

Briarbrook & Morgan's Grant Community Association



A Community in Harmony with Nature

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Trick or Treat Safety from Ottawa Police Services

The night is quickly approaching when the streets will be filled with ghosts and goblins, not to mention princesses and fairies. As always, there are a few important Halloween safety guidelines that should be observed to ensure the night runs smoothly.

Around the house...

Many people enjoy transforming their homes into eerie scenes. Be sure to keep the path leading up to your door free of obstacles for the little ones, especially those with masks who might have trouble seeing in dim light.

Keep pets indoors on Halloween to protect them from hazards and preventing them from being aggressive to visitors.

Before you light those candles in your pumpkin, consider using inexpensive safety glow sticks. Nothing says spooky like a glowing green jack-o-lantern!

Costumes

It is important that when helping a child pick out a costume, safety should be the main concern.

* Wear a light-coloured or bright costume, reflective tape or arm bands to heighten visi-

bility.

* Wear a costume that is properly fitted to reduce the chance of tripping on it.

* Select a costume that is constructed from flame-retardant materials.

* Make sure your vision is not restricted. Consider completing your costume with make-up rather than masks. Masks may require that the eye-holes be cut larger for the sake of good peripheral vision.

* Shoes should fit properly even if they do not go well with a costume.

* If a child's costume requires the use of props, such as a flexible-plastic sword, make sure the sharp tip is cut or filed round.

* Glow sticks are also an excellent method to increase a child's visibility. You might want to consider creating a fun necklace with string to ensure they will want to wear as part of their costumes.

* Accessorize with a flashlight!

Before the kids hit the streets, it is important that parents be aware of the route that their children plan to follow. If you are unable to take them out yourself, consider asking another parent, an older sibling or babysitter to do the honours for you. Ensuring your child is wearing a watch also allows you to establish an agreed upon curfew.

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Special points of interest:

- *Every community relies on its members: Consider helping out. Check out volunteer opportunities with the community association and help grow your community.*
- *Questions about your community? Contact us! If we don't have the answers we'll do our best to get them for you.*



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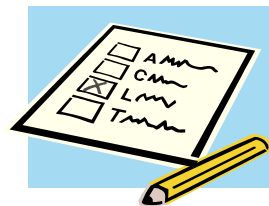
Your vote counts!

Come and share ideas with people from your community

On Wednesday, November 8, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre
2 MacNeil Court

Please register in advance with
Cristina Serje (613) 591-3686, ext 278
Workshop Leader: Dominique Paris-MacKay

A light snack will be offered
Please indicate child care and transportation needs.



Safety cont'd...

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Teach your children to recognize the places along his/her route where they can obtain help: Police Station, Fire Station or any other well indicated public place.

Although tampering of loot is rare, remind children that they must have their candy inspected by their parents or guardian prior to eating them.

Some Rules for Trick or Treaters

- * Bring a flashlight;
- * Walk instead of running;

- * Stay on the sidewalks (If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left-hand side of the street facing traffic);
- * Avoid jaywalking;
- * Do not cut across lawns or take short-cuts;
- * Take masks off when walking from one house to the next;
- * Do not go inside houses and do not get into vehicles;
- * Only visit houses that are lit;
- * Stay away from animals you are not familiar with; and
- * Vandalism is not just a 'trick' - it is against the law and has consequences.

Above all, have a safe and ghoulishly good Halloween!

Planning & Environment Committee Update

As one can see by the proliferation of black and white proposal signs, our community is experiencing rapid growth on a variety of fronts: green space, residential lots, and commercial enterprises.

Plans of three new parks in Morgan's Grant were on display at the association meeting on September 20th. Dunollie Park and Minto's Phase 10A park will both have play structures while Minto's Phase 12 park will be a woodlot park complete with a granular trail, boardwalks and a picnic area. Is this what you wish to see in our area? Come out to the meeting in November to see the display once again and provide comments to city planners and Minto.

On the residential side, Minto proposes to build 93 single dwellings in Phase 11, located near Wernside and Klondike Roads. The Brookside subdivision, 39.4 hectares in area, will include single, semi-detached and townhouse units including two six-storey apartment buildings, a 1.6 hectare park as well as a commercial block. Come take a look at the plans at our

next meeting in November.

Kanata North continues to attract new enterprises. We have received proposals for a veterinarian practice for 4065 Carling Avenue, a new 3-storey office building at 30 Richardson Side Rd. and another same sized office building is being proposed for the corner of Leggett and Farrar Streets. To meet the local shopping needs of community residents, 10,000 square metres of retail development is being proposed at the south-east corner of March and Old Carp Roads.

I recently had the opportunity to represent our community association, BMGCA, at the ImagineOttawa.ca symposium held at Mooney's Bay on a rainy Saturday in late September. Constructive discussion was held on a variety of topics including safety, transit and citizen responsibility. I left with a grab bag of tricks of how to build networks and pride in our community. Join us on November 15th at the Old Town Hall as I am eager to share my findings with you, my fellow community builders.

Upcoming Local Events

8 November 2006—'City of Ottawa and You' Free Workshop (see page 2 of this newsletter)

13 November 2006—Election Day. If you haven't received your voter's card call 311 and exercise your right to vote.

15 November 2006—Not to be forgotten Election Day for the Briarbrook Morgan's Grant Community Association Executive. Come on out to 831 March Road at 7:30 p.m. and join in the festivities. We always entertain.

*VOLUNTEERS! We need you! Contact Lisa Ersil
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Community Association 2007 Elections

It is that time of year again—election time. This year we get to share the floor with the ongoing municipal race. And though our elections may seem a little anti-climatic after the big day on the 13th—we beg to differ. In fact the role of your community association is to act as liaison with our newly elected municipal councilor. We are the conduit for your praise and concerns. This is an excellent opportunity this year to meld the two and create in one week the community vision you want to see.

Our meeting will be held at 831 March Road at the Old Town Hall. 7:30PM on Wednesday Nov 15, 2006. There are positions still vacant and if you want to get involved and make a difference in your community come out and raise your hand to the challenge.

Our mission:

- Make the geographical area of the Kanata North area a better place to live by providing organizational support to residents and property owners aiming to enhance the cultural, social and economic well-being of the community.
- Act as a public forum for the airing of community issues, ideas and suggestions.
- Be one communication link between the appropriate elected officials, municipal staff and residents of the Kanata North area.
- Monitor municipal planning in the Kanata North urban area and encourage sound development planning principles. Ensure the appropriate city staff and elected representatives are aware of members' concerns.
- Promote good community spirit and fellowship among residents of the Kanata North community.

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Thank you to our sponsors!

We'd like to take this time to honor those businesses who have made it a priority to give back to their community by sponsoring our family fun days and the care and upkeep of our ice rinks. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Josephine Perras at josie.perras@sympatico.ca or at 613.216.0460 for a sponsorship package.

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