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Population: 20,185
Residences: 5,607



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Fallingbrook 1984

In this low-altitude aerial photograph, taken in late 1984, you can see the north end of Fallingbrook. In the middle of the photo is the Apollo Crater. A temporary road goes north from Charlemagne and Bottriell. Princess Louise Drive does not yet meet Charlemagne, so access was from the Tenth Line Road via Marjolaine. When Marjolaine was finally closed years later, some residents were so angry at losing their short cut, they drove up on front lawns to avoid the barricades. There was also a temporary short cut between Charlemagne and Apollo which was open until 1986.

Happy Birthday Fallingbrook.

From the Editor

It's hard to believe its been ten years already that I've been putting together this newsletter. It seems like only yesterday that we moved into our new home, full of anticipation and excitement. One accumulates a lot of great memories in ten years.

Like in most things, its teamwork that creates success. A big thank you goes out to the many friends, neighbors and individuals who have submitted articles and helped collate the newsletter over the years. People like Laura and Dave Gordon, Rob and Susan Jellett, Chantal and Robert Lalonde, Gilles and Doris Lalonde, Jim and Lynn Ward, Charles and Sophie Wright, Suzanne and Robert Chamberlain, members of the executive and many

more. A special thank you goes to Don and Ginnette Armstrong who showed me how to put a newsletter together and who also did our printing for a number of years (and who still help me put it all together).

The newsletter you are presently reading has come a long way. This edition marks the beginning of a new format. One that I hope you will agree better reflects our growing community.

This edition tries to cover some of the highlights of the past ten years. From our muddy beginnings to todays vibrant suburban community.

Happy Birthday Fallingbrook

George Blake, editor



Fallingbrooks First (new) Family

While not the first new home to be built in Fallingbrook, 1640 Canemore Crescent (pictured above) does hold the distinction of being the first home to be occupied. Art and Virtue Evans, the owners, moved into there new Regional home on January 30, 1985. Back then there was no mail delivery, snow removal was sporadic at best and the roads little more than sea of mud. The good news though was that you could easily find there home from Tenth line road.

Recollections of One of the First Homeowners

by Ed Merkley

In October of 1984 I happened to be driving up the old Tenth Line Road when a sales trailer for one of the builders in Queenswood Heights was being put in place on the crest of the hill on the east side of the road. It did not look like a promising place to buy a house. At the time Fallingbrook consisted of a flat plateau of clay, a few hundred yards of asphalt, the sales trailer and a deserted stone bungalow which sat on an area of land now occupied by homes at the northwest corner of the Princess Louise storm management pond.

Within a very short time myself and my soon-to-be two immediate neighbors would be the first to have purchased homes in this new community.

At first glance back then the flat acreage of mud and clay didn't look too appealing, but with further exploration one could see the potential for the evolution of a suburban community in a lovely setting with all amenities needed to live comfortably and raise a family. The view from the ridge overlooking the Ottawa River and the Quebec side was beautiful with the fall colors at their peak. There was a nice mix of mature pine and deciduous forest all along the ridge, and the presence of a winding creek and waterfalls was an enticing and spectacular site for anyone wishing to experience city living and yet be close to nature.

The first builders in the area quickly put up model homes along the partially completed streets, Princess Louise,

Brookridge and Cezanne Crescents. By March and April of 1985 the first residents had moved in.

At the time there were only two access roads to my house, neither of which is now open. Since Princess Louise did not yet connect to what is now Charlemagne, Marjolaine was used to get from Tenth Line Road to Princess Louise. The second access road was the driveway for the original owners of this property, coming up the escarpment from St. Joseph Blvd. just east of Princess Louise Falls and leading to the stone bungalow mentioned earlier. The stone house was soon demolished and continuous construction, growth and change has taken place ever since. The fields that surrounded our new home were soon filled with the houses of other new Fallingbrook residents.

(Ed and Susan Merkley were two of Fallingbrook's first new residents. They moved into their Sandbury house on Brookridge Crescent on April 1, 1985.)

Happy Tenth Anniversary, Fallingbrook

In just ten years, what we now call Fallingbrook has grown from a few rural houses and a lot of farmland into a vibrant community of close to 20,000 people. Back in 1985, we didn't even have a name, just "East of Tenth Line". Now we have 8 schools, 6 parks, a wave pool and arena, churches, and all the amenities of a small town.

Most of us remember the sticky mud that was everywhere when we first moved in. Some of us liked the mud so much that we made a second or even a third move to a new house in Fallingbrook.

Happy birthday, Fallingbrook!

David Villeneuve, President, Fallingbrook Community Association

Historical look at the Fallingbrook Community Association Executive from 1985 to 1995

	1985/86	1986/87	1987/88	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95
President	Peter Mcnamara	Peter Mcnamara	George Blake	George Blake	David Villeneuve	Sidney Marinoff	David Villeneuve	Herb Kreling	Herb Kreling	David Villeneuve
Vice President	Dick Mohns	George Blake	Garth MacDonald	David Villeneuve	Sidney Marinoff	Valerie Rose	Herb Kreling	Frank Dugal	Frank Dugal	F. Dugal/S. Crossan
Treasurer	J-L Desgroselliers	J-L Desgroselliers	Jo Ann Mehr	Peter Mcnamara	Garth MacDonald	David Villeneuve	Barry Bowden	Barry Bowden	Barry Bowden	Barry Bowden
Secretary	Linda Nesbitt	Linda Nesbitt	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent	Debbie Parent
Recreation	Keith Nesbitt	Dick Mohns	John Davies	Paul Pelletier	Paul Pelletier	Paul Pelletier	Paul Pelletier	Paul Pelletier	Paul Pelletier	Paul Pelletier
Newsletter	George Blake	George Blake	Pat Pender	George Blake	George Blake	George Blake	George Blake	George Blake	George Blake	George Blake
Planning	Robert Jellett	Robert Jellett	Iris Phillips	David Villeneuve	Sidney Marinoff	vacant	vacant	vacant	vacant	Sean Crossan
Canada Day				George Blake	Garth MacDonald	Gordon Rose	David Villeneuve	Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Paul Pelletier
Neighborhood Watch	Jean-Luc Desgroselliers	Jean-Luc Desgroselliers	Bob Martinell/ Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Dave Berry	Mary Lynn Weightman
Membership	Joyce Mohns	Joyce Mohns	Valerie Rose	Valerie Rose	Sidney Marinoff	Sidney Marinoff	Sidney Marinoff	vacant	vacant	vacant
Scouting		Tom Maybee	Tom Maybee	Tom Maybee	Tom Maybee	Tom Maybee	Tom Maybee	Don Findlay	Carl McDiarmid	Jim Elders
Education		Keith Nesbitt	Arjen Kouwenberg	vacant	Dick Lewis	Dick Lewis	vacant	Jim Elders	Jim Elders	Jim Elders
Members at Large		Rachel Lecours Garth MacDonald	Steve Assaly Bruce Dunmoll Rachel Lecours Garth MacDonald Keith Nesbitt	Steve Assaly Garth MacDonald Rachel Lecours Jo Ann Mehr Keith Nesbitt Winara Motsumoto Carole Circé Rachel Lecours	Pat Pender Frank Dugal Valerie Rose Peter Mcnamara Carole Circé	Frank Dugal Garth MacDonald Andrew Marchand	Frank Dugal Garth MacDonald Andrew Marchand Samia Ibrahim-Griffith Henry Kobylinski	David Villeneuve Garth MacDonald Susan & Tom Kissner James Cosgrove Samia Ibrahim-Griffith Henry Kobylinski	David Villeneuve Garth MacDonald	Jim Shaw Jocelyne Holmes Lorna Simard

A voice from the past

by Dick Mohns

As the self proclaimed, if not official, founder of the Fallingbrook Community Association, it is with enthusiasm that I accepted the kind invitation to write an article commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Association.

In July 1985 the Mohns family moved from Queenswood Heights into our brand new home on the corner of Orford Crescent and Apollo Way. At that time, all new development to the east of Queenswood Heights was affectionately known as "east of 10th line road". It was a huge section of open field as far as the eye could see, with small groupings of model homes, green mailboxes and cement trucks interspersed throughout. As is the case with most new community developments, there was very little in the way of services and amenities; no sidewalks, few streetlights, little or no landscaping, bus services were just evolving and perhaps worst of all, the streets all seemed to be perpetually covered with mud from the on-going development. Also noticeably missing were convenience stores and municipal services of any kind. It is humorous to recall that while having breakfast, I could see my bus approaching as it turned the corner at Innes and 10th line road!

In those first months, it became painfully apparent that the progress of this development was outpacing the municipality's long term plans for services. There were no short term plans for use of green space, recreational services and the such.

A little frustrated that my calls to the municipality seemed to be getting nothing but sympathetic acknowledgment, it became apparent that a strong coordinated community voice was required. So, with the help of my wife, an emotional letter was penned and hand delivered to every completed house "east of 10th line road" inviting them to a meeting at my place to discuss the possibilities of establishing a community association. Much to the surprise of my wife and I, a very enthusiastic group of individuals showed up, armed with energy and ideas. It was unanimous that a community association was urgently needed and that the initiative should be pursued; we agreed to meet again to forge a way ahead. A few meetings and several hand delivered "notices" later, an open meeting was convened at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre attended by about thirty people. It was evident that all members of the evolving communities shared the same concerns and as a result the Association was officially agreed upon. An executive was chosen and once sanctioned by the municipality, we were in business.

In those first days, our efforts centered around: pursuit of recreational services, specifically playground equipment and outdoor rinks; plans for use of green space, the crater in particular; security, specifically establishment of neighborhood watch; and, general services, namely sidewalks, streetlights and the like. I would be remiss if schools, postal services and the development of 10th line road were not mentioned...these turned out to be the controversial issues, indeed one of the association members attained some notoriety as she went "tete a tete" with Canada Post over the issue of so-called super mailboxes. Canada Post again earned the disdain of the community regarding the arbitrary assignment of Navan as our postal address; this emotional issue was fought and won.

The "Mother" of all issues for my wife and I was the lack of geographical recognition that our community received. The builders all had their own marketing names for their immediate area; however, the only way to get somebody to recognize the community location was to refer to it as "east of 10th line road". This became a personal crusade for me and after convincing my fellow association members that the pursuit of boundaries and a recognized name was necessary for the survival and spirit of our community I argued for the name "Fallingbrook".

Not all members embraced this name initially, some recommended other existing builders' names or combinations of builders' names; but, after much discussion, my argument proved most convincing and we elected to pursue the entrenchment of the name Fallingbrook. Our plan of attack included several points, the most important in our opinion being the renaming of 10th line road to "Fallingbrook Boulevard" and the renaming of the then under construction "Queenswood Centre" to Fallingbrook Shopping Centre. As it turned out, one out of two was enough to entrench the name. The council of the day voted four to three against changing the name of 10th line road (I still think this would be a welcome change), but did support the recognition of the community name and agreed to the other key points in the proposal; namely, requesting that the Toronto based builder of the plaza change the name to Fallingbrook, referring to the name in all future correspondence and maps of the area and erecting name signs at the bottom of the hill at 10th line road and St. Joseph Blvd. The name was subsequently embraced by all and the rest is history.

Two short years after moving in, the airforce required that we relocate. Five years and two moves later we moved back into our house that had been well looked after by our tenants. We were shocked to see the incredible

growth and progress of the community. The community association members that followed in the footsteps of the original crew had obviously built on the original momentum. The results of their efforts are readily recognizable. The enthusiasm and many initiatives of the current and past associations have greatly enhanced the development and spirit of the community. I say without hesitation that we live in one of the finest neighborhoods in the country, perhaps the world. My wife and I thank all those past and present that have contributed to the quality of life in Fallingbrook.

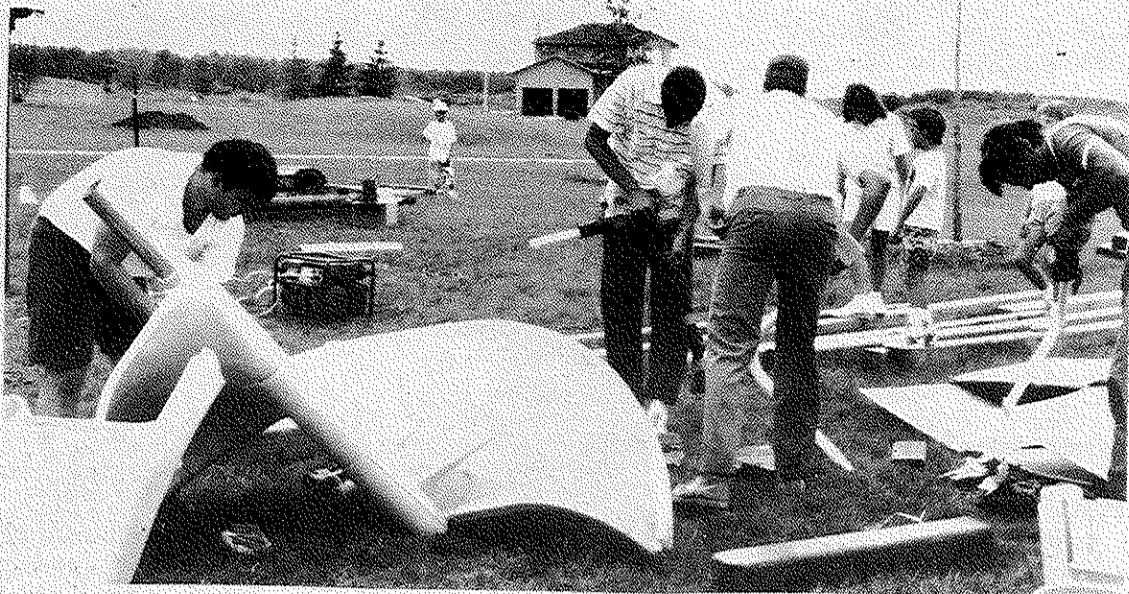
In conclusion, happy anniversary to our fine community and a special thank you to the people that we have come to know through the association, many of whom remain our most treasured friends today. Sincerely
Dick Mohns

Why Fallingbrook has Craters

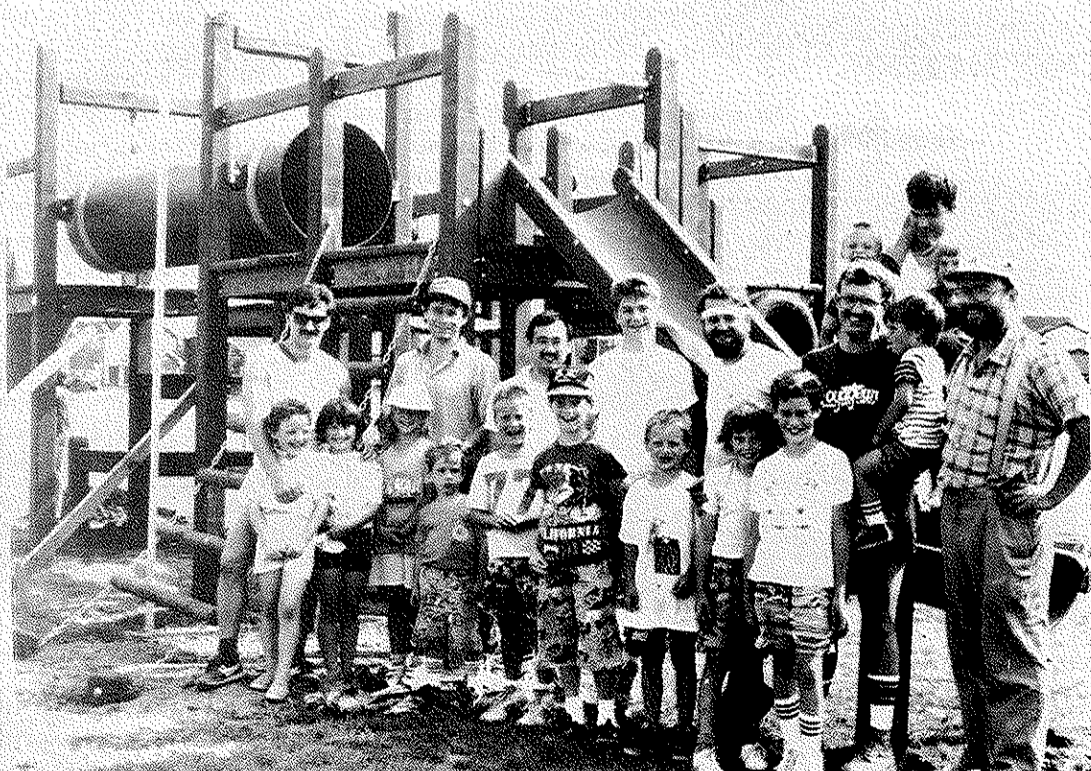
A visitor to Fallingbrook immediately notices several large "craters", notably the Apollo Crater, Gardenway Park, and by St Francis of Assisi school. These are officially known as water management ponds, and are part of the system designed to handle rainwater runoff. The primary storm water system is composed of the usual storm sewers on each street, which are separate from the sanitary sewers. These sewers are large enough to handle the water flow from most rainstorms, but cannot handle extraordinary rainfalls.

The secondary system is composed of the streets themselves and the storm water retention ponds. Excess water runs down the streets and into the ponds through depressions in the curbs. The water then fills the ponds and drains away through the primary sewers over a period of hours. In fact just about all our parks are designed to retain water in the event of a large rainstorm.

The initial study on storm water management for Fallingbrook considered the use of wet ponds versus dry ponds. A wet pond has water in it at all times, whereas the dry ones fill only during a storm. The study called for the use of dry ponds such as we have. Plans for the urban expansion area south of Innes Road show a wet pond, really a small lake with marshland around it, used to treat the storm water before it drains away.



A work in progress. Pictured here are some of the many volunteers who helped build one of the first play structures in Fallingbrook (located at Des Pionniers park)



Congratulations on a job well done. Pictured here in front of the completed Des Pionniers play structure, are some the many volunteers who helped build what was at the time, the largest play structure in the township.

Princess Louise Falls

by David Villeneuve

During the spring runoff is the best time to visit Princess Louise Falls, more correctly called Taylor Falls, along the escarpment north of Princess Louise Drive. The best place to visit the falls is from the water management area between Brookridge and Falling Brook Place. A nature trail takes you to the top of the falls where the deep gorge is visible. To reach the bottom of the falls, head west about 200 meters along the escarpment to "Dave's Drop". You can stand right at the bottom of the falls and get wet. The concrete chute is the remains of where old Montreal Road used to go, on its way to Montreal 50 years ago, when Highway 17 was still a railroad track.

The Cumberland Historical Society has tried to determine the connection between the falls and Princess Louise, a daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of the Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne. The only connection we have been able to find is from the late Marjorie Ward, who lived in the house just east of the falls since 1950. She claimed that Princess Louise used to drive out here by buggy to paint water colours. Mrs. Ward convinced the developers to name Princess Louise Drive for this reason.

I have examined hundred of paintings by Princess Louise, in the National Gallery and the National Archives, but did not see any of the falls. There were some paintings of another geographical feature named after the Princess, almost as well known as our falls: Lake Louise. So even if we can't prove the Princess came here, it makes a good story.



Fallingbrook falls in the spring



Memories of 1986

When we moved onto Proulx Drive in early 1986, we were just about at the eastern edge of civilization at that time. We could look east and see to Trim Road. I used to take my children exploring the fields around present-day St Francis of Assisi School; it was heavy going through the wet, rutted fields. There was a large lake there at the time, and we scared a family of ducks living in the tall grass. We could walk as far as the farm house on Watters Road, with barn and outbuildings.

There were no schools or parks in Fallingbrook. Our oldest child was bused to Cumberland Village each day, a practice that was to continue for years for many children. The Apollo Crater was the nearest thing to a park, and its play structure had been installed the year before by a group of residents.

Charlemagne ended at Bottriell, but we could still see the old farm road where Charlemagne was to continue east. We found a rusty abandoned car there.



Lake Fallingbrook or Apollo Crater?

This picture was taken after a heavy thunderstorm a few years back. Although the craters double as wonderful passive parks, parents are advised to be careful in the spring or after heavy rains. Ponds or small lakes are planned for the new urban community south of Innis.

Fallingbrook School Park

by David Villeneuve

Plans for Fallingbrook School a joint development between Township and the school board

was a rare event to jointly plan and it has worked so well only the Carleton Board of Education and Cumberland Township were cooperative to a high level. Although a third of the school lies on part of the agreement; the driveway cuts through the gymnasium. The Township gets the use of the gymnasium and the lunch room during school hours. This arrangement resulted in a facility which is used day and night, largely by the cooperation of the principal in Alton.

The Fallingbrook School was completed when it opened in September 1988. The parents brought their children there on opening day and a tradesman furiously laid tile in the corridors. Classes were held in the gymnasium, the lunch room and the halls for several months until the school was finished. In the spring, it was discovered that some storm sewers were not working when the main pipe was under 3 feet of water — the parents loved it, but the bus drivers were annoyed.

At the time that the school was designed, we asked the school board where the portable classrooms would be. Dr. Khair, outspoken director of the school board, stated that the school was big enough for all the students, and declared that "there will be no portable classrooms at Fallingbrook School while I work for the CBE." The first portable classroom arrived a few months after the school opened. Dr. Khair left the CBE at the time there were 24 classrooms at the school.



Aerial photo of Fallingbrook taken in 1984

The Ottawa river is at the top of the picture with the Villages and Queenswood Heights on the left. The only real development visible is the early stages of the Apollo crater and the beginning of the southern portion of Charlemagne near what is now the Fallingbrook mall.

Fallingbrook's First Park and School

In late 1986, Mayor Peter Clark phoned up Peter McNamara, the first president of the Fallingbrook Community Association, to discuss the plans for Fallingbrook's first park, Des Pionniers. The school board decided they needed more room for their school and had offered the Township \$200,000 to buy a few acres of park land. Mayor Clark said with that money, we could start the park much sooner than otherwise, and did the residents agree with the decision? In those days there was a lot of informal consultation from the Township about planning matters. The recreation committee then began meeting at Dick Mohn's house to lay out the plans for the park. Keith Nesbitt wanted to build a large climbing tower in one corner, and hence it was unofficially named Tower Park. The tower never made it any farther, but the name still appeared on some municipal maps.

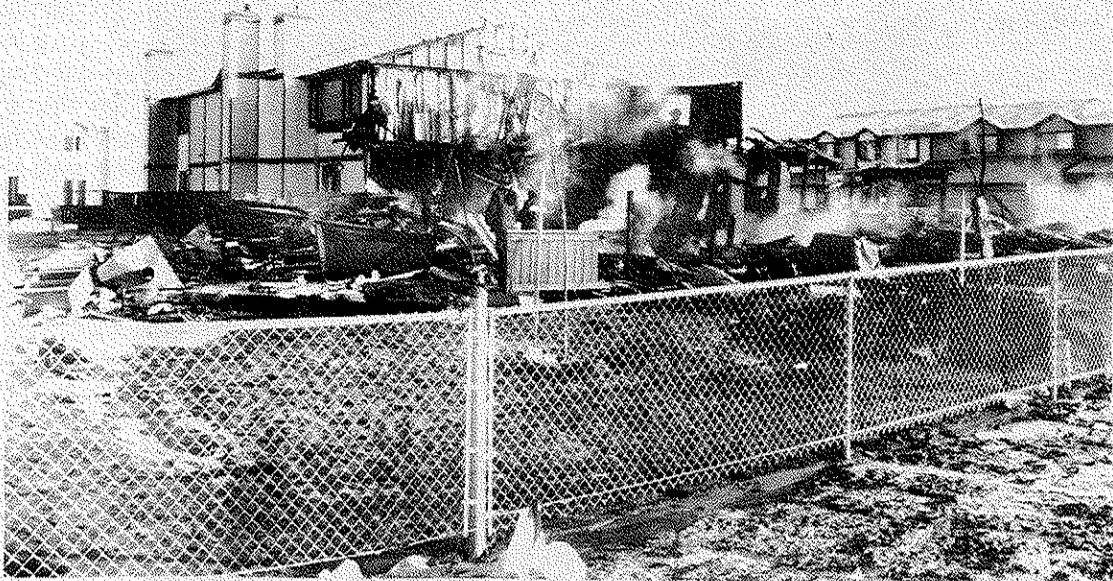
Tenth Line Road Interchange

The Tenth Line Road interchange to Hwy. 17 was controversial from the beginning. Because of its proximity to the Champlain interchange, the eastbound exit ramp had to go under the new bridge and meet St. Joseph Blvd. east of the new Tenth Line Road. Many people objected to this poor design, saying that the intersection would not function properly. The community association sent briefs to the designers, and president George Blake went to Toronto to object to the deputy minister of transportation, all in vain. However the designers suddenly discovered that the intersection would not function, and proposed to keep open the old Tenth Line Road up the hill. This upset the residents on Norview who backed onto the road, who had been told that old Tenth Line Road would be closed; they took to municipality to the OMB over this. In the end, we have the present structure which, although it looks a bit strange, is much better than what we had before.



Peter Clark, (Mayor of Cumberland Township between 1981 and 1989) at the new town hall construction site.

FALLINGBROOK 1985



Hoskins Crescent Explosion, April 1, 1987

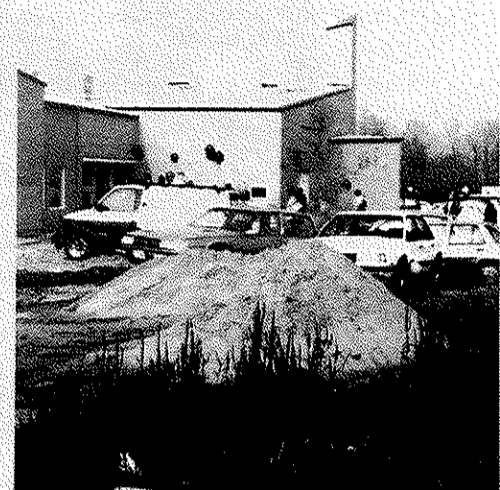
Many will remember that tragic morning which took the life of a Fallingbrook resident. This picture was taken by the Cumberland fire department the morning after the explosion.

SITE OF NEW ENGLISH CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Planned Completion Date: September 1992



Ground breaking ceremonies for the new St Peters High School



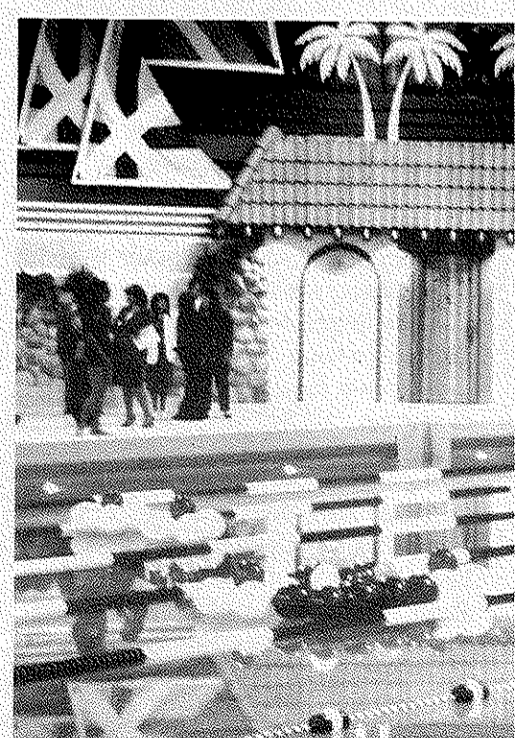
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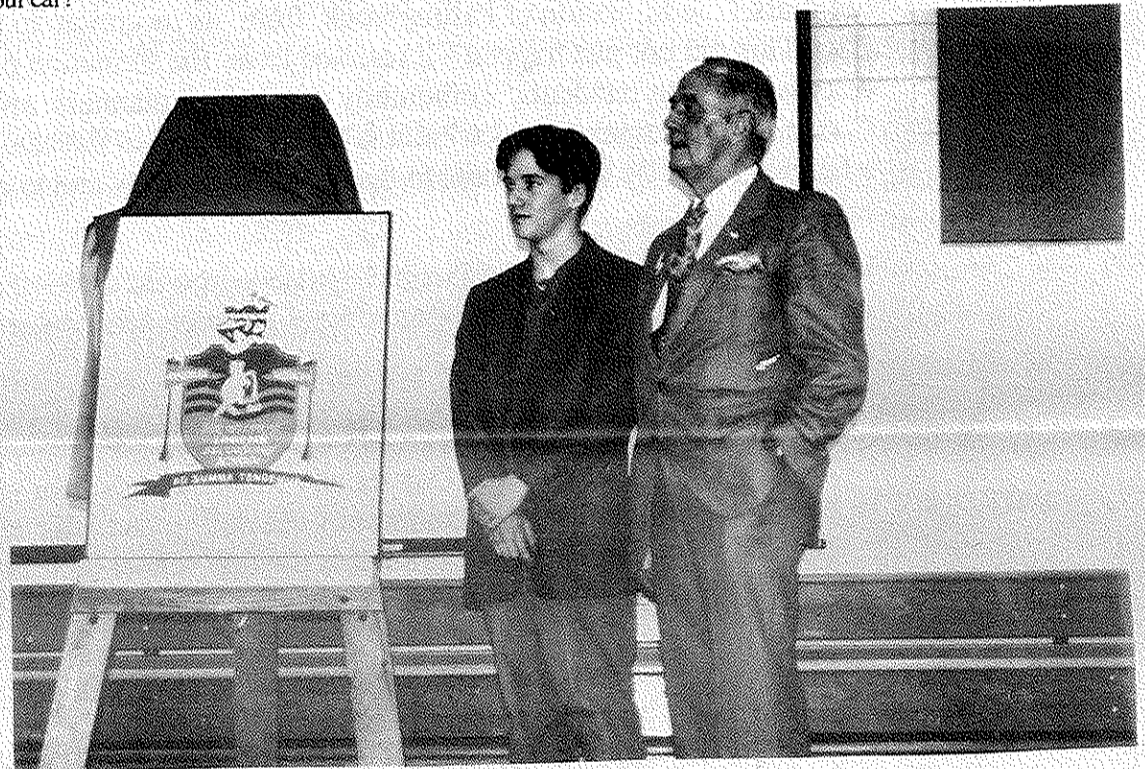


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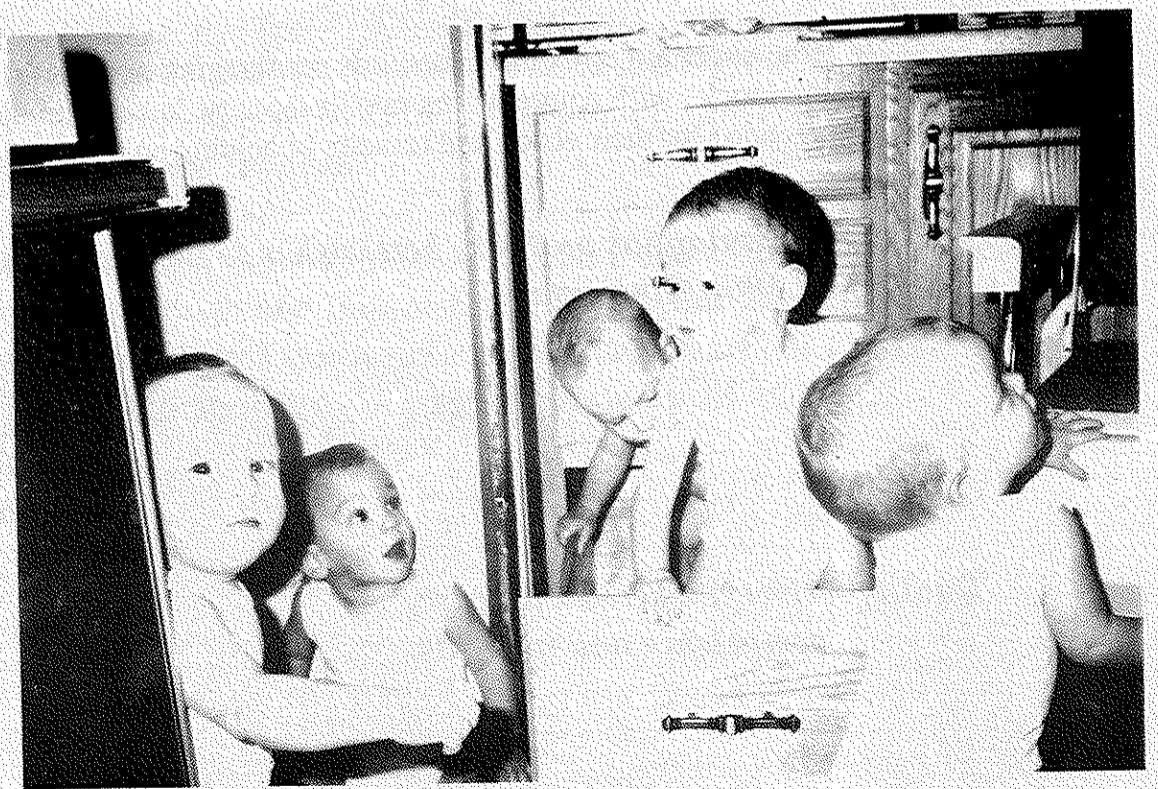


Fallingbrook's First Traffic Light

It wasn't really the first traffic signal in Cumberland Township, however it was the first one installed by the Township. In this photo are (left to right) John Morell (CBE), Ned Lathrop (Chief Administrative Officer of Cumberland Township and the main designer of Fallingbrook), Mayor Brian Coburn, David Villeneuve (president of the Fallingbrook Community Association), Richard Alton (principal of Fallingbrook Community Elementary School), and Chris Baird (Cumberland Township Works Department and a Fallingbrook resident). These lights were also the first to have an Opticom system which enabled approaching fire trucks to turn the lights green. Wouldn't it be nice if we all had one in our car?



Official opening of the new Sir Wilfred Laurier High School



Forgie Quints

Where are they all coming from, and how many are there? Kipp, Rhys, Arya, Kiza and Zuri Forgie, the "Rainbow Quints", were born on 22 September 1987. The photo shows them in their Stellar Street home in January 1989. The Forgie quintuplets were the first set of quintuplets born in Canada since the Dionne Quints in 1934. The Ottawa Civic Hospital called the preparations for birth Operation Rainbow, and Rue Arc en Ciel in Fallingbrook was named after it, in their honor.

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Peter Clark

Fallingbrook Community Association 10th Anniversary

Prior to the mid-1980s, Fallingbrook was a rural plot of land waiting for something to happen. It was waiting for a vision and ideas and the creative talents of interested people to transform those into a reality. It was in fact, a community waiting to be born.

Having been Mayor of Cumberland from 1981 to 1989 and presently living there, I have witnessed, over the years, the transition of Fallingbrook from its inception to the vital and first-rate community it is today. This did not just happen - it resulted from the formation of strong partnerships, many hours of discussions with residents, community developers, planners and the past and present members of Council. The community is what it is today because of the commitment and contribution of residents who give tirelessly of their time to foster the community and to enrich the lives of its people.

It is hard to believe that ten years have passed since the kick-off ceremonies of the Fallingbrook Community Association. Many successes have been achieved in the intervening years - to mention just a few:

- * Fallingbrook Community Elementary School - a unique project, integrating facilities for community use during and after school. Opening its doors on September 6, 1988, it is the first school built in Ottawa-Carleton to incorporate a Day Care Centre.
- * The Association's Newsletter - always informative and looked forward to by its readers.
- * The record attendance achieved at the Canada Day celebrations organized by the Association.

In these uncertain economic times, it is encouraging to witness the spirit of your community at work. Fallingbrook, with nature woven into its tapestry, is a community to be proud of. Its residents are commended for their vision and tenacity in holding on to their dreams.

Congratulations and very best wishes to the residents of Fallingbrook on the occasion of its 10th Anniversary.

Peter Clark
Regional Chair

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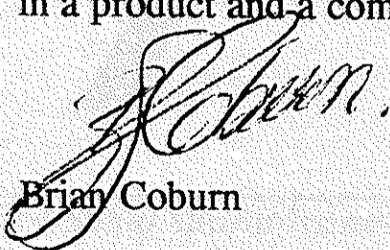
Message from your Mayor

Having had the benefit and pleasure of being a member of Cumberland Council since 1981 and, in fact, having lived here all of my life, it is indeed very gratifying to see how our municipality has evolved over the years. Prior to 1985, Fallingbrook was a field that had been tilled and cultivated for years and years by some of our pioneers. As a result of our growth and our desire to build a community '*second to none*', Fallingbrook began as a dream, a vision, and developed into an idea of the kind of community that the people involved at the time wanted. This was talked about at length, and it is as a result of these discussions by our staff, our residents, our development community, and your past councils that Fallingbrook has become the superb community in which you live today.

I can remember some of the discussions in the early stages before a shovel was even put in the ground. We were pointing at different amenities on a map and on plans, and talking about how we would like to see things eventually turn out. Discussions centered around the craters and the stormwater ponds and what a tremendous amenity and area of green space they would be for future residents. It was somewhat disheartening originally when stormwater ponds were a part of the approval process, but discussions took place, ideas grew, and this resulted in the multi-use facilities that the ponds are today, i.e. an abundance of green space that is not only functional for its original purpose, but which also provides play space -- space for sports, kite flying, tobogganing in the winter, etc. The outlet of the stormwater pond turned into one of the most beautiful entrances to a community in the region, that being Princess Louise Falls at the corner of Tenth Line Road and St. Joseph Blvd. This was the vision of our Planning Director of the day, Mr. Ned Lathrop, who insisted on the importance of this being a very attractive amenity for our residents. His vision has turned into a jewel in our community.

From the very first homes to what we have today, we see the realization of partnerships and discussions between residents (past, present, and future), our planners, and our council to develop the type of community that all of us enjoy. The long hours of participation by many residents in the Fallingbrook community have resulted in the nature trails, the walkways, the parks, the schools, and the shopping areas that are of benefit to everyone. Fallingbrook is the envy of many communities, not only across the region, but across this province. It is especially pleasing to see residents, who had lived here at one point in their careers and then moved away, return to settle in the area and raise their families.

I wish to congratulate the residents of Fallingbrook on their Tenth Anniversary and extend best wishes to present and future residents as we continue on with growth and improvements. As your Mayor, it is indeed rewarding and very gratifying to see the interaction between our residents, our staff, and our Council result in a product and a community that are so pleasing to so many. A job well done by all of you!



Brian Coburn

From Crater Bash to Canada Day

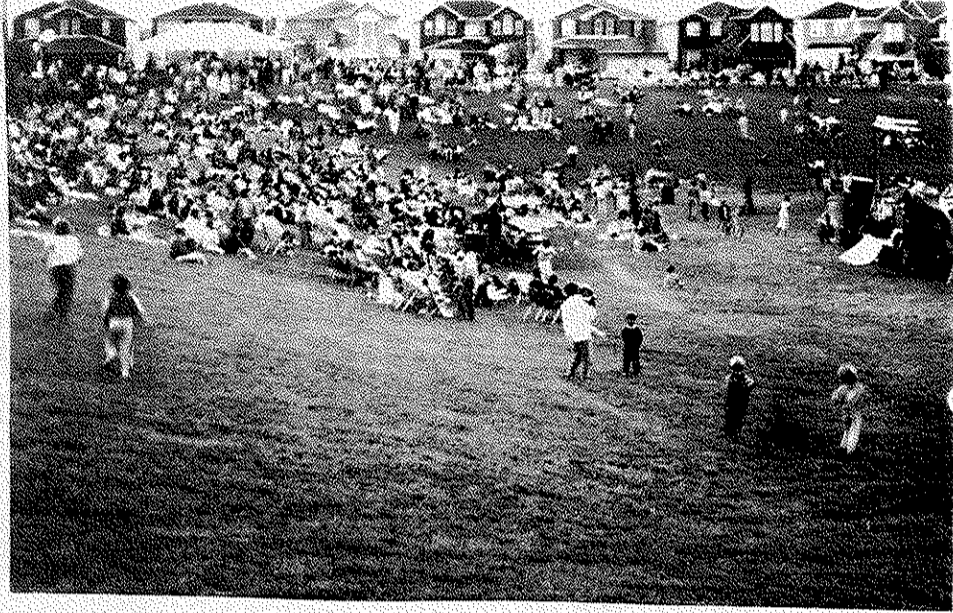
In September of 1986 Dick and Joyce Mohns organized a "Crater Bash" at Fallingbrook's only park, the Apollo Crater. They had children's races and games and some refreshments. The turnout was excellent, considering the small number of residents at the time. There was a stronger feeling of belonging to the community at the time, since we all felt like pioneers in the mud.

In early 1988, Sue Grace suggested that we move the Crater Bash to July 1 and have some fireworks. Sue said that she could raise donations from local merchants to get the several thousand dollars required. And so was born the first Canada Day in Fallingbrook, a tradition that now attracts 20,000 spectators. Bob Janke of Queenswood PetroCanada and Rolly Laberge of the Loeb IGA have consistently supported this and other events ever since.

The first Canada Day event in the crater had its share of problems. People sat around the slopes of the crater and the fireworks were fired from the middle. Even though the fireworks were much smaller than they are today, one misfired almost horizontally and hit a spectator in the chest; luckily it did not explode. Then the trucks which removed the equipment from the bottom of the crater got stuck and left ruts in the sod.

Although the Apollo Crater was a natural amphitheater, it was realized that it was too small for fireworks. In 1989 the site was moved to the just-completed Fallingbrook Park. The audience sat at the ball diamond and the fireworks were released over Brome Crescent, then undeveloped. In 1990 and 1991 the site was still Fallingbrook Park, but the fireworks were released on the other side of Princess Louise, near Clearcrest Crescent.

When all the land surrounding Fallingbrook Park became developed, we had to seek another site, and so Canada Day 1992 moved to the Ray Friel Centre. This also allowed larger amusement rides. Today's Canada Day in Fallingbrook attracts 20,000 spectators and has a budget of \$20,000.



The first Canada Day Crater Bash, July 1, 1988.

Pictured here is the early evening crowd at the first July 1st celebration in Fallingbrook which was held in the Apollo storm water management basin. The stage for the band can be seen on the left at the bottom of the crater. That year over 5,000 people came to see the evening fireworks display.

A tribute to one of Fallingbrooks leaders



Pictured above is Rolly and Laurie Laberge at the official opening of their new Loeb Fallingbrook store eight years ago.

Rolly has been the owner of the Loeb Fallingbrook grocery store since its opening nearly eight and a half years ago. He is one of the founding members of the Orleans Kiwanis Club, an original member of the Orleans Chamber of Commerce and was on the advisory board of Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School.

Rolly has been a strong supporter of various community organizations. Fundraising recipients include the scouts and girl guides, hockey and baseball teams, the Cumberland fire department, the local OPP detachment, and just about every other worthwhile cause the community can dream up.

Rolly has also been a principal supporter of the Fallingbrook Community Association and its Canada days, the Cumberland Township Resource Centre and Food Bank as well as the Ray Friel Recreation Centre.

His exceptional support and community spirit have been recognized with certificates of appreciation by the government of Canada (Canada 125 medal), the Township of Cumberland and various community groups including the Fallingbrook Community Association.

On behalf of the community, thank you.



The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to acknowledge the generous contributions made by the following sponsors:



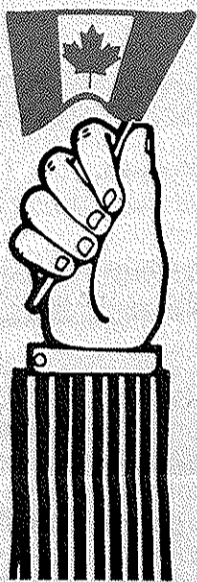


Fireworks display at last years Canada Day celebration

**Canada Day in
Fallingbrook Another
Success**

This year between 10,000 and 20,000 people attended the Canada Day festivities in Fallingbrook. That makes ours the second largest in Ottawa. Our many thanks to the organizers, Paul Pelletier (chair), Dave Berry, George Blake, Barry Bowden, Rob Brulé, Jocelyne Holmes, Debbie Parent, and David Villeneuve, and to the many others from the community association who helped out on July 1. This year's budget was \$15,000, with over \$5,000 in fireworks alone (they spend about \$50,000 on Parliament Hill).

We especially wish to thank our corporate sponsors, whose help is essential to running the show each year. They were: Township of Cumberland, Urbandale, Fallingbrook LOEB, SHL Systemhouse, CHEZ 106, Queenswood PetroCanada, Sealtest, Coldwell Banker Realty, Contemporary Leisure, Valecraft, Tamarack, Holitzner, McNeely Engineering, Woodfield.



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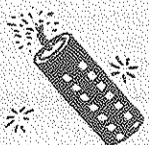


Fallingbrook Canada Day 1995

Presented by the
Fallingbrook Community Association

Saturday July 1, 1995
Noon - 11:30 pm at the Ray Friel Centre

The eight annual Canada Day in Fallingbrook promises to be better than ever. Last year thousands of people participated in the day's festivities culminating with the fireworks display. This year there's something for everyone with continuous entertainment on the main stage guaranteed to prompt the crowd to join in the fun. Why fight the traffic and crowds trying to get downtown when you can walk on over to your very own community spectacular.

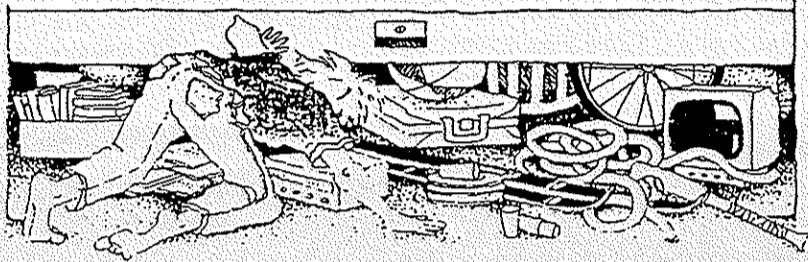


Community Bulletin Board

Fallingbrook Community Garage Sale Saturday May 13

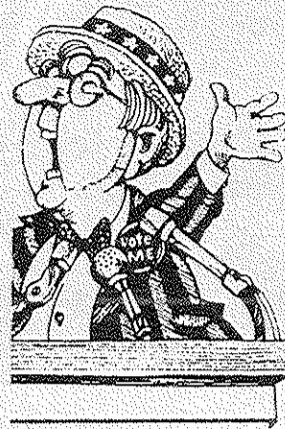
The Fallingbrook Community Association is again organizing its annual community wide garage sale Saturday May 13. This is the day when everyone who wishes to participate holds their own garage sale in their driveway. Because of the large number of garage sales in the same area on the same date, there is lots of traffic and lots of customers, so be sure to join in. We will advertise in the local papers. It's up to you to organize your material. If you live on a side street, you might want to attract more customers by putting up signs at intersections.

The sale starts at 9 a.m. and will be held rain or shine.



Association Communautaire Fallingbrook

Assemblée générale annuelle
mercredi le 3 mai à 20 h
à l'école Fallingbrook
679 Deancourt



Fallingbrook Community Association
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday May 3 at 8 p.m.
Fallingbrook Elementary School
679 Deancourt Crescent

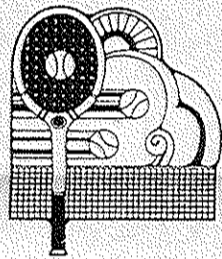
All residents of Fallingbrook are invited to attend the annual general meeting of the Association. The agenda for the evening will include a **key note address by mayor Brian Coburn**, election of officers for the Association for 1995/96, and a review of our activities.

Come out and join us! New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

Tennis Anyone?

The Queenswood/Fallingbrook Tennis Club is pleased to offer 10 courts, 3 of which are clay. The courts are located at Gardenway park, Kinsella park, Dunning Faubert school and Centennial Park.

Interested individuals are encouraged to call Al Tweedle 824-1188, Gerry Tessier 824-8730 or Sandra Pranschke at 824-2053 for more information



Used Bike and Sports Equipment Sale

On Saturday April 29, 9 am to 1 pm, the PTAC of Fallingbrook Community Elementary School will be holding a used bike and sports equipment sale. It will be in the community center room of Fallingbrook School, on Deancourt Crescent at Princess Louise Drive. Items for sale are to be labeled with the seller's name, a description including size, and price, and are to be delivered to the school on Friday April 28 between 6 and 8 pm. 25% of the revenue goes to the school. For further information, call Kim Haines at 837-0414.

Orleans Cooperative Nursery School

The Orleans Co-operative Nursery School, located at 1490 Youville Drive (behind the Orleans Recreational Complex), will be holding an Open House Sunday, April 30, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. For more information, call 837-2979.

The Great Fallingbrook Trivia Challenge

Do you think you're a Fallingbrook trivia buff? Then test your knowledge by taking the Great Fallingbrook trivia challenge. The Fallingbrook resident who gets the most correct answers will win a dinner for two (valued at \$50) at the restaurant of their choice.

To enter, simply send or drop off your completed entry to *The Great Fallingbrook trivia Challenge*, c/o George Blake, 1661 Canemore Crescent, Orleans Ontario, K4A 1S6. All entries must be received before May 3, 1995. The winner will be announced at the associations annual general meeting May 3rd 1995.

Contest Rules: The contest is open to all Fallingbrook residents (with the exception of present and past executive members and their families). In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen by a draw at the Community Associations' annual general meeting.

1) When did the first new 'Fallingbrook' resident move in? (month and year)

A. _____

2) What was the original name of the Fallingbrook Community Association?

A. _____

3) Who started the Fallingbrook Community Association? (name the individual)

A. _____

4) When did Fallingbrook's mailing address change from Navan to Orleans? (month and year)

A. _____

5) In what year was the first Fallingbrook Canada Day held?

A. _____

6) What was the predecessor of Canada day called and when was it first held? (2 pt's)

A. _____

7) When did the Hoskins Court disaster occur? (year and month) (2 pt's)

A. _____

8) When where the Forgie quint's born? (month and year) (2 pt's)

A. _____

9) What street was named to commemorate the Forgie quint's birth?

A. _____

10) Which play structures in Fallingbrook where constructed by volunteers?

A. _____

11) Where were the first two outdoor rinks in Fallingbrook located?

A. _____

12) Name the first school built in Fallingbrook?

A. _____

13) In what year was the Fallingbrook mall completed?

A. _____

13) How many of the original Fallingbrook stores are still open today?

A. _____

15) In what year did the new Sir Wilfrid Laurier school open?

A. _____

16) In what year was the first annual Fallingbrook Community Garage Sale held?

A. _____

17) In what year did the association start awarding 'Best lit street' for Christmas lights? (Bonus points for naming the winning streets)

A. _____

18) In the beginning, what street was used as a short cut into Fallingbrook? (Bonus point for the year it was closed off)

A. _____

19) In what year was Princess Louise Drive completed?

A. _____

20) In what year did the first phase of the Ray Friel centre open?

A. _____

21) Name the first park completed in Fallingbrook?

A. _____

22) According to the Fallingbrook newsletter, what was the population of Fallingbrook in December 1986

A. _____

23) Who was the first President of the Fallingbrook Community Association

A. _____

24) What was the name of the restaurant that closed in the Fallingbrook mall?

A. _____

25) Who is the editor of the Fallingbrook newsletter?

A. _____