



# Parents-Secours Pointe-Claire Block Parents Bi-annual Newsletter

Fall edition

Greetings!

Twice a year we will be sending out a newsletter to update all of you wonderful volunteers about what the committee has been up to, future events, financials and any other news. Thanks for taking the time to read our very first newsletter!



## Block Parent launches in Pointe-Claire



On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the Pointe-Claire chapter of Block Parents officially launched at the Cedar Park Heights Chalet. We were thrilled to greet hundreds of guests, including the mayor, city councillors and our MP, Francis Scarpellegia.

The day included face painting, bouncy castles, raffles, a bake sale and other community organisations.

We count the day as a great success, signing up close to 40 potential households and raising enough funds to run the organisation for the year. Hopefully, it will be an event we can repeat yearly for our Block Parents.



## Block Parent members

Our dream is to see at least one Block Parent per street in Pointe-Claire, however, for our first year, we have set a goal of signing up 100 households throughout Pointe-Claire. As we approach the 6 month mark we are cresting our mid-way goal, having signed up 56 households. Some of these households are still awaiting approval but we are pleased to announce that we currently have 48 homes with window signs.

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la clé  
pour une  
communauté  
plus sécuritaire.

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We encourage all of our Block Parents to talk about the program with their neighbours, friends and family and, hopefully, pass on the sign-up info!

## Community Events

**Canada Day:** We were thrilled to be invited to walk in the Canada Parade and had close to 30 participants. Unfortunately, we were rained out this year but we will certainly be doing it again next year. Keep your eyes open for the call for volunteers in the spring!



**Family Fun & Safety Day:** As an organisation that promotes safety we were pleased to participate in Pointe-Claire's event this year. Unfortunately, due to the torrential downpour that day, the event was cancelled.



**Pointe-Claire Halloween Party:** We're hoping for sunny skies on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015! Pointe-Claire has invited us to set up a table at the annual Halloween Party at Arthur Seguin Chalet between 11am & 3pm. We'll have glow sticks and safety tips for the first 200 children, a raffle for kids and adults, and will be aiming to sign up more Block Parent families. Come and say Hi with your little ghosts and goblins (or Elsas and pirates 😊).

## Workshops

**CPR:** We are very lucky to be working with Stacy Baker, pediatric RN, who has offered her services to us free of charge. This past September she gave 12 of our Block Parents a CPR course, to much acclaim. We will be running this course once again in the new year should any other Block Parents be interested in brushing up on their skills.



## Finances

We are responsible for paying all costs related to the committee including: yearly membership fees, operational costs (photocopies, rental spaces, office supplies, postage for pamphlets, etc.), as well as the costs related to any events we host.

We started the year off in the red, with the committee members financing all expenditures, until we were able to raise funds. This year will likely see more expenses than future years as it is a start-up year and the committee needed to invest heavily in things such as basic supplies and pamphlets.

To date we have raised enough funds to cover all costs and have a petty cash. A financial summary will be available at the end of our year in April.

## Fundraising

Fundraising is an integral part of running the organisation and our only source of income. This year we explored a few different ways of raising money.

**Launch:** For the launch party we raised funds several ways: bake sale, raffles and table fees. We received raffle prizes and bake sale goods from many generous businesses in and around Pointe-Claire. With the prize raffle, a 50-50 raffle, bake sale and the table fees (paid by other organisations present at the launch) we were able to raise close to 1000\$. This money helped pay for the event, our operational costs to date and will go towards some upcoming events.



**Grants:** After filling out many grant forms we were very excited to find out that we have been awarded a grant from our MNA Geoff Kelley. Once we receive the grant, we will decide how best to use it.

**Theatre tickets:** This is our upcoming and final fundraising event of the year, which will hopefully bring us into our new fiscal year with all of the funds we will need. Pointe-Claire Block Parents have partnered with Lakeshore Players and have purchased 100 seats at The Lakeshore Players' production of *Boeing Boeing* on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The tickets will be sold at the box office price of 23\$. The play takes place at John Rennie's Louise Chalmers Theatre.

Please contact us by email [pointeclaire@parentssecours.ca](mailto:pointeclaire@parentssecours.ca) or by telephone at 514-694-4200 to obtain tickets.

**Boeing Boeing**

February 4 - 13, 2016

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Directed by: Steve Gillam

Bernard, an American bachelor living in Paris, absolutely adores his American air hostess fiancée, Gloria. He is also smitten with his Italian air hostess fiancée, Gabriella. Oh, and did we mention his affection for his German air hostess fiancée, Gretchen? According to Bernard, this is the ideal plan for love because it's "all been worked out. It's all on a schedule. Mathematical – perfect!"

These air-traveling ladies are never in the same city at the same time –what could possibly go wrong?

Come and see why this fun farce won the 2008 Tony Award for Best Revival.

## Community Outreach

**School community:** Our target clientele are school-aged children and therefore creating relationships with local schools is vital to the success of Block Parents. We have been positively received by the schools and look forward to meeting with the children to explain what the program is all about.

**Elderly community:** Did you know that assistance from a block parent is also available to seniors in our community? Whether helping a senior in distress or having seniors become Block Parents, reaching this community is an important part of our mission to succeed.

This fall we will be working closely with the city to successfully reach all of the seniors in order to explain Block Parents' objectives and to encourage some of the community members to become Block Parents themselves.

## Block Parent Week

October 25<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> is Block Parent Week. During this time we try to bring awareness about the program to as many people as possible. So please talk about us as much as you can!

## Friendly Reminder

Please remove window signs when you are not available! We like to keep ours in a window we can see from the car!

Thank you for reading and stay tuned for more announcements over the coming months. You can also stay up-to-date by visiting our web site <http://parentssecours-pc.ca/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/blockparentpointeclaire>