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Walking with Jane: history, cemeteries and eco-restoration

During the Ecological Restoration meeting on April 18, 2009, Mary Sehl, an area resident, suggested our neighbourhood association host an event for Jane's walk. This is an annual event named after Jane Jacobs, an urban activist who lived in Toronto for many years. Information about the walk and Jacob's books is available at www.janeswalk.com. This year Kitchener

Waterloo and Cambridge hosted 6 walks and there were close to 90 in Toronto and many others in cities across Canada and North America.

Our neighbourhood association BLOG (<http://mhbpna.blogspot.com>) has some pictures and descriptions of the walk. We started in Lippert Park, from which Mary guided us past

historic houses on Louisa Street and Sacred Heart Church. Then we walked through Mount Hope Cemetery, along Peltz Avenue, where Mark Peterson spoke about tree planting and alternatives to grass, and finished up at Uniroyal Goodrich Park (on Guelph Street beside the railway tracks). More than twenty people attended the walk. It was thoroughly enjoyable talking to neighbours and offering some stray bits of information about the area in which we live.

For this article, we interviewed Wayne Miedema who led a section of the walk through Mount Hope cemetery.

Q: Had you ever heard of Jane's Walk before Mary Sehl mentioned it at our Ecological Restoration meeting?

A: *I had heard of Jane Jacobs before on CBC radio. I don't remember hearing of a Jane's Walk, though.*

Q: What made you want to lead a leg of our tour?

A: *We live right across from Kitchener Mount Hope Cemetery. We have only lived here for 2 years, and I have always wanted to learn about the cemetery. I found an old walking tour booklet at the Grace Schmidt room at KPL that pointed out markers and persons of interest. I had found a few, but the two oldest readable stones I only found in preparation leading the tour. I find that the more I know about my neighbourhood, the more familiar it becomes. The more familiar it feels, the more rooted I feel. The opportunity to lead a leg of the tour was an opportunity to become more familiar with my neighbourhood and to share that experience with others.*

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Q: Tell us about one or two stories which most impressed you.

A: How about three.

First, I was amazed at the number of names in this cemetery that relate directly to the history of this neighbourhood. H. Krug (Krug Furniture on Ahrens St.), Breithaupt (Breithaupt Street, Breithaupt Park, Breithaupt Community Centre)...

Second, I was intrigued by the Kaufman family. There is a tall, simple stone with the names of Jacob Kaufman (1847-1920), Mary Ratz Kaufman (1856-1943) and their daughter Emma (1881-1979). There is much that could be said about Jacob Kaufman – the person who started the Kaufman Rubber Company. (The Kaufman Lofts used to be a Kaufman shoe factory.) The Region of Waterloo Hall of Fame, though, has fascinating stories about Emma and Mary. Mary Ratz was deeply committed to improving the lives of women and children. She belonged to a number of church and non-church related social justice organizations. She was involved with the Children's Aid Society for 29 years and she helped to organize the Berlin (Kitchener) Orphanage and the Berlin YWCA. The YWCA women's shelter in Kitchener is named Mary's place after Mary Ratz Kaufman. Emma Kaufman spent 30 years in Japan serving with the YWCA in Tokyo. In the 30 years there, she never collected a salary. Emma also seemed to put much importance on education and cross-cultural experiences since she funded many students to study in other countries. Emma's work was honoured by the Emporer of Japan and to this day there is a bronze

statue of Emma in the lobby of the Tokyo YWCA. Clearly the Kaufman's were people who were generous with their resources

Third, preparing for the walk gave me a chance to research some emblems I had seen on several tombstones. Maybe you have seen the "Woodmen of the World" emblems on many markers throughout the cemetery. I won't tell you about it here, but Google it. It will also make you curious about some of the "Tree stump" tombstones you see in the cemetery.

Aside from the cemetery, I enjoyed the story of how Lippert Park was transformed from a forgotten, misused and abused park to what it is today – a peaceful green space with an active community garden and winter ice rink maintained by volunteers from the Waterloo Regional Police. It is a testimony to the power of strong leadership and concerned neighbours. (This is a reference to the proposed Huron Street which would have bisected Lippert Park – originally called Huron Park.)

Jane's walk was a great success this year due to the excitement and interest of Wayne and the others who led parts of it. We are looking forward to next year and scouting out other fascinating locations in our neighbourhood. Please send us a letter or email if you know of any location we should consider for next year, or if you'd like to lead a section of the walk. If you are interested in taking your own tour of Mount Hope cemetery, there is a downloadable guide at this location:

http://www.kitchenercemeteries.ca/special_walking_tours.htm

By Ted Parkinson

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Our goal is to assist children and families to get services they need.

A Community Outreach Worker can help provide information and connections to: *Fee assistance *Emergency services *Special programs & More!

Office Hours: M, W, Th—8:00 a.m—3:30 p.m.

Contact Teresa, Breithaupt Centre at 519-571-7060 for more information.





The Angelus

The Bells Toll for Thee

A resident asked what it means when the Sacred Heart Church bells ring. No one in the Jane's Walk touring group knew, so I was assigned the job of researching this. Apparently, the daily ringing of bells at 12 noon and 6:00 pm is to accompany a prayer called 'The Angelus', which farmers would say when they stopped working in the fields, before eating their noonday and late afternoon meals. The artwork, by the French Painter, Millet, portrays this. Originally, bells rang three times a day, but the 6:00 am ringing is not common any more in cities, for obvious reasons. In Ireland, even today, the national radio service broadcasts the angelus bells at noon and 6:00 pm.

There are other times of the day when the Sacred Heart Church bells are rung: one half hour before the church service, or Mass, begins, which for English language service, is on weekdays at 8:00 am; and on weekends: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am. Additionally, the bells are rung during a funeral, when the body is being brought into the church for the final funeral Mass.

These bells are the original bells, and there is no longer a bell ringer who climbs the bell tower. Instead, a timer is used.

By Joan Lazarski

Lippert Park Picnic

Come out to meet your neighbours, make new friends, and share ideas about our neighbourhood, but most of all to HAVE FUN!



Join us on...

Saturday, July 4, 2009
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
Lippert Park

(on Weber St. between Louisa & Wilhelm Streets)



- ★ Games for kids
- ★ Displays from Fire & Police Services
- ★ Draws for teens & adults
- ★ Talent Show
- ★ Tie dye your own t-shirt
- ★ Food (available for a small charge)
- ★ Skateboard Park
- ★ Lots of FUN!

All games, activities and draws are **FREE!!!** Just bring some money for food!



Volunteers of all ages are needed!
Students will qualify for community service hours.
Please call Ken & Helen Lippert at 519-576-0820



Festival of Neighbourhoods

The Festival of Neighbourhoods is an annual event that encourages everyone to celebrate community and build stronger relationships with your neighbours.

You can help make this happen—it's fun and easy, and everyone wins!

Plan an activity that brings your neighbourhood together. Be inclusive! Invite all of your neighbours! Remember, you determine the boundaries of your neighbourhood, just be sure to write down the boundaries of your neighbourhood on the registration form!

Some ideas include tree planting, community garden, music festival, street party, fun fair,

community BBQ, talent show, or a park/street clean-up.

Register your activity and your neighbourhood could win **\$10,000** capital improvement grant from the City of Kitchener, or one of seven other awards!

Complete an application to register your activity and drop it off at the Breithaupt Community Centre. The application is available online at www.kitchener.ca or on the back of this newsletter.

For more information call 519-579-1870 or email: entries@festivalofneighbourhoods.ca





CALL TO ARTISTS

2nd Annual Central Art Walk
Saturday, October 24, 2009
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

We are looking for interested painters, potters, jewellers, photographers, knitters, stained glass artists, woodworkers, etc. who are interested in participating in this neighbourhood Art Walk.

The area involved will be Union Street to Victoria Street and Belmont Avenue to Weber Street.

Artists will invite the public into their homes and studios to view and purchase art.

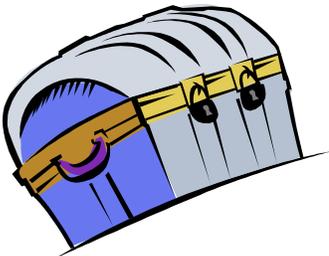
There will be a small fee to cover the cost of advertising and the sign to be placed in front of your home/studio.

Please email your name, address, and description of your art and 1 or 2 pictures to:
centralartwalk@rogers.com

Please email if you need more information.

Registration deadline is July 30, 2009 for artists.

Festival of Neighbourhoods



The 2009 Festival of Neighbourhoods season is now underway. Megan Piercy is the Festival Animator this year.

She is writing a monthly newsletter which includes a forum to share our stories. We can also learn what other neighbourhoods are doing for event planning, and what has worked well.

The Youth Grand Trunk is available for sign-out, so you can pick up games and activities to use with your neighbourhood children for any gatherings registered with the Festival. To sign out the trunk, email: fon@waterlooregion.org



Capture **Central** **Photography Contest**

We're looking for photos of Mt. Hope-Breithaupt Park. Our neighbourhood.

See it. Our neighbourhood is it's own little world of vitality and variety. We're a pedestrian friendly, mixed-use, ever changing community. Welcoming when you visit and comforting when you stay. There are so many reasons to capture the unique character of where we live, if not just to show our pride.

Capture it. 2009 will be the first year of our annual neighbourhood photography competition. As we Capture Central we'll explore the concept of community and living well in the urban core.

Contact us

Visit:
www.capturecentral.com
 E-mail:
capturecentral@gmail.com
 Call us:
 519-342-8667

Since our focus is simple.

The categories are pretty simple.

- Photo taken of our neighbourhood by someone 18 years of age or over.
(could include people)
- Photo taken by a resident of our neighbourhood by someone 18 years of age or over.
(of anything-anywhere)
- Photo taken of our neighbourhood by someone under 18 years of age
(could include people)
- Photo taken by a resident of our neighbourhood by someone under 18 years of age.
(of anything-anywhere)

Outdoor Odours Update

Seven complaint forms have been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment regarding smells emanating from Krug Furniture. This past winter, 3 forms which Neighbourhood Mobilization Alliance (NMA) received from residents have *not* been submitted to the Ministry because they are *not* actionable. The Ministry provides very specific instructions regarding how to complete their form. This is what you must do to ensure your complaint is accepted:

- Record the exact time. Record the exact date (we check with the weather station where the wind was blowing)

- Describe the specific nature of the smell
- Precisely describe how it affected you: In what manner. (If you write, "there were 3 really smelly days", this is not enough information.)
- Provide details of any disruption: Some residents must return indoors, others close their windows. How you were disrupted is the information required.

As always, you can contact NMA via our email at contact.nma@gmail.com or drop a note to NMA at the Breithaupt Centre, where we have a mail slot. Ask at the front desk.

Complaint Form

To: Ron Percival, Plant Manager
Krug Inc.
111 Ahrens St. W.
Kitchener, ON N2H 4C2

This is to confirm that a complaint concerning odor emissions from your plant was made on _____ (Date) at _____ (Time).

The odour was detected at the following location: _____

The odour could be characterized as: _____

The odour caused the following disruption or discomfort: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Deliver to: Bob Wiljer, 215 Wellington (mailbox), 519-742-5296

Note: Bob will take care of everything if you get the form to him.



Waterloo Regional Police Service - Home Security Self Audit



These suggestions and observations will draw your attention to areas that, if corrected, may lower your chances of being a victim of crime.

LANDSCAPING		DOORS & LOCKS		ALARM SYSTEMS	
<p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trees trimmed to maximize eyewitness potential.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Spiny, thorny or otherwise hostile vegetation around fencing and low level windows.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trees trimmed or located as to not allow access to second floor?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to groom & maintain landscaping.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Can neighbours see into your backyard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If your property is fenced, are gates routinely locked?</p>	<p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are exterior doors solid core or steel?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> "Peep hole" on exterior door?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sliding patio doors secured by screws and/or bars?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do your deadbolt locks have the required minimum 1" throw into the door jam?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exterior strike plate secured with 3" long screws?</p>	<p>YES NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you considered a security alarm system?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> All responsible persons know how to arm & disarm the alarm system?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does your system have a back up power supply?</p>			
LIGHTING		WINDOWS		GARAGE	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Motion activated exterior lights?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Is there adequate illumination to prevent hiding near windows and doors?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> House number clearly visible from the road at night?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you considered energy efficient lighting applications which also assist in suspect identification?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are all walkways leading to the residence well lit?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do your windows have working lock mechanisms?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sliding windows secured by screws or bars?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Semi-permanent security bars or grills on basement windows?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you considered window security film?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Are garage windows secured to deny access at all times?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Garage openers not left in vehicles parked outside of garage?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> When away for extended periods, is the garage door disconnected from the inside?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Remove hand tools like hammers, drills and pry bars?</p>			
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD		WHEN AWAY		MISCELLANEOUS	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you know all of your neighbours names?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you know your neighbours street addresses?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you call police when you observe suspicious vehicles or people?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you cancel newspapers while away?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are trusted neighbours or friends asked to watch your home?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you have your mail, newspaper etc stopped, picked up or re-directed?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do you have your lawn/snow removal maintained?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interior lights on timers when away?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Are tool sheds, bikes kept locked at all times?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are ladders kept in locked areas?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does your premise have a burglary resistant safe, storage container or hiding area for your valuables?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are important papers (will, insurance, passports, stocks, bonds, etc) kept off site in a safety deposit box?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you completed a video and written inventory of your valuables including serial numbers?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Are valuables inscribed with a driver's licence number?</p>			
Other Ideas & Suggestions for Improved Security					
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Walking Challenge

Do you want to enjoy the fresh air, get some exercise and meet new friends? If so, then the Walking Challenge is for you!

Extend-A-Family Waterloo Region's Working Adults Learning Empowering Skills program (W.A.L.E.S.) is hosting a second challenge and this year we are inviting residents of Mount Hope Community to join us.

The Walking Challenge is an independent challenge that encourages individuals to make time to get some exercise. The challenge consists of walking around the Mount Hope Cemetery as often as possible and then recording the laps accurately on a tracking sheet. The kick-off for the challenge was on May 14th, in the parking lot of Extend-A-Family. However, people can still join and are welcome to pick up tracking sheets from the W.A.L.E.S. building. Our address is 14

Braun St, Kitchener (in the back parking lot of Extend-A-Family at 91 Moore Ave. Kitchener).

Our Walking Challenge will run until September 11th. On (or shortly before) that day, we ask all participants to drop off tracking sheets and an RSVP letter so that the walking challenge committee at W.A.L.E.S. will know how many guests to expect at a party that will take place on September 18th. The winner will be the person who completes the most laps around the cemetery and will be determined by the returned tracking sheets. So come join in the Walking Challenge to enjoy some exercise and meet your neighbours. We can be reached at (519) 741-0190 EXT 305.



What You Can Put in Your Green Bin



Baked goods - e.g. bread, cakes, cookies, dough, pies
Butcher paper
Butter & margarine
Candy
Cat litter
Cereal
Charcoal
Coffee cups (PAPER, no lids)

Coffee filters, grounds
Corn cobs, husks
Cotton balls
Dairy products - e.g. cheese, sour cream, yogurt
Dryer lint
Dryer sheets
Eggs, eggshells
Facial tissues
Feathers
Fish, fish parts
Flour bags
Fruit
Fur
Grains & rice
Gravy & sauces
Grease, lards, fats
Hair
Herbs & spices
Houseplant waste
Jams & jellies
Mayonnaise
Meat, meat products, bones
Muffin/baking cups (paper)
Nail clippings
Nuts & shells
Paper bags
Paper fast food packaging
Paper napkins

Paper plates
Parchment paper
Pasta
Peanut butter
Pencil shavings
Pet bedding, droppings
Pizza
Pizza boxes
Play dough (homemade)
Popsicle sticks
Popcorn
Popcorn bags (microwave)
Salad & dressings
Sawdust
Shellfish
Shredded paper
Snack foods
Sugar & sweetener packets
Sugar & syrups
Sugar bags
Tea bags (except Lipton pyramid tea bags)
Tissues
Toothpicks (wood)
Vacuum bags (no plastic)
Vegetables - including waxed vegetables such as rutabaga
Wood ashes (cold)
Wood chips

friday night drop-in



Friday Nights



7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Breithaupt Community Centre
\$2.00 per visit

Come and hang out with friends and the staff at Breithaupt. Listen to tunes, play sports, and fooseball. Special nights will include: swimming, videos games, movies, pizza and MUCH MUCH MORE!



If you are in grade 6, 7, or 8
this is definitely the place for you!

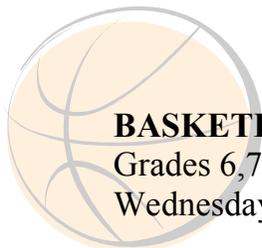


WEEKLY YOUTH DROP-IN PROGRAMS

We promote sportsmanship and fun!!

Cost is \$2 per visit.

Breithaupt Community Centre

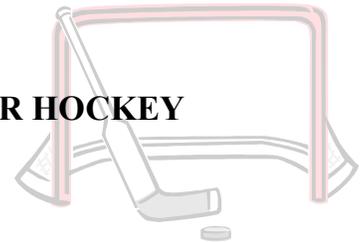


BASKETBALL

Grades 6,7, & 8
Wednesdays, 4- 5pm

DODGEBALL & FLOOR HOCKEY

Grades 4,5,6, & 7
Thursdays, 4-5 pm



Babysitting Training Course

A Red Cross certificate program which teaches first aid skills, rights and responsibilities of babysitters, child development and activities to entertain children.



Friday, June 19th : 5:00-9:00 p.m. & Saturday, June 20th: 11:00-3:00 p.m.

Ages: 11-16 years

Cost: \$43.80

(Limited subsidy available through Community Outreach Program. Call Teresa, 519-571-7060)

Course Code: 70335

Location: Breithaupt Community Centre



To register, call 519-741-2502 or visit the Breithaupt Community Centre.

FON Registration Form

Please drop off at the Breithaupt Community Centre

Register Your Neighbourhood & Activity:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature (if under 16, of Parent/Guardian) _____

Identify your neighbourhood's boundary streets: _____

Give your neighbourhood a name (have fun!) _____

No. of Households (approx.): _____

Describe your neighbourhood activity: _____

Location: _____

Date and time: _____

How will you advertise the activity/invite the neighbours within your defined area? _____

Tell us about your ideas to strengthen your neighbourhood: _____

How can Festival of Neighbourhoods help? _____

If you need more room, please attach an additional sheet.

Neighbourhood Updates!

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- Restorative Justice Workshops were held in May. An area resident attended, having read about this opportunity in the Spring Issue.
- Extend-A-Family WALES participants are interested in partnering with our neighbourhood association to host a 'Craft Night' at Breithaupt Centre, on an ongoing basis. We're planning this for the fall. If you are interested, contact us.
- One email was received against the notion of OFF LEASH hours in Duke Street Playground
- A Waterloo resident read our last newsletter at Breithaupt Centre. Its Letter to the Editor reminded him of summers and winter holidays spent at the Breslau farm, near what is now the airport. Memories flooded back. He was able to get in touch with the writer, whose childhood holidays he shared, and they had a great chat.
- Joan Lazarski and Helen Lippert were appointed co-treasurer at the May 13th meeting.
- A charitable receipt will be issued by the City of Kitchener for donations (by cheque) given to any neighbourhood association activity.
- Earth Day clean ups were a success. A dozen people helped at the Major Park clean up, and because of their discussions about bramble and overgrowth, city staff attended a meeting and have agreed to clean this up, albeit later this summer. The Laneway cleanup crew of 40 people collected 30 bags of garbage, plus tires, batteries and boards of wood, which took 2 hours, followed by a nice BBQ and draws for prizes.

Send your comments and updates to:
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