

The Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group endeavors to develop a sense of community and enrich the health and well-being of families.

## Welcome Statement

*Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group is a safe place of acceptance where there is something for everyone. Here, we are non-judgmental and respectful of all, striving to bring everyone together.*



At PGNG we hope that over the last 20 years we have fulfilled our Welcome and Mission statements. A group of community members got together twenty years ago to try and problem solve a concern that youth has few recreational resources in our neighbourhood and some were getting into trouble. One group went on to form the Guelph Volunteer Patrol. The other group developed some drop in programs for youth in local schools. We felt these were successful enough that with the help of more volunteers and the Upper Grand District School Board, not only to continue but to expand and reach more children and eventually adults in our Neighbourhood. The leadership team – all volunteers – kept meeting around kitchen tables and many pots of tea to plan programs and events for all members of our community to enjoy. All of our initial funds came from donations and fundraising events.

**Check out the timeline to see how we have grown! →**

Before too long we started getting support from the City of Guelph with booking community spaces like parks and eventually some funds to hire our first part time staff person. Having a dedicated staff person allowed us to expand the programs we offered even further because they could supervise/co-ordinate even more volunteers and more programs, including our first summer camp in 2000. *(Continued next page)*



PGNG Office at the WECC (left)  
Community BBQ 2000, Springdale Park (below)



## Timeline

- 1996** – Community organized high school Gym Drop In program at Taylor Evans P.S., partnered with the City and UGDSB, first Leadership Team formed, programs continued and expanded over the years in local schools. Here are some “firsts” in our ongoing events and programs:
- 1997** –Community BBQ
- 1997** – Breakfast Club started at Gateway P.S.
- 1999** – Street Hockey Tournament at Taylor Evans P.S., hired first Staff person
- 2000** – Summer Camp started
- 2001** – Moved into the WECC – Community Room and Office, first drop in Coffee Hour
- 2002** – Hired program staff After School/Evening Program
- 2003** – Leader In Training Program at Summer Camp, Friday Night Drop In, March Break Camp
- 2005** – St. James Christmas Party
- 2006** – Community Clean Up, Scouts *Cans for Canes* food drive
- 2008** – Backpack drive, Holiday Helpers – Angel Tree
- 2009** –Emergency Food Cupboard, Ban Viet program, free Tax Clinics and Door to Door Food Drives

We have grown a lot since then. We now have office space (see photo front page) and a Community Room in the West End Recreation Centre as well as two staff. There are many more programs and services, such as a **Food Cupboard** and **Clothing Closet**. Our many Partners provide essential support in meeting our goals. We are now one of 14 Neighbourhood Groups under the direction of the Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition.

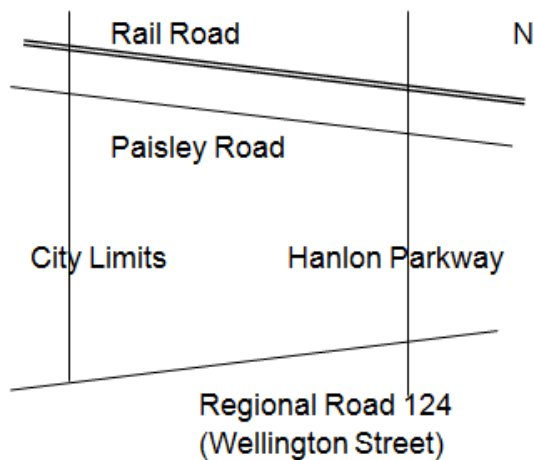
So a heartfelt **thank you** to our many friends and community members for your phenomenal support and encouragement – we could not have done it without you!!

*Sincerely, the Parkwood Gardens Leadership Team*

**Timeline continued:**

- 2010** – Clothing Closet, Community Garden
- 2011** Garden Fresh Box Site
- 2012** Ice Rink at Gateway P.S., Talk Cafe
- 2014** Happy Fridays
- 2015** Holiday Camp, Pumpkin Promenade
- 2016** Conversation Circles

**Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood boundaries**



Students and their families attending neighbourhood schools are included as members of Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group

**Community BBQ & 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**



We celebrated at **Gateway Public School** with food provided and prepared by the **Lions Club of Guelph** and cake and ice cream from **Parkwood Gardens Church**. There were games to play, face painting, buttons to make and other fun activities. The **Mayor** dropped by and hung out with our awesome Camp Staff!



CFRU FM broadcast live from the BBQ





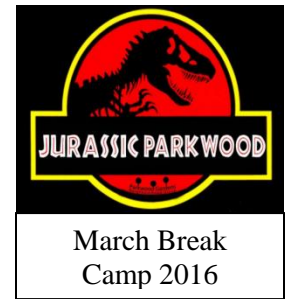
## What we offer:

Summer Camp, March Break Camp, Winter Holiday Camp

### Summer Camp 2016



In 2000 we had our first Summer Camp, alternating between Gateway and Taylor Evans Schools. Many campers have had so much fun they have come back year after year as '7ups' and Leaders In Training to become camp staff! Camp 2016 was completely full and lots of fun with different themes each week. Join us next year!



### PGNG Programs and Events

- Adult Gym Night
- After school Programs
- Ban Viet
- Coffee Hour
- Conversation Circles
- Date Night for families
- Early Start Family Literacy
- ESL support
- Girls Club /Boys Club
- Homework Club
- Playtime (Parent Child Place)
- Pumpkin Promenade
- Summer Community BBQ
- Winterfest/AGM
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Youth Dances
- Youth Programs



### Services

- Angel Tree
- Backpack Drive
- Community Food Drives
- Emergency Food Cupboard
- Ecott Food Cupboard
- Clothing Closet
- Community Garden
- Garden Fresh Box site
- Holiday Hampers
- Ice Rink



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Wednesday September 21** - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Program Registration @ PGNG Office

**Thursday, October 6** - 6:30 - 8:00 @ Taylor Evans P.S. Badminton

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**Friday December 9** - 6:30 - 9:00 @ Gateway - Parent's Night Off

The Ban Viet program meets Thursday afternoons in the Community Room.

## Our Partners and Volunteers

We are only as strong as our partnerships and community volunteers make us. Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who have helped out over the years and to our Community Partners for their ongoing support. We couldn't do it without you!

- 27<sup>th</sup> Scouts
- Action Read
- City of Guelph
- CFRU FM
- Community of Hearts
- Church of the City
- Dean Manton Real Estate
- Ecott Place Community Centre
- Family and Children's Services
- Fife Road Co-op
- Frontier College
- Gateway Drive Public School
- Grace Community Church
- GCVI and Lourdes high Schools
- Guelph Food Bank
- Guelph Neighbourhood Support Coalition
- Guelph Police Services
- Guelph Public Library
- The Lions Club of Guelph
- Neighbourhood Businesses
- Ontario Early Years
- Parkwood Gardens Community Church
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
- Salvation Army
- Sugarbush Community Church
- Taylor Evans Public School
- United Way of Guelph and Wellington
- Upper Grand District School Board
- Wellington County Social Services
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit
- West End Community Centre



### Can you help us?

Volunteers are needed occasionally for single events like the BBQ, a community cleanup, delivering flyers etc. If you have more time you could help with a program or event, consider helping out a Committee or joining the Leadership team. Every hour you can spend is appreciated!

## Grace Church Annual Food Drive & Scouts "Cans for Canes" Food Drive



*The congregation of Parkwood Gardens Community Church would like to congratulate the Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group on its 20th anniversary! We were present at the initial meetings at Gateway Drive School that started PGNG, and we have been great partners throughout the last 20 years. Our partnerships in providing day camps and workshops, gathering clothing, food, school supplies and cleaning supplies and so much more has been a fruitful one for the people of Parkwood Gardens. We look forward to partnering with PGNG for the next 20 years as well. Congratulations again, and keep up the good work! Pastor Brian Magnus*

### Where do we go from here?

We need your help to continue to build a strong and healthy community! We want to keep growing and developing partnerships within and around our community. We want to develop new programs that will meet the needs of our community! *Have an idea for something new? Contact us and let us know!*

Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group is part of the GNSC which is our major funder and provides fiscal oversight for all Neighbourhood Groups. The City of Guelph and United Way are the major funders of the GNSC. We also have fundraising events during the year. Donations are always appreciated and tax receipts are available.



United Way



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