

# GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2016

## GLENS FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC



Glens residents turned out in full force on Sat., Sept. 10 for our community picnic. Over 200 residents -- adults and children -- had a blast at the event at Pineglen Park. A huge thank you to our fearsome team who planned this fabulous event: (l to r)

Nicole Charbonneau, Agnes Warda, Stephan Klovan, Pat McLachlan, Marie Primeau-Maurice & Marilyn Booth (missing from photo).

Musical entertainment was provided by the Ottawa Simcha Band. They are a group of friends dedicated to making the world a happier place through their music. The band has a terrific repertoire of popular songs, played with energy and enthusiasm. They encourage the audience to sing along and dance. The band was a huge hit!



The festivities were formally opened at 12 noon by Ottawa native TAMMY LAVERTY, internationally acclaimed singer. She led us in a stirring rendition of "O Canada." Tammy has performed both the Canadian and US national anthems all over North America at NHL, NFL and CFL games, as well as at other major sporting events and special celebrations. She is pictured here with Mayor Jim Watson and Stephan Klovan.

Councillor Keith Egli and recently elected MP Chandra Arya formally welcomed residents. Mayor Watson congratulated



the community on the event and was delighted to see such a large turnout with everyone having a great time. We were also joined by Cst. Sherry Jordan of the community police centre, the OPS K-9 Unit (Cst Andras Mozes) with Special "Constable" Copper, as well as a fire truck. First responders were greeted warmly by everyone and responded to many questions.

The delicious sandwiches residents lined up for came courtesy of Frank's Catering & Baked Goods. Owner Frank Spartico heard that it was the Glens first such event in many years so generously contributed the sandwiches. Thank you Frank!

Ramada on the Rideau contributed freshly baked cookies, strawberries and goodies for the kids. Their authentic canoe was overflowing with complimentary soft drinks! Ramada also supplied tables and chairs. Thank you. A true community partner!

Pineglen resident, Mohammad Saleem, Deputy High Commissioner, Pakistan High Commission, represented his country at the picnic, offering and sharing many glimpses into its culture, food and artistry. Everybody enjoyed authentic cuisine and yummy "Samosas." Besides an interesting display of cards and maps, they also offered hugely popular "Henna Tattoos," an ancient form of adornment.



A highlight of the day was the



**Pie Baking Contest** sponsored by Ramada on the Rideau. There were 11 delicious entries. Celebrity judges: Gay Cook (Ottawa Citizen), Pam Collacutt (CTV News & Trillium Cooking School) and David Godsoe (Head Chef, RAMADA by the Rideau) had a tough time picking a winner. The winner was a delicious pear pie baked by Allison McCann. First prize was a day stay at the Ramada and a dinner gift certificate. Second prize was a personally autographed copy of "Celebrity Chef" Margaret Dickenson's latest coffee table collector cook book, "Margaret's Table," winner of four international awards, including Best of the Best Cookbook in the entertaining category at Gourmand World. The third prize winner received an exquisite coffee table book, "BAKING with JULIA" by famed author, Julia Child!

The picnic was a perfect opportunity for the Glens community to come together, share food and a few laughs, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon. There was something for everyone. For the kids, face painting, potato sack races and egg-and-spoon races, bouncy castle, cotton candy and popcorn were a big hit!



Thank you to everyone for participating. Special thanks to all volunteers and their families.



**Glens Annual Holiday Brunch**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup> At Ramada!** Watch our website for more: [www.glenscommunity.ca](http://www.glenscommunity.ca).

**"Sparkle & Shine Contest" Coming to the Glens**  
Use your imagination and creativity when decorating. Secret panel of judge will judge your entry. Each entry \$10 cash will go to **Jer's Vision which assists in helping prevent bullying in teenagers.** Details coming soon!.

## Stormwater Fee on Your Tax Bill in 2017

**Beginning in 2017, Glens residents not connected to City services will be charged a stormwater fee of \$74.60 per year** on the property tax bill. The fee will be phased in over four years at 25% increments. The City is providing urban unconnected property owners a 30% discount on the urban connected fee of \$106. This reflects the fact that properties on private septic generally have more green space surrounding their home to accommodate a septic bed, and have a lower impervious-to-permeable surface ratio. Our stormwater benefit is primarily from road and roadside drainage rather than drainage from our property. The proposal has been tailored to fit the budgetary requirements not to alleviate environmental concerns. It addresses some fairness issue by offering urban unconnected properties a reduced fee, which accounts for some difference in service levels. But it does not account for differences in the size of property and lot coverage. For ex., the owner of a small bungalow on a 1/2 acre lot would pay the same fee as the owner of a McMansion with paved circular driveway, basketball court and accessory buildings with little permeable area.

**There is no incentive for a property owner to take water saving measures** like rain barrels, rain gardens, trees and rainwater harvesting. We suggested that the City consider a crossover policy unifying urban tree canopy management with stormwater management by offering credits to residents with documented mature trees. Trees slow down and temporarily store runoff, thus promoting infiltration and decreasing flooding and downstream erosion. Some municipalities offer such credits. It was also suggested that the City review the ditch alteration policy, which currently does not permit ditch alterations in front of homes by homeowners other than through the costly local improvement process.

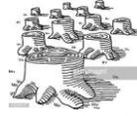
Two motions were introduced: by Coun. Cloutier on behalf of Coun. Egli -- to direct staff to review municipal best practices for credits for stormwater management controls on individual properties, including those that recognize rain barrels, trees, cisterns, permeable driveways, and/or other engineered landscape controls, and by Coun. Chernushenko – to request the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to include actual impervious surface area in square metres in property listings at the earliest opportunity. Council can revisit such issues as how to account for hard surfaces or to encourage water conservation while retaining financial stability, as well as to address any unanticipated consequences of the new rate structure. Let's hope those consequences will be better researched than past water conservation policies.

**Check your MPAC property profile. New stormwater fee will be set using MPAC data.** It has come to GCA's attention that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has incorrect information on some Glens properties. MPAC has them marked on municipal services rather than on private water and septic. The City has advised us that it will use MPAC data to determine how much a property owner will be charged for stormwater service (see above). Be sure to check your property assessment and ensure that the information is correct.

## Putting Down Roots for the Future: Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) 2018-2037

**GCA has received a staggering number of complaints** about tree cutting in the Glens. Trees are understandably lost due to damage and disease. Some trees have been cut due to misinformation and ignorance of the existing by-law. Others have fallen victim to plans for lot development that appeared to deliberately ignore community and environmental interests. When is it justified to clear-cut a lot in a residential neighbourhood that is treasured for its trees?

Architects normally look forward to providing design plans that promote harmony between new home development and the treed environment. The Official Plan states: "...preserving vegetation on sites subject to development not only contributes to the urban and rural forest and the overall environmental health of the area, but also helps improve the visual appeal of newly developed areas." A number of properties in the Glens have been developed with this philosophy in mind. Beautiful new homes have been built that are elegantly situated among majestic old trees.



**Unfortunately, we have also seen developments where mature healthy trees were taken down**, including a large number of 100-year-old White Pines, to permit a development that ignores community heritage, ecology and its natural beauty. Such developments cause great concern among long-time residents, who are worried that Pineglens will soon exist in the name only and lamenting loss of our natural inheritance. Sadly, **Ottawa has a very permissive tree by-law that fails to protect trees when it matters most and allows almost any exemption request for a small deposit.** Building permit applications for infill development must provide information about trees on the lot, including whether each tree is to be removed or retained. For a refundable deposit of \$700 per lot, virtually any tree can be cut without any reason or an independent arborist input. The money is returned when new trees are planted (any number, any size, anywhere). **The tree by-law does not protect the Glens.** Residents' complaints to 311, the Environment Committee and Mayor Watson were addressed by Coun. Chernushenko's office. Our concerns and frustrations were noted. He expressed alarm and disappointment to hear about mature tree removals. We are not alone in criticizing the current by-law for its failure to protect mature trees. It has been expressed loudly and clearly by numerous delegations at Environment Committee.



The cutting of trees in the Glens is yet another example of the City Arborist not being brought into the building permitting process until it's too late. We need to see much better involvement of the City Arborist in the development review and building permitting processes. It is our fond hope that the Urban Forest Management Plan will provide the analysis, community support and feedback, and recommendations to do this. City staff are aware of the current tree by-law's limitations. We are advised that they will be recommending a review of the bylaw as one of the key recommendations of the UFMP, with a view to strengthening the by-law. Two consultation sessions are planned for the end of November. **Glens residents are encouraged to provide concerns and recommendations** <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/environment/urban-forest-management-plan> **Only mature trees require permit.** A tree permit is not required when it's necessary to prune a mature tree, a tree is an immediate threat to public health and safety, or it threatens a building foundation. **Tree Permit applications cost \$100.**

## Canada's 150 Birthday in 2017

Mark your calendars for the Glens "*Strawberry Social*" on June 24, 2017 to celebrate our accomplishments in colonial style while going down memory lane. It will be an all-age inclusive event celebrating our past and looking forward to a bright future. If you wish to volunteer, help, or have a great idea to share, please contact GCA at [executive@glenscommunity.ca](mailto:executive@glenscommunity.ca) The event will be preceded by the ward 9 "*Old Time Nepean Fun Fair! - Sesquicentennial Celebration*" scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Howard Darwin Centennial Arena. In 2017, we will also celebrate 225 years of Nepean Township established in 1792 and our community association 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So many more reasons to celebrate!!!



## Grenfell Glen Fall Clean-up

Maintaining the park-like appearance of Grenfell Glen is an ongoing challenge. Wooded areas seem to attract litter! While cleaner than some years, on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 adults and 4 children collected 3 bags of recyclable bottles and cans as well as 6 bags of garbage and one bag of yard waste. All of this was picked up from Grenfell Park, the surrounding wooded areas and the ditches beside Grenfell Crescent. Special thanks to all our volunteers who collect tossed trash throughout the year as well as on dedicated clean-up days.

## Snow in the Glens - Coming Soon

In July, Council approved changes to snow clearing efforts. Last year vicious snow storm caused equipment failures that led to street clearing delays, slippery or snow covered intersections and cancellation of senior services. Residents, ParaTranspo buses and service vans were stuck in snow in our area. For years community was complaining about windrow and asked for reverse ploughing. Pineglen Cres was selected for the pilot project implementing new snow clearing measures.

## Small Aircraft Noise – Ottawa Flying Club

In an official message, NavCanada has informed us that they encourage safe flying, acknowledge the flight path and agree on the need to respect our neighbourhood. They believe that the *majority* of planes do respect the ordinances. It's up to pilots and Transport Canada to police themselves. Many Glens residents feel that NavCanada is skirting its responsibility. The *Aeronautics Act* provides for fines to be charged for non-compliance, which Transport Canada must enforce. Transport Minister Gameau's office informed the community that a Transport Canada official called the YOW flight school to remind them of the importance of aircraft adhering to the designated flight paths. Minister Gameau's office has drafted a letter to be sent to NavCanada. Let us know if you see any improvements in flight paths. In the meantime, we need to maintain pressure on the Ottawa Airport to get this matter resolved satisfactorily. To be effective, we need to provide as many details as possible for each infraction (time, date, direction, plane markings/call sign if visible). We may also conduct a letter writing campaign as the more voices, the louder the volume, and the greater frequency, the better!

## By Laws

**Idling Control By-law (By-law No. 2007-266)** prohibits drivers from idling their vehicles for more than three minutes in a given 60-minute period, when the temperature is between 5°C and 27°C (including the humidex calculation and wind chill value as determined by Environment Canada). Idling is allowed during extreme outdoor temperatures to ensure that an occupied vehicle's interior can be heated or cooled.

**Noise By-law (By-law No. 2004-253)** No person shall cause or permit unnecessary motor vehicle noise such as the sounding of the horn, revving of engine and the squealing of tires of any motor vehicle on any property other than a highway. No person shall cause or permit any unusual noise or noise likely to disturb the inhabitants (loud music, shouting, equipment noise etc.)

**Temporary car shelters** (an accessory use structure) are permitted in the City of Ottawa from November 1 to April 30<sup>th</sup> without a building permit as long as they comply with the setbacks set out in the zoning bylaw. Most properties in our area are zoned R1E[1722]. This means that any car shelter must be 0.9 m from the side property line (attached garage, 1.2 m free standing garage) and 7.5 m from the front property line as well as 1.2 m from any other building. They can be placed in side or rear yard.

**By-law 2009-164, By-law 2016-131:** Trucks over 6 m in length, heavy vehicles (RV, trailer for camping or a boat) can only be parked in the rear yard or interior side yard 0.6 m from the lot line. Any other heavy vehicles are prohibited.

**By-law 2014-220** Construction fencing to limit entry to an area where construction is proposed is a requirement of the Building By-law. Permit holders are advised at time of building permit issuance that they must take measures to provide adequate fencing in compliance with the By-law. It's the Permit Holders responsibility to install and maintain a fence in compliance with the By-law. Staff have since been reminded that the requirement for construction fencing needs to be more stringently enforced.

## K9 Unit - Training

With residents' permission, the Ottawa Police Service is now training dogs using residential back yards. Dogs benefit by having a better and more realistic training environment. Residents benefits from the increased police presence in our neighbourhood. Training would be conducted mostly during the day and the team would attempt to use the backyards when residents are not at home so as not to disturb them. The officers involved will be wearing reflective "Police K9 Training" vests. A number of residents have already given permission. If you are interested in supporting this important training initiative, let us know and we will forward your name to the K9 unit [executive@glenscommunity.ca](mailto:executive@glenscommunity.ca)

## GCA Membership Drive

We encourage existing members who have not yet renewed their 2016 membership in the Association to do so by contacting any of your executive members (see last page). We also welcome new residents. Fees remain at only \$5.00 per household for the year. We would also like to collect your current email address so that we can contact you if there is a problem or police warning, or to provide association newsletters and flyers. The Glens Association follows privacy laws so your information will only be used for Association business. It will not be shared or published.



**ATTENTION!** ★ Open House, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex Halls C&D.  
★ Ward 9 Holiday Party, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Emerald Plaza Library;  
★ Christmas Craft Market & Bistro, November 26, Merivale United Church, 1876 Merivale Rd.

## Community Businesses for Hire

Free service for youth seeking summer employment. Residents with home businesses: \$30. Commercial businesses: \$100. Fees renewable annually. Includes newsletter and website ads for a year.

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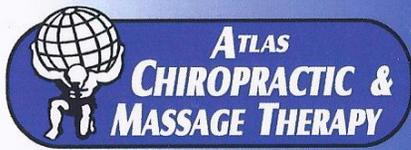
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