



Your Clair Hills Connection

“Committed to creating a clean, safe, welcoming and connected community.”

Fall Newsletter

September 2007

Clair Hills Association Meetings

Our Association meets on the first Wednesday of every month. The next Association meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 3rd, at 7pm**, at the large meeting room at the new **Canadian Tire**. Please RSVP with Shelly so she knows how many people will be in attendance.

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Dear neighbors and friends,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to share with you the latest exciting developments within our neighbourhood of Clair Hills. We are proud to announce the news that CHCA is going green. Going green means that this printed issue of the newsletter will be our last. From now on you will be able to read all the valuable updates and get the latest and greatest news that is happening in our community right on our website at www.clair-hills.ca. We have decided to go green for a few reasons:

As demonstrated by the incredible turn out we had with the community clean up in the spring, we think it is safe to say that we have quite a few environmentally conscious individuals who care about the health of our community. We also realize that many of our residents view email as the preferred method of communication. In fact, we are proud to share that we have over 300 people on our email distribution list, and that number keeps growing. There are approximately 1200 households in our neighborhood, and our vision is to have each one represented on our distribution list. What this will allow us to do is the following:

- 1, To cut down on the amount of paper we use, eg. newsletters and flyers;
- 2, To encourage more folks in our community to visit our website and view it as a central source for current community information;
- 3, To use our distribution list as a community alert system in an effort to convey vital information for emergency and safety reasons.

We encourage you to contact Shelly Reed today, and help us become the first “green” neighbourhood association by joining our email distribution list. Rest assured that we understand the trust you place in us and we respect your privacy. To this end you have our assurance that your email address will not be sold to anyone, nor will it be used as a method of advertising.

In keeping with our focus on connecting our community we are pleased to announce another exciting idea that we call Community Spot Light. The CSL will be our way of showcasing the extraordinary talents of folks by profiling a local hero or business owner within our community. The spot light will shine first on Justin Young, the owner of Canadian Tire on Erb, so watch the website for this article. Please know that this opportunity is open to any local hero that resides in Clair Hills or any business owner either residing in Clair Hills or who has a business located within Clair Hills. If you or anyone else you know might be a great candidate for the CSL, please contact Shelly Reed and we will fill you in on the details of the process.

Here's to a great fall season in Clair Hills! Blessings and be well!

David Robinson, President

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Summer Events Update

Family Mini-Golf Tournament

Our first event of the summer was held on June 9th at Max's Golf Centre in St. Jacob's. Not very many people were able to attend this event, but the day was sunny and warm, and the golf course was beautiful so we had lots of fun. Congratulations to 2 year old Matthew Reed for winning the tournament, and thanks to the folks at Bank of Montreal for providing prizes for the participants.

Family Photo Day

On June 24th, our very own Sara Geidlinger, of Geidlinger Photography, escorted 47 families to the beautiful pond off Brandenburg Blvd., to take some beautiful family portraits. For every 8X10 family portrait sold, Sara donated \$2 to our playground fund. After adding additional dates to accommodate the demand, the total donated was \$161.00!

The Clair Hills Classic

On July 8th, 2007, we hosted another event to raise funds for the playground at our new public school. 32 players participated in the first Annual Clair Hills Classic, held in Baden at the Foxwood Golf Club, and despite the hot weather, a great time was had by all.

Many thanks to the following Clair Hill-ites for coming out to support our worthy cause: Derek McKay, Gerrard Lee, Wayne McKay, Ron Aubrey, Jeff Rankine, Elaine Rankine, Paul Fraser, Scott Strassburger, Mike Cummings, Kevin McBride, David Stark, Bob McLellan, Kim Dickson, Ed Dickson and Jeremy Reed.


Thanks also to Shelly & Jeremy Reed's family for coming out: Steve Foley, Jamie Reed, Garnet Reed, Ted Holden, Wendy Reed, Joan LaRose, Cindy Holden and Marion Holden.

And a very special thanks go out to our event sponsors, and participants, the folks at Bank of Montreal: Rick Bolzon, Janice Bolzon, Lee Kors and Ralph Kors.

At the end of the day, **this golf tournament raised a total of \$665.79** for our playground! Many thanks to Foxwood Golf Club for their hospitality and for a perfect steak dinner. For more details including pictures of the event and a complete list of sponsors who donated to our fabulous prize table, please visit our website at www.clair-hills.ca.

Summer Streetfest

It was going to be a great day. Over 100 people were scheduled to attend. The clowns were ready, the kids were ready, the games were organized, the fire truck was ready, and then.....it rained. But it didn't just rain, it **POURED!** And it poured just about all day! Due to bad weather, the most anticipated event of the summer had to be postponed to Saturday, Sept. 15th. That day, however, was **FANTASTIC!!** Please visit our website at www.clair-hills.ca for all the details!



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The lights at Keat's Way are in but only temporarily.....

The Public School Board has confirmed that there will be childcare at Edna Staebler Public School. Check our website for more information regarding registration and program information.

The Vista Hills Development has been put on hold indefinitely. Find out why by visiting www.clair-hills.ca.

More housing is coming to Clair Hills! Three areas of Clair Hills will see housing development in the near future. Check out www.clair-hills.ca for more information.

Who loves skating? We are looking for volunteers this winter to help us manage and maintain an outdoor ice rink at the top of Bonn Avenue (at Zermatt Drive). The City will provide us with the boards and equipment needed to build the rink, and a yard hydrant is already installed.....

Who loves basketball? Do we want to work with the City to install a basketball court at the top of Bonn Avenue (at Zermatt Drive) or would we rather wait until St. Moritz Park is up and running and put one there? Tell us what you think!

Who wants to swim? More and more folks have been asking about a neighbourhood swimming pool, similar to those found in the Beechwood neighbourhoods. What are your thoughts on this? Check out the article regarding this topic on our website and give us your feedback. We'd love to hear from you!



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This issue of Your Clair Hills Connection will be the last. In our attempt to "Go Green", all neighbourhood and community related information will be found on our website at www.clair-hills.ca. Please visit regularly to stay connected in Clair Hills.

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Staying Connected in Clair Hills

Upcoming Events — Please visit www.clair-hills.ca for more details!!!

Yoga Fundraiser — Donate to our Playground Fund! For a minimum donation of only \$2, you can enjoy a session of Vinyasa Yoga in the home studio of our very own Jessica O'Brien. Classes take place on Sept.29th.

Foodbank Fundraiser — Come out on Friday, Sept.28th for some early Christmas shopping and choose from a variety of vendors. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Food Bank.

Poker Tournament Hallowe'en Style — Don your scariest, creepiest, creative Hallowe'en costume and come on down to Lower East Side's on Saturday, Oct.27th to try your hand in a game of Texas Hold-em. Let's make this tournament even more successful than the last one— **we challenge you to help us raise \$1000** for our Playground Fund!!! Cost to play? Only \$50!

Christmas Caroling — Details are still being ironed out so stay tuned for your invitation to join us in an evening of Christmas song and cheer.

Clair Hills Cares

I am pleased to announce an amazing new project called Clair Hills Cares. CHC is a community give-back program that will support families and communities in need within the K/W area. While we enjoy living in our more affluent community, there are families in K/W that are living just above or well below the poverty line. We have the opportunity as a community to demonstrate leadership and set the tone for all other communities in K/W to reduce the level of community poverty that exists. Here is how it works:

Beginning in October we would like to invite you all to participate in our program by dropping off a non-perishable food item either each week or every other week to an address (to be named later) or local drop off site. These items will then be distributed to families in needy communities on a monthly and then eventually bi-monthly basis. Our hope is to lead all other communities in this drive to end poverty, by challenging other neighborhood associations to "meet or beat" us in our community give-back program.

I see this as a potential ongoing endeavor that will serve families and eventually communities in need within K/W and who knows maybe we'll inspire other cities like Cambridge and Guelph to join the challenge. In the meantime it up to us to lead the way by supporting those in need. As I write this I am reminded of a quote "service is the rent we pay for taking up space on the planet". Not only will this be rewarding for anyone who chooses to participate in this incredible give-back and act of service, it will also be yet another way for Clair hills to grow together as a community.

For more information on how you can get involved in this program, please contact me directly, at impactconsulting@rogers.com or 519.208.9444.

Blessings and be well,
David Robinson, President