



Waterloo Regional Block Parent $\frac{1}{2}$ Program
Building Safer Communities, One Block at a Time



Summer 2011 Newsletter

Issue 5

This month's

Awesome & Engaged Block Parent is:

Anne Fougere!

Anne is a very active, dedicated and caring member of her community. In the past, she has been involved with Crime Stoppers, Galt Little Theatre, Community Justice Initiatives and the Women's Crisis Shelter. Anne is currently involved with the Alzheimers Society of Cambridge and Cambridge Library and Galleries.

In recognition of her dedication to her community, Anne won the Bernice Adams Memorial Awards Hall of Fame Special Trustees Award in 2002!

Thank you Anne, for all your

MythBusters!

"I'm too busy to be a Block Parent, I'm hardly ever home."

It is a common misconception that Block Parents must be home ALL of the time. The reality is that, the sign does not need to be in the window all the time, there really is NO time commitment! We are looking for Block Parents who can put their sign up for a couple hours a week or even just a few times a month. We will never ask how many times the sign has been put up, but every little bit counts!

Community Events

The Waterloo Regional Block Parent $\frac{1}{2}$ Program would like to welcome all of our Block Parents and community members to join us at this year's Community Events. Every year the WRBPP is privileged to partner with schools and neighbourhood associations to support and encourage fun and safety in the region. See below for our 2011 list of events.

Spring!

Walk to Fight Arthritis

St Andrews RetroTechno Night

hard work and your volunteer spirit!

Check the Cambridge Times for articles written by Anne.

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

Contact us at:

contact@blockparents.ca

New!

2011 Block Parent brochures designed by:

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Check out this article!
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JW Gerth Fun Fair

Brigadoon School BBQ

Fiddlesticks Strawberry Social

River Ridge and University Downs Presentation at Bridgeport

Summer!

Highland Fling Tuesday June 21 5:30-8:30pm

St Matthews Thursday June 23 11:00-12:30pm

Cherry Festival Saturday July 9 11:00am-6:00pm

We are always happy to have Block Parents volunteer to help at our events.

If you are interested, please let us know! You can reach us by emailing:

contact@blockparents.ca

Recertification Project

The Waterloo Regional Block Parent $\frac{1}{2}$ 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) for all members of your household over 12 yrs 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)

We have been sending letters via mail or email to our Block Parents letting them know they are due to be recertified. All

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you need to do when you receive this letter is visit your local police station to get a Police Records Check. Mail, or scan and email, the completed police records check to us at:

Block Parent Office

171 Frederick Street

Kitchener, ON

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contact@blockparents.ca

One of our representatives will visit your home to apply the new sticker to your sign and to update your file.

Recruiting

Calling all Block Parents!

We would like to challenge our existing Block Parents to recruit just one neighbour or friend to also become a Block Parent. Every single sign in our communities helps to promote safety for all!

We are also 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 Coordinator
- Block Parent Coordinator
- Finance Committee Members
- Board Members
- and of course Block Parents!

Supporting the WRBPP

Are you a member of school council or do you know someone who is?

We've discovered that the best way to recruit Block Parents, and to get your community involved, is through our local

school councils. We'd like to ask our involved Block Parents to request a 10 minute time slot at your next school council meeting. It is very important that we present safety tips and information about Block Parents to the children at your school, and school councils can pave the way!

Summer Safety Tip



In the summertime remember to wear sunscreen, stay cool, play safe, and have fun!

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