



Beechwood Park Homes Association

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

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BPHA VOLUNTEER DIRECTORS and OFFICERS

President	Dianne Ratcliffe	Maintenance Director	Don Capes
Vice President	Christy den Haan-Veltman	Social Co-Director & Bookkeeper	Sue Edwards
Secretary	Michelle Bridgman	Membership Director	Shelley Nippard
Treasurer	Luke Eret	Member-at-large	Mark Church
Pool Director	Susan Rosenblum	Past President	Nader Mohazab
Tennis Director & Legal Advisor	Kathryn Craig		

2016 Board Report

Despite the up & down weather we have experienced this Spring- we all know that summer is on the way and the BPHA volunteer Board has been busy planning and organizing a fabulous 2016 season. Some highlights include:

- **Orchestrating a huge ‘facelift’ for our Rec Centre** (including the pool house, deck and coping). Don Capes, our Maintenance Director, and his committee, need volunteer hands on deck to complete a torrid repair schedule during **April & May**. If you can do, plumbing, sanding & painting, power washing and some good old fashioned heavy lifting then we need your help to make this happen. We will send out a separate email listing the specific work dates and tasks ASAP (**Save this date**: the plan commences with a gutting of the Pool House on **Saturday, April 16, 9:30- 1:00**). We can’t do this on time or on budget without your support.
- **Every season members tell us how much they look forward to our Social Events** and this year will be stellar! Our Social Director, Sue Edwards, is in the process of organizing an amazing series of events (see appended BPHA Calendar for dates and/or visit our website at www.bpha.ca for details and updates). Some highlights: this year we are rolling together 2 events: the Victoria Day BBQ & the Pool Opening, to make for **one great party on Friday, May 27th**! This plan will give us one more weekend to get our repairs completed, plus the kids will be able to play in the pool, rather than just looking at it and wishing they could jump in! Our **Adult Patio Party is scheduled for Friday, June 10th** with a Casino theme, and featuring the music of local member Mark Baetz & his 5-piece rock and roll band, “Fat Old White Guys”. They last played at the BPHA neighbourhood party on a beautiful June evening in 2005 and we are so pleased they’ve agreed to a repeat engagement!

- **2016 Pool & Tennis Program** is scheduled to run for the entire 9 weeks of summer vacation this year (i.e. 4 two-week sessions of lessons plus a 1-week swim camp in late August) and Spring Tennis camp commences on Wednesday, May 4th. We are pleased to welcome Maggie DiGravio as our Head Pool Guard and Tom Paraschuk as our Head Tennis Coach. They are both putting together exciting programs for this year's participants. Last year members asked if we could get our program dates posted earlier to facilitate their summer planning and both Pool Director (Susan Rosenblum) & Tennis Director (Kathryn Craig) have worked to make that possible. Please Note:
 - a) We are transitioning to **advance registration** this year (either on-line with direct banking payment OR via dropping/mailing your completed registration forms & cheques to 272 Shakespeare Dr, Waterloo, On, N2L 2T6). Please go to www.bpha.ca to download/print your registration forms. The deadline for registration is May 1st for Spring tennis & June 1st for all of the summer programs. Not only is this approach consistent with the vast majority of kids camps, it will also allow our summer staff to plan and deliver high quality programming, as well as facilitating an effective bookkeeping system. As a result of these changes, **staff will not be taking registration at the pool** this year, and 1-week/split session bookings will not be available (our trial with this option last year proved very unsuccessful). We appreciate your help in making this transition as smooth as possible.
 - b) This year's \$3.00 increase to session fees is minimal and represents a great value to members as they remain amongst the lowest in the City for this type of summer programming.
- Finally, you may have noticed a couple of changes to the Board information at the top of this Newsletter. Specifically, we'd like to express a debt of gratitude to Nader Mohazab, who after serving 2 years as President, has retired in January. Thank you Nader for your years of service, and we look forward to your continuing involvement in the community. Congratulations to Christy den Haan-Veltman, who after 2 years as Pool Co-Director has stepped into the role of Vice-President. Finally, welcome to Dianne Ratcliffe who was recruited as the new President by Steven Singer and Dolores Penner following the December AGM meeting. Dianne & her husband, Bill, moved to Algonquin Dr. in 2012; she immediately became a customer at our neighbourhood Produce Stand and has volunteered there for several summers. Dianne is happy to be part of the dynamic & dedicated team of volunteers who work on the BPHA board!

OUTREACH TO POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

If you live in the BPHA area and are curious about us, why not come for a tour of the facility? We'd be more than happy to arrange for a member to tour you around so you can see (and feel) for yourself, just what a great place we have nestled in the midst of our neighbourhood. Please email us at membership@bpha.ca and we will link you up with a tour guide! Looking forward to meeting you.

Getting Involved With Our Community OR ‘One Small Thing’

The Meriam Webster online dictionary defines the word community as: ‘*a unified body of individuals*’ and the BPHA has reflected this characteristic for the past 48 years. In that spirit, we are launching this ‘help wanted column’ to encourage members of our community to pitch-in and get involved ... if we each take on ‘one small thing’ that needs doing we will be able to move mountains.

Please go to the ‘Getting Involved’ tab at www.bpha.ca for more detail and sign-up by emailing us at info@bpha.ca to register your interest as soon as possible. Please put the appropriate title in the subject line when you email us:

1. **Rec Centre Upgrading Project:** this is an aggressive plan to perform some much needed updates to our facility. The works starts April 16 and proceeds for the next 4 weekends. Look for an email in your inbox soon detailing the specific work plan and please consider signing-up to help with the job.
2. **Our 2 Bike Clinics:** we need 3-4 volunteers on Friday June 17th & Friday July 24th (4:30-5:45; BPHA Parking lot) to assist clinic leaders with the general care and safe management of children and their bikes.
3. **Spring Rec Centre Clean-Up (9:30 am - noon) plus Earth Day litter collection @ Clair Lake (9:30-11:30): Saturday, April 30.** Please sign up for the Rec Centre work at info@bpha.ca to help us assign crews to raking, shrub trimming, storage shed clean-out, power washing, BBQ placement, etc. The **Earth Day/Clair Lake litter collection** is supported by the City (some materials will be provided). Children will require adult supervision. Please meet in the BPHA parking lot at 9:30. (Sue Edwards, co-coordinator). We will look forward to opportunities to mix and mingle with members of BPHA South, who will also be out that day! It is an opportunity for adults and supervised children to participate in an important world-wide event and to add to the general appeal of our neighbourhood to potential buyers.
4. **Neighbourhood Garden Club:** 2-3 dedicated, self-motivated, avid gardeners to:
 - a) Prune and generally maintain/spruce-up the shrubs at the front and parking lot side of the Rec centre (2-3 times/year).
 - b) Organize a springtime neighbourhood plant sale (i.e. solicit donations of newly split plants from neighbours and make these available for nominal purchase by other gardeners).
 - c) Organize neighbourhood garden tours over the course of the summer.
5. **Cycling Club:** Cycling is one of the fastest growing sports for adults. If you are interested in helping us create a Beechwood Park Cycling Club, please let us know. We would like to find out who would like to take part, and the type of riding (mountain biking, trail riding or road riding), and the skill level. If enough people are available at the same time, we could have group rides.
6. **Card Nights:** We are looking to set up a card night for adults, be it under the gazebo or at a member’s home. If you are interested in playing and/or becoming the Card Night Coordinator, please let us know. Ideally the Coordinator would have some knowledge on how to play various card games (euchre, bridge etc.).

SPRING REC CENTRE CLEANUP NOTICE SAT. APRIL 30th

Please reserve Saturday, April 30 for the Rec Centre Clean-up (9:30 am-noon)... Raking, tree/shrub trimming, clean-up of interior of storage shed...please bring gloves/rakes/pruners, etc., coffee/hot chocolate/timbites will be served.

EARTH DAY LITTER COLLECTION SAT. APRIL 30th

On the same morning as the cleanup, Sue Edwards will be organizing a crew to do an Earth Day cleanup around Clair Lake. Our neighbours from Beechwood South will be out there as well. This is a great opportunity for children to get involved in a worldwide environmental effort. NOTE: We will ensure that every "team" of children has adequate adult supervision. Bags are supplied by City of Waterloo. Please meet at the BPHA parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBOURS

Since the fall, we have had several new arrivals move into our Beechwood community. You have all come to a very special place that prides itself on community togetherness. Welcome, and we hope you enjoy living here as much as we all do, and being part of the neighbourhood.

-311 Hiawatha: **Erin and Rob Young** have moved in recently. Erin works in Real Estate and Rob for Pirelli Tires.

-345 Coleridge: **Eva Granger and her son Mark**. Eva is a retired nurse.

-339 Longfellow: **Scott and Cara Gilfillan** moved from London Ont. with their 2 children **Maryn** age 7, and **Declan** age 5. Scott is a Chartered Accountant and Cara works in the Mental Health community.

-254 Shakespeare: **Nicole and Greg Hallman** have recently moved in with their daughter **Lily**. Nicole works at Economical Insurance and Greg has a home based business.

"NEW ADDITIONS" TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

-**Michael and Jacqueline McGann** at 140 Amos welcome their new son **Weston** Andrew McGann, born on Feb. 25th 2016; a little brother for 3 year old Clark.

-**Paul and Kiyomi Harrington** at 187 Mohawk welcome their new daughter **Mika**, born Oct. 28th 2015.

-**Bertrand Guenin and Ying Li** at 332 Marlowe welcome their new daughter **Vivian** Marina, born March 1st 2016.

-**Sherry and Gary Hauser** on Mohawk welcome their second **granddaughter**, **Brynn** Elizabeth, born Jan. 7th 2016 to their children Sylvia and Aaron.

-**Joe and Lydia Pankarican** on Marlowe welcome their 5th **granddaughter**, **Clarissa** Kimberley, third child for Michael and Xoan Pankarican.

SUMMER JOB FOR RESPONSIBLE TEENAGER

Sebastien and Shelly Roussel at 274 Shakespeare Drive are looking for an experienced and energetic neighbourhood teenager to care for our 3 children (aged 10, 7, and 5) this summer for the following weeks: July 4-8, July 25-29, August 1-5, and August 15-19. You will be responsible for getting the kids to their swimming and tennis lessons, keeping them safe, and entertaining them with outdoor and indoor activities. Hours will be 8am to 4pm. Lunch meal prep and kitchen clean-up is required. We have no pets and are a non-smoking family. If you are interested, please contact Shelly at snippard@yahoo.com to arrange an interview.

205 MOHAWK FOR SALE

Don Capes and Dave Marshall, both local residents of the neighbourhood, recently purchased the Reynolds home at 205 Mohawk. Don, an experienced building contractor, is leading the full home restoration and the house will be available for sale within 45 days. There is a website for the house at: www.205mohawk.weebly.com with all the details. Price will depend on what it appraises for on completion.

David Marshall, dmarshall@marshallzehr.com

NEED HELP WITH BABYSITTING, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, DOG WALKING, ETC. - CHECK OUT OUR YOUTH JOB ADS BELOW

Hannah (17) and **Oscar** (15) **Judelson-Kelly**. Are you in search of someone to look after your kids? Well, you're in luck? We are friendly, local (Hiawatha), responsible, and reliable babysitters (certified by The Red Cross & St. John's Ambulance). Oscar is also available for garden work such as weeding, lawn mowing, and leaf raking. Hannah and Oscar are available for pet and house sitting as well. If you are interested, please contact judelsonkelly@gmail.com or phone 519-342-4764.

Shannon (18) and **Megan** (16) **Nairn**. (Marlowe) Need a babysitter? The Nairn sisters are here to help. We are both experienced babysitters with our Red Cross Babysitter training. Please call us at 519-747-0827 or tgnairn@gmail.com.

Going away for a day or several? Need your mail picked up or your pet taken care of? **Daniel Nairn** (13) has helped neighbours with this and can help you too! Please call 519-747-0827 or tgnairn@gmail.com.

Daniel Marshall. Professional Lawn Maintenance available. Booking for the 2016 season. Compare price and service with your current provider! I am a high school student living on Mohawk Ave. We specialize in full lawn care services as well as minor landscaping projects; i.e. sod, mulch. Open to working under seasonal contract or a job by job basis. Licensed and insured. Please contact for more information at 226-929-1825 or danieljmarshall01@gmail.com.

MARBLES RESTAURANT HAS BEECHWOOD PARK CONNECTION

Goran Rakita who lives on Coleridge with his wife Erin and new son Ronin is part of a new ownership group of the landmark Marbles Restaurant on Williams St. in uptown Waterloo. Goran is so excited to part of the Marbles story that began way back in 1977. Marbles was way ahead of its time back then, introducing their signature gourmet burgers and whole earth salads before they became all the rage. Located in the 160 year old former Seagrams Coach house, the new owners recently reopened after 3 months of extensive renovations. Goran would like to extend a warm invitation to his home community to come and experience their newly decorated surroundings and menu items and be sure to mention you are from Beechwood Park when you go.

NEIGHBOURHOOD “JANES WALK” IN BEECHWOOD PARK

On Saturday May 7th at 3:00p.m. Karen Buschert, Alannah D’Ailly and Joan Wolf, will be leading a neighbourhood heritage walk through Beechwood, acquainting us with some of the interesting past that surrounds the early days of the area. For more information about this event please check the following link: <http://janeswalk.org/canada/waterloo/secrets-amos-weber/>. Janes Walks are held by community groups all over the world to honour the memory and work of the famous urban thinker, Jane Jacobs, a Canadian from Guelph who spent her life advocating for city designs that produced liveable cities. Her 1961 landmark book, *The Death and Life of American Cities*, was way ahead of her time in promoting local citizen input into the design of the cityscapes in which they would live. Our Beechwood Community, which began about the time Jane Jacobs wrote this book, is a great example of a community that was both designed with people in mind and has been defended against threats to its livability such as High Rises, Student Housing, and Clair Lake, by our neighbourhood association over the years. We hope to see you at this walk. It should be fun and interesting.

A FEW “WORDS OF WARNING”

-The Intersection of Longfellow and Westmount: There have been several mishaps and close calls at this intersection as cars try and turn onto Westmount. Please be cautious and be sure all is clear before you make your turn as cars are speeding along Westmount at a good clip.

-Ice Storm Tree Damage: The recent Ice Storm damaged a number of trees in our neighbourhood (including one of our Norway Maples). We were very lucky the downed branch didn’t hit our house or our neighbours which would have resulted in a lot of damage. So to be safe and prepared for the next intense weather event we have hired a reputable tree company to remove vulnerable trees and branches from our property. Given the number of homes with large trees in our neighbourhood, we would recommend you have a tree company come and ensure that your trees are healthy and don’t pose a threat to either your home or your neighbours. If they do, it would make sense to remove them, as the alternative might be much costlier down the road.

-Black Pipe Replacement: At our AGM, our city councilor, Jeff Henry, was asked about this city program. (Black pipes are what the city calls the sewer lines from your basement drain to the city sewer main under the street in front of your house.) Since Jeff suggested it, I followed up with the city to see if mine were up to par or needed to be replaced. Here is what I discovered....

The city maintains a master list of homes with a history of sewer backups due to poor pipes. This list determines when you will have the city replace your pipe. I gave them my house number and street address and they informed me that I am not on the list. In fact, my pipes were upgraded in 1995 and good until the city upgrades the street I live on. At that time all pipes will be replaced regardless of their condition.

If you want to find out if your pipes are due to be replaced or planning a significant renovations to your home and want to have this addressed, the city invites you to contact them at 519-886-2310.

FAMILY NEWS

-The **Down/O'Melia's** on Shakespeare: Shannon's eldest daughter **Allie Cole** just finished her first year of Biomedical Engineering at U of W. She is off to Toronto to work for a software company for the summer co-op term. **Avery Cole** will be returning in April from an exchange to Belgium. She is living with her host family near Brussels and going to school while she is there.

-**Liz Wyatt**, formerly of Mohawk Drive: Our daughter **Gillian** graduated last May from Ryerson University with a degree in Film. She spent her last semester being mentored by Atom Egoyan a renowned Canadian filmmaker. Joe and I are so proud of her. A Chip off our Blocks.

-**Jim and Carole Wilkinson** on Mohawk: We are proud to announce that our oldest daughter, **Janelle**, has been accepted to complete a Family Medicine Residency at Shands Hospital, affiliated with the University of Florida, starting July 1st. Our son **Lucas** has successfully completed an academic exchange in Mechatronics Engineering at the University of Singapore. He is returning to Apple in California this summer to complete his co-op term there as part of his U of W Mechatronics Degree. He tells us that his hardest course in Singapore was studying Mandarin! Our second daughter, **Christina**, was successfully accepted to work with an architectural firm in Los Angeles for 4 months as she continues to include international works in her architectural portfolio. Otherwise, we are looking forward to another great summer in the community.

-The **Donelson Family** on Iroquois Place: Riley Donelson and his partner Laura Smith, lifelong friends and the founders of a local technology company Pout, an iPhone app for the Fashion and Beauty Industries, has recently been acquired by Everalbum of Silicon Valley. This acquisition will allow Riley and Laura to continue to grow Pout while remaining local and working out of their new offices in The Tannery. Riley and Laura began working on Pout in 2014 at the Velocity Garage where they won the \$25,000 Velocity Fund Finals prize. Congratulations to them both.

BEST EVER BANANA MUFFIN RECIPE

FROM LORI GRANT ON SHAKESPEARE DRIVE

Here is a muffin recipe that even the little ones can help create! It was a favourite recipe at one of my former schools and I was lucky enough to snag the recipe from the lady who made them each Tuesday to raise money for her special needs area class. They always sold out in 10 minutes to staff members. I like to tweak recipes, hence the side notes. I'm sure everyone has his or her own banana muffin recipe, but in case you are looking for a new option, here it is!

INGREDIENTS: 3 large bananas (I use 4), ¾ c. white sugar (I only use up to ½ c.), 1 egg, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp salt (which I omit), 1½ c. all-purpose flour (I use organic whole wheat flour), 1/3 c. melted butter, optional (milk chocolate chips, amount at your discretion)

INSTRUCTIONS: Mash bananas. Add sugar and slightly beaten egg. Add the melted butter. Add the dry ingredients and chocolate chips. Bake @ 375 for 20 min. (I bake @ 350 for 17-20.)

Editor's Note: If you have a recipe you would like to share with the community please send it to us. Thanks.

A POEM BY LUCAS MIDWOOD: AGE 11

On a stormy day the significant salty sea was swirling.

In the stinky, shallow area, a scary shark was snacking and a seashell was sinking.

A sassy selfish seal was speeding with a skier.

In the savage, swirling deep was a soft and selfless shrimp.

In the smelly, sour swamp was a ship that had no stop.

In the steep yet sparkly sea, was a squid caught in the stream.

THE BEECHWOOD PARK PRODUCE STAND RETURNS THIS SUMMER

Before you know it, Strawberry season will be upon us and our stand will joyfully begin its 9th season providing our community fresh, locally grown produce, and a place to catch up with our neighbours. If you are interested in helping out at the stand or have any ideas for improving it, please let Dolores (pennerfamily@rogers.com) or I (singercutt@golden.net) know. Thanks. Farmer Steve

BEECHWOOD PARK REFUGEE GROUP UPDATE by Dave Hare

At the December, 2015, AGM I proposed that we, as a neighbourhood, consider sponsoring a refugee family. This was particularly in response to the ongoing, and still growing, humanitarian crisis in Syria, but also in recognition that there are many people around the world living in desperate situations and we in Beechwood Park are well equipped to provide some help.

A committee was formed and we decided to move ahead with this plan. We put out an appeal for donations to the Beechwood Park neighbours, and received a very generous response. Thank you! We are working with the Mennonite Central Committee (they are a "Sponsorship Agreement Holder", which means that they operate as a sort of "middleman" between groups that wish to sponsor refugees and Citizenship & Immigration Canada), and as we now have sufficient funds raised to proceed with sponsoring a refugee family we have asked the MCC to match us with a refugee family.

FLASH

Just as this newsletter was about to go to press, we were informed that we have been matched with a refugee family. While details at this point are sparse, what we know is that this family consists of a middle-aged mother, 2 adult children, a teenaged niece and a teenaged nephew. The family is from Congo. The father is also listed on the application to immigrate to Canada but at present his whereabouts are unknown.

We are now working to complete the required paperwork (for the formal application to sponsor a refugee family). We will provide more information to all our neighbours, who have responded so generously to this appeal, as we get it.

Your Beechwood Park Refugee Group committee members are: Dave Hare (chair), deghare@aurigaimaging.com; Gary Pooley, poolgary@rogers.com; Helene Janssen, janssen@golden.net; Jan Phillips, rj_phillips@yahoo.ca; Pamela Kellerman, pamelakellerman@hotmail.com; Yusuf Mnyusiwalla, ymnyusiwalla@rogers.com

LEARNING ABOUT THE GIFT OF LIFE AND VOLUNTEERING **BY MARK BAETZ**

Here is an article by Mark Baetz, a neighbour on Amos Ave. and retired Business Professor, who has had a lifelong interest in encouraging volunteering in the community and corporate worlds. Mark's recent efforts on behalf of the Life Donation Awareness Association (LDAA) are described below.

I learned about organ transplantation when I became aware of the need for lungs for those with cystic fibrosis (CF). I have been a speaker at Shinerama, an orientation event at Wilfred Laurier University which has raised more than \$25 million for CF. I also worked with Laurier MBA students to establish various CF fundraising events such as our very own Beechwood Park tennis event. I also learned about the need for lungs for those suffering with pulmonary fibrosis (PF) and chaired a fundraising committee for PF after meeting a tennis player, Kitty and her brother, who both suffer from the disease. Her brother was fortunate to receive a lung transplant and I was fortunate to meet the mother of the daughter who donated a lung to him.

Since then I have been volunteering for the LDAA with people like Andrea Clegg of Cambridge, a heart recipient who has been instrumental in founding the Midwest Chapter of the Life Donation Awareness Association; and Christine Jowett, who has written a 283 page book entitled "Life Goes On: Journey of a Liver Transplant Recipient". Many Canadians don't realize that 1 person dies every 3 days waiting for an organ donation and while 90 percent of Canadians support it, fewer than 30 percent have made plans to be an organ donor when they pass away.

If you are interested in more information on LDAA, please go to their website at www.lifedonationawareness.com. If you so choose, you can also register your consent for organ donation by visiting www.beadonor.ca. And more generally, I encourage everyone in our neighbourhood to accept volunteer roles in organizations and causes that mean something to you. You will be glad you did.

Editor's Note: As the Beatles sang in their record Abbey Road, "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make."

SPOTLIGHT ON A NEIGHBOUR

As is often the custom with the newsletter, we are once again shining the spotlight on a long standing neighbour who has contributed so much to making Beechwood Park a special community. **Sherry and Gary Hauser**, who have lived at 184 Mohawk since 1985 have decided to simplify their lives and move to a smaller abode nearby. They bought their home from Sherry's aunt and uncle, Dick and Lois Siegner when their oldest daughter Sylvia was starting kindergarten at Keatsway P.S. While a bit anxious in their new surroundings, the Beechwood pool became a place where the family met new kids, new moms, and they quickly settled in. Sherry became involved in helping plan social events and remembers the stress of the annual Pool and Patio Party before our Pavilion was built. There were several years when the event had to be rapidly moved to neighbours' homes (Kathy Chandler's and Carl and Eleanor Kaufman's come to mind) due to inclement weather. For years, Sherry took it upon herself to assemble items for a Silent Auction at the pool party with the funds raised going to Grand River

Hospital. She also has been our local Neighbourhood Watch rep forever (“Everyone should take care of each other” Sherry says), delivered newsletters, and was an active tennis player at the courts with a local group of ladies who played every Tuesday morning.

After several years on the Social Committee, Sherry became pool director and both Hauser children, Sylvia and Andrea lifeguarded there. She brought watermelon to the mini-olympics and penny carnivals, and meals to her lifeguard daughters and other guards who didn’t live close by. One of her most hilarious pools moments came when there was a serious allegation that the mini-olympics had been fixed in favour of a particular child. The mini-olympics remains an important, but less divisive event to this day.

Gary Hauser also joined the BPHA board as a vice president and legal director when our BPHA defeated a city motion that would have allowed single family homes to be used for student housing in the area. The board continues to monitor this issue with the city to this day. He was also instrumental in providing legal guidance when the BPHA board decided to establish the Associate Membership classification in 1987 without upsetting the existing covenant obligations that existed. An important milestone that has helped maintain the health of our Association. Gary loved the neighbourhood and swears that he once saw the ghosts of their neighbour, Mrs. Dirksen and her companion, walking along Longfellow Drive as he was driving Andrew to work one foggy morning.

The neighbourhood has been turning over for several years as longtime residents downsize to make room for new families, and the Hauser are a part of this trend. Sherry and Gary will miss the many things that make Beechwood unique including our community centre, our welcoming residents, the produce stand, the lovely landscape of Beechwood Park, Clair Lake and the old retaining walls built by master builder Budd Clair. We wish them nothing but health and happiness in their new townhouse on Keatsway Drive.

That’s all for this spring’s newsletter edition. I hope you enjoy it and find it a useful way to keep abreast of what’s happening in our community. Many thanks to all of you who contributed items to it and especially to Tracey Nairn who takes my rough stone and makes it into a finished gem. As well, thanks to the neighbours who hand deliver the newsletter to the 400 homes in our area. It’s much appreciated.

Steve Singer

Event Dates for 2016*

Saturday, April 30th, 9:30 am-11:00 am

Earth Day Clean Up @ Clair lake & Rec Centre Clean Up (9:30 - noon)

Friday, May 27th, 6:00 pm

Opening BBQ and Family Scavenger Hunt

Friday, June 10th, 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Adult Patio Pool Party

Friday, July 8th, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Friday night BBQ/Pot luck

Tuesday, July 12th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Tuesday Speaker Series

Thursday, July 21st, 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Pot luck Appetizer and Beverage night

Tuesday, July 26th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Tuesday Speaker Series

Friday, August 5th, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Friday Night BBQ/Pot Luck

Tuesday, August 9th, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Tuesday Speaker Series

Thursday, August 18th, 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm

Pot Luck Appetizer and Beverage night

Wednesday, August 24th, 7:30 pm-10:00 pm

Ladies Summer Social

311 Algonquin

Weekly Yoga at the pool; dates to be determined.

*Please post this on your fridge or family bulletin board