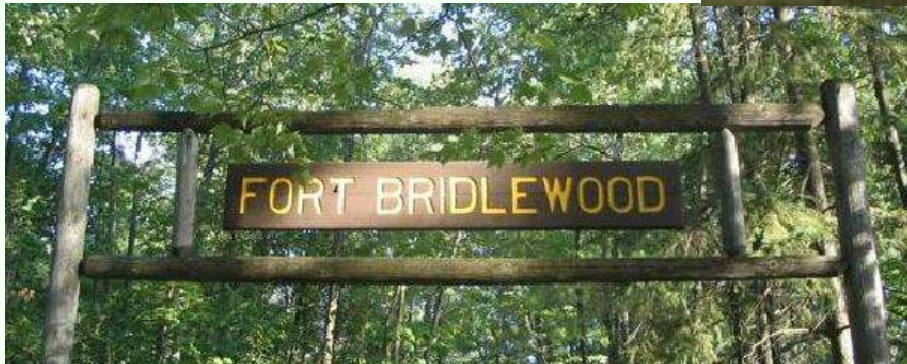


# Bridlewood

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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# Mission Statement

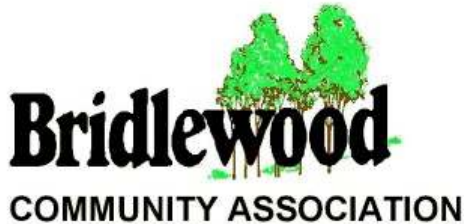
Bridlewood has long been described as a great place to live, work and play. With these tenets in mind, the Bridlewood Community Association is committed to fostering a sense of neighbourhood community through social, sport and educational activities. We seek to instill a sense of neighbourhood pride and co-operation through efforts involving many, and for the benefit of all. Maintaining strong ties with all levels of government and City services, we will diligently serve as advocate for the residents of Bridlewood and Emerald Meadows and will work to facilitate change, or impede that change, as best benefits the interests of the community. Acting as a central resource and sounding board, we will provide a forum for dialogue and sharing ideas, and provide a link to residents in our community for the purposes of communication and information. The Bridlewood Community Association, through all of its activities, will always work in the best interests of the community, strengthening our ties and reaching out to all residents.

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## September 2011—August 2012

### Executive Committee

Margaret Kellaway	President
Stephen Kidd	1st Vice President
Brenna Dube	2nd Vice President
David Hall	Treasurer
Brenda Merkley	Secretary

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### Committee Chairs

Brenna Dube	Annual BBQ
Jas Jassal	Corporate Memberships
Marc Favreau	Development
Allen Bursey	Outdoor Rinks
Stephen Kidd	Residential Memberships
Heather Kirk	Safety
Sam Dolliver/ Jen Warren	Social
Laura Higgins	Spring Sports
Don Smordin	Street Reps
Susan Wehrmann	Volunteers
Mark Newell	Website

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Altagracia Espinosa	Photographer
Dina Bell-Laroche	True Sport Advisor
Geraldine Robinson	Communications

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As I finish my second year as BCA President I am impressed by the people of Bridlewood who go out of their way to help make this a great place to live, work and play. I am very fortunate to work with an amazing Executive Committee, Stephen Kidd, Brenna Dube, David Hall and Brenda Merkley, who give countless hours to the community. As well, all of the Committee Chairs that take responsibility for a portfolio and work hard to achieve that Committee's goals.

All in all it has been a very busy year at our meetings. Local development has been the topic of a number of our meetings and residents have had the opportunity to see plans, make comments and ask questions about the 74 Equestrian Drive and the roundabout and construction on Stonehaven as well as hear more about the Hope Lands development. We also provided residents an opportunity to learn more about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch on their street, ask questions of a City of Ottawa By-Law Officer, deal with graffiti in our neighbourhood, discuss signage in our parks, control invasive plants, talk to Hydro Ottawa staff about local outages and find out more about Ecology Ottawa.

Our Social Committee finished another busy year with highlights including the December Social, 3rd Annual March Break Family Movie Night and the Big Bridlewood Garage Sale. The 7th Annual Member and Volunteer Appreciation BBQ was another huge success.

On the Sports side, the True Sport Play Day in May was attended by over 240 children from 5 local schools and the Spring Sports Program continues to provide children from 4—12 with an opportunity to be active, have fun, learn new skills and play with their neighbours all while learning about softball, soccer and Ultimate Frisbee. A new event, the Bridlewood Family Bike Chase took place on September 15th.

A survey was developed on Survey Monkey to gauge residents feelings about the parks in Bridlewood, what they enjoyed and what additions or changes they would like to see. One focus was on tennis courts in Bridlewood as we currently do not have any. The survey is still open and the link can be found on our website. Results will be discussed at our October meeting.

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Our School Outreach program also continued last year with visits to School Council meetings of all 7 elementary schools where they were given an overview of BCA activities and presented with a \$500 donation from the BCA. We continue to try to improve communication by providing schools with regular updates of BCA events and advertising their events on our website and at our meetings. We also set up Outreach tables at Roch Carrier's Health and Wellness event, WOMfest and Roch Carrier's Rocking Family Fun night in June.

Our Corporate Membership program got underway this past year with 13 new corporate members. The fees and donations collected will go to support BCA events.

We continually work on improving communication with Bridlewood residents. Our main mode of communication is the BCA website at [www.bridlewood.ca](http://www.bridlewood.ca) but we also have a very active Facebook page and post on Twitter. We also would like to thank the Kanata Courier/EMC for publishing our articles and covering BCA events. The monthly BCA updates will continue to be sent by email to all residents who have registered on our website and we will once again mail a Spring Newsletters to all Bridlewood residents.

Over the next year I will continue to work towards increasing the profile of the BCA in our community. We rely on the \$10 Annual Family Membership paid by our supporting members to offer the social, sports and community events that we have in the past. Your paid membership also shows support for the work that we do and gives us a stronger voice when representing you to the City or Developers.

In closing, I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers that I haven't mentioned earlier: coaches, Spring sports team managers, rink volunteers, event volunteers, meeting attendees and everyone else who took some time to contribute to our Community. I am very proud to be a member of this vibrant, caring community.

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**BCA 2011/12**  
**Budget vs Actual**

Category	Delegate	Budget	Actual	Notes
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Memberships	Stephen	6,000.00	5,050.00	600 estimated memberships @ \$10 each
Rink Grants - City of Ottawa	Allen	12,800.00	13,375.00	From last years actual grants (not including Meadowbreeze Rink)
Spring Sports	Laura	30,000.00	25,165.00	Estimate based on last year
Interest	Brenda	500.00	754.57	Assuming stable market
Corporate Memberships	Jas	300.00	550.00	Renewal and new
Corporate Donations	Jas	100.00	190.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>49,700.00</b>	<b>45,084.57</b>	

**Expenses:**

<b>General Administration:</b>				
AGM expenses	Margaret	50.00	56.16	Refreshments
Insurance	Dave	1,300.00	1,209.60	Based on last year
Other Admin	Dave	200.00	287.76	Bank charges, PO Box rental, cheques
Misc other Exec direct costs	Margaret	250.00	186.27	\$200 estimate President misc + \$50 other Exec misc
Donations	Margaret	3,500.00	3,500.00	7 Elementary School councils at \$500 each
Communications	Geraldine	3,500.00	1,416.53	1 Newsletters "K2M" homes
Answering Service	Margaret	100.00	83.50	
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,900.00</b>	<b>6,739.82</b>	

<b>Membership Committee:</b>				
Membership drive	Stephen	400.00	412.45	Ads, membership cards, postage
Online registrations	Dave	1,200.00	1,075.50	Online registration and monthly fees
Corporate memberships	Jas	200.00	44.56	Photocopying, Misc
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>1,532.51</b>	

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# Treasurer's Report

*David Hall*



Category	Delegate	Budget	Actual	Notes
<b>Safety Committee:</b>				
Events, posters etc	Heather	400.00	200.00	Events, signs, safety demonstrations etc
<b>Total</b>		<b>400.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	

<b>Rinks Committee:</b>				
Grant to Scouts	Allen	2,500.00	2,500.00	Yearly, per agreement—Bluegrass rink
Out of pocket & new shovels	Allen	1,200.00	1,193.51	Volunteer costs & other supplies, gift cert
Volunteer party	Allen	300.00	288.70	Includes Hockey Day in Kanata
Snow blower honorariums	Allen	500.00		As per agreement, \$250 per snow blower purchase to be used for rinks
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>	<b>3,982.21</b>	

<b>Sports Committee:</b>				
Paul Van Steen Award	Margaret	325.00	323.45	Award, photo copies etc
Respect in Sports	Margaret	2,200.00		Activity Leader and Parent
Miscellaneous	Margaret	200.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,725.00</b>	<b>323.45</b>	

<b>Spring Sports Committee:</b>				
Hall Rental	Laura	100.00	51.19	Registration and Equipment sorting
News Paper Ads	Laura	800.00	435.85	Includes new signs
Office Supplies	Laura	100.00	53.02	Pens, receipt books, etc.
Photocopies	Laura	200.00	20.29	Printing flyers, manuals, team lists, etc.
Team shirts	Laura	6,000.00	4,695.31	T shirt for each child and coach
Player Equipment	Laura	9,000.00	5,165.05	Hats, bags, socks, Frisbees etc (one per child)
Field Rentals	Laura	2,500.00	1,550.48	City of Ottawa
Equipment	Laura	1,250.00	772.82	For equipment replacement/ renewals
Medals	Laura	2,750.00	2,369.83	1 for each child participating
Pizza	Laura	2,000.00	1,534.82	For last day (from Domino's, includes tip)
Drinks	Laura	300.00	120.00	Sunny D for last game
Team Photos	Laura	4,000.00	3,280.00	\$5 each
Gift Certificates	Laura	1,000.00	710.00	\$10, one for each coach, volunteer
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>20,758.66</b>	

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# Treasurer's Report

*David Hall*



Category	Delegate	Budget	Actual	Notes
<b>True Sport Committee:</b>				
Misc expenses	Margaret	500.00	566.19	Street Signs, paint etc.
Play day	Margaret	1,200.00	568.28	Play in the park
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>1,134.47</b>	

<b>Social Committee:</b>				
Kanata Canada Day donation	Jen & Sam	1,000.00	1,000.00	Donation
Annual Bridlewood Garage Sale	Jen & Sam	600.00	410.95	Ad for Citizen, Kourier and the Penny Saver, signage
Dec mtg - holiday season	Jen & Sam	300.00	234.47	
Volunteer BBQ	Brenna	2,000.00	1,748.09	Honorariums, food, clowns, juggler etc
Misc Expenses	Margaret	400.00		Volunteer acknowledgment/recognition
Additional Social Event	Jen & Sam	400.00	306.22	March break at EJCC
Street parties	Jen & Sam	1,000.00	700.00	10 @ \$100 each
Street Rep expenses	Don	500.00	257.85	Misc
Street Party Kits	Jen & Sam	200.00	40.00	Tug of war rope, potato sacks, etc.
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,400.00</b>	<b>4,697.58</b>	

<b>Website:</b>				
Misc Expenses	Mark N	200.00	145.95	Domain, DNS, SSL
Miscellaneous				
<b>Total</b>		<b>200.00</b>	<b>145.95</b>	

**Total Expenses** **56,625.00!** **39,514.65**

**Estimated Excess of Rev Over Expenses** **-6,925.00** **5,569.92!**

<b>Capital Item Expenses - non core park (as permitted by BCA Constitution Art 24(d))</b>				
<b>Total One Time Capital Expenditures</b>				

<b>Park Fund Expenditures</b>				
Core Park (Partnership)	Margaret	10,000.00	63.13	BCA portion of cost
<b>Total Park Fund Expenditures</b>		<b>10,000.00</b>		

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# Residential Memberships

*Stephen Kidd*



## **Membership statistics**

Residential memberships were tracked using regular database exports. The year ended with 1175 members, of which 505 are supporting members.

## **Membership contact**

Each time a new membership payment automated email notification was received from the website a personalized email of thanks was sent to the new member. In one case of a new member not having an email account, a hard copy welcome package was delivered to her home.

A handful of members requesting assistance by email when using the website also received responses.

## **Outreach Activities**

Outreach was conducted by setting up a BCA table with display board and literature at the Rochin' Family Fun Fair (Margaret present) and the WOMFest (Geraldine, Margaret and Stephen present). There were numerous good conversations with residents, increasing awareness of our activities and new members signed up.

The annual Volunteer and Member Appreciation BBQ was a push for this year's membership drive using email, Facebook and twitter to get the word out, as well as the local newspapers.

## **Support to Corporate Memberships**

The chair worked together with the Corporate Membership Chair, helping to update and mail merge the appeal letter and membership form for local businesses and helped deliver them by hand.

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During 2011-2012, with Stephen Kidd's assistance, I launched a revised Corporate Membership program in full gear. As the Committee chair, I wanted to kick-start the Corporate Membership program by delivering letters to most store front businesses in Bridlewood. With our first Launch we were able to sign up 13 corporate members: 62 South Hair Studio, Bridlewood Drug Mart, Bridlewood Home Hardware, Eagleson Place Physiotherapy & Sports Rehab, Global Pet Foods, Hair Tech 2000, Herbal 1, Kanata Bridlewood Optometric Centre, Lambden Windows and Doors, Speedy Auto Service, State Farm Insurance (Ken Leslie), The Cooperators (Wes Zacharuk) and Tiny Hoppers

BCA Corporate members are listed on the Business Directory on our website and the membership fees support BCA activities. Some of the businesses also made donations to support the 2012 BCA Member and Volunteer Appreciation BBQ and the Bridlewood Family Bike Chase.

#### Future Outlook for 2012- 2013

- 1) Introduce corporate memberships to remaining store front as well as home based businesses within Bridlewood.
- 2) Improvements to the BCA website and Business Directory that will show a business card like LOGO, Business Type, Location and summary of what they do.
- 3) Work with interested Corporate Members to develop a loyalty card program offering discounts or special promotions to BCA members.
- 4) Present a plaque to each corporate member acknowledging their support for BCA.
- 5) Hold a Businesses Networking meet and greet event. Perhaps a small trade show, showcasing the products and services of the business.
- 6) Work with Telix Digital Signage to find host locations and advertisers for their Community information boards which will benefit BCA by offering free advertising for our events as well as a percentage of proceeds from any businesses we enlist.

Lastly we continue to look for volunteers to help with residential and corporate memberships as we continue to grow. Volunteers are always appreciated for any of our events and we are happy to provide community service hours to high school students. So Get Involved and get Networked.

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# Social Report

*Sam Dolliver and Jen Warren*

During the 2011-2012 season the social committee strived to bring family friendly events that appealed to everyone in the community. In the next year we hope to have the same successes as last year.

Our events for 2011-2012 included:

**December Social.** We hosted our December Social in the Bill Morgan room at Eva James. Members of the community were encouraged to come out and join us for games, prizes and refreshments (including a chocolate fountain).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual March Break Family Fun Night.** This event was hugely popular. We advertised for the event through Facebook, Twitter and sent out invites to all the local schools. We had over 175 People come out to join us to watch Puss & Boots. Freshly popped popcorn and a snack pack (juice box, granola bar, crayons, colouring sheets) for the kids were provided. This event has outgrown the resources of The Eva James Community Centre, and will need to find a new location for the 2012-2013 year.

**The Big Bridlewood Garage Sale** was held on the first Saturday in June. Unfortunately, it did rain but there were several of participating houses. We purchased 15 new signs, to add to the original 19 storage. After the event was all said and done, the signs were retrieved Saturday afternoon, and there was only 3 missing. There are 31 signs for distribution in June 2013. We advertised for the sale online mostly, usedottawa, kijiji, Facebook, the website, Twitter and through local businesses.

We also assisted Brenna with the Annual Membership BBQ. Creating a "mini-Bridlewood" that included a school, ice cream truck, "splash pad", Gabriel's pizza, mini roundabout and cars the children could use to play.

The Social Committee is always looking for ideas for new activities as well as volunteers to help with events and we are happy to provide community service hours to high school students.

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# Annual Member and Volunteer BBQ

*Brenna Dube*



On Saturday June 30, the BCA held its 7th Annual Volunteer and Member Appreciation BBQ. The weather was beautiful and fun was had by all as over 300 BCA members and volunteers gathered at the Eva James Memorial Community Centre.

We had several new participants, such as the Ottawa 67s mascot Riley Raccoon, Ecology Ottawa and the Ottawa Public Library bookmobile, as well as a great display on the new Roundabout on Stonehaven.

Our local firefighters, Can-Bike and the Ottawa Police were all on hand to provide interesting and fun information for adults and children alike. The clown created balloon animals for the children. A bit thank you to our enthusiastic volunteers for providing face painting, as well as Jen Warren and Sam Dolliver for creating a mini-version of Bridlewood.

This year's demonstrations in the gym featured the 872 Kanata Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron Drill team, Brinkeetos and Amama yoga.

Many thanks to the master BBQers from the 872 Kanata Kiwanis Air Cadet Squadron Sponsoring Committee, as well as Tim Hortons and Laura's Your Independent Grocer for food donations, and our corporate sponsors: State Farm Insurance, Bridlewood Home Hardware, Global Pet Foods and Net Chill Media Group Inc.

The BBQ committee has already started thinking about what can be done for the 2013 BBQ!! We are always looking for new volunteers, suggestions and feedback from our Members. Please send me a note at [BBQ@bridlewood.ca](mailto:BBQ@bridlewood.ca).

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# Sports Report

*Margaret Kellaway*

The Paul Van Steen Sport Achievement Award was developed to honour the memory of a long-time Bridlewood resident and key founder of many of the sports programs in Bridlewood. The award is designed to recognize a Bridlewood Athlete over 16 who displays excellence in competitive or demonstrative sport. Our 2011



recipient was Lindsay Cook. Lindsay is a dedicated baseball player who represented Ontario in the Women's National Championships in Toronto in 2010 and 2011. She played Competitive A baseball with KLLBA and AA baseball with the Ottawa Royals. Lindsay was selected as Athlete of the Year by Holy Trinity Catholic High School in 2010 and 2011 where she was part of the basketball, volleyball and boy's Varsity Baseball Team. On top of all this, Lindsay has volunteered with a baseball camp, been assistant coach of a KYBA Major Atom girl's team and coached the grade 7/8 boy's volleyball team at Holy Trinity.



The 5th Annual True Sport Play Day took place on Friday, May 18 at the Deevy Pines Ball Diamond. The weather was perfect and over 240 children from 5 local schools joined us to learn about True Sport, play games based on the True Sport Values and meet Esther Akinsulie, our Guest Athlete. Esther competes all over the world in track in the 200 m and 400 m, was a hopeful for the 2012 London Olympics and was the first recipient of the Paul Van Steen Sports Achievement Award.

Many thanks go to Dina Bell-Laroche for helping to organize, as well as Ines Lopes-Espinosa and Youth on the Move for helping to run the stations. The schools that participated were: Bridlewood, Elisabeth Bruyere, Roch Carrier, St. Anne and WO Mitchell.



This summer we were once again able to offer free Outdoor Yoga classes. Many thanks to Jennifer who stepped forward to teach Yoga classes on Thursday evenings. We would also like to thank St. Anne School for allowing us to use their yard. We hope to continue these and add new programs for next year. If you would like to start a club (such as running, walking, or other sports) or offer your teaching skills, please contact Margaret at [pres@bridlewood.ca](mailto:pres@bridlewood.ca).

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# Spring Sports

*Laura Higgins*



The 2012 Spring Sports season was very successful, though registration was lower than last year. The younger age levels of soccer and baseball continue to be the most popular sports. The older age levels have fewer and smaller teams. Advertising aimed at the older age group may help increase registration for next year. Word of mouth, newspaper ads, BCA emails and the website are helpful. We added some new signs posted in the neighbourhood and are open to any new suggestions for next year to get the word out. This will hopefully increase the number of participants and also remind parents of the registration deadlines so the late registrations are minimized.

We opened up an opportunity for high school students to earn some of their volunteer hours for credit and had several positive responses. We will continue to offer this opportunity for our older youth next year.



There have been requests for next year to open up a grade 7/8 baseball and/or soccer division, in addition to the Ultimate Frisbee. We will work on a few viable options for this age group. Typically the registration is low for recreational sports for this age group, however, if there is interest out there, we would like to accommodate everyone possible.

We are also planning to make a few changes to the JK soccer program for next year. We are hoping to increase the time spent playing and handling the ball, while still keeping the very important skills component of the program. We are also hoping to increase the number of participants by adding on another field which could ultimately eliminate the waiting list. Several parents have inquired about putting younger children in the JK program. A future endeavor may be to create a preschool program for ages 3-4 years provided we have an appropriate program, enough field space, enough interest and also enough coaches. Nothing has been planned for next year at this time.

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# Spring Sports

*Laura Higgins*



We purchased some new helmets and t-balls for the baseball teams and some new soccer balls for the soccer program. We also plan to purchase some small pop up soccer nets for the JK soccer program. All of these items are able to be purchased within the budget for this year.

A few people have expressed an interest in running an equipment exchange program for next year. It would likely be a community event which would service all of Bridlewood, not just the Spring Sports Program. If this is possible, further information may be posted on the BCA website and in newsletters.

This year we arranged for each child registered in the Spring Sports program to receive a sling bag with the Bridlewood logo on it. They also received a team shirt, team photo, medal, and year end pizza party. Any new ideas for next year are always welcome.

We partnered again this year with Respect in Sport who develop and offer on-line training for coaches. We also offered a Parent course to all BCA members.

The on-line registration is still the most popular form for families. We had one in-person registration that brought in a few people. As we still receive some of our registration in person, we will continue with one in-person registration day in 2013.

Fees were kept the same as last year with the family discounts still in place. The fees were \$40 for one child/sport, \$80 for 2 children/sports, \$100 for 3 children/sports and \$120 for 4 children/sports. After that, other sports / children were free. The company who supplies our team shirts indicated that the cost of the shirts has gone up, but they were generous enough to offer us the same price as last year. They did indicate that the cost will go up slightly next year. If the City increases the cost of the field rental significantly, we may need to increase fees, however, we hope to be able to offer the same fees for at least one more year.

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# Spring Sports

*Laura Higgins*



Communications for Spring Sports included e-mails to all 2011 participants in January seeking volunteers for the 2012 season. An article and a paid ad were published in the Kanata Courier/EMC announcing upcoming registration dates. Emails were also sent to all BCA members and registration information was posted on the website. Most schools posted information in their newsletters.

This year's weather was somewhat better than last year. There were several forecast thunderstorms, but many did not appear and allowed the kids to play. We did have to call a few games due to thunder and lightning for the safety of all participants. We had a few very hot and humid days but the kids all seemed to enjoy the sports regardless and were well hydrated with the encouragement of coaches and parents.

Many parents would welcome a summer program allowing allow our community to participate in a recreational program at an easily affordable cost and a small time commitment. The availability of the fields is still the biggest barrier; however, If any field availability can be found, we will try to run a soccer program for the younger grade levels.

Soccer	2012		2011	
	teams	children	teams	children
JK Soccer	10	112	10	110
SK Soccer	8	96	8	103
1/2 Soccer	12	169	14	207
3/4 Soccer	6	85	8	99
5/6 Soccer	4	40	4	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>580</b>

Softball	2012		2011	
	teams	children	teams	children
JK/SK T-Ball	6	54	6	48
1/2 JCP	4	36	4	38
3/4 ICP	4	28	2	23
5/6 SCP	2	19	2	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>133</b>

Ultimate Frisbee	2012		2011	
	teams	children	teams	children
	2	17	2	18

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>731</b>
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This past winter we were able to have the last 2 of our 9 rinks have water sources installed. These in ground water sources were installed at Shetland Park and Stonemeadow Park. We are so thankful to Councillor Alan Hubley and the City of Ottawa for these installations.

Now, after a good first snowfall with the snow packed down and cold enough temperatures, it is now possible to have these rinks skateable within 24 to 48 hours of their initial flooding. Prior to this, these two rinks would take several weeks to prepare because our volunteers would have to wait for 1 to 3 floodings a week from a water truck that would or would not be able to come because of the weather.

This past winter was especially challenging for our volunteers at all our rinks, because of the increased frequency of unusually warm weather episodes. Some rinks also experienced vandalism and we encourage our neighbours to report any suspicious behaviour immediately to the police, and to notify me at [rinks@bridlewood.ca](mailto:rinks@bridlewood.ca)

This winter, our nine in ground water source rinks will be at:

Rinks with boards: Bluegrass, Huntsman, Mattawa and Meadow Breeze Parks

Rinks without boards: Black Tern, Sawyers Meadow, Scissons, Shetland Park, and Stonemeadow Parks

Bridlewood residents can find out the condition of each of these local rinks by using the website [OttawaRinkConditions.ca](http://OttawaRinkConditions.ca)

Anyone interested in helping at any of these rinks this winter to snowblow, shovel, or flood just need to contact me at [rinks@bridlewood.ca](mailto:rinks@bridlewood.ca) The more volunteers we have the easier it is for everyone. Especially with snowblowing and shoveling after each snowfall. Thanks again to the many volunteers that helped us maintain our nine rinks last year and helped participate in the Hockey Cay in Canada celebration. Looking forward to another exciting winter season, including participation in the National Hockey Day in Canada Celebration this February.

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The past year the BCA Development Committee has provided comments on numerous development issues affecting Bridlewood residents. Specifically the BCA provided comments and recommendations related to the development on Hope Lands and 74 Equestrian.

### **Hope Lands:**

Following a thorough review of the Subdivision draft plan, the BCA decided not to appeal the development to the Ontario Municipal Board. Further comments were provided to the City of Hall Planning and Growth Management Department that highlight the needed for appropriate transportation measures throughout the entire subdivision. In addition, the BCA recommended the Monahan Drain Constructed Wetland facility be upgraded prior to any development. This is a major development and one that will affect current and future residents of Bridlewood and, as such, the Development Committee will monitor it as it develops.

### **74 Equestrian:**

This development backs onto Spur and Waymark Crescent and the plans were presented at our October 2011 meeting with adjustments presented at our April 2012 meeting. The new development will directly impact residents, therefore the BCA provided recommendations to the City pertaining the rezoning and development. The BCA will continue to monitor this development and address any related concerns.

At the February 2012 general meeting, City of Ottawa staff presented plans for the construction of a roundabout on Stonehaven and gave residents the opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions.

The review and comments provided could only have been done with support of the members of the BCA Development Committee. If you would like more information on this committee, please contact me at [dev@bridlewood.ca](mailto:dev@bridlewood.ca)

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## Bridlewood Street Reps *Don Smordin*



Street Reps are seen as the backbone of the BCA. Their responsibilities include being aware of what is on the minds and hearts of Bridlewood residents and providing input to the Executive and help form policy and programs. They also help make BCA activities and goals known to residents and contribute to community building by promoting and helping organize street parties and BCA Activities as they're able.

We increased our number of street reps to 44 this past year and hope to add at least another 6 in 2012-2013. This year the focus has been on continuing to creating community and a forum for the street reps to encourage them and make space for their ideas and input. We continued to use Street Rep Kits to initiate new street reps.

The Street Rep Committee held 6 "Street Reps Coffee Klatch" evening in the past year. We moved to a meeting room in Stonehaven Manor so that we could have better discussions and include all attendees. Although the venue was more conducive to discussion, attendance has dropped and we will look for an alternate location for next year. Coffee, juice, soft drinks and snacks were provided. I also held a Street Rep Appreciation Pot Luck BBQ in my back yard for reps and their spouses—there were 20 people in attendance.

Feedback from Street Reps indicate that the new traffic circle, noise and vibration from development construction and speed reduction on residential streets for child safety are of major concern to residents.

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Street parties were also something we encouraged street reps to use to promote community in Bridlewood. The executive revamped the street party funding policy to \$5 per home invited up to a maximum of \$100. There were 7 requests for Street Party Funding in 2011-2012. This funding can be applied for by an BCA member in good standing who is organizing a street party. In addition to the funds, the BCA also offered out on loan its large BBQ, shelter tent and an assortment of equipment for games. We will continue to publicize the street party funding program and its use not only for summer BBQ's but also Christmas parties or other occasions.

The street rep program continues to grow and we trust it will continue to as more and more street reps are becoming active and a core number of street reps are initiating creative input. I would like to thank those volunteers for their efforts during this past year.

If you would like more information on the Street Rep program, please contact me at [streetreps@bridlewood.ca](mailto:streetreps@bridlewood.ca).

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# Community Safety

*Heather Kirk*



The safety committee continued its role as a community facilitator and communication venue, working with Neighbourhood Watch to communicate activities and concerns in our community through regular posting of the weekly crime reports on the BCA website; through specific communications when warranted by incidents of concern. Trends in criminal activity were followed and advice, tips and recommendations to residents to help them stay safe were created.

In this same vein, the committee worked closely with Ottawa Police communicating messages to residents as requested, gathering advice and soliciting their involvement as needed to resolve resident concerns.

In several instances residents communicated concerns with the safety committee about incidents affecting their families and neighbourhoods and the committee worked with appropriate city officials to offer solutions and ideas for resolution.

The committee also worked directly with several schools in the area to communicate resident concerns over youth cycling and over cycling safety when a local youth was involved in an altercation with a vehicle. At least one school was prompted to engage Can-Bike in bike safety classes for students.

At the annual volunteer BBQ, Ottawa Police and Fire were on hand again to provide information, answer questions and engage the children in a variety of ways. Can-Bike was on hand conducting bike safety lessons, examining bikes and speaking with parents about appropriate helmet fitting and footwear.

No expenses were incurred by the committee with the exception of \$200 for Can-Bike's attendance at the BBQ. A new Safety Committee Chair is required for 2012-2013, please contact Margaret at [pres@bridlewood.ca](mailto:pres@bridlewood.ca) for more information.

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## Website

*Mark Newell*



The Bridlewood Community Association Website remains the main source of information for Bridlewood residents and it is challenging to keep it up-to-date. As such a committee was formed to look at alternative website platforms that would allow each committee chair to update their own information. This will assist us in providing more timely updates to our members as well as a more attractive and easier to navigate website. Work will continue on the new website with a goal of launching this winter.

Spring Sports registration continues to be one of our major undertakings with improvements occurring every year. Over 95% of Spring Sports Registrations are now being made online. Most members are using the online payment link to renew their membership and/or pay for Spring Sports on their credit card.

Every BCA Member has an account at [www.bridlewood.ca](http://www.bridlewood.ca) where they can log in to view and/or update their profile, register and pay for Spring Sports, pay their annual dues by credit card, print out their membership card and get their Tax receipt for the Spring Sports Programme.

We continue to maintain our Facebook Page for the BCA as well as our 2 twitter accounts at @Bridlewoodca and @BCAPres.

We are always looking for more help in redesigning and maintaining our website and your feedback is always appreciated. Please contact our webmaster Mark Newell at [web@bridlewood.ca](mailto:web@bridlewood.ca) with your comments and suggestions.

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