

# Eastbridge on the Grand Neighborhood Association

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## Rink in the Park

Those who enjoy skating will be delighted to know there will be a community skating rink. The rink will be located at Eastbridge Green Park near the corner of Mariner Drive and Eastbridge Boulevard.

We expect the rink to be in operation by January 1999. The cost of the rink will be approximately \$950.00. This is a one-time fee. It includes the boards and a demonstrative set-up by the City of

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## First Meeting a Big Hit

*Lexington Public School, Waterloo*

Eastbridge on the Grand Neighborhood Association's first formal meeting was held on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Lexington Public School. With a turnout of over 40 neighbors, it was considered a great success.

The purpose of the meeting was to get the association up and running. We needed to finalize the Board of Directors so that the association could be affiliated with the City of Waterloo. It was also very important that we find out what the community wants from the organization. We were pleased that Mike Connelly (Regional Councilor), Bruce Anderson (City Councilor), Lori Ludwig (City of Waterloo) and Christine Barker (City of Waterloo) had time to join us. It was also great to see Peter Lablanc (*Genstar*), Cheryl Halapir (*First Suburban Homes*) and Mark Van Dongen (*Tribute Homes*) present as representatives for the developer and builders.

We are pleased to have two City of Waterloo staff members (Lori and Christine) available to help us when it's needed. The City will assist us with bookings for special events and meetings, financial assistance, discounts for room rentals, access to photocopying and much more.

Lori Ludwig spoke of the importance of volunteers in an association. Volunteers are necessary to start the ball rolling and to keep everything on track. Even one hour per month would be greatly appreciated, since everyone has a busy schedule.

Christine Barker mentioned that she looks after Bechtel Park Soccer and Sports Arena, a place where we can hold special events. Affiliation under the City of Waterloo protects us under their insurance policy.

Some key issues addressed during the meeting included the Neighborhood Watch Program, maintenance of the parks, paving and lighting up the pathways, public garbage cans and special events.

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Waterloo. The city will also supply the water for the rink. Volunteers from the neighborhood association will be responsible for the maintenance of the rink and set-up in years to come.

Donations from the builders will cover the costs for the rink. For their generous contributions we would like to thank, Cook Homes, First Suburban Homes, and Westberry Homes.

There will also be a second rink opening up in Bluenose Park, near Windjammer and Eastbridge, courtesy of Tribute Homes.

Anyone who wishes to lend a helping hand can contact Kevin at 885-2613.



## Childcare Registry

We are looking to develop a childcare registry listing caregivers/babysitters available to the neighborhood.

The handbook would include formal care available during the day in the child or caregiver's home. It would also include informal care such as teenage babysitting.

Interested people willing to provide childcare should contact Susanne at 885-6082 to register their names and qualifications

## Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch program is an effective way of minimizing crime and adding security and safety for our families and us.

John Arnold, of Windjammer Way, is in the process of getting a Neighborhood Watch program started for the Eastbridge on the Grand subdivision. John is an auxiliary police officer and will be the captain of the area. Each street will have it's own assistant captain in charge of his/her street.

The program is run through the Waterloo Regional Police. When there is any suspicious activity or crimes committed in the area the police will notify all the homes registered with Neighborhood Watch. This notification will be done through automated telephone messages.

Acadia court presently has a Neighborhood Watch program. We hope to combine the two programs to have all the homes in the area under one umbrella.

The Neighborhood Watch Program will be in the works within the upcoming months. Anyone interested in becoming an assistant captain should contact John at 725-1873.

## *Let There Be Light!*

*A message to all neighbors who back onto the pathways*

Let us all get into the Christmas spirit and light up the pathways of Eastbridge on the Grand. If all the residents that back onto the pathway lit up their trees and fences it would be a beautiful sight indeed (as well as help Santa and his reindeer find their way).

## **A Message from the Editor**

Welcome to our first issue of the Eastbridge on the Grand Neighborhood Association newsletter. We would also like to welcome any newcomers to the association.

If there are any announcements, suggestions or comments for upcoming issues of the newsletter they can be submitted for consideration. Please contact the editor (David at 746-4936 or Nancy at 885-4794) or the assistant editor (Cheryl at 746-4936).

It was decided that there would be quarterly meetings held by the association. We would like to thank everyone for coming out and their support. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting!

### Walking Club

After the holidays it's time to get those extra pounds off. Anyone interested in walking can join me at the rink every Tuesday evening at 8:00pm starting January 5<sup>th</sup> 1999. Be sure to dress warm.

Kathy 747-1079

### Playtime!!!

This is a playgroup for moms, dads, caregivers and their children who are at home during the day. They meet once a week within the homes of the neighbors. It allows the children and adults to get to know one another.

If you are interested in participating please call Kim at 725-7945



### Message from the Chairperson

I would like to thank all the people that attended our first meeting. We can now officially be called the Eastbridge on the Grand Neighborhood Association. We are a non-profit organization with a non-paid staff. We are pleased to have 19 members on the Board of Directors as well as 30 volunteers. I would like to give thanks to all the members for the time and effort that they have put into getting us up and running and off to a great start. I hope everyone will participate in the upcoming events. We hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. If anyone wishes to volunteer for any of the events please contact any of the directors. Thanks again and have a great holiday.

John Elliot

### Eastbridge on the Grand Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

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	Kevin Woods	885-2613
	John Arnold	725-1873

### Let's Get Physical!

We would like to get some ideas together for sports and events during the winter months (and early spring). In order to book gymnasiums and arenas we need to know what everybody is interested in. Some ideas being passed around are indoor volleyball and hockey. Let us know what you think. Please call Kevin at 885-2613.

### Helping out those in need

The Eastbridge on the Grand Neighborhood Association has decided to donate to those in need this holiday season.

Christmas is the season of giving. When you extend a hand to those who can really use the help, it makes giving all that more rewarding. We would like to provide food, toys and monetary gifts.

Anyone interested in providing assistance to this worthy cause should please contact Murray at 746-2254. The gifts may be delivered to 519 Mariner Drive on or before

# Special Events

## And the winners are...

There was some stiff competition for the Halloween house-decorating contest. However, the judges narrowed the finalists to three winners (shown below in no particular order). We would like to thank everybody for participating.

A special thanks is also in order to the judges for their work as well as M&M Meats for donating the prizes.



475 Citadel Court



536 Mayflower Street



531 Windjammer Way

## WINTER CARNIVAL

The special events coordinators are putting together a winter carnival. The date is set for January the 16<sup>th</sup> 1999.

We plan to have sleigh rides, hot chocolate, a chili cooking contest, snow sculptures and many other fun-filled activities. The **Grand Opening** of the skating rink is also scheduled for the same day. We hope to see everybody there.

There will be a flyer delivered giving details as the date draws nearer. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer you may give Stephanie (884-1682) or John (725-7936) a call.

## Happy Birthday Matthew!

Matthew Arnold of Windjammer Way celebrated his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday in style on October 31<sup>st</sup>. He woke up to a lawn full of bears *bearing* a birthday wish.



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## 'Tis the season

There will be a contest for the most festively decorated homes. The pictures will be taken on December 19<sup>th</sup> and judging will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Genstar has generously donated prize money totaling \$250.00. Three lucky winners will receive a prize. Let's make Chevy Chase proud! Christmas caroling is also set to take place on the same weekend. Donations (canned goods) for the Food Bank would be greatly appreciated. Any interested children and their parents should give Nancy a call at 885-4794

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