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Street Mural Refresh

It's time to refresh our community street mural at Ancaster and Flower. Please come out to paint starting at 10 am on Saturday June 9 (Rain Date: Saturday June 23). **Volunteers needed!!** Please sign up at the AGM or contact woodpark.ottawa@gmail.com by Saturday June 2nd to volunteer.

Maintaining our Trees

The trees in Byron Park will be removed this winter (2018) prior to LRT construction. This past decade, construction, storms and disease have killed 30% of Woodpark's trees. WCA is promoting the City's "Trees in Trust" program. Contact the city before mid-July 2018 to participate in the next round of trees to be planted this fall. If you have a city front or side yard allowance that could accommodate a tree, please consider this opportunity and contact the city. Information on this initiative and a URL link are available at our woodpark.ca website under the 'News and Events' tab.



We invite all Woodpark residents to attend the Woodpark Community Association 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Wednesday May 30, 2018

Time: 7 pm ET

Where: Learning Centre, Our Lady of Fatima School
2135 Knightsbridge Road

Agenda:

- Councillor Mark Taylor's Opening Remarks
- Introduction of Bay Ward Candidates
- Report on WCA Activities
- Election of WCA Board (Note: Positions & responsibilities to be determined by the newly elected board)
- Q&A - Open discussion of Woodpark Issues & Concerns

You can help build the community you envision! Consider standing for election to the WCA Board.





WCA Board 2017-18 Achievements

Over this past year we:

- Refreshed the Ancaster street mural.
- Successfully intervened on a proposed over development at Woodland and Walsh.
- Achieved the closure of Ancaster at Carling.
- Worked with the city to coordinate a successful traffic survey and pilot study.
- Organized and held Community Building Events such as : *Harvest Festival*, *Winter in Woodpark* and *Woodpark Community Cleanup Day*.
- Supported the development of our Community Garden.
- Worked with the city and Stage 2 LRT team to finalize plans for the Lawn Avenue Parkette.
- Represented Woodpark in planning for: the Richmond Road Corridor; Cleary and New Orchard Planning study; and proposed Lincoln Fields redevelopment.
- Coordinated community input concerning local development.
- Represented the interests of Woodpark residents in local community forums.
- Updated the woodpark.ca website.

Woodpark Common Ground Community Garden

After several years of planning and discussion and with strong support from our Councillor, Mark Taylor (*Thank you very much!*) on June 16, 2017, the NCC approved 12,000 sq.ft. of proposed garden space near the west end of Lawn Avenue. With the financial support of 'Just Food', 1,200 sq. ft. of pasture became 25 - 32 " wide, 30' long garden plots, along with a community bed, and ornamental and edible perennial beds.

2017 Community financial supporters for this initiative included: *Treff's Tire Centre; Greely Sand & Gravel; Robertson Rent-All; Biagio's Italian Kitchen; Tony Capone's; Rainbow Foods; Lee Valley Tools; Capital Plumbing Supply; Bridgehead Coffee on Carling; Cadmans Montreal Bagels; Loblaws Carlingwood; and Don Houston, Your Choice Realty Corp. Brokerage.*

In 2017, sixteen families rented plots and 10% of the growing area was common (for shared effort/harvest and food bank donations). There is one wheelchair accessible bed and we will build more as needed.

2018 promises to be an exciting garden year with new projects and garden events in the works. This year, we have doubled the growing space as 50+ gardeners/families have requested plots. There is currently a waiting list and we will increase the number of plots as resources allow. The garden is for the enjoyment of all members of our community. You don't have to rent a plot to participate. Stay in touch, drop by to say hello ... and volunteers are always welcome! You can follow our progress on Instagram at @woodparkcgcg, on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/commongroundgarden/> or you can reach us by email at woodparkcgcg@gmail.com

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