

# **SUMMARY OF NELCE 2009 ACTION PLANS & OUTCOMES**

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTION GROUP**

### **GOALS:**

1. To build community pride
2. To create opportunities for fun and friendship
3. Support newcomers and isolated community members
4. Social networking opportunities for seniors
5. Increase NELCE's relationships with the wider community in order to learn from the community, gain new members, and raise community awareness of NELCE.

### **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

#### **1. Community Activities:**

- Egg & Cake decorating- March Break activity for children and adults (~45 attended)
- Games night- May evening activity (~ 12 attended)
- Family fun day (in partnership with Beacock Public Library)
- AVIVA Community Fund Competition - Received over 700 votes and made many contacts)
- Walking Groups (organizer in partnership)- From April to October (~5 per day)
- Welcome Wednesday- supported the program for the summer ( many seniors ranged from 15 to 35 )

#### **2. Community Events:**

- Winter Carnival – offered an outdoor hot drink booth and information
- North East London Community Fair (organized in partnership) organized and ran the Prizes and Registration booths as well as NELCE information booth. (~ 900 attendance)
- Ed Blake Park Celebration (in partnership but primary organizer) Organized tree planting ceremony, food, entertainment and information booths. (250+ participants)
- Huron Market – 1 food booth with “in house” made muffins as well as drinks and ice-cream and 1 craft booth with NELCE member made crafts
- Pumpkin Retirement Party (organizer in partnership) Supported set up and take down. Offered pumpkin decorated cupcakes and information

#### **3. Other:**

- NELCE members also arranged a number of social occasions between themselves as well as Neighbourhood get-togethers.

#### **4. Partnerships, Collaborations, Affiliations & other community relationships:**

- London InterCommunity Health Centre
- Kipps Lane Resident Working Group
- LIHC Community Advisory Committee
- Urban League of London
- City of London
- Beacock Public Library

## **ED BLAKE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ACTION GROUP**

### **GOALS:**

1. Physical Developments: To work towards development in the park that reflects the community's wishes.
2. Partnerships: To work with the City of London and other stakeholders to establish primary plans for development of Ed Blake Park, including having a public meeting.
3. Safety & Security: To contribute to the sense of safety and security for the neighbourhood
4. Community Development: To raise community interest and engagement in the park and the wider community through events and activities in the park

### **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

- Raised the profile and increased awareness of the need and potential for the park development—contributing to the allocation of infrastructure funds
- Actively worked with the City of London to engage residents in developing a park plan
- Contributed to the park plan
- Initiated a youth report on the wishes of local youth for the park
- Applied for and received grants from the Urban League and Reforest London for the planting of trees in the park as well as established a routine for their care. In addition, worked with the City of London to have more trees planted in the future.
- Hosted a celebration of the park and for the planting of the new trees which included local dignitaries, entertainment and food.

## **HEALTHY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP**

### **GOALS:**

1. To be a voice for the North East London community
2. To address significant community issues through advocacy and other relevant means.

### **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

#### **1. Transportation:**

- Data from the transit survey was compiled, analyzed and a report written.
- A specific report was written and submitted to London Transit Commission (LTC)
- Began a partnership with the Kipps Lane Residents Working Group on this committee
- A presentation was prepared and delivered to the LTC with positive feedback, and we are currently waiting on a response
- NELCE's profile raised on transit issues: our report cited in the London Homeless Coalitions Transit report; received invitation to participate in LTC re-visioning,

## **2. Community Safety**

- As a follow up to the presentation to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee in 2008, NELCE has been pursuing a pedestrian crossing between Vesta Street [Beacock Public Library] and the high-density housing and mall on the south side of Huron Street. We have recently heard that the City of London Engineering Department will be starting shortly on this project.
- Ed Blake Area— Series of conversations with the LPS Community Response Team regarding safety concerns some residents brought to members of NELCE.

## **3. Housing**

- Sponsored an information session on the Residential Tenancy Act and the rights of tenants.

## **COMMUNITY FOOD**

### **GOALS:**

1. To demonstrate simple, cost effective meals.
2. To provide social networking opportunities.
3. Food Security

### **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

#### **1. Community Kitchen:**

- There were 12 Community Kitchens with a total of 83 participants accumulate

#### **2. Extra Activities:**

- Spring Cake Decorating
- Vegetable Boxes
- Canning partnership with London City Farm Network....
- Muffins Ed Blake Park Celebration
- Cupcakes for LIHC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Huron Market- food
- Welcome Wednesdays- members helped decide menu, prepared food, did set up and clean up, and socialized with participants
- Holiday Cookie Making (~28 participants)

## **MEMBERSHIP & PROMOTION ACTION GROUP**

### **GOALS:**

1. To market NELCE in the Community in order to increase the membership and raise awareness
2. To have the community come to NELCE with identified community needs
3. To provide community information via website

### **ACTION OUTCOMES:**

#### **1. Membership:**

- Approximately six new members
- Changes in membership are based on a number of factors including transient neighbourhoods, community needs, and members life circumstances

## **2. Promotion:**

- New promotional material was developed, including posters, display panels and small cards

## **3. Website:**

- New website – [www.nelce.ca](http://www.nelce.ca) – was developed – information needs to be updated before it goes online

## **4. Fundraising**

- Monies raised at Huron Market
- Significant amount of in-kind funds raised in terms of donations from the community for events etc.