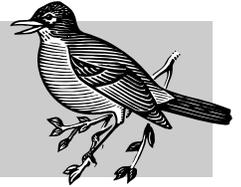




## London Road Neighbourhood Association



# Spring 2005 Newsletter



## SECOND ANNUAL HOME TOUR

The first ever London Road Neighbourhood Historic Home Tour was held May 31, 2003 and what a resounding success! The fundraiser generated approximately \$1500 which was used during the past two years to print newsletters and contribute to community projects, such as the Bright Lights Festival, that benefited the residents of the London Road Neighbourhood.



The Board of Directors would like to thank the five generous homeowners who allowed us to showcase their beautiful homes in 2003. We greatly appreciated your patience and hospitality as over 300 curious people made their way through the homes on the Tour.

We received such positive feedback from the community we agreed to consider organizing another Home Tour as a fundraising event. Therefore, the Association is planning to have a Home Tour this year in early September,

when the weather is still nice and the yards and gardens of the neighbourhood are still beautiful. As plans begin to take shape for the Tour, we are looking for six interested homeowners who are willing to open their homes for an afternoon.

The Tour would run from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm on a Saturday. Approximately 400 tickets would be made available to participants to view the six homes. Volunteers from the Neighbourhood Association would be stationed in each home to guide the Tours and ensure security for the homes. Admission on the Tour is by ticket only and Tour participants are required to show proof of admission before being allowed into the home.

The London Road Neighbourhood Association feels that the Home Tour is a fantastic way to introduce people to our neighbourhood and showcase what a great place London Road is. Therefore, we really need your help to make this event a success. If you would like to volunteer your home, please contact Diane Horvath at 320-0837 or [di\\_horvath@yahoo.ca](mailto:di_horvath@yahoo.ca), or email the Association at [info@londonroad.org](mailto:info@londonroad.org).

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next Annual General Meeting of the London Neighbourhood Association will be held in the *Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library*, on *June 16, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.* It is a chance for all interested residents of London Road to meet their neighbours and receive an update on what has been happening in the neighbourhood during the past year.

One important topic to all residents is the potential in the near future to amend or significantly change the current London Road Neighbourhood Redevelopment Plan, first adopted by City Council in 1982. In addition, the annual election for Board members will occur. Memberships will also be available (\$5 for a lifetime membership).

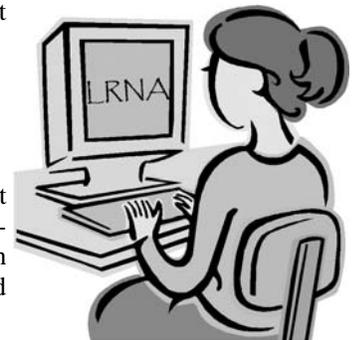
If you are interested in becoming involved in the Association, please come and see what we are all about! We look forward to meeting with you!

## NEW WEBSITE, EMAIL

In keeping with the times, and to keep members and area residents in the loop on neighbourhood events, the London Road Neighbourhood Association now has a website! Please be sure to visit the site at [www.londonroad.org](http://www.londonroad.org).

We also have a new email address: [info@londonroad.org](mailto:info@londonroad.org).

Neighbourhood current events and member information is available online, in addition to the newsletter and useful links. Check it out!



## Your Membership is the Strength of Our Community and Our Association

You may inquire online, or contact one of our Board Members for information on how you can join the London Road Neighbourhood Association. Better yet, come on out and meet your neighbours at our Annual General Meeting!

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## IS YOUR HOME SECURE?

London Road Neighbourhood has its share of crime, so make sure your home is secure at all times and when on holidays.

- Secure all doors with deadbolts.
- Place locking mechanisms in sliding doors and windows either by drilling holes and inserting pins or purchasing specifically designed locking devices.
- Make sure the area around your home is well lit to deter prowlers.
- If possible, make sure trees, bushes, shrubs, and high fences don't obscure entry points to your home.
- When on holidays, use light timers and have someone check on your home, collect mail, and shift curtains and blinds.
- Know your neighbours and watch out for each other.
- Clean the yard of tools and have ladders put away.
- In summertime, keep screen doors locked with an out-of-reach bolt.
- Always lock your front door when you are working in your backyard.

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## OUR BEST FRIENDS

The richness pets bring into our lives is immeasurable. Research proves what pet owners have known for years: That caring for cats and dogs improves our health, increases our quality of life, and actually makes us happier.

So how can we return the favor to our pets? Here are some ways:

- Spay or neuter your pet. Spaying and neutering saves lives by reducing the number of unwanted pets.
- Vaccinate your pet to prevent communicable diseases.
- Take the time to train your dog. Formal dog training will help both of you and strengthen your relationship.
- Instead of caging or tethering your dog, which restricts movement and can be dangerous, build a fence.
- Bring your dog to one of the wonderful off-leash parks in town, and walk them regularly. A tired dog is a good dog!
- Ensure your pet is identified with a tag and license at all times.
- Adopt a second pet from an animal shelter. Your pet may appreciate the company, and you may be saving a life!
- Remember to pick up after your dog when on your walk!

Most of all, make pets a part of your life. They're worth it!



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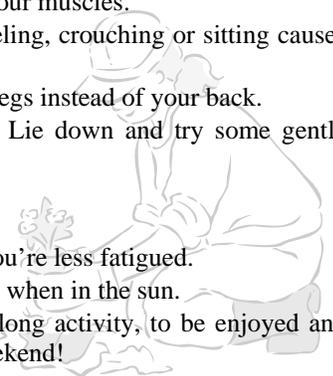
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## PAIN FREE GARDENING

- Before you start gardening, warm up your muscles.
- Avoid bending over at the waist. Kneeling, crouching or sitting causes less strain on your back.
- When lifting, use the strength of your legs instead of your back.
- If you feel back strain, take a break. Lie down and try some gentle stretches.
- Don't overload your wheelbarrow.
- Drink plenty of water.
- Try gardening early in the day when you're less fatigued.
- Slap on some sunscreen and wear a hat when in the sun.
- Remember that gardening is summer-long activity, to be enjoyed and savored...not completed in a single weekend!



## Buying or Selling a Home?



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# GARDENING

You always reap what you sow  
 The plot always thickens when it rains  
 Some people are naturally corny  
 Weed out all annoyances in your life  
 We've all got our own rows to hoe  
 Stay away from seedy characters  
 Always try to be outstanding in your field  
 It's okay to be a late bloomer  
 Keep your hands off your neighbour's peonies  
 Sow your wild oats with care  
 It's very prestigious to be in the Ivy League  
 Some problems are perennial  
 It's best to keep mum about certain subjects  
 A little manure goes a long way  
 One person's garbage is another's compost  
 There's nothing more refreshing than a morning shower  
 It's important to branch out  
 There are some things best left unfertilized  
 Remember that life's full of surprises...  
 You never know just what might crop up next!

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## About the London Road Neighbourhood Association

Established in 1974, the London Road Neighbourhood Association is a non-profit association dedicated to maintaining the qualities of the historical London Road neighbourhood that make it one of the finest communities in the City. We work closely with the City and provide considered opinion to changes that may affect and enhance the quality of residency within the London Road area.

The 2004/2005 Board is:

President: Garfield Bland  
 Vice-President: Diane Horvath  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Helen Cox

Directors: Kate Connolly, Fred Greene, Sharon Hudemka, Andrew Johnstone, Shannan Little, Emerald Mayne, Tom McKenzie, Chet Mook, Em Pijl-Zieber, Lydia Quigg, and Laraine Stuart.



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*A Message from the Desk of the Police Coordinator*

My name is Randy Ward and I am the new Neighbourhood Watch Police Coordinator. Many crimes in progress and suspicious activity would not be solved except for individuals like you that alert us to a problem in our community. Neighbourhood Watch and crime prevention is everyone's business. When you spot an unusual or suspicious activity in your neighbourhood and call the police, this sends a strong message to the criminals that we are watching and object to their behaviour.

Some time ago a neighbourhood resident requested the police service to check on his neighbour's home. The alarm had gone off and the owner was away, and the neighbour suspected a crime was in progress. Police arrived at the home and discovered someone had broken into the residence and was still there. Subsequently, the individual was apprehended and arrested for Break and Enter.

Watchful neighbours are pivotal to reducing crime in our neighbourhood. Together we can make a difference!

For further information regarding the Neighbourhood Watch Program, please contact Constable Randy Ward at 330-5020.

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