



The Emerald Newsletter

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President's Report

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope you have all had a good summer and are looking forward to the fall and winter. I'd like to thank you all for your involvement in our spring and summer activities. As usual, our Fun Day in the Park was a great success and more importantly – great weather! There are some great photos on our Facebook page, capturing all of the fun. On behalf of the EWRA, I'd also like to thank all of the wonderful neighbours who came out at the last minute to mow the grass.

Our bi-annual membership drive wrapped up this summer and the Membership Directories were distributed earlier this fall. If you haven't signed up as a member yet, you can still join by contacting us directly on Facebook or ewra300@gmail.com.

The EWRA is already in full swing, planning our 2019-2020 activities and advocating on your behalf with our local representatives. As always, we are looking for additional volunteers to work with us to ensure the success of our activities. Please see our section on Volunteers Needed and join us if you can!

We regularly post on our Facebook group page and our website, so check them for important community news and contact information.

We look forward to serving our community in the coming year.

Sincerely

Kamen Garbouchev, EWRA President

Volunteers Needed

The EWRA organizes a number of popular community events but we are always looking for more volunteers. If you can help with any of the following events, please contact us at ewra300@gmail.com or leave a comment on our website <http://emeraldwoods.ca> or on our **Emerald Woods Residents Association** Facebook page.

The main events for which we need to have volunteers identified **in advance** are:

Children's Christmas Party – December 8th 2-4pm.
Volunteers to organize and assist with the party, including planning and supervising crafts, student volunteers and a visit from Santa Claus.

Mini-soccer – mid May to end of June.
Volunteers to assist with organizing, coaching and assisting weekly one-hour evening sessions.

Fun Day in the Park – first week-end in June
Volunteers to organize the event including overall planning and coordination, soliciting donations, lining up attractions, equipment rentals, purchasing and serving food, managing student volunteers, assisting with children's crafts and activities, park set-up and clean-up.

Volunteering with the EWRA is a great way for students to achieve their Community Involvement Hours!

We are also looking for more people to join our executive to participate in planning activities and liaising with the City on local issues



Emerald Woods Residents Association is on Facebook!

Become a member of our closed group to keep informed of what's going on in Emerald Woods, share news or simply chat with your friends and neighbours!

Neighbourhood Notes

Fun Day in the Park

Our Fun Day in the Park on June 2nd was another great success! With our first Fun Day since 2017, we were very pleased to see a great turn out, with kids of all ages taking part in the fun.

Other activities included obstacle courses and slides from Circus Delights, crafts and face painting for kids, Bunky and her balloon creations, and a plant sale. A special thanks again to our volunteers

We'd also to send our enormous appreciation to our very generous sponsors, including The City of Ottawa, K&S on the Keys, Ozzy Food Market, Giant Tiger, Metro, Loblaws, Produce Depot and Diane Deans.

Garage Sale

Over the past few years, we have seen a large decline in garage sale participants. We know that there are various factors, including poor weather and more online selling options. For 2020, the EWRA has decided not to organize this event. However, we do value your opinion and welcome any feedback you may have on continuing this once very successful activity.

Mini Soccer

Despite a later start due to our long winter, 2019 Mini-Soccer was a great success. There was a fantastic group of children participating and we had great volunteer coaches organizing and assisting. Thanks to Mike Carter, our other coaches, and all the siblings and parents that were able to lend a hand when needed.

As we look toward 2020, please let us know if there is interest in us offering other sports in the park for different age groups.

Emerald Woods Park Clean Up

As part of the annual City of Ottawa Spring Cleaning Event, we met in Emerald Woods Park on a Sunday afternoon last May and raked leaves, picked up garbage, getting our amazing park ready for a great summer. Thank you to Laurie McHugh for organizing the event and to everyone that came out to help.

New to the Neighbourhood?

For lots of great information including important phone numbers, events and local businesses that support our community please join our facebook group or go to:

www.emeraldwoods.ca .

Note: This fall we will be emailing our Newsletter to people who indicated so.
If you want to change the way you receive the Newsletter please send us email at ewra300@gmail.com.



**2019-20 Membership (if you haven't already joined)
PLEASE PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW**



Name(s) (Last/First): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email (optional): _____ Email copy of newsletter? Yes ___ No ___

We'd like our name, address and phone number in the EWRA Membership Directory: Yes ___ No ___

Please enclose \$10 for the (two-year duration) 2019/20 membership fee and drop off this form at 2834 Mozart Court as soon as possible.