

WOODFIELD COMMUNITY NEWS

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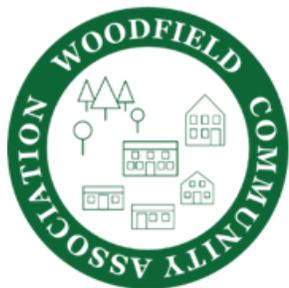
HarvestFest Potluck & Silent Auction! Friday, November 15th at 6:00pm

It's exciting to announce this year's Potluck Dinner & Silent Auction is back at our familiar and favourite location, The Masonic Hall, 453 Dufferin Ave.

This is a great event to bring our community together for a fun evening of food, conversation and outbidding each other at the silent auction table. For the potluck dinner please bring along your favourite entree, salad or dessert. We'll have complimentary coffee, tea, apple cider and sugar free drinks for the children. Don't forget your own plate(s) and cutlery.

This is a fund-raising event for the Woodfield Community Association and we welcome any donations to the Silent Auction Table.

An e-blast reminder will go out closer to the event but feel free to contact Rod McDowell at 519-870-7879 if any further information is required. We hope to see you there!



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We invite your comments, suggestions and submissions.

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Message from our Chair

The WCA held the Annual General Meeting at Lord Robert's gymnasium April 16th., 2024.

David Ferreira, Councillor for our Ward 13 and Julie Ryan from Indwell attended and gave those in attendance their updates on the state of their individual areas of responsibility. *(See photo to the right)*

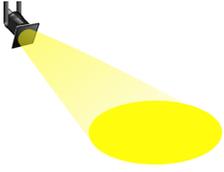
Voting was conducted for your candidates to executive positions and we're pleased to report most positions have been filled. Please see back page for executive committee details.

Your executive believe it is important to attend the AGM and exercise your right to vote and/or help guide your executive on issues that are important to our community. So please mark your calendars to attend next year's AGM, April 2025. A firm date will be in the Spring Newsletter.

Thank you,

Barry Francis





Woodfield Neighbour Glen Curnoe

Glen and Peggy Curnoe



Glen and his wife Peggy have lived on Cartwright Street for over 50 years. In Glen's case 54 years in Woodfield and Peg her entire life where she grew up on Palace St. We are incredibly fortunate to have them continue to reside in our neighbourhood.

Glen is a wealth of historical information about Woodfield and London. He most likely could share a fact-filled story on most of the homes in Woodfield. Glen recently wrote an autobiographical book about growing up in London with his childhood friends and offering a rich glimpse into life past. The book is called *Boys I Grew Up With*. It is a great read, unintentionally funny at times, like jumping into an episode of "The Little Rascals". Glen turned a spry 85 this year!

Planning Report

A Zoning Bylaw Amendment has been submitted to the City for the properties at 566-578 Colborne Street. The owner is proposing to construct two, 3-storey stacked townhouses behind the existing houses. The two houses would remain, with three units in each, for a total of 18 units on the two properties. A public meeting will be held before the Planning and Environment Committee on October 22, 1pm at City Hall. We encourage you to visit the City's website to learn more about the application and how to submit comments. Go to london.ca/planapps

If you haven't done so already, you may want to sign up for the monthly newsletter issued by our Ward 13 Councillor, David Ferreira. It's a great way to stay up to date on events and developments in the neighbourhood.
www.davidferreira.ca/



Plant Exchange 2024

Our annual Plant Exchange this past May was pretty perfect once the sun came out. Heavy rain on Saturday, meant we moved the event to the Sunday which brought sunny skies. Lots of clippings and plants found new homes, plus breakfast sandwiches were served hot off the grill.

Mulch and compost was generously donated by Try Recycling and annuals donated by Springtime Garden Centre: thank you both for these contributions. The number of talented local vendors were in attendance making the event so much better! Re/United Designs, Michele Kujawa Massage Therapist, Ceramics by Sadie Wasyiko, jewelry designs by Sophie, Alex and Gwen, stained glass by Emerson, and native plants by Mary Ann sold their creations!

And finally, our event raised \$1,100 in profits! Thank you everyone for support and love for this event. See you in May 2025!



Karen's Place ~ A transitional home in our community

In memory of local business woman and philanthropist, Karen Crich, Karen's Place, a transitional home for women 50+, and located in Woodfield, was opened in August 2023. Statistics show that women of this age group are often overlooked and underserved in the social services system.

Currently, there are six residents in six rooms each with its own linen supply and unique décor. The residents cook for themselves and have access to a quiet room, craft supplies, books, and a den with a TV.

As part of their Giving Back/Micro-Business program, the residents cater a monthly lunch for a church group. The outdoor area provides a recently donated picnic table and an over-size planter which will be filled with herbs, flowers, and vegetables.

A full-time CMHA worker is on premises. Other supports are accessed as needed. The goal is to find permanent housing for the residents. There have recently been two "graduates".

All donations may be e-transferred to: karensplacelondon@gmail.com (auto deposit) or mailed to Karen's Place, 403 Central Ave, London, ON N6G 2E4. To receive a tax receipt, please provide your complete name and address.

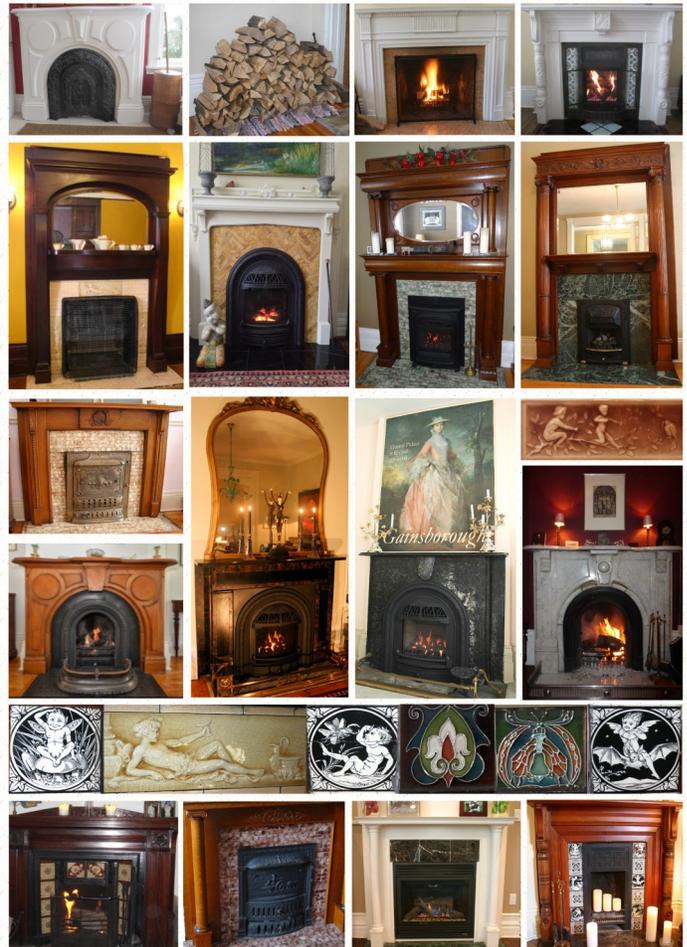


Woodfield Garden Tour June 2024

The first annual Woodfield Garden Tour was a huge success! The event was held on Saturday, June 1, 2024 and included self-guided tours of 8 different gardens throughout the community. Mother nature was truly on our side for the event! It was a beautiful day full of sunshine, community, learning, and of course beautiful gardens. The WCA would like to extend an enormous thank you to all of our hosts for opening their gardens to the community, to Mandy McDowell who led the event and hosted participants for a lovely snack following the walk, and of course the over 100 community members who attended the walk who made this such a successful community building event. We hope to make this a yearly tradition, highlighting different corners of the community. If you are interested in showcasing your garden next year, or volunteering to help out at the event, please email info@woodfield.ca.



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UPCOMING EVENTS—Mark your calendars



✓ **Friday, November 15th** ~ Harvestfest Potluck and Silent Auction

6:00pm at the Masonic Hall, 453 Dufferin Ave.



✓ **Friday, December 13th** ~ Christmas Caroling in Woodfield

Our Holiday tradition is once again happening, where we will warm up our voices at a neighbourhood home before heading into the neighbourhood to spread good cheer with songs of the season. Further details will follow closer to the date.

✓ **TBD** ~ Christmas Market

We are attempting to plan another Christmas Market at the Variety Cafe however, Christmas trees will not be sold this year through the WCA. We recommended you visit Colborne United Church website for availability.

WCA Executive Committee

- Chair** - Barry Francis
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- Lord Robert’s Rep**- Kate Rapson
- Urban League Rep**- Barry Francis

Members-at-Large:
Dawn Marie Deagle & Mandy McDowell

Woodfield French Immersion Public School



It’s official and our new sign confirms it; Lord Roberts is now called Woodfield French Immersion Public School. A great choice of name. Our neighbourhood residents are pleased with the school board’s decision. Woodfield French Immersion Public School began as Princess Avenue Public School in 1883, the original was torn down and re-built in 1915 for what it is today.

Woodfield Membership



If you have received this newsletter, you are living in the Woodfield neighbourhood. Your membership to the WCA is important for the preservation of our neighbourhood. For more information about joining the community please email:

members@historicwoodfield.ca

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!! We are looking for new members of the Woodfield Community Association! If you are interested in helping out/helping to plan fun community events please reach out to: info@historicwoodfield.ca