

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a time of change at the Briarbrook-Morgan's Grant Community Association and we're sending this newsletter to all residents of our neighbourhood to re-initiate contact and start a dialogue. My name is Matt Muirhead and I was serving as Vice President when then President, Gary Kelleher, took ill with a serious heart-attack some months ago. Gary is a valued community leader who has devoted countless volunteer hours to our community and he is now spending time recuperating with his family. I'm happy to report that Gary is doing well and will remain involved with the community.

In the past year, the BMGCA has tackled graffiti in our area, hosted a Multicultural Summer Festival and Winter Family Fun Day, organized community clean-up and a community garage sale, maintained ice rinks, and monitored planning and development. We have also started exploring ways to make the community more environmentally sustainable.

That said, none of this would be possible without our members and I'd like to make a personal appeal to you and ask you to consider joining our Association. The public may always attend meetings to hear what's happening in our community, and as a member you can enjoy other bene-

fits such as free entry for your entire family to our upcoming Multicultural Festival (food included!), or Winter Family Fun Day. You will also know that your \$10 is going towards the expense of the fight against graffiti, with which we have achieved great success and continue to patrol.

Contact me personally by email or telephone if you have questions, concerns or comments. Please see the reverse page for details on how to sign up for membership.

Sincerest thanks,

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RECENT BMGCA HIGHLIGHTS:

- *City planner speaks to community about new Briarbrook parks, sports fields and play structures*
- *Public School Board Trustee Cathy Curry speaks to community in April about new Briarbrook school*
- *Planners attend June meeting to provide details on new school*
- *BMGCA represents community as member of NCC's Interprovincial Crossings Consultation Group*
- *BMGCA asked to present at City of Ottawa Graffiti Symposium to speak on success in community*
- *BMGCA initiates Waste Reduction Initiative for 2008 events and community-at-large*
- *2nd annual Multicultural Festival to include Fair Trade Vendors for 2008*
- *BMGCA website updated and launched*

BMGCA RESPONDS TO DEVELOPMENT IN AREA

Development

What we're monitoring: Minto's final phase of development in Morgan's Grant, the new plaza under construction at Klondike and March Road, the planning of the new Kanata North Recreation Complex, the Interprovincial Crossings Study, South March Highlands Management Project, and more. All issues are discussed at our general meetings.

Communications

For up-to-date information, see www.bmgca.com. You can also join our group on Facebook to share photos and comments. The *Kanata Courier Standard* and *Kanata EMC* continue to publish our press releases.

Always visit our website for meeting dates, times, and topics, or to contact us!

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Volunteering

Find fulfillment by helping us with events, maintaining the rinks, joining our executive, or by serving on the graffiti patrol. Opportunities are available for adults seeking involvement or high school students who require 40 hours of community service to graduate. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Matt Muirhead at (613) 291-5741 or matt.muirhead@bmgca.com.

Summer's here!
Please watch for
children at play
and drive with
extra caution.



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EVENTS

MULTICULTURAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

JUNE 21ST—W.C. BOWES PARK, FROM 12:00 TO 4:00 PM.

Celebrate the return of warm weather and the diversity of our community as the second annual Multicultural Summer Festival returns! Enjoy foods donated by local restaurants, an obstacle course, face painting, a tug of war between the children, police & firefighters, and more. Vendors will be on hand with fair trade items from around the world. We will also kick off our Waste Reduction Initiative by

using biodegradable plates, cutlery and serviettes. Admission is free to members. Membership is \$10 per family, or \$15 for two years.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Once the snow melts at the end of April, we gather to clean up our parks. If you see areas that need our attention, contact us.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Turn your trash into cash and find treasure. Residents conduct their garage sales en masse in May.

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Families meet in January at Klondike Park for skating events, snowshoeing, an obstacle course, hot chocolate and the famous “donut rope”.

GENERAL MEETINGS

We hold general meetings in September, November, February, April and June, now enjoyed in the comfort of the Chartwell Retirement Residence. Councillor Marianne Wilkinson briefs residents on development in Kanata North, and guest speakers present on various topics. Feedback and questions are welcome.

SPONSORSHIP

We would like to thank our sponsors who have made it a priority to give back to their community. Their financial support, along with our members, helps to pay for our activities.

Our sponsors include:

HSBC, Scotiabank 700 March Road, Trudel Home Hardware, Chartwell Retirement Residence and SohoPortal.com

We also thank the *Kanata Courier Standard* and *Kanata EMC* for their coverage.

For more information about sponsorship, see the sponsorship information available at our website : www.bmgca.com.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Stacey Ross at (613) 271-0522.



Did you know? The Briarbrook & Morgan’s Grant Community Association now includes the Brookside subdivision. Come and meet your neighbours at the Multicultural Festival, June 21st!

BRIARBROOK & MORGAN’S GRANT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

BMGCA Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email (optional): _____

Drop off or mail this form and \$10 family membership fee (\$15 for two years) to BMGCA Membership c/o Alex Ribeiro, 1175 Klondike RD, Kanata, K2W 1C8.

