



Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association Newsletter

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SUMMER 2002

As our community continues to grow and change, our website is constantly developing as well. We have a new address at www.eastbridge.info. There you can find the neighbourhood newsletters, coming events, contest winners, members of the board, contact information, helpful tips and more. Check it out often and watch for more changes and additions throughout the coming year! Gunther Kramer

Summer Carnival Sunday June 23rd

Back by popular demand is the 4th Annual Eastbridge Summer Carnival. This year's carnival will be held on Sunday June 23rd from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke School. This year it is not on the long weekend so more people can attend. We've got 2 bouncy castles for your jumping pleasure, mini-bikes for the little ones, mini-putt for the whole family, the splashy fun of the dunk tank, as well as organized events for kids of all ages. The Eastbridge Optimists are providing a bike rodeo and Skateboard Park for the older kids and teens. There will be munchies galore... beginning with hotdogs and sausages, supplemented by cotton candy and popcorn. Bring the kiddies, drag your teens, grab your honey and come on out! There's lots to do for everyone. If you or

your business could donate anything to our Summer Carnival for a Raffle Prize or give us a great deal on necessities (beverages, napkins, kids prizes, etc) please call Jenn at 886-6441.



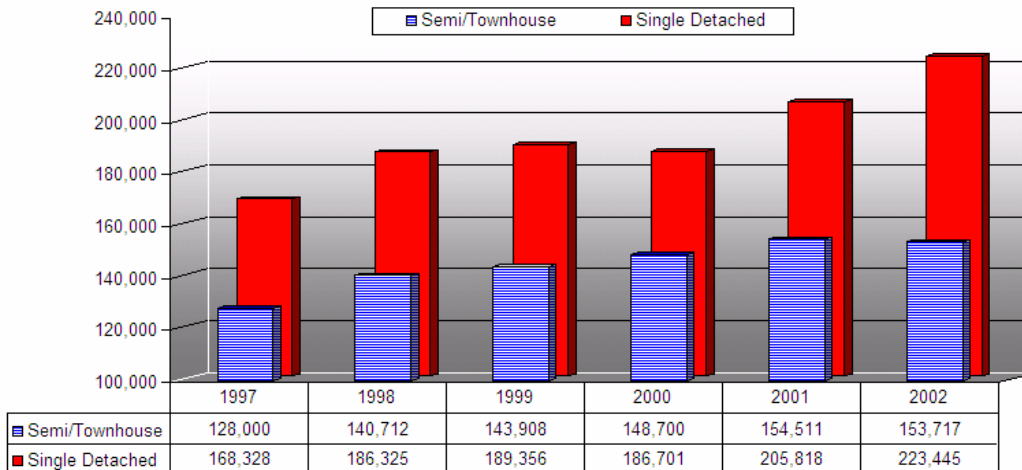
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MISSION STATEMENT

Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association is dedicated to providing our neighbourhood with a unified voice, family oriented social events utilizing the many talents and ideas of our residents ultimately creating a safe, desirable and enjoyable community for those who have chosen to call Eastbridge their home.

HOUSING PRICES IN EASTBRIDGE



Statistics provided by Jim Lawson of Royal LePage Scharf Realty.
Data represents only MLS listings sold in the Eastbridge area. E&OE.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN



pocketbook) PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

There are still a few people racing down Eastbridge and the side streets. The police often monitor our streets and catch offenders. For the sake of children playing and attempting to cross the street

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help to make the Carnival another success. We have plenty more games, more food, and more volunteer vacancies than ever before. If you can take a shift or two at the summer carnival (or help with the setting up) please call Cindy Watkin at 883-4075. THANKS! Our treasurer has resigned due to personal reasons. If you can be of assistance please call Jenn at 889-6441.

Promote Your Business

Do you have a business you'd like to promote? The summer carnival is the place to be. "Booths" are available for rent. Call Jenn at 886-6441 for details.

Correction: The first place winner of the Christmas Decorating Contest is 541 Mayflower not Cabot Trail. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Also, we no longer offer "prizes" for these contests due to a lack of funds; we recognize your efforts by printing them in the newsletter.

Contact me to learn how you can earn free and discounted high-quality kitchen tools to prepare quick, easy and delicious meals!

Jennifer McDonald

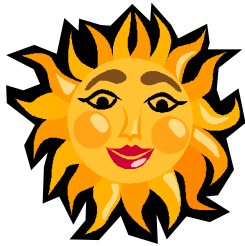
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NEWLETTER DELIVERY

We still have an overwhelming need for help delivering newsletters. If you can spare a little of your time to lessen the demand on others, we'd certainly appreciate it. Remember, if your teens are looking for community volunteer hours, the neighbourhood association can always use more help.

Be a Sports Coordinator!



We have interest in the community for basketball, baseball and other activities. If you can help coordinate the teams and have some fun please call Kevin at 885-2613.

ENA Executive Board of Directors

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|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Chairperson | Gunther Kramer | 888-7425 |
| Vice Chair | Jenn McIntyre | 886-6441 |
| Childcare Registry | Tara Renon | 884-4939 |
| Editors | Dave & Cheryl Halapir | 746-4936 |
| Fundraising Director | Jim Lawson | 729-1700 |
| Playgroup | Kim DeGasperis | 725-7945 |
| Secretary | Cindy Watkin | 883-4075 |
| Special Events | Jenn McIntyre | 886-6441 |
| Sport Co-ordinator | Kevin Woods | 885-2613 |
| Interim Treasurer | Jenn McIntyre | 886-6441 |
| Volunteer Co-ordinator | Cindy Watkin | 883-4075 |
| Web Site | Gunther Kramer | 888-7425 |

SURVEY SAYS

Thanks to all who have sent in their surveys! We're reviewing the results now, which will help us build for the future. If you haven't sent yours in yet please take a moment to fill it out and do so. Every opinion counts.

A Note From Genstar

Owing to the positive comments we have received over the past few years, we plan to continue with the installation and maintenance of the Hanging Planter Flower Baskets along Eastbridge Boulevard and New Bedford Drive. In addition, we will continue with new annual planting, decorative lighting, and replacement of flags and banners at the subdivision entrances and in key focal areas. We are doing our best to make your community, stand out from the rest.

However, we need your help to keep your community clean and safe. We have recently noted some minor vandalism in the parks and common areas... hopefully with more and more watchful eyes moving into the community, this should be greatly reduced. You may have noticed the City signs, that prohibit loitering in the Parks after 11:00pm. Feel free to follow-up with the City/Police as they can assist in enforcing this by-law if needed.

As homeowners, there are many programs and activities that you can do to beautify your neighbourhood including park cleanup, flower planting, weeding, and maintenance duties...your Neighbourhood Association has info on the City of Waterloo's "Partners in Parks" programs, that your street and/or home can get involved in.

In terms of the ongoing development and building program for this coming year, our three builders with Eastbridge on the Grand (i.e. Cook, First Suburban, and Westberry) plan to continue with their building program of single family homes in the recently serviced area directly north of New Bedford Drive. Regardless of where you are located on site, please remember to call the appropriate utility before you dig, AND check with your builder before you construct your fence, deck or pool, to ensure that the City has approved your "lot grading." This could save you considerable expense in the future.

We are pleased to announce that construction should commence soon on the convenience commercial plaza, at the corner of Bridge and Eastbridge... watch for upcoming signage on the site. This should please those of you who have been awaiting the opportunity to get some exercise... as you could soon "walk to the corner store" (instead of driving off-site).

With regards to our ongoing applications, we are currently in the approval process for the approval of 8 on-street townhouse units at Mariner and Eastbridge, and 6 single family lots fronting on Bridge Street. In addition, this fall, we plan to commence the formal approval process with the City, regarding our lands along the east side of University Avenue, opposite New Bedford Drive (currently designated as medium density). We will continue to keep your Neighbourhood Association advised as to our plans, and your involvement in your Association is encouraged.

In closing, all of us at Genstar applaud the efforts and plans of your Neighbourhood Association, with the ambitious schedule of events planned for this year, and wish you the best over the coming year.

Thanks, Genstar

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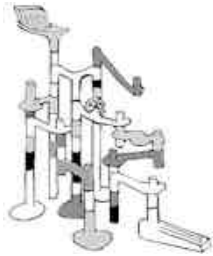
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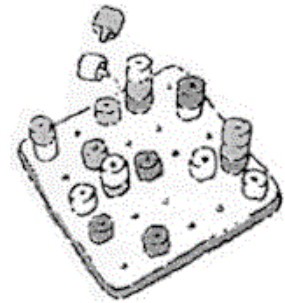
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You Can Get Involved

Do you have a couple hours per month to better our neighbourhood? The ENA is looking for a few dedicated individuals to voice their opinions, take on projects, and coordinate planning for our future. If you are interested in joining the Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association or attending a meeting please call Jenn at 886-6441.

Be a Good Neighbour.

A few people are continue to neglect cleaning up after their dog on other's lawns or in public areas. The tall grass by the pond, parks, and other neighbour's lawns are not exceptions to the poop-n-scoop law. Also, letting your dog off their leash (no matter how friendly they are) is illegal. There are signs posted and ignorance of this by-law is not an excuse. Offenders can be fined. The other issue continually being brought up is barking. This is a noise issue and can be addressed by a by-law officer. Please keep pets indoors if they find the need to bark.

Thanks

UPCOMING EVENTS



SUMMER CARNIVAL

Sunday, June 23, 2002 at 1 - 4 pm

CORN ROAST

Sunday, August 25, 2002

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2002

FAMILY SKATE

January, 2003 (To be announced at a later date)

COMPUTER CORNER

Hard Drives:

As time goes by, computer software developers are creating larger and larger programs, which take up a lot more space on your hard drive. You may soon find out that the computer you bought a couple of years ago is starting to get full. In order to free up more room you can obviously review the programs that are installed on your system and remove the ones that are not being used very much anymore.

Eventually we all reach the point where we realize that we simply need a larger hard drive. Sometimes people make the mistake in assuming that they need a whole new computer and are not prepared to spend another one or two thousand dollars. The cheaper solution is to either replace the hard drive that is currently in the computer, or to add a secondary hard drive.



An old computer may only have a 6 GB drive, which won't hold much of today's software. By simply installing a secondary drive of 40 GB for about \$200, you would have a lot of extra space to install programs and save your personal files. If you feel comfortable with reinstalling your programs from scratch, you could even remove the old drive completely, and just run everything from the new larger drive.

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Lester B. Pearson School will have the same start time as St. Luke. Classes will begin at 8:30am.

Quite a few neighbours are in favour of a voluntary donation to the neighbourhood association. With our costs getting higher and the funds getting lower we certainly could use your help. If you wish to contribute to your community kindly fill out the form below and mail/drop off to: ENA Treasurer/Jenn McIntyre 455 Eastbridge Blvd. Waterloo N2K 3Y4

Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association Donation

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Cheque \$ _____ Cash \$ _____ I would like a receipt _____

Make cheques payable to: Eastbridge on the Grand Neighbourhood Association

VALENTINES DANCE

The Valentine's Day Dance which was to be held on February 16th was cancelled due to the lack of ticket sales. We'd like to plan events based on what you'd like to see. Please take a few moments to fill out your survey to help us plan new and exciting events. Thanks

Homemade Bubbles

This is a fun project that is quick to make up and have on hand at a moment's notice.

Note: As in all recipes, results can vary depending on humidity, conditions, etc.

Materials Needed:

- 1/2 cup Dish soap
- 1 1/2 cups Water
- 2 teaspoons Sugar
- Medium sized mixing bowl or cup
- Spoon
- Sealed container (jar with lid)

Instructions:

1. Mix all 3 ingredients together. Don't stir or shake too much.
2. Store in a sealed container. Lasts for a long time.

Kirsten Kramer



Steve Careless

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Upcoming Dates for St. Luke School

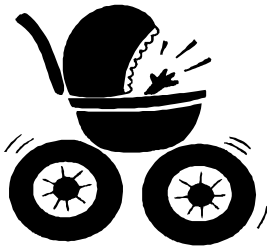
- June 8, 5:00pm Confirmation
- June 25 Report Cards go home
- June 27 Last day of classes

Have a safe and happy summer.
See you in September

Liz Degutis
St. Luke Catholic School
550 Chesapeake Dr.
519-884-4912

Happy first birthday addison halapir!
June 30th

Childcare Registry



Please take note, Eastbridge on the Grand has a new Childcare Registry person. Tara Renon has taken over the registry responsibilities from Jenn McIntyre. If you are looking for full time/part time childcare in the area or would like to add your name to our community list, please contact:

Tara Renon
884-4939

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| St. Luke | 884-4912 |
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| Rim Park | 884-5363 |
| Waterloo Recreation Arena | 886-3844 |
| Albert Street Library | 886-1310 |
| City of Waterloo..... | 886-1550 |
| Bi-law enforcement..... | 747-8785 |
| Overnight Parking Exemption..... | 747-8559 |
| Grand River Health Centre | 742-3611 |
| Waterloo North Hydro..... | 886-5090 |
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| Call Before U Dig..... | 1-800-400-2255 |

Sports News

As we approach summer, we turn our attention to outdoor activities.

Co-ed Softball - On Sunday's at noon, beginning on June 2, 2002 we will be playing co-ed softball at the Eastbridge Green Park baseball diamond.

Basketball - Some members of the community have expressed interest in participating in a pick up basketball game. If we have enough people interested, we will be able to organize a game at St. Luke School.

If you are interested in participating, or to assist in organizing in these or other activities, please contact me either by phone or email to discuss further.

Thanks, Kevin Woods 885-2613

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