



# Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program

## Building Safer Communities, One Block at a Time

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### Educating the Community

The Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program is committed to ensuring the safety of our communities. Part of our effort to promote this involves giving safety presentations within the Region. If you or anyone you know, would like the WRBPP to come give a presentation at your school or organization, please let us know. For more information or to schedule a presentation please contact us at:

[contact@blockparents.ca](mailto:contact@blockparents.ca)

### Awesome & Engaged Block Parents

Are you active in your community and want to share your events, projects, or information with other Block Parents? If you are, then you are also an Awesome and Engaged Block Parent!

One of our current Awesome and Engaged Block Parents is

Shelli Desgrosseilliers. Shelli's son Devin suffers from systemic arthritis. Shelli and Devin are active in their community trying to raise money for awareness and the fight against arthritis. Shelli told us about their efforts to raise money by participating in the Walk to Fight Arthritis "Devin's Walking Wolves" on May 15th. We would like to thank Shelli for letting us know about their involvement and

### Upcoming Community Events

The Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program would like to welcome all our Block Parents and all members of our communities to join us at our upcoming community events. Every year the WRBPP is privileged to participate in various community events to show our support and appreciation to all those encouraging fun and safety in the region. See below for a list of events the WRBPP will be participating in over the next few years:

**Walk to Fight Arthritis** Sunday, May 15 8:00 - 10:00am  
**Highland Fling** Thursday, May 26 5:30 - 8:30pm  
**Westvale Family Fun Day** Saturday, June 25  
**Fiddlesticks Strawberry Social & BBQ** Saturday, June 11 3:30 - 6:30pm  
**Cherry Festival** Saturday, July 9 11:00am - 6:00pm  
**Kidspark** Sunday, August 14 11:00am - 5:00pm

We are always happy to have Block Parents volunteer to help at our events. If you are interested in helping out at any of the events listed, please let us know! You can reach us by emailing:

[contact@blockparents.ca](mailto:contact@blockparents.ca)

### Recertification Project

The Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program is in the process of contacting all of our Block Parents to ensure everyone is certified and up-to-date. To be considered a certified Block Parent, you must have a current police records check (completed within the last 2 years) and a current Block Parent sign. Please check your sign to see if it is a current sign or an older one that needs to be replaced. A new sign will have a certification number on the bottom and an "ON" sticker on the top left, with the last two digits of your re-certification year beside it on the top right. ie 10 for 2010.

support for this event. They invite anyone to make a pledge or join their team. We'd also like to extend an invitation to all of our Block Parents to participate in this event and support the cause.

If you'd like more information about the Walk to Fight Arthritis, or would like to share your story or an event with us, please contact us at:

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## Quick Links

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[www.civilianprinting.com](http://www.civilianprinting.com)

[www.cambridge.kwikcopy.ca](http://www.cambridge.kwikcopy.ca)

<http://waterloo.openfile.ca>

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[AroundKW.com](http://AroundKW.com)

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We have started sending letters via mail or email to our Block Parents letting them know they are due to be recertified or that they are soon coming up for recertification. All you need to do when you receive this letter is visit your local police station to get a police records check and fill in a Block Parents application form which can be found on our website;

[www.blockparents.ca](http://www.blockparents.ca). To finish the recertification process, just mail the completed police records check and the application form to us at:

Block Parent Office  
171 Frederick Street  
Kitchener, ON  
N2H 2M6

## Recruiting

Calling all Block Parents! Here at the Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program we are always looking to recruit more Block Parents. We are looking for Block Parents who have one of the three Ts: time, treasure or talent! If you think you possess one or more of these, we would love to hear from you. We are currently recruiting for the following positions but also welcome Block Parents who want to volunteer in any capacity.

- Events Committee Members
- Events Co-ordinator
- Web Design Co-ordinator
- Finance Committee Members
- Board Members
- and of course Block Parents!

## Open File

Open File is a local news website that allows members of the community to influence what stories are written. Anyone can contact Open File and suggest a story within their community, Open File then sends a reporter to research and write a story about that topic.

Tara Mondou, Chair of the WRBPP Board of Directors, was recently interviewed in an Open File article about the program. To read the article, [click here](#). Or see the sidebar for a link for Open File.

## Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program will be held at 134 Frederick Street, 2nd Floor, Kitchener Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00pm.

For more details or if you would like to attend please call 519-745-8410 or email [contact@blockparents.ca](mailto:contact@blockparents.ca).

**THANK YOU BLOCK PARENTS!**

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