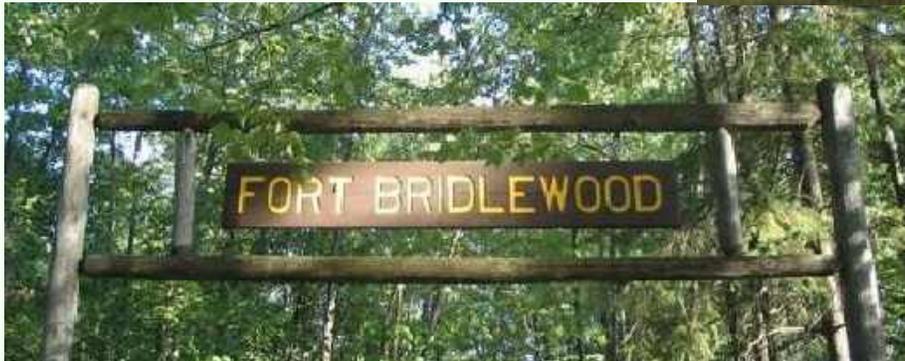


# Bridlewood

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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## October 2008—September 2009

### Executive Committee

Melva Peever	President
Yvonne Butt	1st Vice President—Social
Margaret Kellaway	2nd Vice President—Sports
David Hall	Treasurer
Brenda Merkley	Secretary

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### Committee Chairs

Lance Mitchell	Development
Brenna Dube	Membership and Annual BBQ
Allen Bursey	Outdoor Rinks
Heather Kirk	Safety
Shannon Jetten	Spring Sports
Susan Wehrmann	Volunteers
Mark Newell	Website

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Altagracia Espinosa	Photographer
Dina Bell-Laroche	True Sport Advisor

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2008/2009 has been an incredible year for the Bridlewood Community Association. I have seen a marked increase in the number of emails and telephone calls we are receiving. To highlight our year:

- We have in excess of 600 supporting members
- We held nine monthly meetings
- In January we had City of Ottawa come in to discuss our new Splash Pad which should be in place next spring
- Our May was attended by Ottawa City police and addressed noise, vandalism, graffiti and late night park activity
- Our June meeting addressed proposed modifications to Richmond Road - presented by the City of Ottawa
- We spoke out against the development of 310 Stonehaven until traffic issues are resolved and happily this project has been deferred until 2013
- We spoke out in respect to the Bus Strike and delays in getting full service back
- We offered our opinions and concerns regarding the development of the Fernbank Lands
- We supported the City's "Spring Cleaning the Capital" project
- We financially supported Kanata Canada Day celebration
- We made donations to each of the 6 elementary schools in Bridlewood



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# President's Report

*Melva Peever*



- We are spearheading and partially funding water sources to some of our ice rinks
- We organized the planting of shrubs, bushes, and flowers at Palomino Gates
- We Sponsor the Bridlewood Men's Hockey League
- We Sponsor the Bridlewood 3rd Kanata Scout Troupe
- We organized our annual Community Wide Garage Sale
- We held our annual Member & Volunteer Appreciation BBQ
- We ran the Spring Sports program - with dozens of teams and hundreds of children participating
- We administered the 9 Outdoor rinks in Bridlewood
- Our web developer has worked hard this year implementing on-line membership and registration and is in the process of redeveloping our website.



I'm sure we have done more - but the above are the more notable contributions of the Bridlewood Community Association in the community.

This past year has been the busiest year I've seen in my five years with the association. We have fourteen active volunteers as committee heads and executive members. We have a great team and we try to have fun and get the job done. Thank you to this year's Bridlewood Community Association Team!

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**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

# Treasurer's Report

*David Hall*



**BCA 2008/09 Financial Report - Budget vs Actual**

Category	Delegate	Budget	Actual	Notes
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Memberships	Brenna	6,000.00	5,930.00	
Rink Grants - City of Ottawa	Allen	13,650.00	13,900.00	
Spring Sports	Shannon	32,000.00	31,090.00	
Interest	Brenda	4,220.00	1,384.44	Market fluctuation
Donations			3,870.07	BBQ, Park Bench, Palomino Gates Greening
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>55,870.00</b>	<b>56,174.51</b>	

**Expenses:**

**General Administration:**

Insurance	Dave	1,500.00	1,209.60	
Other Admin	Dave	300.00	136.11	Bank charges, PO Box rental
Misc other Exec direct costs	Melva	250.00	164.99	Cake (Volunteer week), SB Clean up, etc
Donations	Melva	3,000.00	3,000.00	6 Elementary Schools at \$500 each
Partnering - donations	Melva	2,000.00	2,998.14	Park Bench, School play structure
Communications	Owen	1,500.00	2,210.28	Bridlewood flyer, Kourier ads, letter head
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,550.00</b>	<b>9,719.12</b>	

**Membership Committee:**

Print membership cards and postage	Brenna	100.00	0.00	
Membership drive refreshments	Brenna	50.00	0.00	
Admin costs	Brenna	1,500.00	0.00	
Online registrations	Melva	1,000.00	698.55	Online registration and monthly fees
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,650.00</b>	<b>698.55</b>	

**Safety Committee:**

Events, posters etc	Heather	1,000.00	250.00	Skateboard safety demo at the BBQ
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	

**Rinks Committee:**

Grant to Scouts for Bluegrass rink	Allen	2,500.00	2,500.00	Yearly
Our of pocket & new shovels	Allen	2,000.00	975.00	Volunteer water costs & other supplies
Kick-off volunteer party	Allen	300.00	90.00	Tim Horton's Gift Certificates
Snow blower honorariums	Allen	1,000.00	250.00	1 snow blower purchased by a RC
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,800.00</b>	<b>3,815.00</b>	

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# Treasurer's Report

*David Hall*



## Sports Committee:

Paul Van Steen Award	Margaret	300.00	192.27	Award, photo copies etc
Miscellaneous	Margaret	1,000.00	1,107.73	Activity Leader and Parent Program
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	

## Spring Sports Committee:

Hall Rental	Shannon	100.00	22.14	Registration and Equipment sorting
Kanata Kourier Ad	Shannon	270.00	327.60	
Office Supplies	Shannon	100.00	232.08	Pens, receipt books, etc.
Refreshments	Shannon	45.00	0.00	
Photocopies	Shannon	370.00	353.73	Printing for registration forms, flyers, manuals, team lists, etc.
Team shirts	Shannon	6,200.00	5,242.32	T shirt for each child and coach
Cinch Bags	Shannon	1,800.00	864.45	In lieu of hats
Soccer Socks	Shannon	6,880.00	3,438.54	
Field Rentals	Shannon	2,365.00	1,760.96	City of Ottawa
Equipment	Shannon	2,000.00	1,456.12	For equipment replacement/ renewals
Medals	Shannon	3,100.00	2,695.73	1 for each child participating
Pizza	Shannon	1,800.00	1,885.26	For last day (from Domino's, includes tip)
Drinks	Shannon	480.00	224.49	Sunny D
Respect in Sport	Shannon	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Team Photos	Shannon	5,220.00	4,030.00	\$5 each
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,730.00</b>	<b>23,533.42</b>	

## True Sport Committee:

Misc expenses	Dina	1,000.00	1,420.40	Street Signs, paint etc. Extra sign approved.
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,420.40</b>	

## Social Committee:

Kanata Canada Day donation	Yvonne	1,000.00	741.82	\$500 donation and BCA T shirts
Annual Bridlewood Garage Sale Day	Yvonne	500.00	282.04	Ad for Citizen, Kourier and the Penny Saver
Dec mtg - holiday season	Yvonne	300.00	225.21	
Volunteer BBQ	Yvonne	3,000.00	2,415.57	Honorariums, food, clowns, juggler etc
Misc Expenses	Yvonne	500.00	110.00	Tim Horton's Gift Certificates
Additional Social Event	Yvonne	875.00	530.54	Play in the Park day
Street parties	Yvonne	750.00	300.00	4 street parties @ \$75 each
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,925.00</b>	<b>4,605.18</b>	

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# Treasurer's Report

*David Hall*



## **Bridlewood Business Network:**

Speaker Meals	Brenda	180.00	<u>77.82</u>	
Speaker Gifts	Brenda	100.00	<u>24.75</u>	
Dec meeting. - holiday season	Brenda	250.00	<u>194.95</u>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>530.00</b>	<b><u>297.52</u></b>	

## **Website:**

Misc Expenses	Mark N	150.00	<u>438.38</u>	Domain, DNS, SSL
<b>Total</b>		<b>150.00</b>	<b><u>438.38</u></b>	

**Total Expenses** 59,635.00 46,077.57

**Estimated Excess of Rev Over Expenses** -3,765.00 10,096.94

## **Capital Item Expenses (as permitted by BCA Constitution Art 24(d))**

Snow Blower	Dave	3,300.00	<u>3,276.95</u>	Purchased for Bridlewood rink
<b>Total One Time Capital Expenditures</b>		<b>3,300.00</b>	<b><u>3,276.95</u></b>	

## **Park Fund Expenditures**

Shelving and cabinets	Dave	600.00	<u>0.00</u>	For the new Bunker
Palomino Gate Greening	Brenda	3,000.00	<u>4,510.68</u>	Offset by 2,400.00 by C of O grant
<b>Total Park Fund Expenditures</b>		<b>3,600.00</b>	<b><u>4,510.68</u></b>	

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Thank you to the Bridlewood Community Association for giving me the opportunity to fill the position of 1st Vice-President for the year. My role was somewhat limited due to the birth of my daughter in April. I did however, enjoy the small role of coordinating the Annual Bridlewood Garage Sale.



The Bridlewood Community Association published a spring newsletter in order to inform the community about the Garage Sale, Spring Sports Program, Annual Member and Volunteer Thanks You BBQ, Bridlewood Business Network and upcoming meetings.

The Garage Sale was held Saturday May 30th (rain date May 31st) BCA members were asked to register their address online at [www.bridlewood.ca](http://www.bridlewood.ca), with the BCA paying for advertising and the members providing signage. We had 44 street participate in this event

The Bridlewood Community Association also supported 4 street parties and we hope to increase this number in 2010.

A big "Thank You" is due to Brenna Dube for coordinating the Annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ. It was a great success again this year thanks to all her hard work! Further details about the BBQ can be found in Brenna's report.

Thank you again to the Association and its members for this opportunity and I hope that 2009-2010 will be another successful year the Bridlewood Community Association.

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# Annual Member and Volunteer BBQ

*Brenna Dube*



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer/Member Appreciation BBQ was held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and was again a great success. In excess of 300 people joined the festivities.

This year, we added a new twist: several local groups were invited to provide demonstrations. Everyone was thrilled to dance the Zumba way with Jayleen; awed by the skills of Master Yeoh's Tae Kwon Do, and impressed by the skateboarding prowess of the On Deck Skateboarders. We hope to continue providing these types of demonstrations.



As usual, Goopee was on hand for face painting and balloon animals and the Bridlewood Playgroup provided bubbles and chalk.

Our mainstays – the Fire fighters and Ottawa Police- were on hand as well, and new this year were Ambulance technicians.



Thanks to the 872 Kanata Kiwanis Air Cadets for providing BBQ services and to Altagracia Espinosa for being our photographer. BCA involvement is obviously a family trait. The

children of Melva Peever, Margaret Kellaway, Mark Newell, Altagracia Espinosa and Susan Wehrmann all helped out at this year's BBQ.

If anyone would like to join to 2010 BBQ committee, please let me know. We are looking for general volunteers as well as people to handle specific functions, such as donations and demonstrations.

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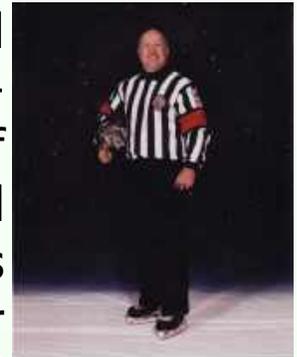
The Sports Committee is responsible for:

- The Paul Van Steen Sports Achievement Award
- Spring Sports Program
- Outdoor Ice Rinks
- True Sport Initiatives.

We also prepared responses to City of Ottawa Parks and Rec Department regarding proposed changes to:

- The Field Allocation Policy
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review.

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. Paul helped to start the Spring Sport program, was responsible for the Outdoor Rink Program for many years, ran a Cross country ski program and refereed for the Bridlewood Men's Hockey Association.



The Sports Achievement Award is designed to recognize a Bridlewood Athlete over 16 who displays excellence in competitive or demonstrative sport. This award will be presented for the first time this evening.

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# Spring Sports

*Shannon Jetten*



The 2009 Spring Sports season was once again successful despite a small decrease in participation.

This year we arranged for each child registered in baseball to get a cinch bag with the Bridlewood logo at the bottom. For soccer this year, we arranged for each child to get a pair of soccer socks. Each registrant also received a Bridlewood t-shirt, team photo, participation certificate as well as a medal and pizza party at the end of the year. The shirts, cinch bags and medals all included the Bridlewood logo as well as the True Sport logo.

We partnered again this year with Respect in Sport to offer on-line training for coaches. For next year we plan to have a program in place for parents

Prices for 2009 were \$40 for one child/sport, \$80 for 2 children/sports and \$100 for 3 children/sports and \$120 for 4 or more children/sports.

This year, thanks in a large part to Mark Newell, we were able to offer on-line registration to the community. We offered one night of in-person registration which was attended by about 75 people. The new system drastically reduced the number of hours needed for data entry and team planning and we needed fewer volunteers and had fewer data entry errors.

Communications for Spring Sports included:

- E-mails to all 2008 participants in January
- Flyers in French and English sent to all schools in Bridlewood
- Flyers and information were posted on the website.
- Articles were written in both the Kanata Kourier and EMC
- A paid ad was placed in the Kanata Kourier.

In 2010 we plan to also post flyers around the community at various hot spots and at the community centres and school bulletin boards.



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For 2010 we are investigating any changes we could make to improve the programme. Discussions are on-going on topics such as smaller age groupings, introducing a more skills based with less emphasis on games approach for Junior players. As always, we value community input, please watch the website for upcoming meetings.

## Summary



<b>Soccer</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>		<b>2007</b>	
	teams	children	teams	children	teams	children
Junior	20	271	20	276	18	252
Intermediate	20	257	20	280	22	309
Senior	6	98	8	101	8	115
4-year old			2	14		
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>676</b>

<b>Softball</b>	<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>		<b>2007</b>	
	teams	children	teams	children	teams	children
T-Ball	6	58	8	63	8	64
Junior Coach						
Pitch	8	71	8	67	8	70
Senior Coach	4	46	6	48	6	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>189</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>865</b>
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# Outdoor Rinks

*Allen Bursey*



Bridlewood has 9 outdoor rinks—all run by volunteers. The locations are:

- Black Tern Park—puddle rink
- Bluegrass Park (at Bridlewood School) - boards and lights
- Huntsman Park—boards and lights
- Mattawa Park—boards and lights
- Meadowbreeze Park—boards and lights
- Sawyer's Meadow Park—puddle rink
- Scissons Park—puddle rink
- Shetland Park—puddle rink
- Stonemeadow Park—puddle rink



I want to thank all of our volunteers for maintaining our nine rinks last winter. We are currently in need of rink supervisors for Sawyer Meadow Park, Stonemeadow Park and Scissons Park. No previous experience is required! A rink supervisor recruits volunteers in their neighbourhood to help with the maintenance of their rink. High school volunteer hours can be acquired with rink maintenance and snow clearing.

Our largest rink, at Bridlewood School is maintained by the 3rd Scouts of Kanata. The rinks at Black Tern, Bluegrass, Mattawa and Scissons have water sources on site. The other rinks rely on water trucks from the City of Ottawa to make the ice.

In 2009, the Bridlewood Community Association applied for a Major Capital Grant from the City of Ottawa to install water sources at the 5 remaining rinks. Having a water source at each rinks allows for better ice conditions, a longer season, less down time due to mild spells and can better fit the volunteer's schedules. This grant was approved and the City will match the BCA's portion of \$62,500 for a total project price of \$125,000. The project has been put out to tender by the City and we hope to have the bids in by the end of October. We are not yet sure how many rinks we can afford this year but the estimated date to complete the work is December 15, 2009.

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The True Sport Committee was merged with the Sports Committee as we plan all Bridlewood sports activities using the True Sport core values of fairness, excellence, inclusion and fun.



In 2009 we continued to use the True Sport logo on our website as well t-shirts, cinch bags, certificates, balloons and coaching manuals. In May, with the support of the City of Ottawa, we added another five True Sport/Bridlewood signs to the major entrances of Bridlewood. Our 2 True Sport banners that have been signed by many of our residents are now hanging in the Eva James Community Centre .

As part of our school outreach, we used pavement paint to paint the True Sport logo at both St. Anne and Elizabeth Bruyère Schools. We hope to paint further logos in 2010.



The highlight of our activities for 2009 was the 2nd Annual True Sport Play Day held on June 1st at the Deevy Pines Ball Diamond next to the Eva James Community Centre. We were joined by more than 200 students from Bridlewood, Elizabeth Bruyère, St. Anne and WO Mitchell schools along with teachers, parents, community members,

City officials and representative from True Sport and Athletes Canada. The event opened with True Sport cheers followed by our guest speaker—Jason Dunkerley. Jason is a blind runner who spoke about growing up with a disability and his experiences as a runner at the Paralympic games. As the children rotated through various game stations, they also got to spend time speaking with Jason, getting his autograph and getting a close look at his silver medal from the 2004 Parlaympics in Athens.



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After being dormant for a couple of years, the President appointed Lance Mitchell as Chair of the Development Committee (DC) in July 2009. Over the summer and early fall 2009, Lance has participated in a few development issues on behalf of the BCA. This report recaps those activities.

As development can mean different things to different people, a Terms of Reference document was developed by Lance and approved by the Executive. (The TOR to be posted on the BCA website shortly.) In a nutshell, the DC is concerned with the following types of development issues:

- Development issues that impact the Bridlewood, Emerald Meadows and Kanata South areas, as well as major Ottawa West issues;
- Official Plan (OP) amendments, zoning changes, subdivision plans (eg. proposed residential housing density, street patterns, sidewalk locations etc), commercial & retail development (eg. location, uses, setbacks, landscaping, lighting, parking, building height, etc);
- Street design in the immediate Bridlewood/EM area, for eg. traffic calming measures, where stop signs, traffic circles & signalized intersections will go, placement of bike lanes, as well as expansion of the arterial roads serving Kanata South (eg. extension of Hope Side Rd to 416, Eagleson Rd widening, Fernbank widening); and
- Parkland and Open Space size and placement (per OP and subdivision plans) and well as City Transit issues excluding Light Rail

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Over the past 4 months the DC has provided input to City Staff on the following issues:

- Bus transitway extension from Bayshore to Moodie. DC supported the route option on the north side of 417. NCC staff recently sent letter to the City saying they do not support this route;
- New Urbandale subdivision (217 single houses, 16.7 hectares) planned at 310 Stonehaven Dr (opposite Roch Carriere school). DC supported the City going to OMB hearing in Sept 2009 regarding how to mitigate increased traffic flows caused by this new subdivision. OMB ruling states that development cannot occur until 2013, by which time mitigating traffic measures will have been built by the City;
- New Urbandale subdivision (153 units, 5.4 hectares) to be located at 74 Stonehaven Dr (between seniors residence & White Pines). In Sep 2009, the City approved a subdivision plan for 40 singles, 49 townhouses (in 11 blocks) and 64 stacked townhouses (in 7 blocks);
- Attended public Open House re Lansdowne Live redevelopment proposal, but no DC comments sent to the City;
- Monitor Fernbank community development plan (potentially a population of 25,000 people to between Glen Cairn & Stittsville); and
- Proposed subdivision & business park plan for 5358 Fernbank Rd (aka phase 2 of the "Bridlewood Trails" development) (9.4 hectares), located just east of Terry Fox Dr South at Fernbank) DC raised issues re: undersized parkland, zoning for yet another gas station and the dual zoning (res and indust) of a large block of land.

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In the coming months, the Development Committee will likely be interested in the following issues, on either a reactive or proactive basis:

- Area roadway improvement projects, eg Eagleson Rd South widening, extension of Crownridge Dr to Hope Side Rd, extension of Cope Dr and Michael Cowpland Dr to Terry Fox;
- OC Transpo Transitway extension Pinecrest to Woodroffe;
- Core Park new lands extension - pathway developments;
- Fernbank community planning consultations;
- Site plan review for the new elementary school at 17 Bridgestone Dr;
- City wide facilities, eg Lansdowne Park redevelopment, new Central Library, new Soccer Stadium near Scotiabank Place, etc.;
- Other subdivision plans & commercial/retail site plans that City Staff forward to the BCA for comments; and
- New Turkish Community Centre project being proposed for the Kanata South Business Park.

Anyone interested in joining the Development Committee for 2009/10 to discuss the above interesting issues, is asked to email Lance at [dev@bridlewood.ca](mailto:dev@bridlewood.ca) . A committee with 5 or 6 members would be ideal, and no special knowledge or experience is required.

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# Bridlewood Business Network

*Brenda Merkley*



The Network held monthly luncheons from September 2008 to third Thursday of each month.

Attendance was diminishing and it became unreasonable to book speakers for such a small group. It was decided by the Executive of the BCA to wind down the Bridlewood Business Network effective May 2009 with a view to revamping the Network possibly with quarterly Business after Five or something similar. The general membership of the Network agreed with this change in format.

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## **About the Committee**

Bridlewood is not only where we live, it is where we have invested in our homes and properties, it is where our children learn, play and where many of us socialize. For that reason we want to make sure it is safe, for all of us.

The Safety Committee is a place you can report concerns, share happenings, and find out if others in the community are finding the same and what you can do.

It is where Parent Councils at our area schools can share their stories, problems and resolutions.

We are interested in initiatives and ideas for making our neighbourhoods safer, such as the newly launched Pace Car Program.

## **Committee Goals**

1. Provide a forum through which residents can express concerns, get information and share ideas.
2. Advocate on behalf of the community.
3. Positive Action.



## **General Overview**

In 2008-2009 the Safety Committee actively communicated with the City of Ottawa and our Councillor, Peggy Feltmate, regarding issues affecting our community including promoting support for community rinks, advocating for the inclusion of money for school crossing guards in the most recent budget, creating awareness of the new traffic lights and speed change pilot project along Stonehaven, and promoting and providing information about a community Pace Car Program.

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## **Structure**

The Committee is composed of a Chair and volunteers from within the community. We are always looking for new volunteers. If you have a little time to give and are passionate about the safety and security of our community, you can help. If you have a special interest in a specific issue such as traffic or vandalism, you can also get involved.

## **Part of the Bridlewood Community Association**

As a unit of the Bridlewood Community Association, the Safety Committee supports the activities of the BCA including the annual member and volunteer BBQ.

The Committee also provided feedback to the City of Ottawa regarding a new community being built nearby and a splash pad to be developed in our community.

## **Finance**

The Safety Committee in 2008-09 spent \$200 to secure the services of a skateboard demo team for the annual member/ volunteer BBQ. No other expenses were incurred.



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## Website

*Mark Newell*



The Bridlewood Community Association took a huge step forward in January 2009 by offering on-line memberships and Spring Sports Registration. As with any new venture, we have learned a lot but member feedback on the on-line services has been positive.

More than 75% of the Membership requests and Spring Sports Registrations were completed on line with the majority of the users opting to pay by credit card.

Members can also log in at [www.bridlewood.ca](http://www.bridlewood.ca) to view and/or update their profile, print out their membership card and to get their Tax receipt for the Spring Sports Programme.

The Bridlewood Community Association website was upgraded several times over the past year in order to accommodate the new on-line membership and Spring Sports registration program. On October 30, 2009 we will unveil a completely redesigned site with more information and easier access. We hope that Bridlewood residents will use the BCA site to keep up to date on what is happening in our neighbourhood and to communicate their ideas and concerns with the Executive.

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a great place to live, work and play*