

# GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2008



## ***GCA Needs YOU!!!!***

These are difficult times for all communities as the city's growth projections and service levels constantly change, sometimes in ways that affect our way of living. Currently, we are asking that city planners recognize the uniqueness of our urban setting by affording our community the same level of water protection guaranteed rural residents. Other concerns include the impact of environmental pollutants, public transit, dangerous driving, congested roads and intensification. These issues need attention. Your GCA executive and other volunteers vigilantly review proposals, debate policy changes and attend consultations. Thanks to this hard work, the Glens is recognized as a significant partner in all City initiatives.

Over the years, new residents have come to enjoy our neighbourliness, beauty and uniqueness. Who else can take long walks through their spacious wooded community, yet be so close to urban amenities? Collectively we have a rich, unique history and a strong healthy sense of community. Many times in the past we have been mobilized to protect our special area.

As 2008 is an election year, we now have an opportunity to invite new faces and new ideas to the executive. The community needs YOU! Whether you would like to be part of an ongoing team or to concentrate on a particular issue, please volunteer. It's easy and you'll be in good company, with a community of people passionate about making a difference. This is YOUR opportunity to influence our future. Spare a few hours bettering your community. The GCA is a great place to get to know others, make an impact, help out where necessary, bring forward ideas and provide feedback.

Come to the AGM meeting. Express your expectation about the Glens, both now and in the future. Sign up to join the Executive. It could be for a few hours or an entire portfolio, the choice is yours. **Our future depends on you!!!!**

## **THE GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **“THE GLENS AT THE CROSSROADS”**

Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, 7 P.M.  
St. Monica's School  
2000 Merivale Road

- ▶ **Elect the new executive board.**
- ▶ **Get to know the latest hot issues that may affect our way of living.**
- ▶ **Ask questions, find answers, and speak your mind about the Glens as we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**
- ▶ **Pick-up water testing bottles.**
- ▶ **Enjoy coffee and donuts.**
- ▶ **Have a good debate with your representatives and neighbours.**
- ▶ **Meet and hear from Councillor Gord Hunter.**

### ***In the Glens***

Details of **this spring's groundwater characterization study** are currently being finalized with a local consulting firm. The program is voluntary and residents will be contacted prior to any collection of well water samples. Water quality samples will be analyzed by an accredited laboratory, after which all results will be returned to the participating residents.



Grenfell Glen's petition and relevant letters concerning **excess speeding** have been received by the City and acknowledged by the Traffic Section. The City will now confirm the magnitude of the problem by collecting additional data and conducting a traffic survey. Afterwards, the Glen's request will be prioritized, along with the many other areas in the City apparently having similar concerns. The issue is seen as part of a larger picture involving improvements to main arteries and proposed road widening. Given restricted budgets, there may be a wait for a solution.

The Environmental Assessment Study leading to **the widening of Prince of Wales Drive** from two to four lanes is just starting. The widening is meant to accommodate future growth, mainly in the Barrhaven and Manotick areas. The Study will examine any resulting traffic, access to existing and planned developments, and other concerns. For more information, go to [www.glenscommunity.ca](http://www.glenscommunity.ca) and look under NEWS.

The **NCC** began construction of a 3-metre wide, stone dust **pathway** between Woodroffe Avenue and Black Rapids Lock Station. Phase 1, from Woodroffe Avenue to Merivale Road, started in the fall of 2007 and will continue into 2008. Due to public input, approximately 50 m (164 ft) of the proposed pathway alignment will be shifted a minimum of 18.3 m (60 ft) from the rear property line of residential properties. However, at the storm water outlet, the proposed pathway will be is at 16.7 m (55 ft). The NCC will erect standard Greenbelt boundary fencing where it is presently non-existent. It will also plant coniferous trees where the existing vegetative screening is sparse and wherever the pathway approaches residential properties by 12-30 m (40-100 ft).

Phase 2 will be delayed until analysis of the Prince of Wales Drive proposed widening has been completed. After consideration, the building of a pathway to the south of Black Rapids Creek, from Merivale to Woodroffe, was rejected. Negative impacts on nearby agricultural operations and poor access to the pathway by residents were the reasons given.

### *You have asked....*

Below are responses to various enquiries received during the year. Please remember that most **by-law problems** and neighbourhood nuisances are best resolved by first approaching your neighbour amicably and directly.

Note that our area still remains under Nepean zoning rules, as the new Comprehensive Zoning By-law has yet to become a law. A revision was released on May 7, 2007, for final consultations. Final public hearings will be held in the spring of 2008.

**Home-based businesses** are permitted in any dwelling, provided that the business does not become a nuisance due to noise, odour, fumes, vibration, traffic or parking. Operators of home-

based businesses must reside in the dwelling from which the home-based business is conducted, including when the business is in operation. Only one, on-site, non-resident employee is permitted per dwelling.



In the Glens, one **recreational vehicle, trailer, or boat** can be parked in your rear or interior side yard but, not in your front or visible side yard.

Residents must prevent any **paper or containers** (plastic, cardboard or paper) to be blown from their property.

**Open air fires** are not permitted in the City of Ottawa. This refers to backyard fire pits, fire places and chimneys. Grass, leaves, garbage, pressure or creosote treated wood, tree limbs or branches may not be burned.

We have had a particularly bad winter. Please note: "No person may **deposit snow** on a road allowance. A person can only deposit the snow from their driveway on the boulevard in front of their residence and not across the street." Fines may be involved, as some contractors have already learned. Most contractors obey the rules, though some problems were reported on various streets.



All **dogs** must be registered with the City. City issued tags must always be affixed to the dog's collar or harness. When off your property, your dog must always be on a leash that is no longer than 3 m and not be allowed to come within 5 m of a play structure. You must pick up after your dog, both on and off your property. As it is normal and natural for dogs to bark, short spells of barking are not normally regarded as a noise nuisance. However, excessive barking is. Because many of our residents are afraid of dogs, please take extra care with your pet while neighbours are out enjoying their stroll. Dogs are also not allowed to run free in Pinhey Forest and they are banned from the trails during the winter months. Please look after your pet!!!

### *City News*

The Chair of the Rural Issues Advisory Committee presented a motion recommending that the city fund a program for **urban residents on wells and septic systems**. Councillor Harder endorsed this motion, pointing out that urban dwellers on wells and septic systems are not being treated the same as their rural counterparts. Staff commented that expansion of the present program will be examined, with the City requesting more funds in 2010. As present funds have been budgeted until 2009, the City withdrew its original proposal for the one year pilot project to begin this year.

Water issues are discussed often at City committees. At one such meeting recently, Councillor Jellett made a motion pointing to the importance of protecting the water that residents drink by having zoning by-law indicate exactly where the Wellhead Protection areas are. The motion was lost. Staff indicated that the *Clean Water Act* is separate from the zoning process and that the issue of source

protection has to be analyzed through the Source Protection Authority.



The few remaining privately serviced areas require a comprehensive strategy to deal with development or redevelopment, repair or replacement of wells, and the whole issue of the continued reliance on private servicing. Public water could be provided at the request of a community through the Local Improvement Process. However, the City also has some interest in the supply of serviced land to allow for a denser form of development on lands historically served by wells and septic systems. A review of Public Service Area policies and Private Water and Wastewater policies, in conjunction with the Official Plan review, has been proposed. Procedural by-laws related to development review requirements will also be examined. Public consultation is expected and will be designed to hear from interest groups regarding the proposed urban wells Management Plan.



To **avoid junk mail**, you can put a signed letter in your mail box along with a 'No Ad Mail Please' sign on your box. Although Canada Post will no longer deliver any unaddressed marketing material, this approach will also halt delivery of municipal-service notices, such as town hall meeting announcements and snow removal and garbage pickup schedules.

Alternatively, you can purchase a special sign from the City for \$2. The posting of this sign allows for the delivery of newspapers to paid subscribers, community newspapers, election campaign material, and information circulars produced by governments or their agencies. If you still receive "Junk mail" after posting the city sponsored sign, call Ottawa By-law at 311.

In order to stop unwanted, personally addressed "junk mail", telephone calls and faxes, contact the Canadian Marketing Association (CMA) to add your name to the "Do Not Contact Registry". A National Do Not Call Registry will be available in September 2008.

**"Rethink Garbage" - 2008 Give Away Weekends** will be **Saturday, June 7, Sunday, June 8, Saturday, October 25, and Sunday, October 26**. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure. Set unwanted pieces at the curb on Give Away Weekend, placing

stickers or signs on items with the word "FREE". Examples include books, CDs, DVDs, furniture, small appliances, construction materials (including drywall), and hardware (such as nails, bolts and screws), kitchen gadgets, dishes, cutlery, pots, pans, and unwanted gifts. At the end of the day, return uncollected gems to your home.

## *Provincial News*

The Provincial government has begun consultations with residents regarding legislation banning the **cosmetic use of pesticides**. The ban is to be introduced in the spring of 2008, with a phased-in implementation. Agriculture and golf courses will be exempt. The focus will be on outreach and education on alternatives to the use of pesticides, with enforcement being the last resort. Public consultation will address the scope of the ban, exemptions, the banning or regulation of pesticide sale, and timing.

The City of Ottawa has eliminated the cosmetic use of pesticides on its property. Council has also adopted a three-year pesticide reduction strategy to encourage residents to voluntarily reduce the use of cosmetic pesticides on private property. However, everyone is expected to destroy all noxious weeds, including poison ivy, poison hemlock and ragweed. It is expected that, once enacted, the city will have to police the ban.

Some feel that banning cosmetic pesticides will have a minor influence on our area, as adjacent agricultural land will be exempt from the ban. As well, some see pesticides being used at present mostly to combat spot infestation rather than for purely cosmetic purposes. Others strongly feel that any use is contrary to our health and that of our children. The issue is highly emotional with pro and con factions equally passionate about their cause.

Residents of The Glens have always had a high level of environmental consciousness. In addition to worrying about urban pollutants, concerns emerged early on with regard to the commercial use of agro-chemicals. The Association conducted random testing of wells near agricultural areas with results showing no pollutants being present at this time. However, the same tests will be repeated this year by the City.

Although **water management** is a joint provincial/municipal responsibility, no one is clearly accountable for water quality. The profound lack of groundwater management practices, including spot rezoning, and a further lack of viable deterrents to prevent contamination are concerns that have been raised on many occasions. These concerns continue.



## Community News

**Tennis Club** can be reached at: 613 225-4488 (membership coordinator).

**Nepean Seniors Home Support** offers several services for seniors and adults with Physical Disabilities: including transportation to medical appointments, shopping, meals, household tasks and yard chores, friendly visits and much more. Call (613) 829-1133 or visit them at [www.nepeanseniors.ca](http://www.nepeanseniors.ca)

**Nepean, Rideau and Osgoode Community Resource Centre** provide free of charge services to help newcomers with quicker and easier adaptation and integration in Canada. Call: 613.596.5626 ext 252 or visit them at: [www.nroccr.org](http://www.nroccr.org)

**St. Monica's Church Garage Sale** – is to be held all day on Saturday, June 7, 2008.

**Your elected officials can be reached at:**

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### Neighbourhood Watch Reminder

#### To report:

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| • ..a life-threatening emergency or crime in progress.....        | 911                |
| • ..an ongoing incident (no violence or threat of violence) ..... | 230-6211           |
| • ..an incident .....   | 236-1222, ext.7300 |

**Call**