



MHPNA NEWS

Greetings from the New MHPNA Board of Directors!

The MHPNA met and held its Annual General Meeting at the Breithaupt Centre on October 4th, 2014. All four candidates for the Ward 10 Councillor position attended and gave presentations to the group. Board members gave an overview of our activities in the past year, and coffee and refreshments were provided for the 35 people who attended, as well as Lego for the kids.

We were especially excited to elect a full Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 year.

Lane Burman continues on as MHPNA Co-Chair, now joined by former Communications Director Ted Parkinson as the other Co-Chair. Chris Dewar was also reelected as Partnerships Director, and Louis Burback is returning as a Member at Large. New (or returning) members include Linda Vandenakker as Secretary, James Gaede as Communications Director, Trudy Beaulne as Treasurer, Dan Lackner as Special Events Director, and Graham Jackson as Program Director.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

There is so much going on in our hood, we thought we would put it all together for you.

Weber Street Widening

The Weber Street Widening and Reconstruction Project is nearing completion. The new four lane road is now open and available for vehicular traffic between College Street in Kitchener and Union Street in Waterloo. Concrete sidewalks are available on one or both sides of the road for most of the length of the project. The contractor is currently working on the concrete retaining walls and sidewalks at the railway grade separation between Victoria Street and Wellington Street. This work will continue through the winter. However, the new concrete sidewalk on the east side of the road under the grade separation is expected to be opened in December.

Landscaping and construction of the remaining sidewalks, the pedestrian crossing at Wilhelm Street and the railway crossing protection gates at the Waterloo Spur Line crossing will all be completed early in the spring of 2015

Peter D. Linn, P.Eng.

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Phase I of the multi-phased Victoria Common Condominiums are underway with the two-storey parking garage poured and stabilized, frame structure of the four-storey building is expected to appear in the new year. Work on the underground for Phase II the 2nd building is slated to begin before Christmas.

The buildings are heated and cooled using geothermal technology, which was installed in the ground about a year ago under the parking garage. What's even more exciting than the state-of-the-art energy systems in place for the building and garage is the fact that families will be moving into the first of the condominiums mid to late 2015; immediately following that is construction of a new park for the community that will bring character and life to an already established neighbourhood.

Margaret Avenue Bridge

The Margaret Avenue bridge construction project was awarded to Alliance Verdi Civil Inc. on October 16th. Alliance Verdi is based out of Bolton, Ontario and

Steve R Allen, P. Eng.

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has completed many large bridge construction and repair contracts across the province. The contractor began work on October 27th. To-date, the contractor has completed mobilization and set-up of the construction site, and all preparatory work, which includes locating all adjacent utilities. They are currently arranging for a work permit from the railway in order to begin work in the vicinity of the tracks. They are also working on designs for a shoring system that they must build as part of the contract.

The contractor will be working throughout the winter as weather permits. All access to adjacent homes and businesses will be maintained at all times, including the Mei King restaurant.

The anticipated completion for the project is July 2015. The progress of the project will be periodically updated on the City's website at <http://www.kitchener.ca/en/livinginkitchener/Margaret-Avenue--Bridge-Replacement-.asp>

Manager
Engineering Design
and Approvals
Engineering Services
City of Kitchener

Waterloo Spur Line Trail

Brought to you by
yours truly, the
MHPBNA!

The MHPNA was out to advocate for this project when Regional Council approved it. The \$4.5 Million project will link the Downtown core of Kitchener with the Uptown core of Waterloo. The 3 meter wide multi use trail will formalize the well-worn path and is slated to be lit with LED lighting. There is an aggressive schedule to ensure everything is submitted for funding by February. Regional staff will be holding Public Consultations in late January or February once consultants have figured out the timeline. Stay tuned to the MHPNA for times and dates of meetings.

Summer Playgrounds

Amazing day camps, right in your own neighbourhood!

Visit www.kitchener.ca
for program details

Or call 519-741-2200 X 7389 for more information

**Registration for all Summer
Playground programs opens
Tuesday March 3rd, 2015!**

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MHBPNA WINTER PROGRAMS

This winter session we are pleased to run 3 separate LEGO programs for ages 4-9. All are based at the Breithaupt Centre.

Creative LEGO \$20.00/8 weeks
(4y-6y)

We literally dump over 20lbs of LEGO on a table and let the kids build for an hour. Sure they tussle over who has the best LEGO men, but it's fun to see what they come up with. There have been some pretty impressive snowmobile space boats. Drop the kids off for an hour or hang around and build with them.

Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm Starts January 15th
WebReg# 174347

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm Starts January 10th
WebReg# 174346

LEGO Mechanical \$40.00/8 weeks
(7y-9y)

What better way to upgrade from Creative LEGO then to get to use gears and pulleys?

The Mechanical set allows kids to build pre designed machines, as well as use their engineering skills to solve problems and build new machines. They will work as a group and individually.

Thursdays 6:30pm-8:00pm Starts January 15th
WebReg 174348

Vegetarian Cooking for the Meateater \$50.00/8 weeks
(All Ages)

Tired of the same old 5 vegetarian dishes you know? Or are you just looking to start eating healthier? This course will introduce you to theory, and practice. Learn how to make everything from Salad Rolls to Rajmah from Pulled 'fake' Pork to 'fake' Egg Salad Sandwiches. Last time we ran this program we had a blast, and we thought we might do it again. Come have some laughs, and enjoy some dinner, and learn something new.

***** Contrary to the LEISURE Guide's listing, this program is held at the Breithaupt Centre NOT the Kitchener Market.**

We run all of our volunteer programs with volunteers. If you want to share your passion or interest, email mhbnpaprograms@gmail.com for more information.

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Breithaupt Centre

Winter Programs 2015

Breithaupt Centre is offering some great programs for the winter session. In addition to pay-as-you-go aquafit and recreational swims, you can register for:

- Aqua cycle
- Learn to Dive
- Learn to Waterpolo
- Learn to Race,
- and for mom and baby, Parent and Baby Fit Swim

Don't be disappointed that your program is full or cancelled, registration begins November 24, programs start week of January 5.

If you prefer "land" programs we are offering:

- March Break camp
- Yoga
- Tai chi
- Nia
- Strength training
- Pottery
- and for the artist in you "Watercolours"

Did you know you can also play pay-as-you-play Badminton, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Basketball at the Centre? Something for everyone!

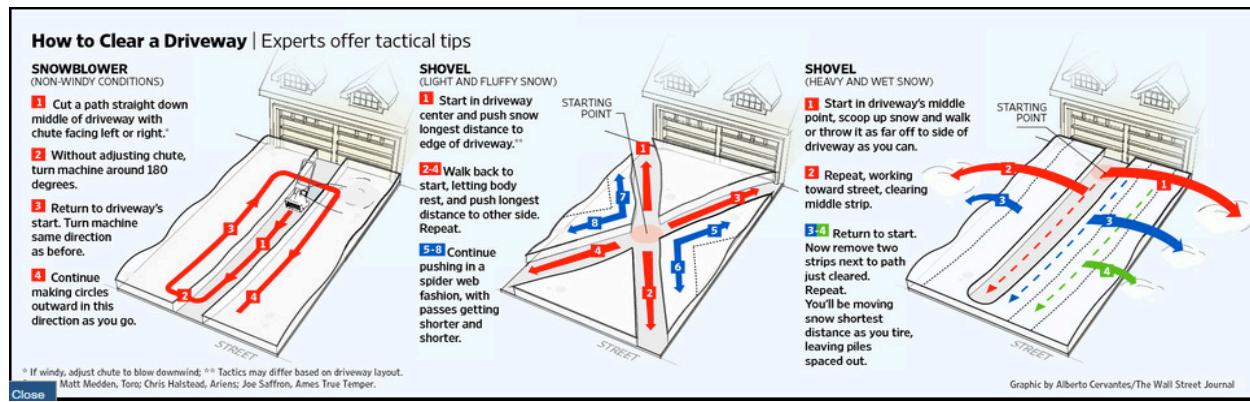
For more information call 519-741-2502.

WINTER'S HERE!

Snowshovelling Tips

Well, the white has started to fall (at least while I am writing this), and we need to deal with it. I have developed a strategy to deal with the white fluffy stuff that is specific to my property. We all have different sizes, shapes and slopes of driveways. Storage of snow is a huge problem in our downtown core neighbourhood.

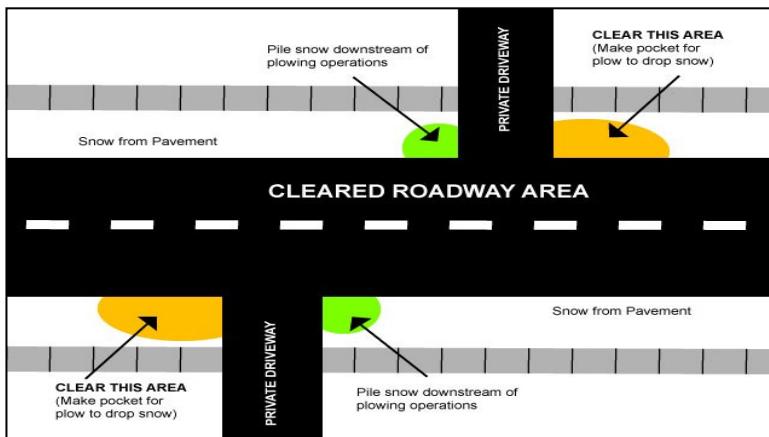
Here is a great diagram to show how best to shovel in different conditions:



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It never fails. You do all the work of getting the driveway cleared, and along comes a plow to fill in your boulevard. It's a pesky problem, but an unavoidable hazard of winters in Canada. Or is it?



A couple of years ago, I started using the method below to help lessen the blow of plow 'wash'. The bigger the fall, the larger the space needed to clear. The cleared out area upstream of your driveway, acts as a basin for the snow to come off the blade. The further upstream and shaped like a wedge you can make it, the more chance there is for the blade to empty. No snow on the blade, no snow in your driveway.

As a community, we want to promote active transportation. That cannot simply end when the snow flies. Lots of people depend on clear sidewalks to get around. And for parents without vehicles, pushing a stroller through an unshovelled sidewalk is sheer torture. For persons with disabilities, impassable sidewalks are reason enough to stay indoors. So do your part and keep your little part of City property clear.

For the very tiny amount of residents that the pertains to, it is important to note the complaint process. I am not advocating for everyone to become tattle tails and inundate the Contact Centre with calls, but for that special problem neighbour that doesn't even own a shovel, I encourage you to. You can simply call the Contact Centre at 519-741-2345, or email bylaw@kitchener.ca

General Tips

- Take lots of breaks and don't overdo it! It's only snow.
- Dress in layers and protect your exposed skin in the coldest of weather.
- If you can, shovel whenever the sun comes out. Even when it's minus 10, exposing some of your driveway or sidewalk to the sun can help melt it away.
- Limit your salt use. It's bad for the environment, and it damages dogs' feet. Use play sand instead.
- Help a neighbour! On the worst of the winter storms, snowthrowers are a real asset. If you can, help out a neighbour, or clear a few sidewalks.

Before you go ruining someone's day, here are the parameters.

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- Residents have 24 hours after the snow stops to clear the sidewalks. If the entire week is snowy, residents have from the end of the snowfall. Bylaw will not even take the complaint unless this is met.
 - You will be asked for the specific address.
 - Fee for City to clear the sidewalks is \$345 for a single lot and \$545 for a double or corner lot.
 - If you wish to remain anonymous, please mention as such when you call.
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Pen Pal Project

Ted Parkinson, MHBPNA Co-Chair

The City of Kitchener hands out a number of Inclusion Grants each year. A few months ago a group of MHBP residents got together and brainstormed on what would work for our area. Ideas about art in parks, pianos in parks, special events and many other things filled the room. After some discussion we came up with a Pen Pal Project that would run throughout the winter and culminate in a party at Lippert Park in the early summer.

We worked on the application together, through the magic of Google Docs and after a couple of months were delighted to be notified it was approved!

Our idea behind this project is that people from all areas of our neighbourhood could sign up and we will send them a package of stamped envelopes. They will correspond a few times over the next few months in this "old school" manner without Facebook or email. We believe this will be a novel way for strangers to connect with each other. It is a bit more mysterious to exchange words instead of photos and tweets.

We will be creating a general survey so participants can describe their interests for matching purposes. The party will be for everyone to celebrate our neighbourhood and them "Pen Pals" meeting each other face to face will be one part of it.

What is next?

Please consider signing up. The letters do not have to be long. This is just another way to encourage community building and introduce people to someone else's life for a few months. This is a unique opportunity to reach out into all areas of our neighbourhood, from King Street to Lancaster, Victoria Street to the Expressway. We have set up a website here: <http://thepenpalprojectmhbp.weebly.com/>, and a Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/thepenpalprojectmhbp>

Please "like" us and stay in touch!

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THE MHPNA 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Continuing from the front page, below are some short biographical statements from our new Board of Directors as well as their MHPNA contact information.

Lane Burman

Co-Chair

I live on Blucher St in the Breithaupt Section of the Neighbourhood with my wife, two daughters, 3 cats and 2 dogs. I also have located my business within the Neighbourhood as well.

Over the past 2 years, I have been able to participate in a lot of great things happening in our Neighbourhood. We have supported a lot of activities, and run a lot ourselves. We are just now picking up steam and really rolling with a fully compliment Executive Board. Look for some pretty cool activities this Winter and late Summer, as well as a Bridge Party on the Margaret Ave Bridge with our friends on the other side. It'll be a great year of neighbourly fun. Join us this year and get involved. You'd be surprised at the difference, you as a citizen can make.

Contact Lane at mhpna.cochair@gmail.com

Ted Parkinson

Co-Chairs

I have been a resident of MHP for 16 years with my wife and son. We love the neighbourhood because you can bike or walk to the Kitchener or Waterloo downtowns and it is a great mixture of older homes and mature trees.

I have maintained the MHPNA Blog for 6 years and this year I am making a transition to Co-Chair of our Neighbourhood Association. It is exciting to be part of a concerned group of people who are making a difference. I am also a board member of NUMUS (New Music Concerts) and enjoy playing guitar, piano and poker in my spare time.

Contact Ted at mhpna@gmail.com

Chris Dewar

Partnerships Director

Chris Dewar brings a unique blend of personal and professional experience to the association. Educated in the field of Urban Planning Technology, he has worked in the private consulting field as a site designer, and more recently in the public sector as planning technician for the City of Cambridge in the development planning division. He is an avid cyclist with an extensive background in freestyle BMX, mountain biking, and road cycling and has been instrumental in the design and construction of numerous BMX and bike track facilities in southern Ontario in a

Linda Vandenakker

Secretary

My husband and I live on Louisa Street, almost at the corner of Louisa and Ahrens Streets. We moved to this area from Toronto almost 25 years ago into what we thought would be a home that we would fix up and stay in for about five years. Almost 25 years later, I am still here because I love this neighbourhood and the people that are in it. Approximately 15 years ago, I, along with a couple of other neighbours, started the Neighbourhood Mobilization Alliance because of problems in the neighbourhood. I continued to be a member up until its final meeting in July of this

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number of roles.

Chris and his wife Laura have been living in the Mt. Hope - Breithaupt Park Neighbourhood since 2011 and recently welcomed their newborn son in October. He is optimistic that the continual physical growth and change in our area will be positive and beneficial. He currently works as a Municipal by-law enforcement officer with the City of Cambridge

Contact Chris at mhbnpnpartnerships@gmail.com

Graham Jackson

Program Director

Graham is an all around community enthusiast, and is relatively new to the neighbourhood. He has an engineering background, but has taken on a different lifestyle direction that focuses on building community through a variety of engagements, from volunteering with local projects to hosting travelers from around the world at his home on a regular basis. Get in touch with him to discuss programs you may be interested in running for our neighbourhood, which could be any event you would be interested in running on a regular basis: skill sharing, story sharing, lessons of anything – you name it.

Contact Graham at mhbnpnprograms@gmail.com

Dan Lauckner

Special Events Director

I've lived in the MHP community for about 6 years and am honored to be the neighbourhood special events director. I have 14 years of event/party planning experience, and many fun ideas including social events to get to know your fellow neighbours, events for kids & families and adults. Something for everyone! I look forward to working with the community and I'm open for suggestions.

year. I welcome the opportunity to be involved on the MHPNA as I am very excited about the direction that the NA is taking and the varied initiatives that it is involved in. In my work life, I work at the City of Waterloo in the Mayor and Councillors' Office as their Constituency Coordinator. I look forward to meeting you at upcoming community events.

Contact Linda at mhbpnasecretary@gmail.com

Trudy Beaulne

Treasurer

Trudy has lived on Arnold St since 1986 and has been actively involved in neighbourhood association activities since 1989. After a hiatus Trudy has rejoined the board as Treasurer. Trudy is married to Brian Stuebing whose grandparents had lived further up Arnold St for many years before their deaths. Trudy and Brian have four children who have grown up in the neighbourhood and been actively involved in helping to organize many neighbourhood events and programs. They have vivid memories of being involved and strong community values.

Contact Trudy at mhbpnatreasurer@gmail.com

James Gaede

Communications Director

James has lived on Guelph St. in the Mt. Hope - Breithaupt neighbourhood with his wife, two children, and dog for the past three years. He enjoys living in a centrally-located neighbourhood, about half-way between Uptown Waterloo and Downtown Kitchener. He is excited to be a part of the MHPNA team, and to have the opportunity to connect with members of the community through his role as Communications Director.

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Louis Burbach

Member-at-Large

I was born at an early age at the corner of Breithaupt and Weber. Hung around what is now known as Lippert Park. At the age of 16 give or take I was taking care of the ice rink and received around \$200.00 for this (great pay way back when). At the ripe old age of 18 I wandered around for a bit before locating an apartment on Maple St where I met my wife Colleen. After we married we lived in Stanley park Maryhill and Elora before moving back to Kitchener to our present day location. Been here 17 years now and loving the hood. First week living here Trudy knocked on our door and welcomed us to the neighborhood and told us about all the things happening in the hood including Friday night movies put on by the NA. Soon me and Susana (my daughter) were regular attendees at the movie night.

A few years later the optimist formed a club in the neighborhood and I became a founding member and after 5 years became president. The Breithaupt optimist and the MHPNA worked hand in hand on various projects. When the club folded I just sort of merged into leadership role of MHPNA. Last year I was special events coordinator this year member at large

That is the entirety of the MHPNA Board who will be serving the community as volunteers for the following year. If you are interested in participating, you are welcome to attend any of our upcoming Board meetings, which typically begin with around ½ hour of general discussion about ongoing activities. All our meetings are held at the Breithaupt Centre on Margaret Ave.

MHPNA Board Meeting Schedule		
	January	Wednesday, January 7 th – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
	February	Saturday, February 7 th – 10:00am to 12:00pm
	March	Wednesday, March 4 th – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
	April	Saturday, April 11 th – 10:00am to 12:00pm
	May	Wednesday, May 6 th – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

You are also welcome to raise an issue that you would like us to consider at the meeting by reaching out to James, the Communications Director, by email at any time.

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Lantern Walk, 2014

*Bring a lantern
and help light up the night.*



**Sunday, December 21
6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Meet on Hett Avenue, Kitchener.
The walk will start at 6:30.
Walk as long as you like.

Invite your kids, neighbours, friends
and family - everyone's welcome!

**Free Lantern Making Workshop
Wednesday, December 10**
Drop-in 3:30 to 7:00pm
at Extend-A-Family
in the WALES building
behind 91 Moore Avenue

www.lanternwalk.wordpress.com

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Seasons' Greetings,

I want to extend my gratitude for all the support I received from the residents of Mount Hope-Breithaupt Park to become your next city councillor. I am honoured and humbled by the opportunity to represent you at City Hall. Dan Glenn-Graham graciously updated me on the many ongoing projects he has contributed to, and I've already started to get to work on some of them.

During the campaign, it became clear to me that one of the main priorities of Ward 10 neighbours is to ensure strong, thoughtful planning as our city grows, so that we maintain our quality of life as we welcome thousands of new residents in the years ahead.

I am excited to continue working within our Mount Hope-Breithaupt Park community. I'm involved in the new Pen Pal project referred to in this issue, and I will help with the Neighbourhood Associations plans for a Margaret Ave. bridge opening party, among other projects.

I commit to sharing a regular newsletter with Ward 10 residents to stay in touch about relevant news, upcoming events, and other points of interest. This will be communicated by email and a paper option also available as needed. If you would like to receive this newsletter starting in January, please email me with the word newsletter in the subject line.

Please feel free to contact me about any issues, questions or ideas you may have at sarah.marsh@kitchener.ca, or call me at the office 519-741-2786. I look forward to working with you towards a vibrant, healthy Kitchener.

Sincerely,

Councillor Sarah Marsh—Ward 10

Make Fun Happen - Volunteer for Winter Rinks



Call 519-741-2200 X 7389 or www.kitchener.ca/winterrinks
for a complete listing of Winter Rink locations and to

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