



# Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association Newsletter

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As our community continues to grow and change, our website is constantly developing as well. We have a new address at [www.eastbridge.info](http://www.eastbridge.info). There you can find the neighbourhood newsletters, coming events, contest winners, members of the board, contact information, helpful tips and more. Check it out often and watch for more changes and additions throughout the coming year! Gunther Kramer

## Eastbridge Family Skate...Great Turnout!

The family skate at RIM Park on Saturday Jan 19th, 2002 was a great success. A special thanks to those that organized it as well as to everyone involved for their generous support. Let's make this our new winter event!



## MISSION STATEMENT

Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association is dedicated to providing our neighbourhood with a unified voice, family oriented social events utilizing the many talents and ideas of our residents ultimately creating a safe, desirable and enjoyable community for those who have chosen to call Eastbridge their home.

## STREET CAPTAINS URGENTLY REQUIRED!

You may ask, "What does a street captain do?" It is actually quite an easy task; simply delivering the newsletters on a designated street (usually your own or one close by). This is a great opportunity to help out in our community as well as a chance to meet and greet neighbours along the way. As our neighbourhood is growing by leaps and bounds, we want to provide the newsletters to everyone, both on existing and new streets. In order to do this in a timely fashion, someone is required on each street.

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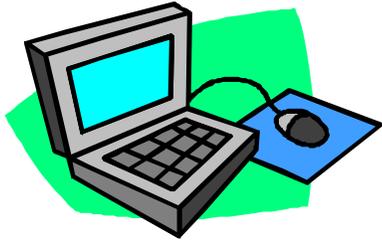
The following streets urgently need street captains:

- Breakwater
- Chesapeake Dr
- Shediac Cres
- South Haven Dr
- Brigantine Dr
- Sandy Cove
- Seawind Trail
- Spinnaker Cres

If you are able to help deliver on any of these streets and would like to become a street captain, please call Cindy Watkin at 883-4075. To those of you who are street captains and deliver regularly, THANKS so much!



# Computer Corner



## RAM

For a relatively cost-effective increase in your computer's performance, adding RAM (Random Access Memory) can be a quick fix. There's never been a better time to do so, seeing that RAM prices are currently extremely low. Computer operating systems, applications and games continue to increase in size and complexity, resulting in a need for more computing power. The current industry standard for new PCs is roughly 128 to 256 MB RAM. However, depending on what your computer is to be used for, stocking up your system with 512 MB RAM or even more isn't as ridiculous as it may have been a couple of years ago.

The reason more RAM helps your system run faster is because it makes data instantly available. If you begin a program and there isn't enough unused RAM to handle the job, Windows copies one of the open programs to the hard drive in order to free up more RAM to run the new program. Later, when you switch back to the first program, it has to be swapped with the later one. If you have a number of larger programs open at the same time, plus all the hidden operating system programs, the amount of swapping can critically slow your system down. One thing to remember though, is that Windows 95 / 98 / 98 SE / Me can only work with a maximum of 512 MB of RAM. If you should install more, then you can expect your efforts to backfire and your computer can actually slow down! If you are working with Windows NT / 2000 / XP you can install a total of 4 GB of RAM, however a maximum of only 2 GB will be allocated to any single program.

There are many different types of RAM that have varying number of pins (contact points), different speeds and capabilities. Before running out and purchasing more RAM, be sure to understand which RAM you require. If you have never installed components in your computer before, then I would recommend only having a professional open the computer casing.

Gunther Kramer  
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## ENA Executive Board of Directors

Chairperson	Gunther Kramer	888-7425
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Playgroup	Kim DeGasperis	725-7945
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# Christmas Decorating Winners - Congratulations!



1st Place - Mayflower



2nd Place - Windjammer Way



3rd Place - Harbour View

## Traffic Laws



The majority of us, if not all of us moved to the Eastbridge community for many reasons including, but definitely not limited to, the traffic calming curves of the roads, the numerous parks and parkettes and the overall feeling of home. We all share this home and have a stake in the atmosphere we live in. We all have a responsibility to ensure we are not having a negative impact on our community.

One such negative action, and the one I wish to address, is the growing number of violations against certain sections of The Highway Traffic Act in the area encompassed by the Eastbridge Neighbourhood Association.

The sections are basic to anyone with a drivers licence. The first is "Failing to Stop". Any stop sign you choose to observe, you will very rarely see anyone come to a proper stop, if they even slow down. Obviously, when approaching a stop sign, a driver must stop. If a stop line exists, a driver must stop at the line, if there is no line, then they must stop perpendicular to the sign. For not stopping or stopping in the wrong place, a driver could face a fine of \$90.00 and additional surcharge of \$15.00 plus demerit points.

Second offences, "Drive wrong way, one-way traffic". This can be encountered on any given day, numerous times during the day at the roundabout at New Bedford Dr and Eastbridge Blvd. Numerous drivers find their lives far more important and far more busy than anyone else's to obey the one-way signs and yield posted at this location. They would rather cut across, instead of proceeding around, the circle properly. Hand in hand with this is "Failing to Yield". A driver approaching the circle must yield to those already in the circle. For these offences, drivers could face the same fine and surcharge as above as well as demerit points.

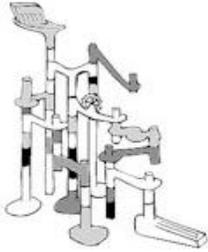
The third offence is "speeding". Everyone knows what this is and how to avoid it. The fine is dependant upon the speed above the limit.

The final offence I wish to address is "Careless Driving". A driver could face this charge for violating any one of the above offences. This would be dependant on observations made by a Police Officer or a witness to the offence. If a driver were to disobey a stop sign or proceed the wrong way, or fail to yield on the roundabout and end up in a collision, then chances are very good they would be facing a careless driving charge. This offence carries a \$265.00 fine plus a \$50.00 surcharge plus six demerit points.

This is everyone's home. We have children running and cycling everywhere and in their excitement may not always be as observant as they should be. It is up to all of us to watch for them and ensure we obey the traffic laws. The amount of time actually saved by rolling through stop signs or cutting the roundabout are negligible at best. Instead of running the risk of getting a ticket, or worse, hitting a child or another motorist, please, slow down and obey the signs.

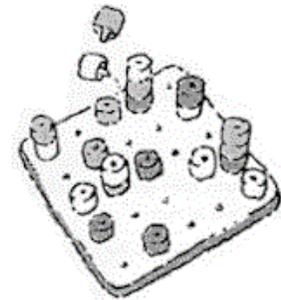
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## Ice Dams - The Hidden Danger

An ice dam is a build-up of ice, usually at the roof's edge, that causes water to back-up under the roof coverings. This condition can result in a number of ultimately costly issues including:

wet insulation

damage to eaves troughs

premature wear to roof coverings

structural damage to roof sheeting, ceiling joists, and rafters

mildew, mould

damage to wall finishes

damage to interior ceilings and walls

Observe your roof when it is covered with frost or light snow, looking for areas of melting. With a significant depth of snow on the roof these warm areas will cause ice damming. If the attic temperature is above freezing, the warm roof sheeting melts the snow on the shingles. This water runs down the roof until it meets the colder roof overhang causing the water to freeze, starting the ice dam. Subsequent melt water blocked by the dam, backs up under the shingles.

A common reaction to the problem is to install heat cables in a zigzag pattern on the shingles at the roof edge. This only treats the symptom and not the cause of ice damming, which has nothing to do with the roof or shingles. It has everything to do with heat loss due to low insulation levels at the ceiling edge, inadequate attic ventilation at this area, and warm air leakage from the house.

Other contributing factors include intricate roof designs with multiple dormers and valleys, lower sloped or long sloped roofs, cathedral ceiling designs, and eaves trough downpipes discharging onto lower roofs.

To correct ice damming, make sure every rafter space is vented across its full width using properly sized vent baffles above the insulation so that there is a minimum 1 ½" depth for ventilation. Also insulate and weather-strip your attic hatch.

*Bob Johnston RHI (Registered Home Inspector) since 1992*

# Children's Crafts

## Snow Globes



### Materials Needed:

- One small jar (preferably a baby food jar)
- One small plastic figure (buy from craft store)
- Other small decorations (must fit in your jar)
- Glitter
- Super glue
- Ribbon or lace
- One of the following: mineral oil, corn syrup, or glycerine (buy from pharmacy)

1. Super glue the figure and decorations to the inside of the jar lid.
2. Make sure there is enough room around the edge for the lid to screw onto the jar.
3. Fill your jar with water.
4. Add 1 tablespoon of glycerine, OR Mineral oil, OR corn syrup, so the glitter will slowly float down....like snow.
5. Make sure you leave enough head space for the decorations to fit in the jar without making it overflow.
6. Carefully dry the outside rim of the jar, where the lid will be screwed on.
7. Add Glitter to the water.
8. Screw on the lid.
9. If the liquid over flows, open it up and dry the rim again.
10. Seal the lid with super glue.
11. Glue on lace and ribbon to hide the lid.

### Variations:

Use tiny snowflake glitter, or tiny sequins as the "snow".  
Make one for every season.

### Notes:

Remember to only use one type of addition to the water, such as glycerine or mineral oil, or corn syrup.  
Only use super glue. Hot glue, white glue or other craft glues will not work.

Kerstin Kramer

## Time Out For Moms, Tots & Pops

Friday's  
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# Childcare Registry



Please take note, Eastbridge on the Grand has a new Childcare Registry person. Tara Renon has taken over the registry responsibilities from Jenn McIntyre. If you are looking for full time/part time childcare in the area or would like to add your name to our community list, please contact:

Tara Renon  
884-4939  
childcare@eastbridge.info

## A Notice to all Paper Carriers

The Eastbridge on the Grand Neighbourhood Association has received numerous complaints regarding newspapers and flyers not being placed in mailboxes. One resident wrote;

*"There is the odd occasion that I might actually wish to peruse those publications, and do not appreciate having to thaw them, then dry them, or chase them down the street, to find to my dismay, I have only captured 3 of 8 pages."*

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter in the future. Thank you.

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## Financial Report

Balance (1 Dec. 2001): \$2459.86

Expenses:           \$30.00 Valentines Dance  
                          \$20.00 Annual Meeting Cake  
                          \$345.00 Website  
                          \$137.11 Skating Party

Revenue:            \$178.54 Skating Party  
                          \$150.00 Newsletter Advert.

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Waterloo Regional Police.....	653-7700
St. Luke.....	884-4912
St. David.....	885-1340
Elizabeth Ziegler.....	742-4402
Margaret Avenue.....	578-1910
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Rim Park.....	884-5363
Waterloo Recreation Arena.....	886-3844
Albert Street Library.....	886-1310
City of Waterloo.....	886-1550
Bi-law enforcement.....	747-8785
Overnight Parking Exemption.....	747-8559
Grand River Health Centre.....	742-3611
Waterloo North Hydro.....	886-5090
Union Gas.....	1-888-774-3111
Call Before U Dig.....	1-800-400-2255

## Overnight Parking By-Law



For those of you who are not aware, the City of Waterloo has passed an overnight parking by-law effective April 1st, 2000. You are not allowed to park on any city street between the hours of 2:30 am - 6:00 am. Each household, however, is granted a maximum of 12 exemptions per year. If you need to park a vehicle overnight you must register the vehicle with the City at 747-8559 before 1:30 am to prevent the issuance of a parking ticket. For any further information please call the City of Waterloo at 886-1550.

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