

May 1993

Population: 17,401

Residences: 4,715

ASSOCIATION COMMUNAUTAIRE

FALLINGBROOK

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Serving Fallingbrook, Pineridge, Gardenway & Fallingbrook South



Association Communautaire Fallingbrook

Assemblée générale annuelle

jeudi le 13 mai à 20 h 30
à l'école Fallingbrook

Fallingbrook Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Thursday May 13 at 8:30 p.m.
Fallingbrook Elementary School



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 1993/94, and a review of our activities.

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

Fallingbrook's



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This is just an early reminder to circle Thursday, July 1st on your calendar because once again this year we will be putting on a full day of activities for the whole family. The Fallingbrook Community Association is planning the sixth annual Canada Day celebration and it promises to have something for every age group.

The day will feature a pet show, decorated bike contest, kids olympics, a huge Canada Day cake, beer garden, amusement rides, fireworks display and many other events. The main focus again this year is on children's activities but there will be something for everyone including a live band on the main stage during the evening leading up to the fireworks display.

Activities get under way at 1:00 p.m. on the CHEZ-mobile stage and continue throughout the day culminating with the fireworks at 9:50 p.m. Come out and enjoy the day and don't forget we are located at the Ray Friel Centre again this year.

As with past years, we require a number of volunteers for July 1st in order to make the big event a complete success. Anyone wishing to lend a hand, call our volunteer coordinator Debbie Parent at 830-5433.

Recreation

RAY FRIEL CENTRE UPDATE

Cumberland Township will be tendering for a 300 to 350 seat arena late this summer with construction concluding in the fall of 94.

RINK RAP-UP

This was the fourth season for Fallingbrook park and the first for Gardenway on its new hockey rink. A large group of adult volunteers and our paid attendants (all local students), helped provide a couple of well commended ice surfaces. In addition to regular pleasure skating and hockey, the rinks have been used by Day Cares, brownies, scouts and other groups.

Anyone who donates their time toward the community deserves respect and recognition - especially when it may involve hanging on to the wet end of 200 feet of fire hose in minus 30. A big thanks goes out to this season's unsung rink volunteers:

Fallingbrook Park:

Barry Bowden, Don Davidson, Reid Evans, Mike Masek, Ed Merkeley, Mike Northcott, Ghyslain Parent, Paul Pelletier, David Villeneuve, Mark Wilson.

Gardenway Park:

Gerry Aubry, John Bureaux, Tony Coquet, Peter Corcoran, Graig Cosgrove, Tom Crowe, Lewis Dickenson, Paul Dumouchel, Paul Dupuis, Doug Foreman, Alain Godin, Peter Jansen, Neil Kirton, Bill Lamb, Bob Laplante, Olli Laurikinen, Cliff Lebaron, Pat Leblanc, Jacques Leury, Fern Livernoche, Pierre Maheu, Roger Routhier, Mike Saucier, Mike Saumure, Dan Smith, Gerry Watanabe, Tony Zemawovich.

Special thanks goes to the volunteer managers who help coordinate all the efforts and hired the students:

Paul Dupuis, Reid Evans, Cliff Lebaron and Mike Saucier

TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Now that we are all in great shape thanks to the skiing, skating and all this season's extra snow

shovelling, we can look forward to some great tennis. Fallingbrook park's single asphalt court will open unscheduled pick-up games. Our 3 tennis courts at the Gardenway Park (off Arc-en-Ciel and behind Ecole Jeanne Sauve) will soon be open. Once again this year, we will merge the organisation of the courts into a club in conjunction with the Queenswood Heights Tennis Club (QHTC). Players joining the QHTC/Fallingbrook club will share in their ability to reserve at either of the 3 urban tennis centres:

- Gardenway Park (3 courts)
- Kinsella Park (4 courts on Prestwick)
- Centennial Park (3 Har-Tru courts on Amiens).

Members will share in the special tennis events and programs such as:

- Round-robin matches for beginners (Tuesdays) to advanced (Thursday's)
- Ladies Mornings
- Junior Round Robins (Friday's)
- National Capital Tennis Association league matches
- Club Championship

To register, simply go to the tennis office at the back of Jeanne Sauve school. To help pay for court supervision and for the lighting, the club charges \$45 for first adult, \$40 for the second, \$20 for children 12 to 16 and \$15 for children under 12.

As in the past, residents have kindly volunteered to help with the Gardenway courts. **Alain Godin** at 837-7521 will be the court manager. Helping out will be myself and Mike Saucier. If you are interested in assisting, please give Alain a call.

Hope you have a great summer,

Paul Pelletier
Chairman, Fallingbrook Recreation Committee



Community News

Dog and Cat Owners

Dog and cat owners should be aware of municipal bylaws which prohibit any pet from running at large. Dogs must be kept on a 2-meter leash at all times, and the owners must clean up after their animals. Dogs are not permitted to run in parks, both to keep the parks clean and to prevent dogs from frightening children. We have about a 99% rate of responsible owners who follow the laws, but unfortunately it is the other 1% who make these laws necessary. A regional study identified animal feces as the number one cause of pollution in the Rideau and Ottawa Rivers, since that is where the feces ultimately go. Dog and cat feces are also responsible for parasitic infections which can result in blindness in children. To report a violator, call the municipal bylaw enforcement officer at 833-3090.

Decks and Fences

Now that we are in the building season, be advised that you may be required to get a building permit before beginning construction on your property. Fences do not require a permit, but must meet the fence bylaw requirements. Decks or sheds of over 100 square feet require a permit. Any renovation to your house will require a permit. For information, call the Township's Works Department at 830-6204. If you are doing any re-wiring, you would be wise to ask for an inspection by Ontario Hydro at 225-7600. The inspectors will come at the time you agree to, and are very helpful with any problems you may have. And before you dig outside, be sure to call all utilities to get them to mark their services; there is no charge for this.

Say No To Violence

Concerned parents won't want to miss this chance to learn what is being done in the schools to deter violence and how they can complement these programs at home.

A representation by Linda Millar and Bev Millar from the Carleton Board of Education on Values Programs and How to Deter Violence will be held in the cafeteria of Fallingbrook Community Elementary School, 679 Deancourt cres., at 7:30 p.m. Monday May 31. The presentation will be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Fallingbrook School P.T.A.C. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Denise at 837-2046 (evenings)

Neighborhood Watch

The question I get asked all the time is "What is Neighbourhood Watch?" Put simply it is neighbours watching out for neighbours.

A police officer patrolling your street may not recognize a stranger, but your neighbours know who you are, what type of car you own and may be the first to notice suspicious persons.

Summer vacations are quickly approaching us and by being involved in the neighbourhood watch on your street you can be assured that your neighbours are picking up your paper, and keeping an eye on your home, so that you can relax and enjoy your vacation.

Fallingbrook is divided into various sectors with established neighbourhood watches. The program is purely voluntary and it is not necessary to have 100% participation per street, however the more individuals involved the more successful the program will be in your area.

A year and a half ago we moved to Fallingbrook and within two weeks we were greeted by the Captain of our neighbourhood watch. We felt relieved that we had found such good neighbours, since this was our second transfer in two years.

Fallingbrook is made up of hundreds of families such as ours who move around for work, so the turnover is much greater than in other areas. This is why it is important to become acquainted with your neighbours and keep updated to those moving on your street.

If you are new to the area or want to become part of this program please contact me and I will let you know if one exists on your street, or we can set up a program in your neighbourhood.

We will work with the OPP on informing interested individuals of how it all works, provide participants with identification decals for doors and windows, and even lend you an engraver to identify your valuables with.

The program only requires a few hours of your time and can save you from filing police reports for stolen or vandalized belongings.

Fallingbrook Neighbourhood Watch
C. Lahache
834-7874



Education

- The Minister of Education and Training Dave Cooke spoke to residents of Ottawa/Carleton on March 24 summarizing the objectives of his Ministry for the future. The following is a summary of statements which should be of interest to all residents of Fallingbrook. Mr. Cooke noted that the Ministry intends to establish a Royal Commission on Education which will last from 12 to 18 months and will address/rationalize the Ministry's policies concerning the curriculum taught in Ontario schools with an emphasis on how the system and not the students are to be tested.
- Regarding the amalgamation of the multiple boards of education, he stated that while he thought there were too many boards and too much administration, he strongly supported the continued existence of the Roman Catholic School board.
- He noted the destreaming of grade 9 is to commence in the fall of 1993 and discussed a working document on education recently released by the Ministry titled "the Common Curriculum". The Common Curriculum proposes to revise the old curriculum by emphasizing connections between subjects in all grades in a less specific manner under the guise of four general topics: 1. Language; 2. Mathematics, Science and Technology; 3. Self and Society; and 4. the Arts. For those individuals interested in the "reinstatement" of a standards based system of education in Ontario this will not be a welcome change in direction for the education of our children.
- In response to questions about the quality of french language instruction in the region, Mr. Cooke noted that the potential for any new facility at either the secondary or university level is highly unlikely given severe budget constraints at this time. He also noted that solutions to the lack of facilities and/or the sharing of existing resources/facilities is best addressed at the local level and among local boards of education.
- As everyone is aware the annual budgetary process has begun and by the time of publication is likely completed for this fiscal year. I will present in future editions summations of budget information likely of interest to the residents of the area. If you have any questions or concerns regarding educational items having an effect on Fallingbrook I would like to hear from you and am always looking for positive and constructive feedback.
- Jim Elders - Fallingbrook Community Association Education Rep.

Fallingbrook Community *Garage Sale* Sunday May 16

The Fallingbrook Community Association is again organizing its annual community garage sale Sunday May 16. 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 are 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.

