

WISTERIA PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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Silver linings of pandemic?

Hello, neighbours! Your Wisteria Park Community Association (WPCA) sure has missed you and missed holding our regular outdoor activities at the park, like the fall BBQ.

Seven months in, and we're sure many of us feel the same way: the pandemic has become tiresome; we ache for some sort of normalcy. Some days it's tough to see any silver linings in the pandemic. But we're going to give it a shot:

- It's been great to see so many in our neighbourhood out walking, jogging, chatting from a socially safe distance.
- Our local businesses are still open.

- We're having a virtual Halloween costume and you can win a gift certificate to one of our fantastic local businesses.

- Our outdoor rink is a go for this winter.

Although COVID has meant a halt to most of our activities, the WPCA board -- Amin Amin (chair); Olivia Leung (vice chair); Sylvia Bakker (secretary), Joshua Walt (treasurer); and board members Bob Andrews, Steve Long, and Terri Thorhauge -- recently met virtually by zoom to discuss current activities and issues within our neighbourhood.

Thanks to the lobbying by our

committee, the sidewalk is finally being extended to Hunt Club. We continue to press for changes at the intersection of Hunt Club and Paul Anka. With the multiple entry points into businesses, this area is often confusing for both drivers and pedestrians and can easily get congested, especially when everyone needs their Starbucks fix at the same time!

We encourage you to use caution and exercise patience in this intersection.

We are always looking for new members to join us to work on these and other issues. No commitment required. Come for one meeting to see what it's all about. Now that our meetings are on zoom, it's easier than ever to be active in our community.

Outdoor rink will open this season

We are excited to announce that our outdoor rink will be up and running again this winter. COVID has caused so many recreational activities to be closed.

We are looking forward to offering a place for our residents to be able to get outside, have some fun and get some physical activity. We will, of course, ensure that physical distancing rules are still maintained and that our numbers stay within the allowable limits.

But in the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help with the rink. We do expect our rink

activity to be busier than normal because of our limited

options for physical activity. We need help to create the rink once the snow falls, which means packing the snow and lots of flooding. Then, we'll need help to maintain the rink, which involves more flooding in the evenings and helping to clear snow.

If you can help with any of this – even if you can only come out once or twice in the season – please send an email to wisteriapark-community@hotmail.com.



Support our local businesses

It's tough owning a small business these days. We encourage you to do what you can to support the small businesses in our area.

Now that so many of us have added more walking into our daily routine, it's so convenient to have local businesses we can walk to. Did you know the variety of businesses we have within a five-minute walk? A ca-

fé, seamstress/dry cleaner, hair dresser, foot spa, convenience store, dress shop and optometrist, to name a few.

Here are some ideas that can have a positive impact on businesses that may be struggling with difficult choices right now:

- Patronize the business, either in person or online

- Leave an online review
- Tell your friends and neighbours
- Buy gift certificates.

We have especially appreciated these local businesses for sponsoring and donating prizes at our pre-COVID community events. Please show them our love!



Participate in our virtual Halloween contests!

SORRY!



**NO TRICK OR
TREATING HERE
THANK YOU**

We are disappointed that the traditional Halloween activity of trick or treating is cancelled in Ottawa this year.

But that doesn't mean Halloween

is cancelled! To add some safe Halloween fun, WPCA is hosting online Halloween contests.

Post your photo on our [Facebook page](#) by November 1 to qualify. (If you don't have Facebook, you can also email them to wisteriapark-community@hotmail.com and we'll post them for you.)*

Prizes are gift certificates from our local businesses! Be sure to tell us which category you are entering for the costume contest.

The categories are:

**Best Children's Costume
(under 18 years of age)**

1st place = \$25
2nd place = \$15
3rd place = \$10

**Best Adult Costume
(+18 years)**

1st place = \$25
2nd place = \$15

Best Carved Pumpkin

1st place = \$25
2nd place = \$15

**Best Decorated Home
(Outside)**

1st place = \$25
2nd place = \$15

All non-winners will be entered into **three random draws** for \$10 gift certificates.

*By submitting your photo in these contests, you are giving permission to WPCA to post your photo on [our Facebook page](#) and [website](#).



**Please remember to put trash in its place, whether you are at the park, walking around the pond or on Dean Martin.
Let's keep our green spaces beautiful!**

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By saying hello on the street.