

President's Report for the Oct 2017

September was a busy month for the community association. In addition to being Membership Month, we began with the fall Community Cleanup on September 9th during which we filled more than 8 garbage bins, an electronic recycling C-can, a scrap metal bin, packed a large paper shredding truck, and accumulated a dump truck sized load of used tires! We hold two of these clean ups a year – one in the spring which is sponsored by the city and the fall event for which we incur the costs – and despite hosting these for several years, the line of vehicles dropping off past treasures never shortens which is a testament to the value of these events within our community. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made the Community Clean-up possible.

A week after the clean up we hosted the Woodcreek Lions Garage Sale. This annual event raises over a thousand dollars each year which the Lions generously donate back to the community. In addition to the garage sale, the Lions also sponsored two new bike racks, one at the Community Centre in Woodlands and one at our Woodbine location close to the tennis courts. A big thank you to the Lions for their generosity and commitment to our community. Speaking of our community, the City's "This is my neighborhood" initiative has completed its initial information gathering with data obtained from online forms and speaking with residents at our various community events. The city is now working on compiling the data into a usable format and, although it will be a while before we have something to work with, I am looking forward to the results.

As mentioned previously, September was Membership Month during which our canvassers went door-to-door to chat with our residents and make purchasing / renewing memberships easy. For the fourth year in a row our membership sales have surpassed previous years despite only canvassing less than 50% of the community. I would like to thank the volunteers who spent hours knocking on doors and everyone who opened their door, was receptive to learning more about the activities taking place in your community, and purchased or renewed a membership. I am optimistic that next year, with a few more volunteers, we'll be able to canvas over 50% of the community.

Looking at the calendar in the center of the Chronical, I can safely say October is shaping up to be a fun month. There is an Oktoberfest celebration scheduled for October 7th (contact the WCA office for tickets) and the annual Safe Halloween on the 21st. There is also a lot of regularly scheduled events ranging from Parents & Tots on Thursday mornings, to knitting groups on Mondays, and various fitness courses all week long. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to study the calendar, see what is being offered, stop by the hall, and try something new.

Sincerely,

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WCA President