

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Hello Neighbours, and Happy April!

We have a ton of exciting news to update you on, including the Arcadia Community Association's first Annual General Meeting, a Clean the Capital Campaign for Arcadia Park, a community-wide garage sale, a tentative date for a Summer Party, and much more. Read on for local news and updates.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Arcadia Community Association is hosting its first official AGM on Sunday, May 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. at The Grounds Café. The owner has generously offered the ACA free use of the space to host the AGM and we are very thankful for the local business support!

[The Grounds Café](#) is located next door to the Dollar Tree and Food Basics at 5703 Hazeldean Road, Unit 3, Stittsville.

At the AGM, the Committee will detail what they have been working on since the ACA was created in June 2015 and outline the plans for the upcoming year.

A vote will be held to approve the draft Constitution developed by the ACA. The document discusses the purpose, role and objectives of the Arcadia Community Association, and will help ensure members of the Committee have rules and guidelines in place while moving forward.

The document will be made publicly available before the AGM through Facebook and email. If anyone would prefer a hard copy of any documents, please email [arcadiacommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arcadiacommunityassociation@gmail.com).

Terms of Reference (TOR) for the various Executive and Committee positions will also be posted. The TORs outline a non-exhaustive list of the duties and responsibilities for each position.



The Executive positions include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and the Committee is composed of Directors for the following positions: Communications & Member Relations; Fundraising; Events; Development, Planning and Minto Relations; and Directors at Large.

The AGM will include elections for these positions. Votes can be cast by voting members (residents of Arcadia) who are present at the AGM.

Have ideas, comments, or questions on how to make our community better? We'd love to hear from you! We hope you'll join us for our first AGM - we look forward to discussing all the great things going on in Arcadia.

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## SPRING CLEANING THE CAPITAL

The ACA is hosting a Spring Cleaning the Capital event on Sunday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Participants can meet at Arcadia Park to receive garbage bags, gloves, and leaf and yard waste bags. This is a great opportunity to meet more of your neighbours while helping to keep our community clean and beautiful.

High school students can also receive volunteer hours for taking part.

We look forward to meeting many of you at this event!

## COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Clear out your clutter and find hidden gems during a community-wide garage sale! We're looking at holding this on Sunday, June 12, from 7 to 11 a.m.

Interested neighbours can email us at [arcadiacommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arcadiacommunityassociation@gmail.com) and we will put together a map showcasing where sales will take place.



## BUS ROUTES UPDATES

The ACA received a number of comments about the cancellation of OC Transpo bus route 188, and reduction of service for the 92. The Committee sent a message to our Councillor, Marianne Wilkinson, with recommendations to mitigate some of the impact in a lessening of service.

The ACA Director of Planning & Development met with Councillor Wilkinson on April 4, 2016 to propose a minor adjustment to either the 261 or 263 express bus routes so that they would extend service to the North of Hwy 417 in morning and afternoon peak periods.

The Councillor will arrange a meeting with OC Transpo planners to advocate for our community's interests in coming days with a view to increase bus route accessibility of our residents. Thank you to everyone who provided comments, we will keep you apprised of any updates through [Facebook](#) and [email](#).

## WATER RATE STRUCTURE UNDER REVIEW

The City of Ottawa is developing a new rate structure to fund its water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure.

The rate review will establish a new rate structure that covers infrastructure costs. [The city is proposing two big changes \(click here for more details\)](#): charging people a fixed rate in addition to the rate based on water consumption; and having everyone pay a separate stormwater fee.

If you missed the public consultation in Kanata, there is a meeting on April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex.

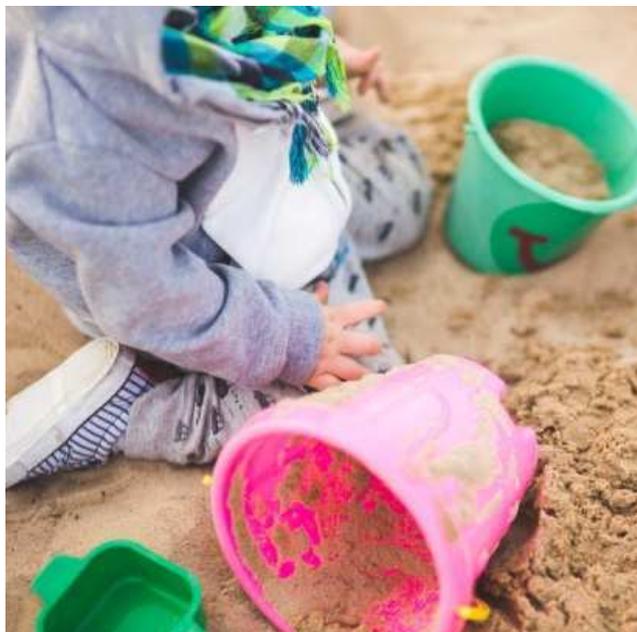
For more information or to submit comments online, [click here](#). To register for the Nepean meeting, [click here](#). To see the City's presentation material, click [here](#).



## SUMMER PARTY

What better way to celebrate summer than with a community-wide Summer Block Party? The ACA is planning to host an end of season barbecue, with a tentative date set for Aug. 20.

Keep your eyes on future newsletters, where we'll make sure to keep you updated as the party planning moves forward.




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## ITEMS OF NOTE

- **The Tanger Outlets mall looks to expand and add new stores.** This is separate and not dependent on Phase II plans to add restaurants and a hotel. There are no timelines yet but we'll keep you updated on any developments in this area.
  - **Hydro One to cut trees** shortly along Huntmar to Richardson Side Road and Terry Fox. This is not expected to significantly impact our neighbourhood as we don't have many mature trees.
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## KANATA NORTH COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Do you know someone in Arcadia who deserves recognition? Nominate as individual, couple or organization for a [Kanata North Community Recognition Awards](#). Nominees must either reside in and/or have done volunteer or charitable efforts to benefit Kanata North. The nomination categories include Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, and Organization of the Year. Deadline for submissions is April 22. The awards evening will be held May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Mlacak Centre.

## PLEASE STOOP AND SCOOP!

The ACA has received a number of messages from concerned neighbours about dog waste not being picked up and disposed of properly.

The City has installed signs on garbage bins in both parks (Arcadia Park at Calvington & Country Glen, as well as the 'little park' at Country Glen & Campeau) to remind dog owners to [stoop and scoop](#) and dispose of any waste at home.

Dog waste is a public health hazard, takes the pleasure out of outdoor activities and pollutes the environment. Not picking up after your dog could result in a fine of \$150 under the Animal Care and Control By-law.

Let's keep our community clean and safe for everyone to enjoy, please stoop and scoop!



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN KANATA NORTH

**Thursday, April 7: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Kanata North BIA Discover TechNata and career fair. [Details here.](#)

**Sunday, April 24**

Spring changes to OC Transpo bus schedule come into effect, including cancellation of route 188 and reduction of service of route 92.

[Click here](#) to check your schedule.

**Monday, April 25: 7-9 p.m.**

Councillor Marianne Wilkinson hosts her Kanata North Town Hall Meeting. For details on what will be discussed and where the meeting will take place, visit the Councillor's [website](#) closer to the date.

**Sunday, May 1: 4-6 p.m.**

Arcadia Community Association Annual General Meeting at [The Grounds Café](#), 5703 Hazeldean Road, Unit 3, Stittsville.

**Sunday, May 15 11 a.m. to noon.**

Spring Cleaning the Capital. Meet at Arcadia Park to help us keep the community beautiful!

