

WCA President's Message for June 2017 Woodcreek Chronicle

The sound of lawn mowers, crack – err, ping – of baseball bats, and soccer balls rolling across the road in front of my vehicle all tell me that it's spring. Anyone with kids is all too familiar with the juggle of new activities while moving toward the school year wrap-up. It's a busy time at home and a busy time for the community association too!

This past month, the association hosted a Town Hall Meeting for Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart, a Flea Market and Parade of Garage Sales a few days later, and a Community Clean Up on Saturday, May 13th. The Parade of Garage Sales, the first for our community in many years, had over 50 households participating plus the hall full of flea market and craft tables. Hats off to Ellen, Karen, Robin, and their team of organizers who started months in advance and worked diligently to coordinate the event. The Community Clean Up that, perhaps not too ironically, fell the week after the garage sales, saw a non-stop stream of vehicles. We hold two of these a year and it never ceases to amaze me how much stuff we constantly collect! A big thank you to all volunteers but especially to Joe and Syl who "owned" the event and the local Lions Club for its active participation.

Events like the Parade of Garage Sales and Community Clean Up exhibit the pride and commitment people have within our community. These events, despite taking effort to put on, are a lot of fun and I encourage anyone contemplating getting involved to contact the community office. Other upcoming events, which can also use volunteers, is the Canada 150 Celebration (formerly Family Fun Day) on June 24th and our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 8th. I encourage everyone to come out and celebrate Canada and then our western heritage.

Returning for another summer, the community is running the Get Going Program. This program started in May and runs until the end of August. It is a drop in recreation program where 7-14 year-old kids can participate in a variety of sports and activities such as basketball, tennis, pickle ball, badminton, volleyball, Frisbee, and more. Leaders help run and facilitate games throughout the day as well as coordinate guest instructors. Kids and families are also welcome to check out equipment for use in the park. The program is free but a valid WCA Membership is mandatory for children to participate and all those participating must have a signed waiver. Additional details can be found in the Chronicle.

I will wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Scott Eden

WCA President