

Summer in Review | 2018



WE'VE BEEN BUSY...



Tour the Trees

Saturday, July 14th, Neighbourwoods and the Canadian Tree Fund proudly hosted Tour the Trees in Fergus and Elora. This event showcased some of our community's greatest trees, while giving cyclists an excuse to get outdoors and start conversations with like-minded people.



Queen Victoria herself (portrayed by Deb Dalziel) presented one of the grand Sugar Maples planted in her honour for her Diamond Jubilee. Victorian characters (Al Koop and Gary Bryant) spoke of the tough Ironwood in Victoria Park, as well as the controversy around the historic Kissing Stane.

Lead by Rick Goodfellow, this event was a great way to explore our community through a thoughtful investigation into our local natural wonders. Thanks to all who came out and supported this event!

Tree Tags

To illustrate what our trees mean to our community, Neighbourhoods created 'Tree Tags': signs that indicate how much trees around Fergus-Elora are worth in dollar values, which then featured categories explaining the breakdown of the value.

If you want to see find out what your tree is worth, go to treebenefitscalculator.com and enter the species of your tree and the DBH (Diameter at Breast Height). A few simple clicks is all it takes to see how much your tree is providing for you and your neighbourhood!





Tree Inventory

At the end of July, volunteers and summer students wrapped up the ninth season. This year, we inventoried more than trees and 17 blocks - a fantastic year (the good news about lack of rain!) for inventory and we only hope to do just as well next year!

This is the second year that data was uploaded to arcGIS on the spot, allowing us to plot exact tree locations and reducing errors stemming from transcribing field notes onto excel spreadsheets. Readers are invited to check out our online map to find out about trees in your neighbourhood. Note: there are a few streets which are inaccurate and this will be corrected soon.

Thanks to the Township of Centre Wellington for funding and support, and to Greg Wolowich for providing tech advice, training, and essential data management help.



Citizen Pruner Workshop

On June 23rd, members from 3 tree organizations in Southern Ontario- ReForest London, REEP Waterloo, and Long Branch Neighbourhood Association attended the full day Citizen Pruner Workshop. There were a number of other community members who joined as well. During the full day workshop, participants learned key strategies on how to start their own Citizen Pruner program in their own communities. Also covered was a comprehensive overview of tree biology and structural pruning both in the classroom and then in the field. Very special thanks to our instructor and certified arborist, Chris Morrison for sharing his knowledge and expertise.





Tree Stewarding

With so many events this year, Neighbourwoods decided to combine Tree Stewarding and Citizen Pruning to take a holistic approach to tree care. Not only did we prune, but we were able to mulch over 150 trees, remove stakes, and overall clean up some of our school and park trees. Thanks to Ali Morrison for providing us and our volunteers with a tour of Green Legacy and the opportunity to structurally prune some of their nursery trees! And a special thanks to Ted Ecclestone for leading the team and the Township for providing mulch. Boy, were you all a great help! Keep it up in your own yards!



We Couldn't Do This Without You!

Over the course of the Summer, our volunteers have been out mulching, pruning, and inventorying. In total, volunteers gave Neighbourwoods 133.5 hours which, if each volunteer was paid minimum wage, is worth \$2002.50. This is an amazing gift and we couldn't have accomplished so much without you! So thank you again for a super successful summer and all of your hard work, and we hope to see you again next year!

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY GROW

Become A Volunteer

Since our programs are seasonal, there is a limited time commitment. Any training required is always provided!

Volunteer Opportunities Include...

- A one-time effort - as a tree steward or tree planter
 - Two hours a week for June and July - part of the Tree Inventory or Citizen Pruner Team
 - Three evenings throughout the year - helping with Tree Talks
 - Once in a while - helping with special events like our Farmers Market booth
1. Become a Sponsor - if you are drawn to any one of our programs, please ask how you can help and how we can recognize you and your business.
 2. Become a Member - Just \$20 get you free admission into our Tree Talks and adds your name to the roster of people who support our urban forest.
 3. Become a Donor - we are grateful for every gift and donations of more than \$25 receive a tax-deductible receipt

If you would like to make a donation, please mail your cheque to:
NEIGHBOURWOODS, 75 MELVILLE ST., ELORA, ON., N0B 1S0
Please make cheques payable to Elora Environment Centre

We are so grateful for your support to continue growing the urban forest of Centre Wellington through education, advocacy & action.

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