

The WELL (Woodpark Edible Local Landscape) Project

Growing Local Food in Our Own Back Yards



Many gardeners in our neighbourhood are eagerly awaiting planting season as the first year of the WELL Project gets under way. This is an initiative to grow local food right in our own yards. Tom Marcantonio is a Woodpark resident and master gardener whose gardens produce over 100 kilos of food each year. He has been mentoring and connecting with neighbourhood gardeners of all abilities for this initiative.

Many lively workshops and discussions were held in March at the Carlingwood Library, and garden assessments are under way for Woodpark residents who wish to participate.

Tom hopes to keep an estimated tally of how much fresh local food is grown in Woodpark this season. If you have a veggie garden (big or small), please keep Tom in the loop about how much you are growing.

There will be a few seedlings available for those who are participating at Tom's residence (460 Wentworth) during the neighbourhood garage sale on June 4th.



For more information, please visit www.woodpark.ca/WELL.

If you have any additional questions, wish to have a garden assessment, wish to show your support for a community garden space, or if you have yard space available for someone to plant a garden in, please contact Tom at tmarc@rogers.com or 613-820-4173.

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Woodpark News

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Annual Spring BBQ and Park Cleanup at New Orchard Park

Saturday, May 14th from 10:00-2:00. Rain date Saturday, May 28th.

Join your friends and neighbours at the park on New Orchard Ave. to help get the park ready to enjoy for another season. Bring your rakes and a bit of elbow grease for the cleanup, then kick back and enjoy the BBQ. The cleanup starts at 10:00 and the BBQ at 11:30.



There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, sausages and drinks available at a reasonable cost.

Our ward councillor, Mark Taylor, will join us for the BBQ to discuss the Community Development Plan for Woodpark. Paul McCann from the Graffiti Management Program with the City of Ottawa will also be on hand to demonstrate and distribute graffiti removal kits.

Join in the fun and celebrate the arrival of Spring!

Woodpark's Neighbourhood Garage Sale

Saturday, June 4th from 8:00-noon. Rain date Sunday, June 5th.

Spring cleaning? Kids outgrown their toys? Fitness equipment collecting dust?



Whether you have a lot of items to put out or just a few, join your neighbours in our community garage sale. Take this opportunity to clear out some space in your home, or shop around the neighbourhood for new treasures.

Webmaster and Newsletter Writer Needed



The Woodpark Community Association is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to help out with the web site and writing the twice-yearly newsletter. The volunteer who has been taking care of this is leaving the neighbourhood.

If you wish to help out, please contact John Blatherwick at jblatherwick@rogers.com.

Graffiti

Vandalism is on the rise in Woodpark, as it is in many other areas in the city. The most effective way to deter this is to remove graffiti promptly and consistently when it occurs. This can be done with minimal effort and time with a graffiti removal kit. These kits can be obtained from the community association by contacting Greg Lavigne at glavigne@rogers.com, or by contacting the City of Ottawa at graffitimanagement@ottawa.ca.



Graffiti removal kits will also be available at the neighbourhood BBQ at New Orchard Park on May 14th (rain date May 28th).

Reporting graffiti to be removed is possible, however it is often faster and more effective to simply have volunteers in the neighbourhood remove it as soon as it occurs. Information on reporting graffiti can be found on the City of Ottawa web site: http://ottawa.ca/residents/environment/community/graffiti/graffiti_report_en.html



Stay in the Loop about Neighbourhood News

Visit our community web site at www.woodpark.ca or subscribe to receive periodic emails about neighbourhood happenings by sending an email to info@woodpark.ca.

Reporting Unsafe Driving



Many Woodpark residents are concerned with unsafe driving practices that seem to be becoming more commonplace in our neighbourhood. The Ottawa Police and the City of Ottawa have informed us that the best way to begin alleviating this problem is to consistently report traffic violations when they occur.

The need for police and city resources to deal with these problems is gauged by the number of complaints made by neighbourhood residents. If you are concerned about things like running stop signs, speeding, illegal and wrong-way turns, etc., please be sure to report these unsafe driving practices by contacting the Ottawa Police Reporting Centre at 613-236-1222 ext 7300.

Traffic Surveys

The community association will also be conducting traffic surveys to help gauge the degree of unsafe driving practices in Woodpark. If you wish to help out, please contact John Blatherwick at jblatherwick@rogers.com.

Lighting at New Orchard Park

The community association has been working with the City of Ottawa to obtain lighting at the park on New Orchard Ave. Providing lighting at the park will increase safety and security and will help deter unwanted activity during off-hours. An assessment will be completed once the leaves have fully emerged on the trees. The lighting is expected to be installed this summer.



Woodpark Community Association Meetings

These take place on the third Wednesday of each month (except in July and August) from 7:00-8:30pm at the Carlingwood Public Library. All Woodpark residents are welcome to attend.