

News from Waterloo Regional Block Parent Program

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Waterloo Regional Block Parent® Program
Building Safer Communities, One Block at a Time



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This month's

Awesome & Engaged Block Parent is:

Cheryl Johnson!

Cheryl is a Block Parent in the Galt area of Cambridge and has been volunteering with us for many years! In the past few weeks, Cheryl has delivered over 1500 Block Parent brochures to many services, organizations and businesses in the city of Cambridge. Cheryl has reminded the community that the Block Parent Program is alive and doing well! Our hope is that every

OKTOBERFEST!

Block Parents will be at the Schwaben Club on Thursday October 13 from 7:00-10:00pm selling Oktoberfest buttons, pins and lottery tickets. We will also be at the Oktoberfest Parade on Monday October 10, just before the parade begins. Proceeds go to KW Oktoberfest and Block Parents. Come join us for the FUN!

SANTA CLAUS PARADE!

Block Parents will once again participate in the annual Lions Club Santa Claus Parade on Saturday November 19. You and your family are welcome to come walk with us all the way down King Street to raise awareness about the Block Parent Program!

Check out our website at www.blockparents.ca for all the details!

BIG NEWS!!

No More Police Records Checks until January 1, 2013!

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Cambridge citizen will look through our brochure and become Block Parents to help create safe and active neighbourhoods.
Thanks Cheryl!!

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

What's New?

Media!

Tara, our Chair, was on Daytime Rogers TV talking about our program. Check it out on Youtube!

Website!

Fred, our webmaster, has outdone himself revamping our website. Check it out at www.blockparents.ca

**Community!
RiverRidge Subdivision wants to become a Block Parent Community! Email us for more information.**

The Block Parent Program of Canada has sent notice that all **EXISTING** Block Parents do not need to be re-certified until January 1, 2013. The decision was made because of nation wide issues regarding long wait times for finger printing results. This means that your family does NOT have to get a PRC until Jan 1, 2013. You will receive an official letter in the mail with all the details. You will be asked to fill out the form and return it to the Block Parent office by **February 1st 2012**. You will also be receiving a purple "13" sticker that you **MUST** apply to your window sign. This sticker will confirm that you are certified until 2013.

Please call 519.745.8410 or email us at contact@blockparents.ca for more information. If we do not hear from you by February 1, 2012, we will ask that you return your sign to the Block Parent office and resign from the Block Parent Program.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Recruiting

We need your help! We have printed 5000 brand new Block Parent brochures and need your help distributing them to the schools, community centres, churches and organizations in your neighbourhood. Help us recruit new Block Parents in your community!

Contact us for more information.

Fundraising!

Is your company or business interested in donating to a Community Organization who helps create safe and active neighbourhoods?

Bend All Automotive donated \$250.00 to Block Parents which allowed us to register for the Santa Claus Parade this year. Maybe your company could donate money to help us print our Let's Learn brochures or create a Volunteer Appreciation Event. Every dollar counts! Please email Tara at contact@blockparents.ca for a Donation Request letter. Block Parents is a registered Charity and will provide receipts.

Board of Directors

We are looking for committed Directors to steer our organization. Members are required to attend 10 monthly meetings per year on

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the last Tuesday of each month. If you're looking to gain experience on the Board level, email us for details!

School Council Member?

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!

Email us for an informative flyer to present to your council members.

MythBusters!

"I thought the Block Parent Program shut down?"

It is true that almost three years ago the board of directors called upon the community to come forth and volunteer to help run the program. Ever since then, our organization has been injected with amazing energy, new and excited Board Members and several wonderful Volunteers that help steer the program and make it the success that it continues to be today. We are asking that all Block Parents spread the word that the Block Parent Program is here to stay and that we will continue to create safe and active communities within our Region!

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