



OSGOODE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 83, Osgoode, Ont. K0A-2W0

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

Osgoode Village Community Centre Monday, January 18th 2016 @ 7:00 pm

1. Opening of meeting and welcome
2. Review and approval of minutes of last Annual General Meeting
3. Introduction of the active current executive and board members
4. Reports from Municipal Members
 - Mayor Watson
 - George Darouze
5. Election of 2 members
6. Updates from Community Groups - A call to the floor for others.
 - OWBA
 - Community Policing: See attached report
 - Garden Club
 - Guides
 - Lions
 - ITR
 - OCNS
 - Osgoode Care Centre
 - OPS
 - Osgoode Food Cupboard
 - OYA
 - Scouts
7. Updates from OVCA committees.
Written reports are attached.. An opportunity will be given for questions on the reports
 - Chair's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Canada Day Report
 - Medieval Festival
 - Community Garage Sale
 - Cleaning up the Village
 - Christmas in the Village
8. Thank You - Greg Thurlow

If you have any concerns or items you would like OVCA to consider, please give them in writing to one of the OVCA executive

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: 7:00 PM Tuesday February 8th in the Fred Alexander Room of the Stuart Holmes Arena - Osgoode Community Center



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COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT FROM CONSTABLE STEPHANIE LEMIEUX

OVCA and Community Members,

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the Osgoode Village Community Association AGM this year.

I do not have much to report for your area, which is positive.

TRAFFIC:

Our Traffic Units as well as Patrol Units have been seen out in the Osgoode area conducting traffic enforcement, particularly in the Osgoode Main Street area. It has been noted by the Ottawa Police that community members have taken to social media to reveal the location of traffic officers doing enforcement and although it is beneficial at that time, as people slow down with that "head's up", over time this can become less beneficial.

Please continue to call OPS or use the online reporting to voice your concerns about speeding in your area.

SAFETY:

I would like to remind community members that this is the time of year that we see an increase to break and enters to homes whilst families are away on vacation. Please take the time to have a reliable friend or family member watch your home. A few safety tips I would recommend are as follows:

- Keep your laneway shoveled
- Put lights on a timer
- Have your garbage put out to the curb, and then returned to your garage (same day)
- Refrain from posting your vacation plans to social media or talking about plans to strangers or service people
- Secure or remove valuables and firearms from your home

RESOURCES:

I have attached a link to the Ottawa Police Service Online Crime Mapping Tool to assist you in obtaining statistics for your neighbourhood. The Ottawa Crime Map will display the last 14 days of data for selected crime categories. You can also change the date selection and crime categories to customize a search to display up to 30 consecutive day's worth of data within the last six months.



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BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 18, 2016

Please read. Only questions on the reports will be accepted.

CHAIR'S REPORT

“Give us a place to live and a place to grow, and we will build Ontario, a place to live and a place to grow Ontariieeeeeiooooo”. Some of you may remember that TV jingle in the early 60’s. In my pre-teen years I loved to sing it, as I was playing in my parents big backyard, Manotick , Kemptville and Osgoode. I remember driving country roads past my one room school house on River road (still stands today), swimming at Osgoode Light House and traveling to Long Island Locks on a summer evening to hear the rush of the water falls, they where are all fond memories.

And I wondered if I would ever have an impact on this area?

2014 arrives. I find myself leading a group of gifted people who have the same desire I do to see Osgoode grow. To be a community that is just not part of Ottawa and Ontario, but a distinctive community that people come to and enjoy the country charm of living in a big city.

So what have I seen grow in this year?

OVCA has established this year a large communications network on Facebook, Twitter, Email, Newsletters and Old Fashion Sign boards. Their roles will expand with the future.

As Chairperson I traveled to different groups around the city, to share Osgoode’s voice. E.g.(The Federation of Community Councils of Ottawa (FCC) , Ottawa 2017 (Ottawa’s 150 birthday celebration for Canada), Osgoode Ward Business Association, (OWBA) and the Osgoode Ward Community Association. I also had the pleasure of attending breakfast with the Mayor and 6 other leaders from the Osgoode Ward in his boardroom at City Hall, so Osgoode’s voice would be heard in the City budget process.

Growing with and fostering good relations with various community groups such as: (Osgoode Co-operative Nursery School), Osgoode Youth Association (O-YA), the Lions Club, the Legion, Greely Business Association). I have with meet with the farmers associations and our business people. My goal is to see them succeed. I am in full support of OWBA starting up, and representing the ward. I know the businesses in this community need a strong voice. OWBA responds to our needs and I want them to have a voice and presence, as Barrhaven, and The Glebe do, at City Hall and beyond.

I have made contacts with business and community associations in Greely, Kenmore, Manotick, Vernon, Metcalfe, Marionville, Kemptville and Barrhaven for Ottawa 2017 celebrations of Canada’s 150th Birthday. We need your group’s input.



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Each one the members of our board has a specific area they will be reporting. We have some dreams that we want to see become real. Joella Park Play structure is finished. There are bigger things coming. Further street calming initiatives are coming in the spring. We have got behind the residences of River Road and had a Town Hall meeting. While I am not totally satisfied with the results, I know the city is aware that they are being watched and we expect action on River Road. We are working with the city and local farmers, and bicycle groups to make sure the new roads in the area, are not only bike friendly lanes, but to also make sure that our farming community has the area to travel and not break up the edge of road. We are the head of the walking path into Ottawa, and the best snow mobile club in the country looks after it for the winter. We will be meeting Tourism Ottawa to make a destination point in the city. Watch for the Campaign, "Ride the Country Clicks, start in Osgoode."

I would be amiss if I did not thank my local City Councillor George Darouze, and his staff for their help and guidance, and my wife Elizabeth McNee for supporting me. It has been a learning curve. Thank you all, the people of Osgoode for talking to me and sharing your ideas.

OVCA is here for the people of Osgoode. We strive not to be negative and non- political. We have been approached about looking into a dog walking park , bmx/skateboard park, street improvements and many more ideas. These are things that we will be working on. Have we heard about your idea yet? We need your input.

Come talk to us we are here to serve you the best we can.

Greg Thurlow
OVCA Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement attached further in the report.

COMMUNICATION

Communications was a key focus for OVCA in 2015. We updated our website, revealed a new logo, raised our profile on social media, revamped our newsletter, produced promotional material for all of our community events and produced a handy "Make the Right Call" infographic. The Make the Right call infographic was distributed to all homes in the K0A 2W0 mailing area in the fall. It is handy tool that shows who to connect with to address issues in the community.

OVCA has been recognized this year as a communications leader, not only in the village but in the ward and throughout the city. Other community associations are looking to OVCA as an example of how to reach out to their constituents.

Looking ahead OVCA will continue its communications efforts to keep residents of Osgoode and the surrounding area informed.

Cheri Nixon
Communications Director



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BUSINESS

Throughout the year 2015, it was realized that a business Director would be an asset to OVCA to:

- work with the other business community representatives in the ward
- work with the business community to see what needs there were in the village

To that end we have:

- met with Metcalfe and Greely representatives to start networking opportunities and start cross marketing events across the ward
- represented Osgoode businesses in the City's meet the country event
- worked cooperatively with an event coordination team to attend the Osgoode ward business networking event

In the next year we look forward to:

- 1st and foremost set up a business subcommittee to identify needs/wants of the businesses in the village
- work with OWBA to establish how we can represent Osgoode village needs/wants and seek a plan to get the needs/wants met
- use the subcommittee to determine the best way forward in working with OVCA

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to participate on the subcommittee and/or have any items you would like brought forward for discussion, resolutions or as a clarification

Ericka Charbonneau
Business Director

ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

Many thanks to the local businesses that support OVCA through advertising on the website, in the newsletter and at our events. Last year we introduced bundled advertising to offer the most value to our advertisers. In 2016 we will once again offer advertising bundles, but will also be looking to add sponsorship bundles to make supporting OVCA and our community events even easier for our generous business community. New advertising and sponsorship bundles will be released in late February prior to our March newsletter.

Cheri Nixon
Director for Advertising and Sponsorship

SENIORS

OVCA has taken on the task to make sure our seniors are cared for in Osgoode. If you are a senior and have any concerns that might affect your health or well-being contact OVCA and we will look into it and hopefully find a solution.

Jean McKitterick
Seniors' Affairs Coordinator



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BEAUTIFICATION

Joella Park: Joella Park's old play structures were removed and new play structures were put in. The original budget was augmented by the Councillor which allowed for the purchase of a variety of equipment that will serve many ages for years to come. The City of Ottawa is still waiting for an inspector's final approval to ensure that the installation went appropriately. The City will advise when the park is ready to be enjoyed.

Beautification Awareness Campaign: OVCA would like to invite residents to come up with ideas on how to make the village as appealing as it can be. There are grants and funds available once we have brainstormed and then planned properly. Some ideas are the following: Fix up Main Street (consider different lights), a BMX park and a mural. Your thoughts are welcome. Please give ideas in writing.

Tom Dawson
Director

EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE

1. Clean Up the Village

Our Clean up the Village was very successful last year. Even though it was a very cool day, we collected over 1000 pounds of garbage and recycling. There was also a contest to see which team collected the most.

We are looking forward to an even bigger group this year. Watch the newsletter and website to find the date and details for our next clean up this spring.

Charles Cullen
Clean Up the Village Co-ordinator

2. Community Garage Sale

The Annual Community Garage Sale takes place the first Saturday of June. Registration forms are sold and the homes that pre registered are placed on a map of Osgoode. This map is distributed to those that are coming to the event. Each home registered also gets balloons to hang out so people can easily see that it is part of the Community Garage Sale. Cost of Registration is \$5.00. Last year we had over 50 homes registered.

This year the Community Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday June 4th**. Registration forms will be available at Raymonds' and Foodland from May 2nd to 30th. Maps will be available at Raymonds' and Foodland, as well as online, on June 2nd.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at harold.freeburn@sympatico.ca

Gayle Freeburn,
Garage Sale Coordinator



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3. Canada Day in the Village

Beginning at 2pm families gather at the Community Centre area where children can visit with the animals at the petting zoo and feed them as well (which they love to do). The looks on their faces are priceless when they see all the beautiful animals ...bunnies, llamas, sheep and pot bellied pigs. Next the kiddies and their parents can have their faces painted by a local lady "Art with Bonnie" and her amazing assistants. They ensure the children are able to look like whatever animal they want...tigers, lions, bears, butterflies - they all walk around the festivities for the remainder of the day with huge smiles on their new faces.

After their faces are sufficiently painted, they head over to the bouncy castle which is no end of fun. Even in the rain. The kids love it! And once they have worked up an appetite, they head over to the BBQ for some lunch - hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks - all available for purchase. All the while musicians are playing on stage and entertaining the crowd - young and old.

The two events that draw the biggest crowds on Canada Day regardless of the weather are the Parade and the Fireworks: First, the parade. At 4:30 the crowds start to gather along the main street of our village. From one end of the village to the Community Centre. Candies are thrown out from the parade floats to the kids along the street. The children are always excited to hear the horns on the fire trucks and to see the little ponies that inevitable join in the fun. This is the only parade in Osgoode Ward on Canada Day! It is always well attended. We are always fortunate to have our local politicians attend around 5pm so they can either participate in the parade or at least hang around to see it and visit with our families.

Second, our fireworks display. It is a wonderful display and the crowds come back starting at 9:30 converging on the Community Centre with lawn chairs, blankets, in pajamas and always with of bug spray!

Canada Day is the single event of the year that friends and neighbours, young and old, look forward to in our village. Many volunteers work for months to ensure that they day will run smoothly regardless of the weather. Even in 2015, it was a very inclement day and our crowds may not have been huge, but we had people and those people had spirit!!

Our new activity that was introduced this year was the Amazing Race Osgoode. We did not have preregistration (which we will do next year) and we are so happy to have had 18 teams of people participate. The youngest was approximately 6 and the oldest participants were in their 60's and 70's. What a fun event. Perhaps in 2016 we can operate 2 separate events - with different age groups.

We are already looking ahead to Canada 2016. We need many volunteers and organizations to come alongside of us to organize this event. If you want to be involved, please contact me.

Jean McKitterick

Canada Day Co-ordinator



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Kingdom of Osgoode (Medieval Festival)

The 2015 Festival, July 11th and 12th, was a success and Osgoode had more than 5000 guests come out to attend! Everyone enjoyed seeing jousting, birds of prey, musical groups and many others. There was even the opportunity to be knighted. They also were able to visit the medieval market where many craftsmen were selling and demonstrating their wares. Education Day on July 10th was well attended. There were approximately 1000 children and chaperones that took part in archery, music, crafts, and many other events. A highlight of the Festival was our medieval Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.

Dates are confirmed for 2016. The festival will be open to the public **July 9th & 10th** with an Education Day for the children on **Friday July 8th**. The Knight of Valour – Canadian Raptor Conservatory (Birds of Prey) – fighters – live music – dancers are a few of the confirmed things coming to this year's festival. Plan to attend and enjoy the fun. You are encouraged to completely immerse yourself and come in costume although you are welcome in 21st century clothing as well.

We are still looking for volunteers to join the committee team. We also need many volunteers to make these three days a success. To volunteer contact the Medieval Festival committee

The Medieval Festival Committee want to extend their appreciation and thanks for all the support received throughout Osgoode – businesses and residences.

Trudy Quinn
Medieval Festival Co-ordinator

4. Christmas in the Village

This year's Christmas in the Village was a phenomenal success. With additional free family activities in the afternoon and an evening dance, the event was bigger than ever. Residents from all over the ward joined us as we welcomed Santa to our village. Plans are in the works for an even bigger and better celebration in 2016.

Next year's event will be December 3rd. Look for details of events in our fall newsletter. Plan to get involved in the pie making competition, parade, breakfast with Santa and many other events. We need many volunteers to make it happen. Contact OVCA to volunteer.

Cheri Nixon
Christmas in the Village Coordinator