

GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2023

2024 GLENS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Feb. 18 — Winter Carnival & Skating Party

May—Membership Drive

June 10 — Annual General Meeting

Sept. 7 — Community Picnic

Traffic & Road Issues in The Glens

Early in October, residents may have noticed a new signs urging motorists to slow down as they travel westbound along Burnbank and Grenfell. The signs came as a result of community feedback from the Association and residents to the Councillor's office. Please continue to bring these concerns to your area liaison and the Councillor's office.

Councillor Devine recently toured the area with Police Chief Eric Stubbs to discuss issues of road safety, including speeding and racing. During the tour, a stop was made to observe traffic in front of St. Monica's school. Chief Stubbs agreed to press for onsite police enforcement as a short term measure. The Association and Councillor Devine will continue to advocate for an automated speed enforcement camera at this location.

Construction is expected to begin in November to replace watermains along Woodroffe Ave. between Grenfell Cres. and Slack Road. Construction is scheduled to be complete in six weeks, providing no unexpected repairs are required. Landscaping is scheduled to be reinstated in the Spring of 2024.

New Curbside Garbage Policy

Next year the City of Ottawa will lower its limit for curbside garbage collection to three items on collection day from the current limit of six items. This will help reduce unnecessary waste going to the landfill. The <u>Special Con-</u> <u>sideration waste program</u> for residents requiring collection of diapers and incontinence products will continue and will be expanded to include nonhazardous medical waste such as: catheters, gastric and nasal tubes that are empty and rinsed, IV bags and tubing that are empty and rinsed, dialysis tubing, filters, disposable towels and sheets.

The City will share more information with residents before implementation of this new limit.

Around 85 per cent of households already set out three garbage items or fewer on garbage day. The new limit will encourage the remaining 15 per cent to use their blue, black and green bins.

Households will be allowed to place a maximum of three items for curbside garbage collection on collection day.

A garbage item includes: a garbage bag, a 140-litre container, a bulky item. Households can put several smaller bags in containers up to 140 litres. There will continue to be no limit to how much residents can set out through curbside recycling and green bins.

GCA Member Data Cleanup

Most of us, on joining the GCA, signed up via the GCA website and provided some basic contact information. Others may have given contact information via a volunteer canvasser or Board member. You can rest assured that as a matter of respect for personal privacy, access to member information is controlled on a need-to-know basis. Only selected Board members can have access to the whole list. We use the information entrusted to us only for operations of the GCA and never directly share or market them to any third party.

Although not a requirement of membership, e-mail is the main tool we use to communicate about community news, activities, and memberships. By pairing an e-mail with a street address we can have confidence that our virtual community reflects the current members who are living here now. Though we have many long-time residents in the GCA, the turnover rate seems to be increasing. Over time our lists include a growing amount of outdated information. In principle, if we don't need it, we should not keep it. To address this issue and, by extension improve data integrity and security, fellow GCA Board member Charlie Cheng and I have undertaken to review and update our member data. The technical details of validating and cross-referencing street addresses with e-mails from the website, payment processor and bulk e-mail system are beyond the scope of this article. Suffice to say it is a lot of work and efforts to date have yielded some insights and improvements. But we can't finish the work without your support.

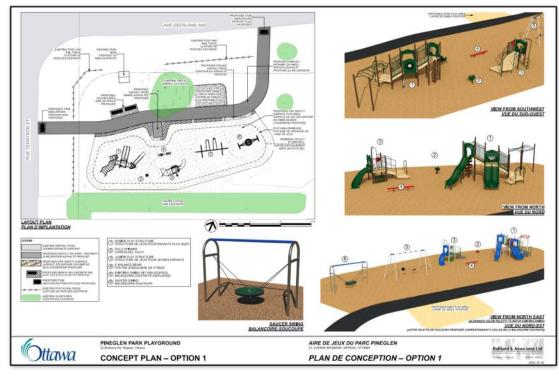
While the data cleaning process is still under development, I expect next steps to involve sending a request for verification to a subset of the list. We hope to limit this to cases where our information is known to be outdated, incomplete or otherwise questionable.

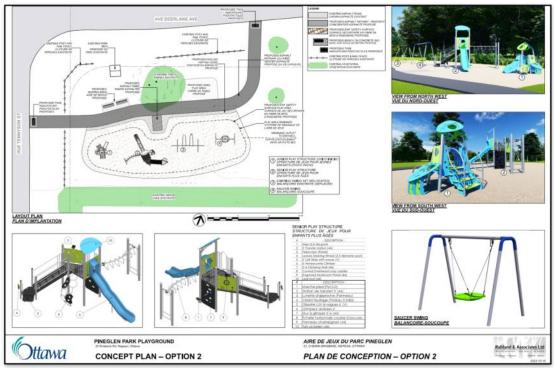
Call to action: If you happen to receive a message from us asking you to confirm your information, please take a minute to make sure we have it right. Your assistance is sincerely appreciated and will help the GCA Board to be the best data stewards we can be.

A note on SPAM: Since GCA is a not-for-profit organization with no commercial interests, it is not generally subject to <u>Canada's Anti-Spam Law</u>. We do our best, nonetheless, to respect its spirit. For instance, you may have noticed the links in the footer of our e-mail bulletins that let you unsubscribe from the bulk e-mails system or validate/change the information used to distribute them. These changes should then applied system-wide

Updated 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 put forward changes for approval at the 2023 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 text of the proposed amendments was presented and approved at the AGM on June 12, 2023. The new constitution can be seen on the website at www.glenscommunity.ca/constitution





Pineglen Park Playground Renewal

Through the spring and summer of 2023, a group of committed volunteers have been collaborating to provide guidance to the City on the playground replacement. The Committee prepared a report outlining the list of the elements residents and park users would like to see in the redeveloped playground.

The City provided two playground concept drawings for residents to choose between. Residents can register and vote for their preferred option on Engage Ottawa (engage.ottawa.ca/pineglenpark) until November 20, 2023. Votes are cast individually, one per email address. Please note that the Engage Ottawa registration is separate from your MyServiceOttawa account.

The new playground concepts have been prepared in keeping with the City's Accessible Design Standards. This design standard ensures that the park can be enjoyed by all park users. In place of a tire swing the new playground will include a saucer swing and use Engineered Wood Fibre (EWF) on the play area instead of the sand that traditionally made up the play surface.

Both concepts include new benches, a new paved asphalt pathway, separate senior and junior play structures, and reuse the existing swing set. Despite the use of EWF, the committee felt that a traditional sand play area was an important design element and has been included in both concepts.

Concept 1 includes a separate spinner toy and a balance beam while Concept 2 includes more elements within the structures.

Edward Jones

Your financial questions answered.

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Glens Summer Picnic

Again this year, the Glens Summer Picnic was a great success. The day began with the children's bicycle parade, led this year with a Kubota tractor. Councillor Sean Devine rode in the parade and helped to judge the best decorated bicycles. Following the bicycle parade, attendees were treated to face painting and balloon animals, a bubble show provided by <u>Bubble Birthdays</u> and fortune telling by <u>Anastaia</u>.









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 commit-

ment of 1-2 hours a month (except July and August) would be required to attend board meetings. Any interested resident can email <u>execu-</u><u>tive@glenscommunity.ca</u> or contact their area liaison to submit their name or request additional information.

In addition to the Mickey Mouse bounce house, we were able to add a World of Sports game both of which were busy all day long. The Ottawa Fire department attended with two of their trucks and a competitive spirit and provided one of the highlights of the day, the tug-of-war between the Glens children and the firefighters. The firefighters battled hard, but their efforts were no match for the children of The Glens

Glens bakers put their best efforts forward for the title of best cookie in The Glens. The contest was judged by our three elected officials, MP Chandra Arya, MPP Lisa MacLeod, and Councillor Sean Devine.









Community Businesses for Hire

Commercial businesses: \$100 annually and include newsletter/ website ad. No cost for ads placed by neighbourhood youth (i.e. babysitting)

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