

GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter – Spring 2014

THE GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

"Glens Primer –Size Matters"

What can go wrong and why

Monday, June 9th, 2013, 7 P.M.

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

- ☑ Meet politicians, city staff, ask questions!
- ☑ Elect New Board, Volunteer, Have Your Say!
- ☑ Pick-up your water testing bottle
- ☑ Door prizes!!!!
- ☑ Water pollution threats, protection and the current status of our aquifers discussed by the panelists from the Rideau Valle Conservation Authority and the City.
- ☑ New developments, the planning department will address infill (height, mass, setbacks), lot coverage and related issues.

Big Lots Have Issues

They are big for a reason!! The Glens are slowly transforming into a dynamic community. New families are moving in, houses are built or renovated and tree canopy is thinning. Many move in because they like the old pines, wildlife and the park-like setting while others see opportunity. Intensification is knocking and where the once quaint little bungalow was peacefully nested among pines, a newly built mansion dominates the usually treeless lot. There is a huge outcry lamenting the loss of nature and character. Long time residents also worry that haphazard infill, flip/reno are affecting more than visual integrity. The Glens were created in the 50s and 60s when the environment was at best an undefined concept. Now we are in the 21st century and we have acquired a new environmental conscience. The more we learn about the intricate relations between well water and septic, the more stringent the rules. The Glens water study indicates that "although large by urban lot standards, our lots represent significantly smaller lot sizes than would be typical of new development on private services". Residents should be aware that "long-term viability of private services precludes ANY negative impacts and can be affected by the cumulative effect of small changes". Mother Nature is unforgiving. The relatively small lot size in the Glens may result in less water penetrating the soil to be

filtered of contaminants or to be captured as moisture, increasing the volume of run-off. Similarly septic effluent needs space to dissipate and filter before entering the ground. Once the intricate balance between drainage and filtering is upset, the end result will be contamination in our well water, septic failure or drainage issues. Before you build or renovate, check area history, groundwater levels, soil type (we do have Leda clay) and ensure sufficient distance exists for the current and future needs. Consider use of permeable paving for hard surface areas (parking, walkways, and driveways) as alternatives to conventional paving. Swimming pools, basketball courts, circular driveways or landscape can interfere with useable soil area, often resulting in unforeseen issues. Be especially mindful what you do near your wellhead, avoid pollution!

They are to be enjoyed!!! Many residents may feel that a large lot means more storage space. However there are by-laws governing the storage of boats, trailers, and RVs. Depending on the size, some are allowed in the backyard. The same way parking on the lawns is not allowed, by-laws spell out how large vehicle can be stored. However, most by-laws will only be enforced following a complaint.

They are getting bare!!! The Glens tree canopy is thinning, while weather patterns are changing. Heat waves, mini bursts of winds, ice storms, and insects damaged many trees in the area. Some species are simply more brittle than others (willows, box elders, silver maple). Trenching or construction within the root zone is a major cause of hazard trees, often resulting in their removal as severed roots lose their ability to support the trunk and crown, especially if located on the windward side of the tree.

They are dark for some! In the past, many residents gravitated to the Glens to be away from the city atmosphere. They sought the rural aspect with larger lots and fewer lights. Over time, a street light was placed at each street intersection. Residents who desired more light added their own. There are no plans to add more lights.

Infill II Coming Soon

The Glens are taking part in the low-rise infill housing study. The purpose of the study is to ensure that infill will be done right. Major issues discussed included scale (mass, height), setbacks for different lot dimensions, design/architecture and the role of articulation, drainage, landscaping/trees/sunlight, limiting projections (balcony, staircase, bay windows), respect for neighbours' privacy, and the social impact of housing development in communities, including pushing up property taxes and changing demographics in established neighborhoods. Many are concerned with protecting community character, while some mentioned that the rules have to allow for the renewal of housing that no longer meets market demand. Higher priced homes are increasing land value and property taxes. Families with average incomes cannot afford to buy average-priced homes, and a very different demographic group is moving into neighborhoods to purchase the much higher-priced infill

homes. Retired people on fixed incomes find it difficult to pay rising property taxes. Positive change is seen as having well-designed new or renovated homes that respect the spirit of the community, complement the streetscape, do not overwhelm other homes or affect the privacy of neighbours, and will not have long term potential to negatively impact private servicing. Ottawa has outstanding world-class architects yet very few developers employ their services or care about nature oriented designs, Profit margins are the focus..

Ottawa Clean Up

Grenfell Crescent, Grenfell Park and the surrounding trails were cleaned on May 4th with the unsettled weather limiting volunteer numbers. The group collected 16 bags of garbage, 6 bags of recycling materials, 3 tires, a small pile of asphalt, cedar branches, etc. Some sections of Grenfell were cleaned May 13th and others will require drier weather. Dumping small and large items along Grenfell Crescent is an ongoing challenge with beverage containers, 5 large bags of sand & salt and one of garbage in the ditch a few days after our clean-up. In Pineglen, 17 children and adults collected 15 bags of yard waste and 5 of garbage on Friday evening. Councillor Keith Egli and Kristen Egli attended both events and assisted in the cleaning efforts. A Big Thank You To Our Amazing Volunteers!!!!

Merivale Road - Future Plans



The City began reviewing Merivale Road. The plan calls for densification to 120 people or jobs per hectare. The nearby communities are calling for Merivale to become a destination hub rather than a 'drive through' The communities are voicing concerns with road visual identity and character, evolving commercial/retail and residential usage, balancing needs of traffic, cyclists and pedestrians and changing market condition. The limited scope of the study, exclusion of mobility ramifications, planned transit corridors calls for much broader re-examination.

Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge



Scheduled to be opened in September 2014 a 143 meter bridge across the Rideau River between River Rd and Prince of Wales Dr will be capable of carrying 8 lanes of traffic, with 2 bicycle paths and 2 sidewalks.

Source Water Protection Update

Glens residents are eligible for a maximum grant of 90% (up to \$3,000 per well) when properly decommissioning abandoned, unused, unnecessary or 'dry' wells. The Proposed Source Protection Plan is awaiting MOE approval. It contains many suggestions aiming at strengthening existing programs so they could be used to address threats in the future. There is a clause in the Clean Water Act that allows municipal councils or the Minister of the Environment to include other types of drinking water systems in the source protection planning process. The Glens could be considered clusters of private wells or intakes and thus afforded additional protection.

Sand Dune Protection Project

There are lots of free activities planned this summer at the nearby Pinhey Sand Dunes. Everyone is invited to attend these events, which are sponsored by scientists and members of Biodiversity

Conservancy International. Bring family, friends and neighbours. Adults and children alike have found the dunes to be a place of wonder, learning and fun. Events are scheduled usually on Sunday from 9 a.m. to Noon (check www.BiodiversityConservancy.org in case of inclement weather).

May	25	Geological Tour:Secrets of thePinheySand Dune
June	1	The Pink Lady Slippers and Dune Tour
June	22	The Tiger Beetle in General and Dune Tour
July	13	The Ghost Tiger Beetle and Dune Tour
Aug	17	The Antlion and Giant Robberfly Dune Tour
Sat	July 19	Photography Day at the Dunes

The restored dunes site is located off Slack Road, entry and parking at Vaan Drive and Pineland Ave in Merivale Gardens. There has been significant dune restoration work completed in the past several years, thanks to the NCC, Biodiversity Conservancy International and community volunteers. Volunteers are always welcome – an opportunity to contribute to the environment and work with scientists and others in a friendly setting. You can volunteer for a morning or more frequently. For more information contact Joanne Hakkaku at 613-825-5492 or hakkakuj@biodiversityconservancy.org. Volunteers work under the auspices of the Pinhey Dunes Watch (formerly Stewards of Sand Dunes). We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event, or as a volunteer.

Thank you!

Residents enjoyed the ice skating rink this winter courtesy of many volunteers who has stepped at the last moment. Foubert, Booth and Donnelly families with the advice from Glenn Cripps made the last moment replacement possible.

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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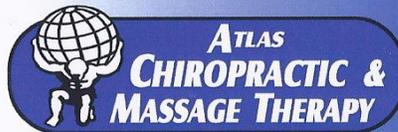
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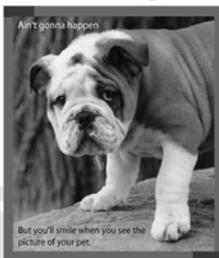
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Movies @ Merivale proudly presents "The Way", a critically acclaimed film by Emilio Estevez starring Martin Sheen. Join us to walk *El Camino de Santiago* and discover the difference between the life we live and the life we choose. Discussion follows. Friday May 23, 7:00pm in the Merivale United Church Hall, 1876 Merivale Road at Hunt Club. Free Admission. Refreshments will be sold. For more info email MoviesAtMerivale@gmail.com

Action Potential Rehabilitation is hosting an Open House on Wed Jun 18. The clinic focuses on helping adults and children with complex and disabling conditions caused by neurological, orthopaedic or respiratory disorders, as well as cancer and palliative conditions, lymphedema and concerns with movement and balance. MOVE! Parkinson's Specific Exercise Group meets on Mondays and Fridays. The physiotherapy practice is located in the Country Place development on 2081 Merivale Rd. Unit 300.

Reviews

The book was a great read... What a life your mom has led and how great that it was documented. The pictures were also great ... wished there had been more.

I enjoyed the book, ... from an "educator's" perspective I really enjoyed the chapter on living in the communist paradise! ... I also enjoyed your mother's musings on the changes she has experienced over her lifetime. ... Thanks again for bringing the book to my attention. It will be catalogued and available in our school library.

You did a great job in writing and editing and your mom in remembering so many detailed fragments.

... Your book arrived in pristine condition. Both Sally and I have dipped into it to get the flavor. Superb! It is engagingly written and we look forward to the complete reading.

... It is very interesting reading. We are glad that you took the effort to put it together and let us share it with you; it must have been a tremendous job. It is a great credit to you.

TO OBTAIN YOUR COPY OF AN AUTOGRAPHED BOOK

THE AUTHOR IS OUR NEIGHBOR IN THE PINEGLEN COMMUNITY AREA



Maria J. Zelinka

After a lifetime of building memories, my daughter encouraged me to document the family history, my struggles during WWII and the communist regime in Europe and the milestones of my immigration journey to Canada. Life was neither always easy nor fair, but I am here at the age of 92, almost a centenarian, proud to be able to share my life, details about family that contributed to society and about events that helped shape history for future generations to learn about and appreciate.

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<http://ottawapolice.ca/en/ContactOttawaPolice/OnlineReporting/FAQ.aspx>

Police Reminder - 'Mind Your Valuables'

Change behavior to prevent crimes of opportunity that may increase with warmer weather, take a moment to ensure your valuables are secured. Lock your garage, shed, home and vehicle, even when you are home. Close/lock car windows and doors. Ensure that bicycles are stored out of sight and locked. Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, such as personal identification, vehicle registration, insurance certificates or credit cards. Even loose change can make your vehicle a target. Place an "All Valuables Removed card on your car to help remind you to remove valuables before leaving your car and also deter would-be thieves. Report any incidents of theft to Ottawa Police at [613-236-1222, ext. 7300](tel:613-236-1222).

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| • other emergency or an ongoing incident (no violence or threat of violence)..... | 230-6211 |
| • an incident (to report a theft, missing person or stolen vehicle)..... | 236-1222, ext.7300 |