



GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter – Spring 2024

2024 GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



May—Membership Drive

June 8— Glens & Country Place area Garage Sale

June 10 — Glens Annual General Meeting

Sept. 7 — Community Picnic

Oct 1—Ward 9 Seniors Summit

Road Issues in The Glens

Merivale Road Speed Camera—Residents can look forward to traffic moving at a reduced speed along Merivale Road beginning this Fall with the deployment of an automated speed camera in front of St. Monica's School.

MacFarlane Road Traffic Calming—After being approved in 2022, residents can look forward to construction starting this summer to implement traffic calming measures along MacFarlane Road. The measures will include speed cushions (similar to speed bumps, but not covering the entire width of the road), raised bus platforms, as well as improvements to the intersections at Deakin and Merivale.

Grenfell Cres. Near Woodroffe— Work is scheduled for the resurfacing of Grenfell within 300m of Woodroffe to address the portion that leads onto Woodroffe where the road's deterioration is notably worse. Within the scope of the resurfacing project, the City of Ottawa will be installing sub-drain, an engineering solution to drain water from the base of the road. A commitment was made by both Public Works and the NCC to work towards alleviating area drainage issues through ditching and improvements to the overland drainage system. With these improvements, a reduction in the water level is expected to address the heaving of the pavement.

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AGM MEETING

Monday, June 10th, 2024, 7 P.M.

@ The MET,

(Metropolitan Bible Church)

2176 Prince of Wales Drive

Changes to Garbage Collection Coming in the Fall



In June 2023, Council voted to limit households to 3 bags of garbage every 2-weeks in order to reduce the amount of waste being deposited at the Trail Road Landfill. The new limit comes into effect on Monday, September 30, with a phased-approach to the cap. In October, if more than 3 bags are left for collection, everything left at the curb will be collect-

ed, but crews will leave behind a non-compliance tag indicating how to participate in waste diversion programs. In November, crews will remove all but one bag, leaving one bag and a non-compliance tag. Finally, in December, crews will remove only three bags, leaving behind any excess along with the non-compliance tag.

A garbage item can be a garbage bag, a 140-litre container or bulky item that is set-out within the size and weight parameters. Households can place multiple smaller bags in the 140-litre container. The [Special Consideration waste program](http://www.ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling) (www.ottawa.ca/en/garbage-and-recycling) for residents requiring collection of diapers and incontinence products will continue and will be expanded to include non-hazardous medical waste.

GCA Member Data Cleanup

Work continues on the cleanup of GCA membership data. Over the coming months, you may receive an email requesting that you provide or update the information that the GCA has on file for you. This helps to ensure that our records are up to date, and that any out-of-date information is purged from our files.

Storm Water Rate Changes

The City has embarked upon a review of how costs to deliver water services across the city are recovered. For most households in the Glens, [stormwater](#) billing is the only component of the review impacting costs to residents. For privately serviced properties, stormwater charges are shown as a separate line item on property tax bills and are based upon the assessed value of the property. Following a report to Council in 2016, charges approved phased in over a 4 year period beginning in 2019. Prior to implementation, the Glens were not subject to charges for stormwater.

As part of a relatively small number of privately serviced areas within the urban boundary, the Association feels it important that our unique circumstances within the urban boundary are considered as part of the rate review. One of the options that staff have been exploring is the idea of using the amount of impervious surfaces on a property as the basis for charges. Impervious surfaces are areas on a property that are considered highly resistant to water absorption, such as pavement, asphalt, concrete, brick, building material and/or structure rooftops. Questions remain regarding how this information can be accurately collected. We intend to have a representative of the City available at our AGM to discuss the rate review and allow residents to provide feedback to the City.

May is Membership Month—Renew Today!

You can pay your membership fee of \$10 online at www.glenscommunity.ca/ by PayPal or Credit Card. New residents can create a login and purchase their membership www.glenscommunity.ca/membership-2. The Glens CA website also supports businesses to pay or renew their business membership of \$100 at: www.glenscommunity.ca/business. Business membership provides website and newsletter ads.

Eastway Tank Conviction and Memorial

On April 5th, Eastway Tank and Meter Ltd., and its' owner Neil Greene pleaded guilty to charges under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHS). The following allegations were made against both Greene and Eastway:

1. That Eastway Tank and Greene failed to ensure that the process of loading and "wet testing" a truck, "that produced a vapour to such an extent as to be capable of forming an explosive mixture with air, was carried out in an area with no potential sources of ignition."
2. That Eastway Tank and Greene failed to take on one or more of the following reasonable precautions in the workplace:
 - ◆ Ensure that diesel fuel to be used for the wet testing of trucks was not contaminated with gasoline or any other flammable liquid or substance.
 - ◆ Ensure that the tank of the truck did not contain and was free of gasoline or any other flammable liquid or substance, while work and/or testing capable of being a source of ignition was taking place on or near the truck.
 - ◆ Ensure that the truck and fuel hose nozzle(s) were bonded and grounded while the truck was loaded and/or wet tested with fuel. Ensure that fuel was not splash loaded or splash filled into the tank of the truck.
 - ◆ Ensure that flammable liquid vapours in the tank of the truck were not exposed to a source of potential ignition.
3. That Eastway Tank and Greene failed to provide adequate information, instruction, and supervision to workers on safe fuel storage and handling procedures to protect the workers from the hazard of diesel fuel, used for the wet testing of trucks, becoming contaminated with gasoline or any other flammable liquid or substance.

Eastway was ordered to pay a total fine of \$600,000 plus a 25% victim surcharge and Greene was ordered to pay a fine of \$80,000 plus a 25% victim surcharge. The fine levied upon Eastway is the largest ever against a company of Eastway's size in the history of OSHA and the fine against Greene is amongst the largest ever against an individual. Justice Mitch Hoffman said that he took into consideration the remorse shown by Greene and the company through the plea of guilty'. Eastway faced a maximum fine of \$1.5 million and Greene faced a maximum of 12 months in jail along with a fine of up to \$100,000.

A permanent memorial dedicated to the victims of the explosion was unveiled in Merivale Gardens Park, consisting of a new bench, in front of a memorial plaque, and a tree for each one of the six victims killed in the explosion.

Ward 9 Seniors Summit

Save the date for this event which will take place on Tuesday, October 1st, which is also National Seniors Day in Canada. The event will take place during the afternoon at the Nepean Sportsplex. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

Pineglen Park Playground Renewal

Through the Fall of 2023, residents had the opportunity to vote for their preferred design for the new play structure for Pineglen Park. The results showed a clear preference for the second option, which was chosen by 60% of respondents. Although the original concept drawings did not include an overhead trolley element, due to resident comments, this feature was added to the final design. The most recent update from the City is that the project is currently out for tender, with a closing date in May. Once the contract is awarded, we can look forward to an updated schedule for construction and completion.

The Glens and Country Place Community Garage Sale



For the first time in many years, the Glens will hold a community garage sale in partnership with Country Place on June 8. Residents are encouraged to wade through the basement and garage for items that are no longer in use and prepare them for sale. The sale day will be advertised city-wide, so mark your calendars and join the fun.

2024 Community Tai Chi Exercise



The Glens Community Association organized season two of free tai chi exercise for community residents over the winter and spring months of 2023-2024, GCA joined forces with Merivale Garden, Country Place and Tanglewood Hillsdale to offer once a week instructor lead tai chi exercise classes. High interests and consistent attendances reinforced the long held understanding that tai chi exercise benefitted practitioners both physically and mentally. The enthusiasm of class attendees spurred the addition of an extra weekly practice session, starting in April, to the end of May. We owe our program success to Rick Lymer, an experienced instructor, who volunteered his time, 2 seasons in a row, as well as having a free indoor space courtesy of Tanglewood Hillsdale Community Association. This program will restart in 2024 Fall. Additional practice sessions are available in the interim months, courtesy of Merivale Garden practitioners. Please direct enquiries to info@glenscommunity.ca

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Roses Are Red, Violets Are Blue: Gardening Tips



If you're passionate about gardening, consider these helpful suggestions for the upcoming season:

Help Pollinators:

- **Delay Spring Cleaning:** Many pollinators and wildlife overwinter in dead plant stems or leaf litter. Wait until temperatures consistently rise above 10°C before tidying up.
- **Native Wildflowers:** Plant native wildflowers, including early and late flowering species, to provide nectar sources for pollinators.
- **Bee Hotels:** Consider installing a bee hotel to support native solitary bees. These smaller structures provide nesting spots for these essential pollinators.
- **Reduce Lawn Area:** Convert parts of your lawn to native wildflower gardens or meadows to benefit pollinators year-round.

Soak Up the Rain:

- **Rain Gardens:** Create shallow, depressed areas planted with attractive hardy plants (preferably native perennials). These gardens promote rainwater infiltration into the ground.
- **Choose Wet-Tolerant Plants:** Opt for hardy plants that can handle both wet conditions and occasional drought.

For more details, visit the [City of Ottawa's official page](http://www.ottawa.ca) (www.ottawa.ca).

Glens Pizza Night

On April 24, residents gathered at the Ottawa Hungarian Community Centre for an evening of fellowship with neighbours. Attendees devoured 48 large pizzas, a slice at a time. The evening was filled with food and fun, with Grenfell resident Wayne Getchell taking home the prize in the 50/50 draw. Thanks to the Ottawa Hungarian Community Centre for hosting, Capital Bites for supplying the pizzas, and to the volunteers who worked so hard to organize and deliver a wonderful evening

Ottawa's New Zoning By-Law

The City has begun a comprehensive update of the Zoning By-Law which is planned for approval by Council in 2025. The first draft of the by-law will be published on May 31 and will implement the policies and directions in the new Official Plan. The impact of the new by-law upon the Glens is not known at this time, however, the Association will be fully engaged in the review process. We hope to have a representative from the City attend our AGM to address items of concern to Glens residents,



Glens Winter Carnival

The Glens Winter Carnival was held on the Sunday of the Family Day weekend in February and was a great success again this year. The weather was ideal, cold enough to enjoy the skating rink and warm enough to spend the entire afternoon outdoors. This year saw we were able to offer horse drawn carriage rides which were a hit with young and old. The hot chocolate, apple cider and maple taffy kept everyone's spirits high and the campfire kept chill away. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to assist and make the day a success. Your membership dues along with the volunteers make these activities possible. Please make sure to renew on the website or at your door.



Help Wanted

The Glens Community Association are always searching for volunteers to assist with activities and events within the community. Interested residents can email executive@glenscommunity.ca or contact their area liaison to request additional information. Volunteer hours are provided for students in fulfillment of their graduation requirements

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