

BEECHWOOD SOUTH breeze



Your Community Newsletter

Fall is definitely in the air. Kids are back to school and the leaves are starting to change colour and drop. While reading The Record one Saturday morning I came across an article entitled "There are many advantages to knowing your neighbours". It made me

think about Beechwood South. Prior to moving into this neighbourhood I never thought I would again experience that community closeness similar to living in a rural town. I feel fortunate to live in this neighbourhood and have heard the same comments from many other neighbours.

On another note, the Annual General Meeting is approaching. Make sure to mark your calendars to attend on Tuesday November 8. It's important to "be in the know" about what is happening in our community and understand the issues. An agenda outlining the topics can be found in this newsletter.

Have a safe and wonderful fall and winter!

Colleen Brown

Mark Your Calendar!

Tues. Nov. 8	AGM
Sun. Dec. 18	Santa's Visit
<u>Dates for 2012:</u>	
Sat. May 5	Breakfast Social & Grounds Clean-up
Sat. May 12	Garage Sale
Sat. June 2	Pool Opens
Wed. June 5	Opening BBQ
Mon. July 2	Swim & Tennis Lessons begin
Wed. Sept. 5	Closing BBQ
Tues. Nov. 6	AGM
Sun. Dec. 23	Santa's Visit

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Annual General Meeting

It is important that someone in your family attend this meeting. Results from the study on the partnership with the City will be discussed. There will also be an opportunity to have any questions answered by our new councillor, with a vote planned by the City in 2012.

Tuesday November 8, 2011

7:30pm to 9:00pm

Granite Club, 99 Seagram Drive, Waterloo

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Acceptance of Agenda**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes from last AGM**
- 4. Board updates Q & A**
 - **Maintenance**
 - **Pool**
 - **Tennis**
 - **Clair Lake - ravine clean-up**
- 5. Finance and budgets - 2011/2012**
- 6. Retirement from Board and new members**
 - **Tennis Senior Coordinator**
 - **Pool Team Coordinators**
 - **Elections fro positions**
- 7. New business**
 - **Board report on covenant progress**
 - **Q & A with guest, Jeff Henry, City of Waterloo Councillor**
- 8. Key dates for 2012**
- 9. Other business from the floor**
 - **Adjournment**
- 10. Social time**

Clair Lake Clean-up

The Laurel Creek Citizens Working Group (LCCWG) along with some local community members carried out a stream clean-up at Clair Lake.

Did you know?

Waterloo Region's water supply is 20% surface water from the Grand River and 80% groundwater from aquifers.



15 bags of litter were picked up. The LCCWG also took water samples for World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD).



For more information on the LCCWG and to find out about future work days, visit www.waterloo.ca/lcc. Information on WWMD can be found at www.worldwatermonitoringday.org.

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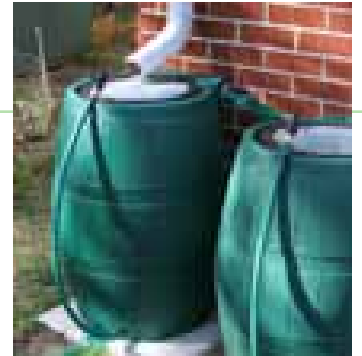
Yard waste collection nears completion for 2011

Listed below are the final 2011 dates for yard waste pickup:

Wednesday October 19
 Wednesday November 2
 Wednesday November 16
 (last day for 2011)



Rain barrel winter storage



During fall clean-up remember your rain barrel so it stays in good condition for next spring:

1. Drain the barrel and hoses completely.
2. Store screen, hoses and other accessories inside.
3. Place the barrel upside down to avoid water freezing and cracking the barrel.

Don't play in curbside leaves

Remind kids not to play in the leaves raked to the curbside. It might look like a lot of fun but a vehicle driving by won't see them playing in the pile.

Loose leaf collection begins October 24

Loose leaf collection will begin Monday, October 24 and run for approximately four weeks.

Loose leaves should be raked onto the roadway and piled as close to the curb as possible. Rake your leaves to the curb as early in the program as possible, while the weather is more favourable. This will help to ensure that they are picked up.

Residents who do not have their leaves out on time should deliver them to the Waterloo Landfill site at 925 Erb Street for composting. Residents have curbside yard waste collection every other week up until the week of November 14.

Stay safe!

On Halloween night (October 31), remember to slow down when driving and keep an eye out for the witches, ghosts and goblins.

Visit www.safekidscanada.ca and search on "Halloween safety tips" for more information.



Time for fall clean-up

When it's time to do that fall clean-up, instead of placing items at the curbside where they can be damaged by weather or vandalism, why not try taking them to one of the many organizations that will gladly reuse them for others less fortunate.

Most items can be taken to the Erb Street landfill. Below are only some suggestions. For complete details visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste.



Give an old bike a new life and put a smile on a child's face

Take your old, unwanted bicycle to the free drop-off area at the Waterloo landfill site. Please, no wheelchairs, exercise bikes or tricycles.

Volunteers work with youth to teach bike repair skills. Using your old bikes, they rebuild new ones. The refurbished bikes are then given back into the community.

Seasonal program: April to October; Mon - Sat, 7am - 6pm

www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste



Building material reuse program - Habitat for Humanity

New and reusable home building materials and working appliances are collected at the Habitat for Humanity depot at the Waterloo landfill (Gate 2). Items are then sold at the Habitat ReStore.

Recycle e-waste for free



TVs are now part of the Region's electronic waste (e-waste) ban effective July 1, 2011. TVs are no longer accepted as part of curbside garbage.

TVs (and all e-waste) can be recycled for FREE.

Find a drop-off location near you at www.recycleyourelectronics.ca.



Textile reuse program - Goodwill Industries

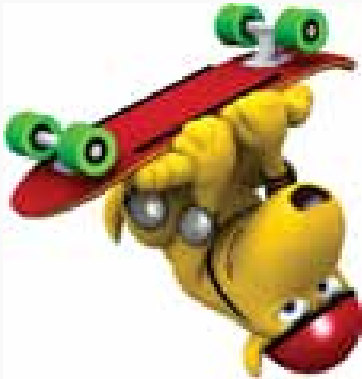
The Region of Waterloo has partnered with Goodwill Industries for reuse and recycling of textiles (clothing) and household items. Your donations are sold at Goodwill stores and 100 per cent of the proceeds are used to support the community.

Community News

A quick glance at what is happening around Waterloo Region. Learn about volunteer opportunities, community events and important information.

Playing for a cure

The Cystic Fibrosis Beechwood Tennis Tournament was recently held. 8 players (primarily mixed doubles) were in the tournament, 4 MBA students assisted with the event, as well as speakers and observers in attendance. There appeared to be strong interest in continuing the event for next year. \$450 was raised for combating cystic fibrosis.



Video contest for skateboarders

The City of Waterloo is running a contest to encourage skateboarders – from beginners to pros – to make videos of themselves using the temporary skate zone located by the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex. The contest is designed to get skateboarders using the zone while construction on the permanent skate park is underway across the street.

<http://www.waterloo.ca/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=2877>

City looking for input on Outdoor Sports Facility Strategy

The City of Waterloo is finalizing an Outdoor Sport Facility Strategy to help guide the operation and development of new and existing outdoor sport facilities over the next 20 years. Your feedback will help complete the project.

Complete the survey on the proposed Outdoor Sport Facility Strategy and you could win a prize!

For more information and to complete the survey go to: www.waterloo.ca/outdoorsport



Take iXpress Route 201 for free!

The Region is offering free transit on the new Fischer-Hallman iXpress route 201 each Friday from Sept. 16 to Dec. 30, 2011.

This express bus route (route 201) operates between the Forest Glen Plaza and University Ave and will eventually service the University of Waterloo Light Rail Transit station. Additional iXpress routes will be introduced over the next few years.

What's Happening Around Town

Date	Event	Details
Fri. Oct. 7 to Sat. Oct. 15	Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest	www.oktoberfest.ca
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day Parade	Starts in Uptown Waterloo at 8:30am www.oktoberfest.ca
Sat. Oct. 15	Landfill Tours	Call to book time www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste
Mon. Oct. 24	Loose leaf pick up begins	www.waterloo.ca
Mon. Oct. 31	Happy Halloween	Drive slowly and watch out for ghosts and goblins!
Wed. Nov. 16	Last date for yard waste pickup	www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste
Sat. Nov. 19	Kitchener-Waterloo Santa Clause Parade	Starts at King & Erb in Waterloo at 10am www.lionsclubofkitchener.com

Event details can change.

Please check event website closer to date to confirm location, date and time.