

Old East Village Community Association

E-News Edition 2015-12-08

Happy Holidays, OEV'ers!

The holiday season is in full swing so it's time for an update on some of the things going on in Old East Village at the moment and coming up in the new year.

For those who don't want to read a lengthy email, here's the synopsis:

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Please visit the Old East Village Community Exchange website

<http://www.oevcommunityexchange.ca/vote-for-logo.php> to vote for your choice of the 4 great logo submissions in their logo contest. Voting closes December 11th.

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The committee of dedicated OEV volunteers who brought you the Healthy Hearts program this spring is holding their first planning meeting for the 2016 event on Monday, December 21st/15 at 6:30pm at Lifespin. All are welcome! Please RSVP by email to Carole Perraud-Joly at carolepfr@hotmail.fr if you are interested in attending.

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It's never been easier to shop local. This year, we have an unprecedented number of merchants in and around the Old East Village area who have exquisite goods available for all of your holiday shopping needs. Please make sure you check with your favourite merchants for their holiday hours. Our merchants work hard to serve our community and they deserve some time off to spend with friends and family, too.

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You've heard the saying "It takes a Village" and now we're putting that phrase into action. There is a group of eager volunteers who are working feverishly to put together the next issue of the OEV news. Keep an eye out for it in January! Better still...track down Jennifer Diplock at diplock.jennifer@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved!

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The winter OEVCA General Meeting and Soiree is planned for Friday, January 29th at Aeolian Hall. We're very excited to enjoy this event on a Friday this coming year so the wee ones can stay a little later to dance before heading home for bedtime. Mark your calendars. The Soiree is always just what we need to help with the winter doldrums!

For those of you who like to read an email all the way to the end, here are the full details!



Old East Village Community Exchange Program Logo Contest Voting

<http://www.oevcommunityexchange.ca/vote-for-logo.php>

The Old East Village Community Exchange Program (OEV CEP) is a project partnership between the London Intercommunity Health Centre (LIHC) and the Old East Village Community Association (OEVCA) with support from Ontario SEO. With funding obtained through grants, these organizations along with their very talented volunteer committee are making the ability to network with your neighbours easier and more accessible.

If any of you are members of the OEVCA Facebook Group, you know that collaboration and community assistance is already happening organically in the OEV area. For example, you'll often see posts for residents looking for assistance with yard work, borrowing tools, requests for transportation, seeking reliable contractors, etc. Sometimes a financial arrangement is made between residents and sometimes, the old fashioned barter system makes a fine currency (I'll rake your leaves if you can install my exterior flood light). More often than not, neighbours help one another out of the goodness of their hearts.

The Community Exchange Program endeavours to make the talents and skills of our local residents easier to access with a searchable database of willing participants and details about their talents and skills. You can both offer your own talents or skills that you're willing to share with others and look for other residents who may be able to assist you with a need for assistance.

The CEP committee is working out the final details of their web interface (we had a chance to preview it at the last OEVCA monthly meeting and it's terrific), their logo contest is in full swing (more on that in a moment) and they're looking for OEV residents to act as block connectors. This volunteer position is best suited to people who are comfortable (or better yet...eager) to get out and chat with the neighbours on their blocks to explain what we're trying to achieve with the Community Exchange Program and help get them involved if they'd like to do so.

Four savvy OEV residents have submitted logos that they have designed for the OEV CEP program. The OEV CEP team now wants to hear from you...yes, you! They'd like to know which one you like best. Click the following link

<http://www.oevcommunityexchange.ca/vote-for-logo.php> to place your vote by Friday, December 11th/2015 (one vote per person only, please). We'll find out soon which entry has won and who submitted it!



Healthy Hearts

<http://www.oevca.ca/index.php/healthy-hearts>

Healthy Hearts 2015 was made possible through the use of a Sparks grant. This 8-day program encouraged OEV residents to get outside, get moving and get up to speed on healthy diet choices, too. There were activities for every interest including (but not limited to) dodgeball, yoga, neighbourhood walks, taekwondo and so much more. It was very well received in the OEV community. So much so, that we're planning to do it again in 2016!

The Healthy Hearts Planning Committee is eager to have more participants join in the fun. They invite you to attend their first planning meeting for the 2016 Healthy Hearts event. The meeting will be held on Monday, December 21st/15 at 6:30pm at Lifespin. All are welcome! Please RSVP by email to Carole Perraud-Joly at carolepfr@hotmail.fr if you are interested in attending.



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We also have a number of volunteer opportunities. Join us at our meeting and to find out how you can get involved. Some of our volunteers like to be very active and busy and some prefer to help in very specific ways. There is definitely something for everyone and many hands make light work!



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The Old East Village News is a well loved, volunteer produced publication that connects our community in so many ways. Though technological developments like social media have brought connectivity to a whole new level, a Facebook post or a Twitter tweet can never replace the joy and satisfaction of sitting down with your morning coffee and reading the local news and you can't get more local than a neighbourhood news publication!!

This community is blessed with more people willing to get involved than I've ever seen in other neighbourhoods. OEV volunteers are unprecedented in participating willingly in any way that they can for as long as they can. Sometimes circumstances change and there are unexpected opportunities to get involved. The newsletter is one of these special opportunities!

We're working hard to produce the next edition for early in the new year but many hands make light work. If you'd like to write a story or article, contact merchants for advertising opportunities, deliver the finished paper to the houses on your block, etc there are no shortage of opportunities to get involved with the OEV News.

Please contact Jennifer Diplock (who has graciously stepped in as interim editor) at diplock.jennifer@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.