever was there each night, and added to each team as more players arrived. Thanks to the great weather, we only had one rained-out game.

There was a good combination of regulars who came out most nights, plus familiar faces from past years, and lots of new players too. It definitely was a big hit! This year, it was so popular, we held an extra game on the Saturday of the Labour Day long weekend. A big thank you to volunteers Mary-Jane and Rosemary who helped to organize some of the games. Your help is very much appreciated! We're already looking forward to our 16th season starting next June!

Westvale Corn Roast

Submitted by Theresa Ulliyot

A sincere thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at the Annual Corn Roast on Sunday September 22nd. It was a great day in more ways than one. The weather was perfect, we had a great turnout and it was another successful event organized by the Westvale Executive. A special thank you to our sponsors Herrle's Country Farm Market for the sweetest corn and Bre Creative for providing face painting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Community Family Ice Skating

Submitted by Theresa Ulliyot

Saturday November 23rd, 2019

4:00 - 5:00pm (skating)

5:00 - 6:00pm (social)

Albert McCormick Community Centre

Time to lace up your new or old skates! Join us for free family skating, courtesy of the Westvale Community Association!

This free skating event invites all ages and skill sets. Safe and supervised by WCA volunteers to ensure a fun and safe time for all. Often well attended and a good opportunity for neighbourly and family get together. Snacks and refreshments provided by WCA and we always welcome skate-day contributions of table games, colouring books etc. for the younger set. Volunteers are always welcome too to set up and take down. So come out and enjoy the day. See you there!



Westvale Fall Social & Annual General Meeting

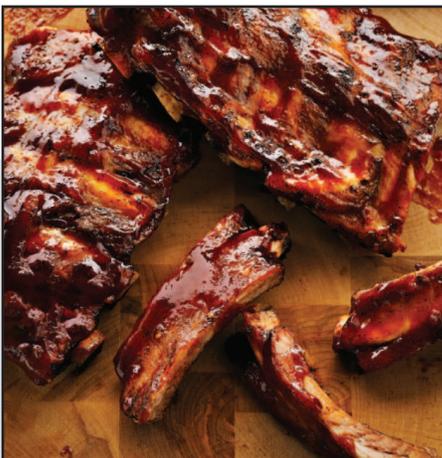
Submitted by Craig Campbell

Wednesday November 13th, 2019

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Fire Station #2 - 470 Columbia Street West, Waterloo

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Volunteer Update

Submitted by Adam McCarthy

Hello Neighbours! My name is Adam McCarthy and I am the new Volunteer Coordinator for the Westvale Community Association. Westvale has had a long tradition of engaged volunteers that make our community a truly special place to live. Whether you are a past volunteer or would like to get involved for the first time, we would love to hear from you and discuss your areas of interest and availability.

Please visit our website: westvale.ca/volunteer-opportunities for more information. Our amazing events can only happen with people like you helping out! Have a great Fall and we'll see you at the first Community Skate!

Our Street Sign Volunteers Are Awesome!

Submitted by Tim Taylor

Our street sign volunteers are some of our hardest-working Westvale volunteers! They “adopt” one sign, putting it on a street corner, bringing it back in, changing the message, and then taking it back out again. They do this more than 20 times a year, sometimes for several weeks in a row. They work in all sorts of weather all year round – hot, cold, snow and rain. They climb over and around piles of snow to retrieve the signs. And they watch out for them too, picking them up when they get knocked down. They store their signs when not in use. Some volunteers even store more than one sign. A huge THANKS to our street sign volunteers – our events would not be as successful without you!

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Two Stolen Street Signs

Submitted by Tim Taylor

We're sorry to say that we have lost two of your Westvale Community Association street signs this summer. After much searching of the surrounding areas, we believe the signs were stolen – one from the intersection of Westvale Drive and Thorndale Drive by Fischer-Hallman the other from Westvale Drive and Westvale Gate by Resurrection CSS. We have had street signs disappear in the past, but they usually turn up someplace else, such as tossed in a bush or over a fence. In the spring, one sign was found at Resurrection after it disappeared from its street corner. All our signs have return contact info on them, on both the sign sheets and on the metal frame.

We are very disappointed to have these signs stolen. They are one of our most important methods to communicate upcoming events, and they are expensive to replace.

We need your help to keep our signs safe and in good condition:

- If you see a sign knocked down, please set it back up.
- If you find a sign where it doesn't belong, please pick it up and call the number on the sign, or send a Facebook message to the Community Association

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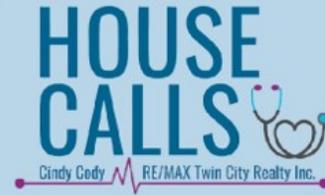
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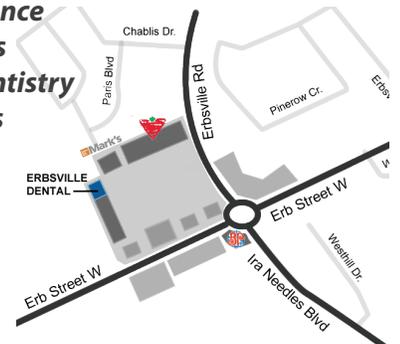
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