

# GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2017

**ANNUAL  
GENERAL  
MEETING**

## GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### "How to Cope with Challenges Of Modern Life – Trees, Infill, Roadwork, Airport and Water Supply"

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7 P.M.

The MET,  
(Metropolitan Bible Church)  
2176 Prince of Wales Drive

- ☑ Meet our Councillor, ask questions!
- ☑ Councillor Chernushenko, Environment and Climate Change Committee, Chair (trees, stormwater, wildlife)
- ☑ Community Police, Cst. Sherry Jordan
- ☑ Good Neighbours and By-laws, Jake Gravelle, Manager
- ☑ Airport, and the Glens
- ☑ Pick-up your water testing bottle
- ☑ Canada 2017 Celebration

### Modern Life and the Glens

Without question, modern times are becoming more and more challenging. Our village character is changing and the home prices rising. Last winter, the Ottawa Sun named Pineglen among new city hot spots. "Single-family homes in Hunt Club/Windsor Park, Country Place/ Pineglen and the Glebe all saw prices rise in excess of 14 percent during the past five years". "The latter two districts are among the most expensive in the city with houses benchmarked last month at \$591,000 and \$648,000, respectively". Rockcliffe Park, is the only district that reported a drop in benchmark prices. The story brought many small developers and home seekers to our area looking for an investment or a new home. Once again residents considering selling privately should establish a fair market price for their home or even consider hiring an independent appraiser. Rising property values are also good and bad news depending on your stage of life.

### Few Useful Hints

We continue to welcome our newest residents, share with them our knowledge and encourage them to embrace an environmentally healthy way of life, in symbiosis with trees and wildlife. Mother Nature is unforgiving when ignored. Well water should be tested a minimum of once per year. More frequent testing should be considered if: there is a change in the taste/odor/ or appearance, there is an infant at home or if there are recurrent incidents of gastrointestinal illness. Similarly, test more often after your well or septic were flooded or malfunctioned, or to monitor water treatment equipment.

**VOLUNTEERS!  
NEEDED!**

The Glens Community Association is looking for new board members to help keep the Glens a great place to live. Board members discuss issues, lead tasks or participate in organizing events and activities. If the board's not for you, help us in other ways, for ex., to maintain our website or write newsletter articles. We also have active website and Facebook page. To contact: email: [executive@glenscommunity.ca](mailto:executive@glenscommunity.ca); [www.glenscommunity.ca](http://www.glenscommunity.ca) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677464099198875/>



### Glens will be celebrating Canada's 150 Birthday in 2017

by gathering at 2080 Merivale Road (St. Monica Parish) for a "Strawberry Social" - an all age inclusive event celebrating our past, present and looking forward toward a bright future. The festivities will offer the RCMP Pipers & Drums, a Barbershop Quartet, heritage games for children, a bouncy castle and a light lunch. Ecology Ottawa will be on site to dispense free seedlings. The Hydro Conservation team will be there and a Fire truck will arrive at 2:30 p.m. The Official opening ceremony will be held at 12:00 noon.



### Spring Clean-up in Grenfell Glen

Thank you to everyone who came out in spite of rain showers. We collected 18 bags of garbage, 5 bags of cans and plastic, 1 yard waste bag on pizza boxes, and 3 hub caps. At least 12 adults and 8 children/youth participated.

### Thank you for Branch Removal in Grenfell Glen

Many branches dropped during the winter, creating a huge challenge for many residents – until one resident stepped up. Jason (JDM Roofing) offered to collect and chip fallen branches that were brought to the front yards. For large branches, he offered further assistance with cutting and carrying. With assistance from a few neighbours, three 14 yard containers were filled with chips. Many thanks to you and your crew!!! Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

### Prince of Wales Improvements

2017 will see intersection modifications and roadway rehabilitation to improve the flow of traffic along the POW corridor. There will be traffic delays and detours. However, during the day two lanes will be maintained. During the night there will be only one lane. Cyclists will be encouraged to use alternate routes during construction. Road rehabilitation work between Hunt Club and Deakin will be completed over two weekends in July or August. During these weekends, only one lane in each direction will be operational. The Contractor will be permitted to work during both day time and night time hours on both weekdays and weekends. Every effort will be made to control the dust on site. Access to properties will be maintained at all times during construction with the exception of concrete placement and driveway

reinstatement. 24 hours notice will be provided for this work. The Contractor will be moving waste to a common location and return all containers to homeowners. Existing trees will be protected; however, construction within the City's right-of-way may result in some disruption to part of the private property adjacent to the work. Lawns, pathways, gardens and/or driveways may be disturbed. The affected areas will be reinstated as soon as possible after construction is completed, at no cost to you. However, if you have plants or any other assets located within the City's right-of-way that you want to preserve, we suggest that you move them in preparation for the construction work. The work this summer is a temporary modification including the extension of turning lanes and road re-pavement. The full project is scheduled to begin design in 10-15 years.

### Police Service Initiative

Ottawa Police Service launched its new Frontline service delivery model in January 2017. It includes new Community Safety Services (dedicated to working with communities. The idea is to build stronger relationships with community partners and work towards resolving some pressing issues impacting communities. Each community has been assigned a Community Intake Coordinator and Community Police Officer (CPO). The title is a bit misleading as the coordinator does not take any intake reports. To request participation in community events it's easier and more efficient to approach the community police constable directly. It's hard to assess how it benefits us as a community. District traffic sections were dismantled and their patrolmen/officers included in one traffic unit. How to achieve compliance with rules of the road when there is an absence of police in our neighbourhood? Studies have shown that reducing the speed limit on a roadway has minimal impact on the operating speed unless the roadway conditions cater to the lower speed limit; there is constant police enforcement, or physical modifications are in place.

Residents are strongly encouraged to report incidents by phone to 613-236-1222, ext. 7300, or on-line <https://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/contact-us/Online-Reporting.asp> Reports are to be collated and if the police analysts see an unusual increase in incidents, patrol may be deployed. There will be a large gap between reporting and dispatching someone to enforce. If a traffic report is sufficiently complete the registered owner will get warning letter. They are free to ignore it but if few letters are dispatched at the same address, there will be following up. On a final page of an on-line report there is an option to describe the event if other elements are missing (plate number, color, and driver description).

This year we have seen large increase in crime activities (B&E, car thefts, theft from cars, assaults) and 12 incidents of proactive policing in the POW area. **If you do not report crimes (even minor ones), problems will not be addressed.** The same refers to traffic related issues. Those concerned with speeding on Grenfell or Pineglen should report all incidents of speeding. If safety of school children is of concerns please call and report. The unusually high number of thefts from car and B&Es will be addressed at the AGM.

### Small Aircraft Noise

Country Place and the Glens are working together to find a suitable solution to resolve the noise pollution and the health and safety issues caused by the flying school's continuous disregard for aviation regulations at the Ottawa International Airport and both NavCan and Transport Canada's attitudes. "Frustrated residents have been keeping a log and trying in vain to get some action from local politicians and organizations like Transport Canada, which handles complaints about airport noise". "The noise — even according to Ottawa Flying Club general manager Richard Swaffer — can sound

like a motorcycle engine on the ground." Seemingly pilots use visual navigation and, therefore, they may "deviate somewhat from the published procedures based on wind patterns as well as from instructions received from the control tower." There are currently 60 trainee pilots and one would hope that the schools teach them about the rules and not allow course deviations. Planes are seen everywhere, happily buzzing miles away from their prescribed routes. Read more at <https://www.ottawacommunitynews.com/news-story/7315014-tempers-take-off-over-small-plane-noise-in-grenfell-glen/>

### NCC Pinhey Sand Dune Restoration 2017

The third phase of Pinhey Sand Dunes Habitat Restoration is in full swing. It began in 2012 with the clearing of the first site in Merivale Gardens, near Pineland and Vaan. A second site was added in



2015/16 just east of parking lot 15 on Slack Road. The third site is located west of P15 and east of the old forest access road, which goes south from Slack, just east of the Vaan/Slack Road intersection. The third site is smaller than the first and similar in size to the second site. Long term, the 3 sites will be joined by interpretive trails. The NCC has removed some of the fast growing red pines that were planted in the 1950s and 60s. Between Slack Road and the tall dune, there is a wet area which was the only area where there was 'natural' vegetation when the settlers arrived. <http://www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca/places-tovisit/greenbelt/southern-farm-pinhey-forest>

### Ward 9 2017 Celebration

A colorful poster for the "Old Time Nepean Fun Fair". The text "OLD TIME NEPEAN FUN FAIR" is prominently displayed in large, white, serif font against a blue background with a sunburst pattern. Below this, the date and time "Saturday, June 3 11 a.m. to 5 p.m." are written in yellow. The location "HOWARD DARWIN CENTENNIAL ARENA 1765 MERIVALE ROAD" is listed in white. The poster also features illustrations of diverse people and animals, and a logo for the City of Ottawa 2017. On the left and right sides, there are purple banners that say "FREE ENTRY" and "FREE EVENTS" respectively. At the bottom, it lists "MUSIC - GAMES - HERITAGE DISPLAYS - FOOD".

### Urban Forest Glens Position

Provincial policy contains a number of excellent statements and existing options that should allow for better tree conservation. It promises to: "minimize the undesirable effects of development, including the impacts on air, water and other resources; ...promote and enhance human health and social well-being and communities economically and environmentally sound and resilient to climate change; conserve biodiversity, protect essential ecological processes and minimize environmental and social impacts". Recent studies describe not only tree's benefit but are also assessing its financial value. It's been said that trees: contribute to a strong sense of neighborhood and community; promote public health, safety and

general welfare while reducing noise, heat and glare, air pollution; prevent soil erosion; improve surface drainage and minimize flooding; provide a protective physical and psychological barrier between pedestrians and traffic; create special places that are inviting; encourage energy and water conservation; create civic identity; beautify and enhance improved and undeveloped land; and minimize the cost of construction and maintenance of drainage systems. Glens are in agreement that: "...the development and site alteration shall not be permitted unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions". Glens CA has suggested, among other things, that the City: consider adding an additional overlay or restrictive covenant to Glens existing R1E(1722) zoning requiring development to comply with additional natural protection requirements, establish a significant trees program, and regulate and restrict trees removal within the building envelope. While a building envelope defines the area where all structures must be confined, it should not afford automatic rights for removal of, or damage to vegetation. Also, introduce a pilot project that would tie obtaining a building permit to a public hearing or neighbourhood committee permit, encourage tree audits and mature trees mapping. Glens would like to see that when renovating or building a new dwelling identified trees outside the principal building envelope would have to be retained except to allow for necessary driveway access, septic and garage locations. Other buildings and structures such as swimming pools should be located to avoid identified trees. In recent years, there has been an increased awareness by many in the community of the value that trees bring to the community including positive ecological and environmental benefits as well as community, social, economic and personal benefits.

**Interesting Developments**

A site plan application to build a new Audi auto dealership at 269 West Hunt Club Road.



Change coming to Elgin Street (Laurier Avenue to Queen Elizabeth Driveway), Waverley Street (Elgin Street to Jack Purcell Lane) and Hawthorne Avenue (Pretoria Bridge to Main Street). The watermains and deep sewers under these streets are among

the oldest in the city, dating back to the late 1800s. The redesign will include: widening the sidewalks, bicycle lanes, traffic calming measures and flexible space for on-street parking, patios and seasonal uses on Elgin Street.

**Membership Drive**

We encourage existing members to renew and new residents to join the Glens Community Association. Fees remain only \$5.00 per household for the year. We would also like to collect your current email addresses so that we can contact you if there is a problem, police warning, to provide association newsletters and flyers. The Glens Association follows privacy laws so your information will not be shared or published.



**Glens Members Get a 20% Discount**

The Glens Community Association signed with the City of Ottawa for the Group Fitness Membership Program. This entitles **Glens CA members and their families** to a discount on annual fitness memberships offered at the 23 City facilities (such as the Nepean Sportsplex). Details are available on the Glens Community Association website, <http://glenscommunity.ca/community-news-2> or contact Marilyn Booth at [mjbooth@sympatico.ca](mailto:mjbooth@sympatico.ca) or 613 730-3879.

**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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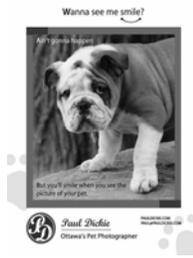
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**ONLINE REPORTING**

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- Theft from Vehicle
- Traffic Complaints
- Mischief/Damage to Property
- Drug Complaints
- Fraud Complaints

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### OTTAWA'S HOUSING MARKET

How the benchmark price for single-family homes changed in the five years to December 2016.  
TOP 10 OTTAWA DISTRICTS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS



### BOTTOM 10 IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS



SOURCE: OTTAWA REAL ESTATE BOARD, MLS HOME PRICE INDEX, SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES  
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