



Old East Village News

Spring 2007

OLD EAST VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Old East Village BIA News

The Old East Village BIA is pleased to announce that a Postal Outlet opened at the Old East Village Hardware Store, 753 Dundas Street, on Monday March 19, 2007. Our sincere thanks goes to proprietor Mr. Chris Reid for securing this much needed service for the area.

As part of the Earth Day celebrations, the Old East Village BIA will be participating in London's 12th Annual Clean and Green Day on Saturday April 21, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. till noon. This will be the 6th year that the BIA has participated in this event. Business, property owners and merchants on the commercial corridor of Dundas Street from Adelaide Street to Charlotte Street and area residents

are invited to join us at Flavours Diner, 761 Dundas Street, for coffee and muffins at 8:30 a.m. before the clean up begins.

At the Old East Village BIA Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday February 28, 2007, Mr. Phil Singeris retired as the Old East Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board Chairperson. Local businessman Mr. Ken Keane is the new Chairperson for the 2007-2011 Board Term.

For information about BIA matters please call 519-645-7662 or check out the BIA web site at www.oldeastvillage.com.

— Submitted by Sarah Merritt

OEVCA Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday, April 19th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Boyle Community Centre, 530 Charlotte Street

Who: All residents of the OEVCA area * may attend;
Members of the OEVCA may vote**

Agenda Items: Update on past year's OEVCA activities

On-going OEVCA activities

OEVCA Board Elections

**** Elections:** Two executive positions will be decided:

Vice-President

One Member-at-Large

Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Only members of the OEVCA are eligible to run, and vote in these elections. Memberships will be available at the door (\$10 per family).

* The Old East Village Community Association takes in the area bounded by:

North: Railroad tracks just north of Central Ave./Elias St.

East: Railroad tracks next to the Kellogg plant

South: Railroad tracks just south of Florence St./Western Fair/York St.

West: Adelaide St.

Old East Village Heritage Conservation District News

Planning Renovations

Planning major exterior renovations – porch replacement, installing siding, replacing windows? Need some tips on how to restore or conserve heritage features?

To preserve the heritage character the Old East Village, now that it is a designated heritage conservation district, you may need a heritage alteration permit for such work. There is no fee for such a permit but there is time required to process it. To find out contact Don Menard, City Heritage Planner at 661-2500 x0267 or check the Old East Homeowner's Heritage Guide sent to each owner last April.

For tips on appropriate materials and suggestions to assist in your projects refer to the Old East Heritage Conservation District –Conservation& Design Guidelines available on line at: <http://www.London.ca>. Copies are located in the Carson Branch, from members of the OEVCA Historical steering committee or on the 6th floor, City Hall.

Old East Live II

*a celebration of
neighbourhood talent –
children, youth, and adults*

**Thursday,
June 7, 2007
at 6:30
Aeolian Hall**

Sponsored by
Lorne Avenue School Council
and the London InterCommunity
Health Centre.

Ticket information available at a
later date by calling the Aeolian
Hall 672-7950 or Lorne Avenue
Public School (452-8340)

There may be some financial assistance available from the London Community Foundation's Endowment Fund for Heritage. For 2007 applications are due April 2nd, 2007. Grants from this source are not automatic and must meet certain criteria. A copy of the application form is available online at: <http://www.lcf.on> Completed applications should be sent to the Heritage Planner, 6th Floor, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, N6A 4L9 prior to the deadline.

– Don Menard, Heritage Planner,
City of London (519-661-2500 x0267)

Queens Avenue Update

The proposed changes to Queen's Avenue was one of the topics of discussion at a community meeting held on January 25 of this year. A preliminary drawing of the changes had been available at the Carson Library for three weeks previous to the meeting for people to review. The drawing was also on display at the meeting where the changes were explained, discussed and questions raised from the audience recorded. The answers to those questions are now posted on the Old East Village Community Association website. The proposed changes for Queen's Ave. are as follows: **that Queen's Ave. be reconfigured to be one-way, one-lane with traffic calming measures including on street parking, curb extensions and a bicycle lane. The bicycle lane will be incorporated into the citywide bicycle path system.** After the discussion, those in attendance gave their endorsement to the proposed changes.

The next steps for this project involve the Engineering department writing a report for the Environment and Transportation Committee, proceeding with design details and tendering the project for construction. We will be

kept informed as to the progress of the project and invited to any meetings where it will be discussed. In the meantime, any further questions that people have or input they wish to give can be directed to the committee members. Hopefully by the end of this year we will have a new Queen's Ave. that is safer and more aesthetically pleasing!

– Frank Filice, Vice President, OEVCA

Queens Park Update

People will have noticed that Queen's Park has a new entrance feature and new posts and banners. The posts serve two functions; one, to hold signage that labels the space as a community park, and two, to allow for the speedier put-up and take-down of fencing that is required for the annual fair. People will also notice that the posts are recessed into the park so that even when fencing is up there will always be a green space for residents to utilize. I am pleased to report that negotiations with the Western Fair has resulted in the Fair agreeing to move events that require fencing-off to be relocated to other areas so that the park can be enjoyed by the community without hindrance. The only exception will be the annual fair, which everyone will agree, is part of the park's tradition and brings lots of people into our community.

The next step for the park is the hiring of a consultant to formulate a master plan that will incorporate design features that make it possible to accommodate the annual fair while transforming the space into an urban park. I encourage everyone to use Queen's Park – take a walk, stop and have a coffee, walk your dog, play with your kids, read a book or daydream under a tree – this is our park!

– Frank Filice, Vice President, OEVCA

OEVCA Garden Club

Are you thinking about gardening, making plans for next this growing season? So is the Garden Club! Last spring and summer we held our Green Day Plant and Compost Sale, an Annual Garden Crawl, the Boulevards are Beautiful Contest and set-up the Tree Nursery. So if you love gardening and socializing, this is the neighbourhood club for you. No experience necessary, just the desire to share ideas and have outdoor fun! But Garden Club and/or OEVCA membership is required (Cost is \$10.00 annually)

Contact me by phone (519-850-1667) or email chair@oevca.ca.

— Annecke Somann, OEVCA President and fellow Gardenista

Boulevards Are Beautiful

Calling on all Old East Village residents to garden their boulevard. Lets keep the rest of London wishing they are living in our colourful neighbourhood where being green is more than just seeing green. Those green thumb boulevard workouts could give you an opportunity to win one of the prizes available when our streets will be perused by the Old East Village judging posse at the end of July. Watch for details to be posted on our website www.oevca.ca.

Communities in Bloom

Judging to take place July 18, 19 and 20, 2007.

London's Communities in Bloom (CiB) is doing a "Show Your Colours" campaign this year. Corals, mauves, burgundies, chocolate, and chartreuse are the chosen colours for 2007.

Looking of inspiration for your boulevard garden this summer, then consider featuring plantings that display the CiB "Show Your Colours" and help Old East gain greater recognition for our neighbourly enthusiasm.

For more information, visit London's CiB Website:

<http://www.londoncib.ca/> or the National Website:

<http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca>

Want to help out with Old East's contributions to CiB, please email Donna Currie: trees4oev@yahoo.ca

Earth Day

Neighbourhood Spring Cleaning

Sunday, April 22nd

Meet at 1:00 p.m. on the north side of

Central Ave. at Elizabeth St.

Join the Old East Garden Club for a spring clean up along Central Avenue, through our neighbourhood, and finishing up in Queens Park for refreshments and light snacks. Bring gloves, garbage bags and your friends to our first guerilla gardening event this year. Don't forget to also bring easy to sow flowering seeds to beautify those soulless areas in Old East.



Old East Green Day

The Old East Garden Club is pleased to partner with the Lorne Avenue parent teacher association to present

COMPOST/MULCH VALUE DAY WITH PLANT EXCHANGE/SALE

Saturday, May 5th from 10 am - 1pm

Drop off plants from 9-10 am (compost available 9am)

Plant sale starts at 10 am until 1 pm.

Lorne Avenue Public School English Street entrance.

Buy TRI-recycle compost from London Composts.

Bag yourself for \$2.00/bag or pre-bagged for \$2.50/bag

Buy pre-packaged mulch @ \$ 4.00/bag

Buy donated plants for 50 cents to \$3.00 each.

Bring your divisions, seedlings or extra bedding plants to swap (straight trade) or to donate for the sale. plants can be dropped off at 9 am to get us started and for set up. the sale will start at 10 am!

Volunteers needed! Find out how you can help!

Call Heather (519-438-8402) or email admin@oevca.ca

Proceeds to the Old East Village Community Association, and to the greening of the school yard fund for lorne avenue public school. The Old East Garden Club thanks London Composts for its generous donation of compost to support our community-building work.



New Faces in the hood

The Village has a few new faces since our last edition.

Christopher Mayberry recently bought a yellow brick bungalow on Quebec Street between Dundas and Queens. Part of the reason he chose Old East was architectural. "The 1910-vintage working-class houses suit my lifestyle, and they're a lot more interesting than those in Old South, or the post-war houses further north."

He also prefers "the cultural ambiance" of the neighbourhood. "I've stayed in Old North and never interacted with my neighbours the way I have since I moved here."

Some of that interaction is in a bricks-and-mortar way; Christopher is a brick and stone mason specializing in restoring old homes, and has already put his touch to a few homes in the neighbourhood. To contact him visit www.oldhome.ca and look for Tacit Brick and Stone in the Advertisers' links.

Michael and Melissa Finch are recently-arrived Old-Easters, and they have their hands full: he's studying geography at Western, she's doing her teaching degree, they're doing extensive renovations to a big house in the heart of Lorne Avenue, and their daughter Rya just celebrated her first birthday.

And the most recent newcomer is Aiden Joshua Logan, who appeared on the scene February 21 – all 10 pounds, four ounces of him. He lives with his parents Steve and Sharlyn, also on Lorne Avenue.

— Ted Town

London InterCommunity Health Centre

659 Dundas St. 519-660-0874

The London InterCommunity Health Centre offers health and social services/programs to individuals, families, and communities. We welcome participation from neighbourhood residents.

Men's Support Groups

- Dealing with Anger Wed. 7-9pm
- Understanding Feelings Sat. 9:30-11:30am. For more information, call John at 519-660-0874 ext. 227.

Multicultural Women's Support Groups

Offered in a number of languages and communities. For more information, call Vindu at 519-660-0874 ext. 251.

Seniors' Drop-In – Wed. 1-3:30pm

Tai Chi classes – Sat. 9:30-11:30am

For more information, call Sarah at 519-660-0874 ext. 275.

Children's Nutrition and Learning Project

Includes a variety of programs run out of Lorne Ave. Public School, Monday – Friday. Volunteers are needed in our nutrition programming; childcare is provided. For more information, call Shelly at 519-660-0874 ext. 254.

Art Group

Runs every other Thursday from 1-3:30pm. Languages spoken include English, Spanish, French, Polish. For more information, call Wanda at 519-660-0874 ext. 248.

Clinical Services

For information on clinical services, call Liz, our Intake Worker, at 519-660-0874 ext.255.

– Shelly Happy, Community Worker

Community policing at its best!

The London Police Service has dedicated members of the Community Foot Patrol Unit to the Old East Village.

Officers Scott Dugdale and Shawn Rutkauskas will be the liaison officers walking in the business district identified as the Old East Village.

The goal of the unit is to provide high visibility patrolling, enhance community relations and partner with the community to proactively address crime. These two officers look forward to meeting the members of the business community and residents. When you see these officers feel free to engage them in conversation regarding issues that are affecting your community.

Currently the officers are assessing the potential for a community office to be set up. A community office is not a police station rather a program coordinated by members of the London Police in partnership with the community. The office would require staffing by volunteers.

If you would be interested in participating in this project or would like to know more about it, please contact:

**Constable Shawn Rutkauskas or
Constable Scott Dugdale
London Police Service,
601 Dundas Street
London, Ontario N6B 1X1
(519) 661-5680**

Consecration Ceremony to be held on May 17th, 2007:

“The London Police Service has embraced the time-honoured tradition of humbly petitioning Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to grant a Coat of Arms, a signal to our Police Service. Members of our staff worked diligently for about twenty months with the Canadian Heraldic Authority to complete the LPS Coat of Arms, which will become the official “Colours” of the London Police Service at a Consecration Ceremony to be held on May 17, 2007 at Wolseley Barracks. This ceremony has been in the planning stages for the past two years and will be the final event of our Service’s 150th Anniversary celebrations. The ceremony will be enhanced by the participation of The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, along with an Honour Guard of 100 officers and 500 invited guests. With the participation of so many members of our Service, both civilian and sworn members of all ranks, we are looking forward to a very meaningful celebration that will reinforce our pride and dedication to the Service and the citizens of London.”

Neighbourhood Watch

HELP WANTED!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

Only job requirements are an interest in working towards a crime free environment and a genuine interest in working with your neighbours & community. **TIME REQUIREMENT:** Minimal once we get it in place **REMUNERATION:** Pride in the neighbourhood, meeting wonderful people etc. To apply call Caroll at 433-7792 or e-mail: redshawlwoman@rogers.com If you are interested, please talk to your neighbours.



Mini Soccer is Back!

LOCATION:

Boyle Community Centre's Field 530 Charlotte Street

WHEN:

Mondays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm for children 4-6 years

Tuesdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm for children 7-9 years

This is a co-ed, non-competitive soccer program running from April – June.

Parent coaches and assistant coaches needed, so express your interest to join in the fun and volunteer to coach or assist in coaching on registration day!

**For registration information call
Michelle Kerr 519-661-2500 ext. 5769.**