



GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2023

AGM MEETING

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”Emergency Preparedness in The Glens”

Monday, June 12th, 2022, 7 P.M.

@ The MET,

(Metropolitan Bible Church)

2176 Prince of Wales Drive

Pineglen Park Renewal

The derecho which occurred on May 21, 2022 caused significant damage in Pineglen Park, devastating the woods and destroying the playstructure. Earlier in the Spring, the City announced that they would be undertaking a renewal of the park which would include replacement of the play structure, two new benches and a park sign along with the planting of 1200 saplings and large shade trees.

Trees

Contractors planted approximately 1/2 of the planned saplings but were unable to complete the work because of large ponds of standing water. The City has committed to adding fill to these low lying areas to prevent future ponding before having the contractors return to complete the planting at which time they will also be relocating saplings that were planted in an area of the park that was to have remained a grassy field.

The City will also be planting larger shade trees in the park, with plantings expected to occur in the fall.

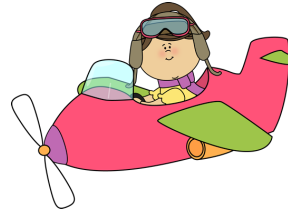
Play structure

To ensure that the new play structure meets the needs of residents, the Association struck a committee consisting of 8 parents of children who use the park to prepare and submit a report outlining what residents would like to see in our new structure. This report was submitted to the City in May. The next step in the process will be for the City to retain a consultant to develop two design proposals for the new structure. Both proposals will then be posted to Engage Ottawa for residents to view and vote upon. The winning design will be put out for tender. Providing a contract is awarded by the end of 2023, we anticipate that construction could begin in the Spring of 2024 and the play structure be ready before the start of the school year in September 2024.

Amending the GCA Constitution

As part of the conditional approval for a lottery license in 2022, the City required a review of the GCA's constitution. As a result of this review, the board will put forward proposed changes for approval at the upcoming AGM. These proposed changes codify the volunteer nature of the board of directors; the use of the GCA's funds; and, provide for the orderly distribution of assets should the GCA be dissolved. The specific text of the proposed amendments will be presented for approval at the AGM on June 12, 2023.

Small Planes and Noise Concerns



The Association has been in touch with the Ottawa Flying Club (OFC) regarding the incident that occurred in the Hunt Club area on April 17. The OFC communicated that they are fully cooperating with the relevant safety authorities in regards to this

incident, including Transport Canada, The Transportation Safety Board of Canada, Military Police and the Ottawa International Airport Authority. Their aircraft was examined and found no deficiencies in their maintenance policies or procedures. The aircraft was operating without deficiencies and was certified for flight. Since the incident they have conducted an audit of their Maintenance Control and Maintenance policies, no deviations from the policies were found. The aircraft was maintained in accordance with their approved Maintenance Control, Operational Control and Maintenance Policies. They have discovered the cause and the factors of this accident and implemented steps above and beyond the requirements of Transport Canada to ensure there is no recurrence.

OFC acknowledged the engine did shut down at a low altitude; however, the pilot was able to safely maneuver the aircraft to a safe landing site and walked away with no injuries. There was no damage on the ground; other than a broken branch of a tree. The Ottawa Flying Club expressed their commitment to safety and their ambition to never have this happen again. The Ottawa Airport Authority has appointed a new Director of Environment and Sustainability, Alex Beaudoin, who is responsible for noise complaints from small aircraft. The Association has been in contact about the issue of noise from small planes out of the OFC. For all noise complaints, he asks that residents contact him via email at noise.complaints@yow.ca. You will need to include your name, address, location (i.e. Grenfell Glen, Pineglen), along with the specific time and date of noise complaint.

City Considering New Curbside Garbage Policy

The City is considering a change to curbside garbage collection in Ottawa to a partial pay-as-you-throw program which the Environment and Climate Change Committee will consider on Monday, June 5. Should Council approve, households receiving curbside garbage collection could set out 55 garbage items each year at no additional cost, beginning in Q2 2024.

- All garbage items placed at the curb would need a tag to be picked up.
- Households would be given 55 tags per year as a part of their Solid Waste User Fee, included on their tax bill.
- If households run out of tags before the end of the year, they would have the option of purchasing extra tags for \$3 each.
- A garbage item could be a garbage bag, container or bulky item. Households can put several smaller bags in containers up to 140 litres with no need to purchase additional bags or tags.
- There would continue to be no limit to how much residents can set out through curbside recycling and green bins.

This system is more commonly known as tag-a-bag, where garbage is treated as a utility. Like hydro, water and natural gas, households would pay based on how much they use the program. On average, Ottawa garbage set-outs include two garbage items every other week, and 74 per cent of garbage set-outs include two items or fewer every other week, which would put them within the allotted amount of 55 tags per year.

The proposed policy is estimated to reduce garbage tonnage by up to 19 per cent per capita in year one and up to 28 per cent in year five, and increase the curbside waste diversion rate by up to six per cent.

Glens Winter Carnival

The weather was more spring like than wintry, but that didn't dampen the spirits of community members who came out for a fun filled afternoon at the Glens Winter Carnival on Sunday February 12. While the skating and ice bock discovery activities were hampered by the mild temperatures, the face painting, ice fishing, marshmallow roasting and maple taffy making were popular activities. Residents enjoyed cotton candy along with hot chocolate and warm apple cider.



The Glens Website and Membership

Our website offers many venues to express your thoughts or opinions. The Forum allows you to ask questions and get direct answers from the community or be a part of ongoing or topical discussions. <https://www.glenscommunity.ca/forum> You can pay your membership fee of \$10 online using (PayPal & Credit Card) www.glenscommunity.ca/membership-2. The Glens CA website also supports businesses to pay or renew their advertising fees of \$100 at: <https://www.glenscommunity.ca/business>. For those having difficulty paying membership or logging in, please use 'contact us' www.glenscommunity.ca/contactus for assistance.

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Tai Chi in The Glens

To support the well being of Glens residents, The Glens organized a free weekly tai chi exercise class starting in December 2022. Classes were held at the MET facility and concluded May 30. Sessions were well attended through the Winter and we look forward to being able to resume again in the Fall.

Beginning in June, Merivale Garden tai chi practitioners have invited our community members to join them to continue tai chi practices, Tuesdays 2-3pm, Wednesday and Friday 8-9am, at the Merivale Gardens Park on the basketball court, weather permitting. Come join us!



SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

Glens Summer Picnic

Be sure to mark Saturday September 9 on your calendar! Plans are in the works for the Glens Summer Picnic. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year in the park to celebrate our community with a BBQ, children's bicycle parade, games, bouncy castles and more!

Help Wanted

The Executive Committee of your Glens Community Association is in search of a resident to fill the role of Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for the management of records such as meeting minutes as well as keeping track of important deadlines. A time commitment of 1-2 hours a month (except July and August) would be required to attend board meetings. Any interested resident can email executive@glenscommunity.ca or contact their area liaison to submit their name or request additional information.



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Calling all gardeners!

The Glens Gardens and Giving Project

Register now for your \$25 garden gift certificate
<https://www.glenscommunity.ca/event-info/>
(or contact your area liaison)

Your Glens Community Association has **FREE** garden gift certificates for 2023.

The gift certificate can be redeemed at the **Green Thumb Garden Centre** and can be used **only** for *food producing seeds, seedlings and supplies*, and not flowers.

To be eligible you must be willing to share some produce/ expertise with a Glens resident or a local food bank.

Quantities are limited so don't miss out!

 **Glens Community Association**  With support from **NROCRC**
Community Resource Centre
Hopewell - Milliken - Dogpound

Glens Gardens and Giving Project - 2023

The Glens Gardens and Giving Project is underway again in 2023. Residents can sign up on the GlensCommunity.ca website to receive a \$25 gift certificate redeemable at Green Thumb Garden Centre for food producing plants and supplies. At the time of writing, there were still a few certificates available.

Again this year there will be a table at the community picnic in September and we encourage residents to share something from their garden or take home something from someone else's garden.

Glens Community Classified Ads

Neighborhood Teens for Hire!

Sivani Asokan - Babysitting (First Aid and CPR-C certified).

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