

Beechwood Park Homes Association

Annual General Meeting

2019 Directors' Reports

President and Vice-President Report

Ivy Friedman - President

Sue Edwards - Vice President

Thank you to the Beechwood Park Homes Association community for another fantastic year. What a privilege to work with the BPHA board of directors and officers, with the many volunteers and with our members. It takes every one of us to ensure the association continues to thrive with such success. With the new year, we are saying farewell to Don Capes who has greatly contributed to the board since 2014 as Maintenance Director. We will continue to tap into Don's wisdom and know-how as we recruit for a new director. We also say good-bye to Lisa Heaton, who has kindly managed payroll since 2016 and to Alison Arden, who joined us this summer to lend a hand to Christine Valente as Pool Co-Director. Sue Edwards will move into the President position and Ivy Friedman will stay on the board as Past President. Sue's vast knowledge of BPHA will help guide us as we make some upcoming big decisions. We are also excited to have Shenhui Lang join the board as Bookkeeper and Payroll Officer. Gulshan Mnyusiwalla is slated for the Member-at-Large role and we know she will bring great ideas and experience to the board. Remaining on the board in their current roles are Luke Eret as Treasurer, Steve Kobes as Secretary, Tracey Nairn as Membership Director, Mark Baetz as Tennis Director, Christine Valente as Pool Director, Deborah Morden as Program Director and Amy McPhee as Social Director. We are recruiting for the roles of Vice President, Maintenance Director and Pool Co-Director.

This year's achievements were many as you will see detailed throughout the directors' reports and we are looking forward to an equally successful 2020. Here are some of the highlights from this year:

Before the year even began, Deborah Morden, Christine Valente and Mark Baetz were interviewing and hiring for 2019. Dianne Ratcliffe helped secure extra funding for the new staff by applying for a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, in which we were awarded \$10,000.

Throughout the year, the BPHA board met monthly to discuss, plan and organize. In March we were ready to launch our membership drive, led by Tracey Nairn. Registration opened and we saw a great increase in the number of online registrations and e-payments. Shortly thereafter, lesson registration began with a huge amount of new programming open to members. The success of our new programming is thanks to Deborah Morden. Our Social Calendar was created thanks to Amy McPhee and her social committee, which started us off with an Easter egg hunt for the kids and social dinner for the adults.

In spring, the board, with the help of our Planning and Doing (P&D) Committee, got to work preparing the site to open. Utilities were turned on, the tennis courts prepped for spring tennis lessons, and the grounds tidied by volunteers at our spring clean-up. The P&D Committee, consisting of Duane Chris, Dianne Ratcliffe, Paul Struck and Katie Gibb, were the leading force behind grounds maintenance and beautification of the site this year. We are very grateful for the many hours they devoted to BPHA.

Our new staff were trained and the pool was prepared for opening by London Recreational.

In May, spring tennis started and the pool opened on May 24.

This summer, BPHA was a bustle of activity with lots of programming for all ages, adult socials, family BBQ potlucks and so much more. The site was kept in top condition with the pool and tennis courts functional and the grounds looking amazing. We owe special thanks to the Armbruster family, Rob Phillips and Dianne Ratcliffe for the addition to our Little Library and to the Mnyusiwalla family for the funds to cover a therapeutic ladder.

At the July BBQ Potluck, we unveiled the dedication plaque and stone recognizing Abram Wiebe and we launched our BPHA anniversary book *Beechwood Park Homes Association The First 50 Years*. To date, we have sold 87 books. Thank you to the following for making the book happen - Ivy Friedman, Monica Furniss, Steve Singer, Kay Wentzell, Tracey Nairn, Christine Valente, Anne Marie Mingiardi, Dave and Anna Marshall, Don Capes and Marion Marshall and all of the contributing members.

We ended the summer with a closing BBQ and talent show, but this year we stayed open an extra week and said good-bye to summer the weekend after Labour Day.

This fall, the board said thank you to its many devoted volunteers by hosting an appreciation party. A great turnout and a great time.

We have continued to work diligently to review the year and start preparing for 2020. Job opportunities have already been advertised and the 2020 calendar has been drafted.

2019 was a success, but we did face some challenges. As we look into future planning, we want to continue to draw neighbourhood families to the facility. Our pool is our biggest asset, and given its age, we have to start thinking ahead. We've listened to concerns and have begun researching options to address the working condition of the pool. Beginning in 2020, we are encouraging members to get involved in the process of creating a long-term plan that will allow our association to be ready when our pool needs reconstruction (see details below in the Pool Director's report). This will require a knowledgeable committee and fundraising leadership. It is a matter of time before we need to make major pool repairs and we want to be ahead of the game.

Thank you again to the exceptional team on the Board. And to our membership, thank you for continuing to support BPHA. You are the number one reason our association thrives - let us know how we are doing and what we can do to improve.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Friedman and Sue Edwards

Membership Report

Membership Director – Tracey Nairn

In 2019, the total BPHA membership was 161 members, down 3 members from last year. We did not meet our goal to increase membership in 2019 to 172 members. Among these 161 homes that joined the BPHA community as members, 124 were local members and 37 were associate members. There were 106 returning local members from last year and 19 new members (2 were members in previous years). Of the 37 associate members, 32 were members last year and 5 were new associate members. Online registration and e-transfer payment has continued to be popular. The membership form was available online, accessed via the BPHA website and could be completed and submitted electronically, or printed and submitted. Payment was by cheque or e-transfer. About 85% of membership chose on-line registration and 115 members (72%) paid by e-transfer. Way to go members, doing our part to help the environment and save paper.

The membership fees stayed the same for local memberships (\$425) and based on a motion from the 2018 AGM, associate membership fees were increased to \$525, an increase of \$35. Fees were increased by \$50 for registrations submitted after April 30th. The total revenue from membership dues was \$72,200. The budgeted membership dues presented at the 2018 AGM was \$75,900. In addition, 2019 had 2 membership donations totaling \$200 from local families.

In our neighbourhood this year 17 houses have changed ownership. Our new neighbours in 2018 and 2019 will be included in the spring membership drive. Of those new families who moved to our neighbourhood, from mid-summer 2018 to mid-summer 2019, 12 joined our Association. Nine of the addresses were not previously members.

As our Association moves into our next 50 years of operation, we want to continue to be a vibrant and inclusive neighbourhood for everyone, long-time residents as well as our new families moving in. We encourage you to invite your neighbours to continue or consider joining the BPHA to keep our neighbourhood strong and serving the needs of the whole community.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Nairn

Pool Report

Pool Director - Christine Valente

Opening and Closing

On May 6, 2019, our pool service company London Recreational opened the pool, which involved removing the pool cover and initiating mechanical and chemical systems and equipment. After a successful Region of Waterloo Public Health Inspection, the pool was opened for swimming on May 24. We kept the pool open during Open Swim time (4-8 pm on school days and 1-8 on the Saturday and Sunday) in the week following Labour Day. The closing BBQ Potluck was held on Saturday, September 7, and the final day of operation was on Sunday, September 8. London Recreational closed and winterized the pool on September 9, 2019.

Staff

An email was sent to membership in November 2018, announcing that BPHA was hiring for a variety of positions for the summer of 2019. Information about how to apply was posted on the BPHA website and

shared on the BPHA Facebook page. New applicants, as well as returned staff applying for new positions, were interviewed in December 2018. Hiring was finalized in January 2019.

Victoria Giguere (returning staff) and Shealyn Decoppel (returning staff), were promoted to Facility Co-Managers. Kimia Kordestani (returning staff) was hired to fill the new role of Program Coordinator and Instructor/Guard. Erin Dawdy (returning) and Patrick Benest were hired as full-time Instructor/Guards, and Derek Milroy and Elyse Benest were hired as part-time Instructor/Guard. Both Zoe Andres and Carly Knibutat returned to help out as substitute Instructor/Guards for the season.

Canada Summer Jobs Program

An application was submitted for the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) Grant for three staff members. A total of \$10,080 was received based on requirements set out by CSJ Program. Employees were required to work a minimum of 30 hours/week for a minimum of eight weeks.

Communication with Members

As of July 1, weekly email updates were sent to members to inform them about news, events, and programming. As well, on the weekend prior to each session, emails were sent to parents whose children were enrolled in that session's programs.

Events and programs were promoted using the Facebook page. Pool and tennis closures were also communicated via Facebook.

Maintenance

Mike Schmidt, owner of London Recreational, has a history of 30+ years in the Beechwood neighbourhood association pools. He was always responsive and his team was quick to provide service calls. Their knowledge of our system and site was in depth and professional. They executed repairs in a timely and efficient way and always left the site clean and tidy.

A number of repairs were completed over the summer.

One of the skimmers was replaced prior to our spring opening. This repair was expected and planned at the end of the 2018 season. In May an unanticipated leak in the underground pipes necessitated a major repair, but Mike's team from London Recreational responded swiftly and came up with an elegant solution with the least possible amount of disruption, avoiding costly floor and tiling work in the boys' change room area. Both items are included in the Maintenance Director Report.

The deep end ladder, which was bent and unstable, was replaced, which included concrete work to ensure solid footing.

A commercial chlorinator was installed, and a robotic vacuum was purchased. The vacuum addressed savings in wages costs, cloudiness issues, and capacity of current piping system. The morning vacuum stirs up debris, which contributes to cloudiness in the day. Mike from London Recreational has identified our pipes as being inadequate for the number of bathers and volume of water that we have passing through our system. By running the vacuum overnight, the filtering happens over a longer period of time, without bathers contributing to the stirring up of debris.

A new therapeutic ladder was installed in the shallow end ladder location. The ladder allows those with limited mobility to access the pool. Member Dr. Yusuf Mnyusiwalla generously donated the total amount.

One of the two large sand filters was repaired and serviced. We have been advised to have the filters serviced annually and to eventually replace with glass beads instead of sand, as they wear down less quickly.

Discussion of major renovation to BPHA pool

Meetings were held with Mike Schmidt of London Recreational to discuss the current state of our pool. He broke down a rough idea of individual repairs/replacements that are foreseeable and gave a rough estimate of how much each might cost. We have tried to budget accordingly for these costs.

Mike was reluctant to provide any kind of hard prediction of how many more years the pool might remain operable before requiring a full reconstruction. He maintained that currently all systems are working fine when well maintained and it makes sense to continue maintaining and repairing the existing equipment and infrastructure to keep the pool operable for as long as possible. Eventually, however, either the PVC liner will require replacement or some problem with the pool structure itself will need to be addressed. In terms of the pool liner, it is on its 28th year and is still in good working order. To replace it will cost anywhere from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Mike was skeptical that replacing the liner over a 50 year-old pool would be advisable.

We discussed what would be involved in a major renovation to the pool. Without providing a formal quote, which would be an involved process involving input from us for our requirements, he was able to tell us that such a project could end up costing \$500K. A renovation would involve engineering designs, a major excavation, shipping away of material, rebuilding the building that houses the mechanicals, and taking down the front brick wall. If it is a full-scale renovation, it will mean losing a season of being open.

In general, the assessment is that our pipes are inadequate for the number of bathers and volume of water that we have passing through our system. Currently our pool has two skimmers and 2-inch pipes. It is a 50 year-old design and anything built to today's standards that would accommodate our size and number of bathers would have 6-8 skimmers and larger pipes circulating the water. To replace with more skimmers and larger pipes would require a rebuild of the pump room to accommodate the components.

Our Planning & Doing (P & D) Committee has been discussing potential short-term, low-cost improvements to the site as well as some larger-scale plans as part of their 10-year plan. Until such time that we have a long-term plan and budget in place, it is not prudent to invest in larger-scale infrastructure that might be displaced by a major renovation.

Coming off the celebration of our 50th year anniversary, we need to plan for taking the Association into the next 50 years. The Board of Directors is responsible for operations and planning year round and is putting out a call to members to strike a Pool Renovation Committee that will report to the Board on their project research and fundraising timeline targets.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Valente

Maintenance Report

Maintenance Director - Don Capes

I would like to first give my thanks and appreciation to the Planning and Doing Committee for the work they had done this year. Individuals or the full membership of this group of people are at the facility often and have helped keep the premises attractive and a pleasure to attend. From sidewalk maintenance to tree trimming and removal thru the soil and seeding of the hill, they were very busy thru the short season and beyond.

The most recent larger venture of the 'P & D' Committee was to head up the replacement of the flooring in the storage shed to help avoid the winter-time inhabitant population. New storage arrangements were also accomplished at that time.

There were two major activities at the pool this season.

The first was an expected action to resolve the loss of suction from the shallow end strainer. This end of the pool was most used to vacuum the pool before opening and the efforts of the staff were compromised with this not working well for the past two years. The strainer was opened up and replaced in its entirety to resolve this prior to the swimming season.

The second was without warning. A leak developed in the feed to the pool, which showed up at the front of the pool hut between the guard entrance and the men's change room. The economical repair of this situation required the digging up of the front patio at the entry area as well as the garden area under the front windows and installing new lines to the pool pump room. The alternative would have been to remove the concrete floor to attempt to find the actual location of the leak. The repair was handled quickly through London Recreational and our thanks to the volunteers for replenishing the garden with plants.

The board has taken on the challenge to determine what future repairs may be anticipated as the pool is beyond 50 years of age. Christine has headed up this challenge and I am happy to add my contribution to this discussion at any time.

Again, I would like to thank the successful involvement of the volunteers that help through the season, from spring cleanup to the fall preparation for winter, to keep this facility as attractive and progressive as it is.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Capes

Program Report

Program Director - Deborah Morden

STAFFING

Even though there were many new programs added this season, the total number of hours for all staff was 3,018, which was only marginally higher than the previous season. Markus Kangur was hired as a Program Leader to run the Junior Lessons program. Madeline MacMillan was hired to teach the spring and summer youth classes. In addition to his role as Junior Lessons Program Leader, Markus Kangur also taught youth tennis classes and semi-private and private lessons throughout the season. Oscar Judelson-Kelly (returning) taught private and semi-private lessons when he was available. Hugh

McKenna and Daniel Nairn were hired as assistant tennis instructors and also filled in as substitute tennis instructors.

PROGRAMS

New Programs

Junior Lessons/Poolside Play

In order to provide working parents with a more flexible option for having their children attend daytime lessons at the pool, two new programs were developed for this season. The Junior Lessons Program was a drop-off lesson program for participants 5 and older which ran from 9am - 1 pm during each of the four sessions. The program was a "day camp" model which included: a Red Cross swim lesson, group tennis class, active field games, crafts, board games etc. Participants brought their own lunches, but had the option to purchase lunch on Mondays and Fridays.

To compliment the Junior Lessons program, the Poolside Play program provided staff supervision for participants 5 and older from 1 pm - 5 pm. Together with the Junior Lessons Program, participants were supervised from 9am - 5pm.

Teen Program

This new program, for teens 13+, ran every Wednesday evening from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm during July and August. The first week of each session was an onsite activity. The activities that were planned were: The Amazing Race, Minute to Win It, Family Feud, and Survivor. During the second week of each session, teens participated in an offsite activity. The offsite activities were laser tag, an escape room, rock climbing, and a virtual reality arcade. Both the on-site and off-site activities were followed by swimming and snack at the BPHA Recreation Centre.

BPHA members had the option to invite a non-member guest to attend. There was no cost for onsite programs. The subsidized fee for participation in the off-site programs was \$15. Members who volunteered with BPHA Programs during the summer were able to participate in the offsite activities for free.

There were two fundraising initiatives that helped subsidize the cost of the off-site activities for the Teen Program. In addition to four bottle drives, which raised a total of \$357.20, bake sales were held at the Recreation Centre on the last day of each session. Baked goods were donated by session participants, staff, and board members and raised a total of \$180.

It was nice to see that the teens had a much more active presence around the facility during the summer. They got to know each other better through the activities. As a result, attendance increased at other teen activities such as water polo. We also noticed that many of our teens volunteered with the children's programs throughout the summer. It was great to see relationships develop between the teens and our younger neighbourhood kids.

Pajama Parties

P.J. Parties was another new program, that aimed to provide a "night out" for parents. This was a drop-off program for kids 5-12 years old that was held on the second Friday of each month in June, July, and August. The program ran from 5:30pm - 9:30pm and included swimming, active games, a craft, pizza dinner and a movie. All of the P.J. Parties were well attended and gave neighbourhood kids a chance to hang out together while parents enjoyed some "quiet time".

Kids AquaFun

This new program ran from 1pm - 2pm, Monday - Friday, during each of the four sessions. It was a free drop-in program open to all swimmers who had passed the BPHA swim test. A staff member provided instruction in a variety of different water activities including synchro, water polo, swim team, and aquafit.

Adult Swim Fundamentals

A Fundamental Swim Class was added to the program schedule to give adults (18+) a chance to work on improving their stroke technique. This program was a free drop-in program that was instructed by a BPHA staff member from 12pm - 1pm on Sundays, in advance of the pool opening for Open Swim.

Programs that Continued...

PD Day Camps

PD Day Camps were offered on May 31, and June 28. The camps ran from 9am - 1pm and offered a variety of fun activities for kids 5-12 years old. The program included lunch and snacks. In addition to two staff members, many teen volunteers assisted with the program. The Poolside Play Program was also available on PD Days, which provided supervision for participants from 1pm - 5pm. Members had the opportunity to register for the program before it was opened to guest registrations. The cost of the program was \$25/child for members and \$30 for guests. Of the 24 children registered for May 31 camp, 17 were members and 7 were guests. The June 28 camp had 24 member registrations and 7 guest registrations.

FUN Camp

Kids 5-12 years old had a great time at FUN Camp, which took place the week following the end of session 4 (August 26-30). The cost for the full week was \$125, which included lunch and snacks. Guest registrations opened up one month after member registration. 26 members and 3 guests participated in the program. The Poolside Play program ran in conjunction with FUN Camp, giving participants the opportunity to stay from 9am - 5pm.

Kids' Special Events

Our traditional Kids' Themed Special Events ran on Wednesdays from 4 - 5:30pm in July and August. All of the events were followed by either a Pizza dinner or BBQ dinner, which was available for purchase for \$5. The activities that were planned for the season were: Mini Olympics, Halloween Night, The Amazing Race, Disney Night, Coin Carnival, Harry Potter Night, Camp Night, and Music Night. As always, the events were well-attended and the kids had a great time!

Water Polo

Water Polo was a drop-in activity that was very popular again this season. It was organized as a non-combat game with staff referees. Water Polo was held on Monday evenings in July and August. 5-8 year olds played across the width of the pool from 7:00pm - 7:30 pm. The 9-12 year old group played for an hour from 7:30pm - 8:30pm. And this year, for the first time, teens 13+ were able to play from 8:30pm - 9:30pm. The teen Water Polo gained popularity as the season progressed and was very well attended in the final weeks.

Adult Swim Programs

Aqua Fit

This free drop-in class was offered from 11:30am - 12:15pm, Monday-Thursday in July and August. A second adult aquafit class was added this season on Saturdays from 12pm - 1pm, before the pool opened for Open Swim.

Amenities

Hot Lunches

Hot lunches were hosted at the Recreation Centre on Mondays and Fridays during each of the 4 sessions. Lunches were run by BPHA staff members and supported by several teen volunteers. Lunch was available from 12pm - 1pm for \$5 (additional servings were available for \$1). Monday's menu was pancakes, fresh fruit, yogurt and juice. Friday's menu alternated between tacos and grilled cheese sandwiches and caesar salad.

Dinner

We continued to offer dinner at the Recreation Centre on Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. The \$5 meal alternated between pizza with veggies and dip, and BBQ dinner.

Tuck Shop/Coffee

A variety of snacks were available for purchase under the gazebo on a self-serve basis. The tuck shop was open the same hours as the Recreation Centre. Items ranged in price from \$0.50 - \$1.00 and included choices such as yogurt, cheese strings, fresh fruit, granola bars and applesauce. We continued to offer coffee (hot and iced) and tea, which was available for purchase for \$1. To help keep tuck shop items cool during the hot summer months, a mini outdoor fridge was purchased.

Frozen Treats

We continued to offer a collection of frozen treats ranging in price from \$0.50 to \$2.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Morden

Tennis Report

Tennis Director - Mark Baetz

1. Tennis guest fees were lower than last year because weather resulted in a shorter season and one member-led regular group did not play. The guest fee ensures that players who are not BPHA members but who still play regularly on our courts contribute to the upkeep. It also maintains the privilege for all members to invite tennis guests only "occasionally" (one-two times/month).
2. The fall men's tennis tournament took place on Sept 14 organized by Mike Dixon and Karl Czekus. Both courts were used from 1:30 to 6pm. It was a good time for tennis, food and beverages, including a BBQ. Given the purpose of the event, the name could be changed to "Wed night men's tennis social" from "Men's tennis tournament".
3. Thanks to the efforts of Deb Morden, there were new sessions for children's tennis, and youth and adult tennis lessons. Staffing of these sessions varied because of differing availability of coaches. There continues to be a shortage of tennis coaches.

4. With our survey data it was clear there was interest in adding pickleball to our tennis courts. We are grateful to Bill Ratcliffe for giving a demonstration of pickleball, which confirmed interest. As a result, pickleball equipment was purchased (2 nets, 4 paddles and balls) with an intention to add lines to the courts. However, pickleball lines were not added after it was determined that our court surface is very high quality and special paint would need to be used at a higher cost than originally quoted. It has been suggested that portable line markers be used rather than paint. While there is currently no programming for pickleball, this could be added if someone came forward to lead this for 2020.

5. Paul Struck did extensive trimming of weeds and vegetation around the courts. Mark Baetz focused on removing weeds and vegetation along the bottom of the fence where tennis balls can be easily hidden. Next year Mark will focus on this early in the season to reduce the number of balls that remain hidden.

6. One section of the courts could be cleaned to reduce the impact of how slippery the courts become with moisture.

7. The top of the fence requires attention in one section where the fence has dislodged.

8. A new storage container is now in the corner of the courts for storing tennis balls for children's tennis, mens and ladies round robins and pickleball equipment. The lock has the same combination as the tennis gate.

9. We are exploring the possibility of introducing an online sign-up system for the tennis courts (similar to the Waterloo Tennis Club.) This would eliminate the sign-up sheets box and also eliminate the pins which drop on the ground. Mark tried unsuccessfully to find a white board which would fit the box so that magnets could be used instead of pins.

10. Sometimes the tennis gate is not locked. We need to remind everyone to lock the gate after use.

11. The timer for the tennis lights (and pool) needs to be monitored as the amount of daylight changes during the season. Mark adjusted the timer this year when the need arose.

12. The tennis nets are becoming worn along the top. Mark was able to repair the nets but at some point, we will need to replace the nets. We plan to leave the nets up during the winter given our varying climate. One year we played tennis on Christmas Eve!

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Baetz

Social Report

Social Director - Amy McPhee

The 2019 BPHA Social year was an eventful one!

Easter Egg Hunt- April 13. This was the 5th year of the Bunny Brigade and the 2nd year that BPHA has been involved! Beechwood Park teamed up with Beechwood South, Beechwood II and Beechwood North to hold an egg hunt at Old Post Park. The event costs \$3 per child and sold out again this year! The organizers have this event down to a fine art, and even the Easter Bunny makes an appearance! Thanks to Wendy Kennedy for heading the event and Ivy Friedman, Jacqueline McGann, Claire Malhotra and to the many older kids that helped hide eggs, set up and clean up, work the snack station and restock eggs.

Spring dinner out- Bauer Kitchen- April 26. We started the season off by getting together for dinner at the Bauer Kitchen. 14 members enjoyed the excellent meal and wonderful conversation with neighbours. Thanks to Zoya Ipek for organizing!

Dinner and a show- May 26. Members gathered for dinner at TWH Social and then took in the musical Kinky Boots at the Centre in the Square. The show was a hit and those that attended enjoyed the evening.

Perennial Swap/sale- May 11. Neighbours came out with lovely perennials to swap and sell to each other. Thank you to all our gardeners for sharing their beautiful plants. While we had a small turnout this year, we are hoping to increase participation every year. We look forward to seeing even more neighbours this coming spring! Any money raised from the sale of perennials goes back into our gardens at the Recreation Centre. Thanks to Tracey Nairn for organizing.

Spring opening clean up- May 6. Dedicated neighbours came out to get the property ready for opening weekend! Many thanks to all of the volunteers and to Vanessa Midwood for getting the refreshments!

Garage Sale - June 1. BPHA joined Beechwood South and held a community garage sale. Some residents had their own sales while others set up tables at the community centre. Money raised allowed us to make a contribution to Strong Start. Thanks to Ivy Friedman for organizing this.

Pool opening potluck and BBQ – Friday, May 24. As usual, we had a spectacular turnout for this event. Members and neighbours of all ages came out to say hello and mark the start of the pool season! Neighbours contributed delicious potluck items like meatballs, mac and cheese, salads, and more, and our trusty BBQers grilled up a variety of burgers and hot dogs. Thank you to Dianne and Bill Ratcliffe, Luke Eret, Sue and Wayne Edwards, Ivy and Ori Friedman and any others who helped with the event.

Adult Caribbean Party- June 15. We returned to the theme party for our first adult party this year. Members enjoyed a steel band and a sit-down Caribbean feast! 45 members attended this party at a cost of \$40. The Social committee had a budget of \$1000 but only required \$600. A huge thank you goes out to Vanessa Midwood, Monica Furniss, and Tracey Nairn who made this event possible.

Potluck BBQ, Plaque and book launch. - July 25. This was another free BBQ/potluck, but at this event we officially unveiled the dedication stone and plaque in recognition of Abram Wiebe's generosity to BPHA. Sheila Wiebe and Councillor Jeff Henry attended.

Adult End-of-Summer Patio Party- August 30. We had a final patio party for adults with appetizers and snacks on the long weekend. The evening was a cool one but over 25 neighbours enjoyed the evening together. Thanks to Jacqueline McGann for her help organizing the event and guards Victoria and Kimia for the playlist!

Closing BBQ and Talent Show- September 7. Our summer closing event was a big success. In addition to the family potluck that included snacks, salads and scrumptious desserts, we had volunteers serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie options from the grill. It was capped off with a talent show organized by guarding staff that featured lively dance and musical performances, and many, many, many jokes. Our M.P. Bardish Chaggar took in the show and Ivy Friedman used the opportunity to thank her for her

assistance with grants to help fund summer staff. Thanks to Jessica West, Serge LeVert-Chiasson, Ivy and Ori Friedman and all others who volunteered.

Volunteer Appreciation Party- Oct 5. 2019 saw a great number of members volunteer their time to help out at our events. This was a nice way to thank them! Thanks to Sue Edwards, Ivy Friedman and host Deb Morden.

Fall Clean Up- Nov 2. Over 25 members came out to help with the fall clean up. Young and old braved the chilly temperatures to rake leaves and winterize the property. They earned the coffee, hot chocolate and treats that were provided. Thanks to Don Capes and his team, and the many volunteers who helped out.

Adult Holiday Social and Cookie Exchange - Dec 4. This year's event will take place Wednesday, December 4 from 7-10pm and will be hosted by Joanna Cram (316 Coleridge Drive).