



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

Spring edition 2017

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 newsletter.



Block Parent celebrates 2 years in Pointe-Claire



On **Saturday, May 6th, 2016** the Pointe-Claire chapter of Block Parents officially celebrates its 2nd year anniversary. A general meeting will be held at the Cedar Park Heights Chalet at **10:00am** followed by some family fun.

All current members are invited for the general meeting as well as some fun activities before we open the festivities to the rest of Pointe-Claire citizens. Please keep your eyes open for an email in the near future for more details.



This is also a great time to get anyone else you know that may be interested to join us and find out more about the program.

Block Parent members

Our dream is to see at least one Block Parent per street in Pointe-Claire. We can currently count on over 50 households throughout Pointe-Claire with a sign in their window and another 5 awaiting approval. This year, we unfortunately lost some of our volunteers to other cities, which is why 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!

BECOME A BLOCK PARENT TODAY



The only volunteer job you can do from your couch!

Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers to help out with events, sign-ups, hanging flyers and translation. If you can spare an hour once in a while, please let us know! We are currently 5 people running the organisation and will need some extra help (even if it's sporadic) if we want to keep Block Parents up and running for a 3rd year.

Community Events

St. John Fisher School Fair: You may have spotted our booth or even met with Barb, our community outreach organizer, at the fair this past December. We were pleased to sign up some future Block Parents and to get the information out there about the program.

City celebrations: Keep an eye open for our booth at various city events and please point any interested parties our way to get more information about the Block Parents' initiative. If you are interested in helping out at a booth by giving out pamphlets and informing potential households how the program works please let us know; we are always looking for some extra help!

Upcoming Events

May 6th 10am : Annual General Meeting, Cedar Park Chalet

May 6th 10:30am : 2nd Anniversary Party, Cedar Park Chalet

July 1st 6pm: Canada Day parade

Finances

Our finances have not changed much in the past season. Yearly dues were once again waived by Parents-Secours Quebec and office expenditures came in around 100\$. We have upcoming costs from the police background checks as well as with the 2nd Annual Party. We have applied for funding from the local MNA and will likely have a BBQ at the 2nd Annual Party to help cover costs.

We also have an ongoing fundraiser with Fundscrip. If you are interested in helping us fundraise, it's as easy as a click of the mouse! Simply visit Fundscrip to buy gift cards and leave the rest up to us! With every purchase of a gift card, you receive your full value but Fundscrip gives us back a certain percentage! You can use the gift cards for everyday purchases such as gas and groceries or as gifts for special occasions. Simply go to www.fundscrip.com and use our group's invitation code is 57L5FJ.

If you'd like help or more information, do not hesitate to contact Mark Walford (our committee treasurer) at 514-697-6069 or by email at markhjwalford@yahoo.ca

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 most of the sector's schools and have given them an information pamphlet to be distributed to the school clientele. We will also be presenting to the OPP of École Pointe-Claire in the upcoming weeks.

Elderly community: Did you know that Pointe-Claire has the largest senior population on the island of Montreal?! Yet another reason it's so important to involve this community in our initiative. Our head of Senior Outreach has been working with various city employees as well as Cynthia Homan, city councillor, to create ties with the senior community and distribute information to them. Would you be interested in visiting a local seniors' home to talk about the program? If so, let us know, we'd love to get you involved!

Friendly Reminders

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

If you plan to move, have new additions to your family, help someone in need, or have a damaged sign please let us know as soon as possible so we can make the necessary updates in system.

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>