

GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter – Spring 2013

THE GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**"Residents Create New Glens"
Tell Us Your Vision!!!**

Monday, June 10th, 2013, 7 P.M.

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

Please join us on June 10!!! We have an exciting agenda. There will be NCC presentation outlining future plans for the Greenbelt and especially near our community. Sand Dune Bio-Diversity will have a short introduction to this exciting project in which our community is participating. The traffic department will share their findings and suggestions to improve safety and reduce speeding. Public Health will be answering questions and displaying their many programs and tools for residents and seniors especially. Finally, Community Police will have its display and later chat with residents. As usual there will be water bottles available for pick up and door prizes donated by local businesses.

Ottawa Spring Clean Up

Ward 9 had the highest participation ratio in the 2012 Cleaning Campaign. 5541 residents volunteered their time and efforts to make our parks cleaner and safer. In about an hour and a half on April 27th, 24 adults and 14 children in Pineglen and Grenfell Glen collected 25 bags of garbage, 11 bags of leaves and yard waste, a pile of large pine branches, 3 garbage bags for recycling and a number of metal bands similar to those found on old wooden barrels.

Pineglen Park sparkled once again thanks to great neighbors who came out to help. Special thanks to the Cesario, Robertson and Linseman families (parents and children) along with captain Michele Lajeunesse for helping out. We will explore if the garbage can may be moved away from the benches, or additional containers provided, as some residents unfortunately still deposit dog waste in the garbage can.

Grenfell Park and Grenfell Crescent (from Woodroffe to Capital Drive) was free of discarded food and beverage containers, as

well as other litter. A big thank you to Covy Robles, Nestor Monroy, and Iker Monroy-Robles, Blair, Hannah, Nathan, and Lukas Griezic, Emaad, Rjaana, and Sophie Ahmed, the Spirak family, the McAlpine family and friend Emma, Siavash Abrishami, Suzanne Morin, Inge Schrader, Olivia Pontones, Pat Drew and grandson Nick, Don Carpenter and Marilyn Booth. A request has been made to the city for additional garbage containers near the soccer pitch and baseball diamond to reduce the litter. Also, the City will arrange barriers to prevent cars from driving on the soccer pitch at the Grenfell Park. Some incidents were already reported and resulted in charges being laid by the police.

Tree Planting

As a part of the strategic plan several trees will be planted in various areas of the community to replace fallen, damaged or diseased trees. The City removed some trees along Pratt to improve visibility near the play structure, and they will be culling the dead or diseased trees near the courts. The new trees are about 10 feet high when planted. Silver, red and sugar maples, beech, ironwood, black walnut, hickory and crabapple will be planted in Grenfell Park. Similar varieties plus Ohio Buckeye (chestnut) will be located in the Pineglen Park. Additionally trees will be planted on the berm near the MacFarlane entrance to provide a noise barrier. A few trees will be placed on the front right of way portion of residential lots where the city owned trees were removed. The trees will be planted with special watering bags. The official tree planting ceremony and the commemorative plaque placing will take place this summer. In Pineglen Park some benches will be placed under the trees for residents to enjoy the flowering chestnuts or simply rest in the shade.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Concerns

New areas in ward 9 have been identified as infected with the EAB. We have some ash trees in our area (mostly on private lots and in Grenfell Park). The ash trees in Grenfell Park will not be removed until they die. Some trees have greater resilience to the EAB and seeds will be harvested from the surviving trees to grow future, stronger species. Overall the news is not very encouraging. Predictions are that most ash trees will be eradicated before the bio controls are introduced. The only option for now is to inoculate trees with Treeazin every two year while solutions are being developed. The trick is to start injections at the right time. If you missed any of the community run information sessions you can attend the City of Ottawa EAB Information session on Tuesday, June 4 at: Jim Durrell Arena, 1264 Walkley Rd. The event starts at 4:30 p.m.

Slow Down Campaign

Glens are nearing the end of the 'Slow Down Campaign' which started in the Spring of 2012. Phase 3 began during the first week of May, 2013 and the final phase is tentatively scheduled for the last week of August. Display Boards are being placed in areas where community members have identified speeding concerns. Ottawa Police once again will conduct targeted enforcement, and pay particular attention to MacFarlane to discourage speeding and street racing. The Slow Down Signs are special

information signs that are designed and produced especially for Slow Down campaigns. Once the final phase of the campaign is completed, the signs are removed and reused/recycled in a new community or location.

Traffic Suggestions and Concerns

There was an inquiry regarding the possibility of installing a 'No Left Turn' sign on Merivale at Macfarlane (facing southbound traffic). The 2011 traffic count data at that intersection indicated 300 southbound vehicles turning left during the am peak and 480 during the pm peak. Implementing 'No Left Turn' for southbound traffic would operationally not be feasible as it would create a significant increase in volume at either Brookdale or Pineglen, which are smaller local roads. Increased car volume on local roads would amplify noise, boost pollution and increase the risk of collision in the community. As such, it is very unlikely that the Pineglen community members would support banning southbound left turn movement at the intersection of Merivale Road and Macfarlane Road. Additionally, given the high volume of left turning vehicles, it is very likely that motorists would ignore the regulation which may actually contribute to increased collisions. Between 2007-2011, the collision rate at the intersection was negligible (1 collision due to improper turn) and zero pedestrian related collisions.

VIA Rail Express Trains Update

Last year Glens community learned about VIA's plan to run two express trains daily at 160 km/hr. Those plans are currently on hold while the City and VIA negotiate the solution. Both sides have engaged consultants; VIA Rail is finalizing a risk assessment of running high-speed trains through residential communities; the city is conducting an assessment of the train crossing at Fallowfield Rd. Transport Canada approved some of the project based on safety studies suggesting that all passenger trains would be stopping at Fallowfield station and freight trains slowing to 10 mph. The Merivale widening study was always premised on grade separation. Greenbank Rd. widening calls for an expensive underpass.

Tennis Club and the Glens

Glens reps (Agnes Warda, Marilyn Booth), Councillor Egli, Josee Helie (Parks&Rec), Jennifer Shepherd (Forestry) and Tennis Club board members (Barbara de Jong and Steven Menyhart) met to discuss possible options available to tennis club. Glens courts (located in Pineglen and Grenfell Glen) are in need of resurfacing, tentatively scheduled for 2015 (funding availability will probably push it closer to 2019). The board would like to consider all possible options (expanding, adding practice board or improving the existing structure). This idea hit a few logistical snags. In Pineglen, expanding toward Mayo or inside the park would collide with the park's environmentally sensitive designation and several trees, including two healthy distinctive trees, would need to be removed. Expanding toward Deerlane would require hedge removal (a new sound barrier would be needed) and would also trigger hugely expensive relocation of the playground that would need to be brought up to the current accessibility standards. Grenfell Park is a heavily used city sports park with baseball, soccer and tennis league play. Lack of parking, high traffic volume, speeding, and environmental pollution generated by the current sport facilities, and limited use of the courts by the community were some concerns listed by residents. The City pointed out the lack of space (something must

be removed to add facilities) and safety and liability due to the nearby soccer field. Both courts (rubberized surfaces) can be resurfaced at the city's expense. Modifications/expansions/improvements will be considered a new project and require bringing the entire structure to newer, more stringent construction standards, with the cost attributed to the club.

Much Ado About Trees?!



Glens are a mature neighbourhood with many distinctive trees and majestic white pines. Each year some of those trees are gone. Some trees will fall victim to pests, diseases and extreme weather. Some will be taken down to make space for a new pool or out of scale construction. The

only infill development that was inspired by trees and incorporated them into the architectural design was accomplished by our own resident and architect, Gerhard Linse. Ottawa has introduced a tree conservation By-law to ensure that trees are grown to their full potential healthy and safe. Few owners or developers attempt to incorporate trees into their designs. Granted some trees are removed due to natural causes (pests or disease, fallen, dead or bent tree), man-made wounds (construction, incorrect pruning, lawn movers); or because of structural damage to foundations or leaching beds invaded by roots. Infill projects, constructions sites, renovations generate most tree cutting complaints.

The Tree Conservation By-Law

Originally introduced to prevent tree removal, only applies to so-called distinctive trees - those being 50 cm in diameter measured at 1.2 meters (four feet) from the ground. Only distinctive trees require a tree removal permit containing tree location, arborists report, reason for removal and work schedule. The permit needs to be displayed in a prominent location clearly visible to the public for 7 days prior to and after any action.

Once you have established that your tree is indeed a distinctive tree, you need to ensure that the tree in question does not straddle two (or more) properties, in which case the neighbour's agreement is needed or the City property in which case the issuance of a tree permit will indicate the City's consent. Under certain circumstances a tree permit is not required. If not sure, call 311 before you cut!!!!

2200 Prince Of Wales



The new development "The Chambers of Prince of Wales" will begin this spring. When completed, it will provide businesses and professionals with an opportunity to purchase their own office space in a prime location. This

unique development consists of a limited edition of 8 office townhouses, each with 3 floors totalling approximately 3500 square feet.

Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge

The bridge is now scheduled to be open to traffic in September 2014. Several issues have contributed to the delay in the construction work: delayed delivery of the arches, the complex nature of the welding work and preparatory work for the Rideau River launch of the bridge. Work on the bridge is over 70% complete. The next major construction milestone will be to launch the bridge across the Rideau River this summer. Following this launch, the concrete for the bridge deck will be poured in the spring of 2014 with the final work to follow.

New By-laws and Bans in Effect

City-wide spring burn ban in effect as of April 23, 2013 to prevent the rapid spread of fire due to grass and brush fires. This winter left more debris (fallen tree branches, leaves, etc.) on the ground than in previous years, which increases the risk of fire spread. There will be zero tolerance enforcement during the open air burning ban.

Open Air Fire By-law, prohibits open air fires (i.e., fires where the flame is not wholly contained). No person may set an open air fire unless they have a permit from the Fire Chief. "Open air fire" includes campfires, burn drums and outdoor fireplaces. In other words, a fire in the backyard to burn yard debris or roast marshmallows is simply not allowed. Barbecues are excluded.

Pool enclosure By-law requires that all pool have gates that are self-closing, self-latching and locked at all times, except when the pool is in use.

Bio-diversity and The Pinhey Sand Dune

The sand dune areas in the Pinhey Forest are the last remnants of a large, ancient windblown dune. The sand is home to several insect species that are becoming rare in Canada (Tiger Beetles, Ghost Tiger Beetles and Ant Lions that thrive on the hot, sun drenched sand). Specific fungi, mushrooms, grasses as well as pink lady slipper orchids grow in the dune habitat. In 2011, Biodiversity Conservancy International (BCI) received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to save a portion of the dune habitat from encroaching trees and invasive shrubs, and to establish a large enough area of clean sand to stabilize the ecosystem. Attend a walk and a dune tour or volunteer:

The Pink Lady Slipper and Dune Tour, June 2, 9AM-12AM

The Tiger Beetle In General, Sunday, June 9th, 9AM-12AM

The Ghost Tiger Beetle, Sunday, July 14th, 9AM-12AM

The Antlion, Sunday, August 4th, 9AM-12AM

The Giant Robberfly, Sunday, August 11th, 9AM-12AM

If you have pictures of outings to the dune or Pinhey Forest from years ago, BCI would like an opportunity to see them. They may hold valuable clues. Glens reps are: Dick de Jong (dejong@sympatico.ca), 613 224-5593; Marilyn Booth (mjbooth@sympatico.ca), 613 730-3879

Hydro One Maintenance Project

In order to meet maintenance requirements Hydro removed all the vegetation from the corridor south west of Slack and Merivale Roads. In the process, they cleared another segment of the ancient sand dune and later agreed to modify their standard practice and not to re-seed the area. Instead, this sandy land will be used for research purposes, to study the movement of organisms from the initial clearing about one kilometer to the west.

In December, Ottawa Hydro clear cut the area where Burnbank goes through the forest from Woodroffe toward Pratt. Burnbank resident (Diego Pontones) contacted the NCC and was able to save a line of trees between the path and the Hydro line, an important sound and sight barrier between Woodroffe traffic and Burnbank residents.

Nepean Sportplex 40th Anniversary

The Nepean Sportsplex 40th Anniversary Celebration and Councillor Keith Egli's Community Fun Day, June 8, 2013, 11:30 am - 4:00 pm at Nepean Sportsplex, Ottawa Ontario. Fun and entertainment for the whole family! All events food and beverages offered free of charge. Face Painting, Balloon Artist, 24 Foot Slide, Carnival Games, Craft Table, Police Cruiser, Fire Truck and Ambulance, Professional Juggler/Stilt Walker and more.

Interested in Earning Community Service Credits!

The Glens Tennis Club offers the opportunity for high school students to earn credit toward their community service hours while providing valuable support to a popular neighborhood sporting activity. We are recruiting students to assist in tennis court maintenance at the Club's Pineglen site. Maintenance primarily includes brushing and blowing the courts to remove leaves and other debris, and drying the courts after rainfalls. Equipment will be provided by the Club. Do it with your friends, and earn as few or as many credits as you wish. Contact Dick de Jong at 613-224-5593.

Community Businesses for Hire

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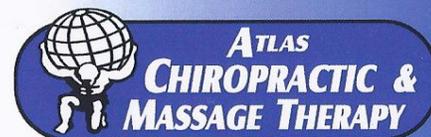
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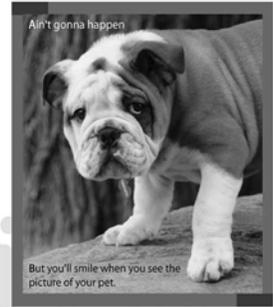
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