

# KANATA BEAVERBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Beaverbrook resident,

The KBCA is a non-profit, volunteer community organization working to make Beaverbrook a great place to live. We run a door-to door membership drive each September. Last year, 70% of the homes canvassed joined the KBCA. The 2009 membership fee is only \$10.00 per household. This small fee helps support a range of community initiatives.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 7 at the Beaverbrook Community Centre located at the back of the Beaverbrook (Calian) Mall. The meeting begins at 7:30 and will be followed by a presentation/update from our City Councillor, Marianne Wilkinson. We encourage you to attend this meeting. We are seeking volunteers to join the executive and help coordinate the association's many activities. We are a collegial, friendly and fun group of people with a shared passion for the suburb we call home.

This year we will be:

- Representing Beaverbrook at the City of Ottawa on planning/development issues;
- Working to ensure that the City is maintaining Beaverbrook's street lights, parks and other elements that make Beaverbrook special;
- Managing the Beaverbrook Community Centre and 3 outdoor skating rinks;
- Organizing "The Great Beaverbrook Clean-Up Day and Picnic" on Saturday 1 May 2010;
- Coordinating "The Great Beaverbrook Yard-Garage Sale"
- Caring for the two Beaverbrook entrance gardens;
- Further developing our website;
- Developing an email system for efficient correspondence with membership

Your KBCA Executive

## **Join the KBCA!**

In the fall of 2009, a number of streets and condominium clusters will not be canvassed by the old-fashioned "feet on the street" method. If you would still like to join the community association, the easiest way is to attend our general meeting on 7 October. If you cannot attend, we accept mail in memberships paid by cheque. Our address is: KBCA, Box 72077, Kanata, Ontario, K2K 2P4. Membership is \$10.00 per household, please make cheques payable to the KBCA. Than

## **Earn Volunteer Hours for Distributing KBCA fall newsletter or just get some great exercise!**

The KBCA has a fall newsletter that you can read right here on this website. However, as many of your neighbours might like to have it delivered (otherwise, they might not read it...) we would love to have a group of volunteers available for distribution. Send me an email, if this appeals to you!  
(Alexandra – mosquin@sympatico.ca)

**BEAVERBROOK FLOODING**

Some 50 homes in Beaverbrook were flooded this summer. Councillor Wilkinson has conducted numerous site visits and is aware of the severity of the problem. An investigation is underway to determine the causes of the flooding.

**TREE BY-LAW GOES INTO EFFECT 9 SEPTEMBER, 2009**

The City now requires that property owners with land one hectare or less get a City permit to remove trees 50 centimetres (20 inches) in diameter or greater. There is no permit fee. For details and permits, visit [Ottawa.ca/urbantree](http://Ottawa.ca/urbantree) or call the City at 311.

**LIGHTING**

KBCA launched an exciting new project in the early summer: partnering with local scouts to paint lawn lamps, with all money raised going to support scout activities. We hope that more Beaverbrook streets will receive this attention this season. In addition, the KBCA is investigating the question of the corner lamps (with street signage in them) to better understand the neighbourhood's options.

Residents need to know that lawn lamps are on the City's property with a very few exceptions. All lawn lamps (irrespective of location) are being maintained by the City and will continue to be. The City is responsible for the pole, the cuff and the globe, or in other words, the entire light standard. To have one repaired, please call 311 and identify your location. You can report any light you see broken (at 311), not just the light in front of your own home, and the City will repair it within 4 days.

According to the City, homeowners with lawn lamps in front of their properties should not remove or replace or relocate lawn lamps. Residents may ask the City to replace any lawn lamp with the globe lamp that matches the others on the street. We understand that the City has the right to return non-uniform lamps to owners and replace with a new globe light if it so chooses. Residents, please replace burned out bulbs.

**YOUR CEDAR HEDGEROWS/YOUR GREEN COMMUNITY**

The beautiful cedar hedges that define many properties require annual maintenance. These hedges greatly enhance Beaverbrook's landscape and give it a special character not found in suburbs with fences. Information about hedges is being developed for our website.

**BEAVERBROOK LIBRARY TAKES BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING.**

Our library is part of a pilot project and now accepts non-rechargeable batteries, including alkaline, lithium (must be wrapped with tape or plastic), zinc air button cell and silver-oxide button cell. No rechargeables.

**FIRST-EVER BEAVERBROOK-WIDE GARAGE AND YARD SALE.**

KBCA promoted this resident-driven event last spring, and will promote it again this year at the end of May/beginning of June. The intent is to have everyone hold a yard sale on the same day to attract a greater number of buyers. The date is one week before the City's designated Spring Give Away Weekend, when residents can leave unwanted items outside so that others might take them. Although

KBCA is not promoting a fall yard sale, the City is holding a fall Give Away Weekend on 24 and 25 October.

### **CALLING ALL CANVASSERS PAST AND PRESENT**

This fall, KBCA is investigating alternative approaches to membership. Our “feet on the street” method has been in use for over 40 years, and with changing demographics, it is becoming more and more difficult to find canvassers. KBCA members and canvassers are invited to the home of Alexandra Mosquin to discuss options for the KBCA executive to consider for next fall. Meeting is on Tuesday 22 September at 7:00. Please contact Alexandra for details, [mosquin@sympatico.ca](mailto:mosquin@sympatico.ca)

### **THANKS TO LAST YEAR’S MANY VOLUNTEERS**

Another successful Clean Up Day was held on Saturday 2 May, 2009. Thanks to all volunteers and sponsors who help make this community event a Beaverbrook tradition. A special thanks to Tony and Roslyn at the Beaverbrook Service Centre and Ice Cream Shop for supporting this event and our Find that Tree Contest.

For questions or comments please email Alexandra Mosquin, [mosquin@sympatico.ca](mailto:mosquin@sympatico.ca) or call Dot Smale at 592-1897

**PLEASE WELCOME YOUR CANVASSER WHEN SHE/HE COMES TO YOUR DOOR!**