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Woodpark Community Association

The WCA is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who seek to represent and work hard for the members of this community. Our team has represented Woodpark on many issues, including zoning issues, and making sure our roads are kept safe.

Current WCA board members:

John Blatherwick: President (zoning and development)

Jamie McDonell: Vice President

Ken Wings: Director at Large

Kevin Baker: Hard Services (sewer, water, etc.)

Don Ford: Treasurer (traffic and parking)

Steve Hopwood: Environment and Social Ward Advisory (Woodpark rep for Bay Ward)

Erika Kaufman: Communications (website)

Tanya Krupilnicki: Communications (newsletter)

Larry Ladell: Environment and Social

Greg Lavigne: Directory of Community Services

Tom Marcantonio: Gardening and Food Production Coordinator

John Svab: Community Security



The community association meets monthly to discuss various neighbourhood issues, initiatives, and events. Meetings take place every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Carlingwood Public Library. All Woodpark residents are welcome to attend.

We would love to hear from you! If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to help out, please contact us at info@woodpark.ca.

For information about what your community association has been working on, please visit www.woodpark.ca.

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Woodpark's Annual General Meeting: October 19th

All Woodpark residents are invited to attend our neighbourhood's Annual General Meeting. It will take place on **Wednesday, October 19th starting at 7:00PM** in the meeting room at the Carlingwood Public Library. You will get a chance to hear updates from your community association, ask questions, and offer any suggestions that you might have for the coming year.

AGM

Our city councillor Mark Taylor will be attending and will discuss the upcoming budget process, traffic and speeding issues, roof top patio zoning, and the Community Design Plan for Woodpark/Woodroffe North. Mark Taylor has also graciously agreed to conduct the election of your association's 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

We hope to see you there! This is a great opportunity to make your concerns known!

PS – as you know the Woodpark CA is a community organisation that is funded by donations from neighbourhood residents. Your contribution to the association at the AGM will help to fund our efforts on behalf of the community over the next 12 months.



Protecting Yourself from Property Crime

Here are a few tips that we can all use to help deter property crime in Woodpark. These may seem simplistic but they can help prevent property crime.

- 1) Make your home visible: keep exterior lights on at night - thieves don't want to be seen!
- 2) Lock your doors, both home and auto, and keep those garage doors closed and secured.
- 3) If you're planning to be away, have a neighbour collect your mail and newspapers and make arrangements to have your lawn mowed or driveway shoveled. Thieves will see a build-up of mail and papers and see your house as an easy target.
- 4) Get to know your neighbours! If you know the people on your street, you will be more likely to be able to identify people who don't belong and contact police accordingly if you suspect criminal activity.

The Ottawa Police Service needs to know about property crime. To report a crime that is not in progress and where no suspects are known, please call the reporting center at 613-236-1222 x7300. You can file a report over the phone in just a few minutes.

To see police statistics for Woodpark and the City of Ottawa, visit www.crimereports.com and enter Woodpark, Ottawa, Ontario in the search field. A map of the area will come up and you will be able to see reported incidents to Ottawa Police.

If you're not sure how to contact police visit <http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/ContactOttawaPolice/ContactOttawaPolice.aspx> or look in the front pages of your phone book for more information.

Community safety and security is our shared responsibility!

If you have a question, please email John Svab at john.woodpark@gmail.com

New Orchard Park – Lighting Update

Good news everyone, thanks to a clean-up of the brush and bushes at the New Orchard park we have had no security problems over the summer. Therefore, at this point we see no need to put lighting in the park as little or no problems have been reported. Please, if you do see any suspicious activity at the park call 311 and report it. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Manager and Councillor Taylor's office for their help in this matter.



The WELL (Woodpark Edible Local Landscape) Project Growing Local Food in Our Own Back Yards

2011 report



In March 2011 the association held 4 Gardening workshops at Carlingwood library with a total of 44 attendees, where community members shared their experiences and learned a wide range of gardening skills from expert gardeners. These sessions will be held again in 2012 on Thursdays in March.

The WELL project team also completed 12 site surveys in Woodpark to assess back yard (and

front yard!) garden potential.

- Three new gardens were built following the free consultations.
- Free tomato seedlings were offered during the community yard sale(next one expected to be in June 2012)
- Website was updated to include gardening information and links.

Efforts were continued through *Just Food* and councillor Mark Taylor to determine how best to work with the NCC to obtain permission to build a community garden on NCC property just west of Lawn and the Edgeworth intersection.



For further information or if you want to get hands on involvement in the project contact tmarc@rogers.com