

# CountryPlace

Community Association Newsletter

Winter 2010

## From The President's Corner

By Cindy McGuire and Anne O'Higgins

Hello to Country Place!

We are excited to be living and working in such a beautiful community. We both moved during Summer 2009 and truly believe Country Place is one-of-a-kind. From the beautiful finger parks and courts to the hair-raising left hand turns out on Merivale or Prince of Wales we know this is the best community in Ottawa!

In the coming months, we hope to get to know many "Country Placers" on a more personal level. As a start, allow us to take a moment and share our backgrounds with you. Cindy McGuire, your President, is currently a stay-at-home Mom raising two children. Cindy grew up in Ottawa and worked as an engineer prior to becoming a mom. She has a wide variety of volunteer and event-planning experience including being Chair of the Canadian Cancer Society, Toronto Central Unit.

Anne O'Higgins, your Vice-President, works as a buyer for Giant Tiger Stores. Anne grew up in Toronto but always had a family cottage in Chelsea, QC so is familiar with Ottawa. She is quickly honing her event-planning skills as she prepares for her wedding next June!

We both know we've got big shoes to fill. On behalf of all Country Place residents we would like to formally thank our previous executive with special mention to Rocco Romeo, our previous President. Thanks to their leadership, Country Place has enjoyed Family Fun Days, garden tours, Christmas carolling events and ice skating. Well done! We would also like to recognize the continued

hard work of our street representatives who deliver newsletters, help with the membership drive and communicate your concerns. A big thank-you for their efforts.

We hope you all enjoy the newsletter. Please e-mail the Country Place Executive with any suggestions, questions or concerns over the coming months. [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com) or speak to your street rep.

We both look forward to the challenge of continuing to improve our community. We intend to uphold the existing community traditions and work diligently to make sure the community's best interest is served on key issues including the Prince of Wales widening & streetlights, NCC Bike Path, restoring the park shed and reviewing options to improve the safety of Merivale Road.

In closing, we would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Don't forget to check our tips on page 4.

All the best, Cindy & Anne

## WINTER EVENTS

### Holiday Carolling & Food Drive Sunday December 19th, 2:30 p.m.



The Community Association will be continuing our tradition of carolling spreading holiday cheer and fun. Our goal is to collect 200 pieces of non-perishable food to be dropped off at the local food bank.

Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the park by the skating rink at 2:30 p.m., Dec 19th and work our way through the courts and streets finishing back at the park for some hot chocolate and treats.

Come out and share your Holiday cheer by singing and/or bringing out your food donation to one of our carollers! Food can also be dropped off through the month of December to Charlie Inglis (7 Erinlea Court) or Anne O'Higgins (25 Fifeshire Crescent).

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# Country Place Snow Ball Social: Friday January 21st, 7:30 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE

Friday January 21st will be an evening full of fun just around the corner at Tulip and Maple catering company, 1980 Merivale Road!

For ticket pre-sales, please contact Cindy McGuire at 613-680-0930 or Charlie Inglis at 613-226-6276 or email [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com).

The evening will begin at 7:30pm and tickets are \$30.00 per person. For further details, please visit the website at [www.countryplaceca.ca](http://www.countryplaceca.ca). Tulips & Maple is limited to 80 guests – don't miss out!

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### Playgroup



Our preschool “country placers” and Moms have formed a playgroup lead by Jasmine Hansen. The preschoolers and Moms meet once a month. If

you and your baby and/or tot would like to join the next playgroup please contact Jasmine at 613-680-0828 or email her at [ohjasmine@hotmail.com](mailto:ohjasmine@hotmail.com).

### Ice Rink



Country Place's ice rink will be ready for skating soon! We would like to take this opportunity as a community to thank Jill and Steve Nimmo for their hard work each

year. Happy Skating!

They are looking for volunteers to assist with the initial start up of the ice as well as volunteers to assist throughout the season. They are also recruiting for staff to maintain the ice and supervise the shack during rink operating hours. You must be 16 years of age.

If you are interested in volunteering or working at the rink please contact Jill or Steve at 613-228-0702 or email the community association executive at [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com).

## Community Service Hours – Attention Students

Volunteering for the Country Place Community Association is a great way to fulfill your community

service hours close to home! Interested students should contact their schools and Country Place Executive at [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com). There are a wide variety of opportunities to help with - Ice Rink, Christmas Carolling, Park Clean Up, Community Day etc.

## AGM REPORT

### 2010 Annual General Meeting September 23rd at St. Monica's

Attendance at the AGM this year was higher than in the past few year with 55 residents, plus 13 others including 9 of the 10 candidates for Councillor.

Charlie Inglis, the Treasurer, presented the financial statements for the previous fiscal year. Highlights of the financial position are: membership revenues increased due to an increase in annual membership fees to \$15 and also because of increased participation in the Association this year; Family Fun Day uses up most of the membership fees. The rink is funded by the City of Ottawa and there is ongoing concern whether the City will provide future funding of community ice rinks.

Colin Wooles, membership coordinator, reported that membership last year was 252 houses or 64% of the 394 houses in the Community. We are fortunate to have 33 volunteers as street reps for the upcoming year which will cut down the amount of work for each of the street reps.

Stephanie Prince informed the meeting of a research study being conducted by the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario regarding whether where you live affects how active you are. Country Place has been identified as a target community for the study and Ms. Prince invited members of the community to participate by contacting her by email at [neighbourhoodstudy@cheo.on.ca](mailto:neighbourhoodstudy@cheo.on.ca)

Executive positions for 2010-2011 were filled by acclamation, and are listed in the box below.

#### Executive Committee Members 2010/2011

**President** ..... Cindy McGuire 680-0930  
**Vice President** ..... Anne O'Higgins 421-7098  
**Secretary** ..... Sue Turpin 228-6796  
**Treasurer** ..... Charlie Inglis 226-6276

#### Other community association volunteers

Communications..... Tim & Tam Lethbridge 237-6642  
Street Rep Coordinator..... Colin Wooles 723-0853  
Rink ..... Steve & Jill Nimmo 228-0702  
Signs & Business Liaison .. Louise Staranczak 224-3660

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Website: [www.countryplaceca.ca](http://www.countryplaceca.ca)

Two presentations were made to update the community on issues that arose during the year. Tim Lethbridge updated residents on the status of the proposed widening of Prince of Wales Drive, and Ron Graves discussed the NCC Bike Path and traffic on Merivale road. It was agreed that the Community Association would contact the city to request installation of some measure to ensure pedestrians can safely cross Merivale at Amberwood and the NCC pathway.

Charlie Inglis presented Rocco Romeo, past president of the Community Association, with a small gift as a token of appreciation for his contribution to the community over many years.

The meeting concluded with short speeches from each of the nine ward candidates present followed by a brief question-and-answer session. The full draft minutes of the AGM can be found on the Community association website: <http://countryplaceca.ca/>.

## FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

### Comments from Gord Hunter, Outgoing Councillor

By the time you read this I will be the ex-councillor for Knoxdale-Merivale Ward, thus ending thirty years of municipal service.

From 1980 to 1994 and again from 2006 to 2010 it has been my pleasure to be a representative for Country Place. I think back on the sometimes very vocal, usually very civilized community AGMs that were held at St. Monica's Church when the community would question Ben Franklin, me and any other councillors who showed up on everything from the park to traffic to soil conditions and community signage. Even the construction of the Waterford-on-Rideau project caused quite a fight in the community, as did the 'abandoned' school site where Campfield Court now is.

Those were the days.

Some of the issues are still around today. I will be turning them over to Keith Egli who has been elected to replace me. Keith and I have been in regular contact since the election as I've tried to help him as much as needed as he gets acclimatized to his new environment. I am confident he will be responsive to the needs of Country Place.

Thank you to the residents of Country Place for your support and suggestions over most of these last thirty years.

## Welcome from Keith Egli, Our New Councillor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Country Place for their support in the election. My office door will always be open to deal with your questions or concerns. Please email me at [keith.egli@ottawa.ca](mailto:keith.egli@ottawa.ca) to add your name to the newsletter distribution list and/or provide me news of events or meetings that you would like included in the newsletter. I look forward to working with you over the next 4 years.

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INVOLVEMENT

### Get Involved

Got a comment or suggestion for the Executive? Or are you interested in filling one of the open positions below on our team?

Please e-mail [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com)

#### Open Positions:

- Event Organizer
- Photographer
- Graphic Artist/Designer

### Receive Updates Electronically from Your Community Association

We now have over 300 residents on the "Country Place Residents" electronic mailing list. As a member of this list you get your newsletter first. You will also be alerted immediately of such matters as emergencies, events, community meetings, and city construction activity.

If you are not on the electronic list, please email Tim Lethbridge at [timothyclethbridge@gmail.com](mailto:timothyclethbridge@gmail.com) and please include your street address in your request. Everyone in your household can be a member of this list separately so you can all be kept informed. If you have a Google account, you can request membership and see messages at <https://groups.google.com/group/country-place-residents/>. To ensure you get messages we suggest you put [country-place-residents@googlegroups.com](mailto:country-place-residents@googlegroups.com) in your 'whitelist'.

### Business Directory

A reminder that we have a community business directory on our website: [www.countryplaceca.ca](http://www.countryplaceca.ca). If you are interested in being listed, please contact Louise Staranczak at 613-224-3660. Your on-going support is much appreciated.



The Country Place Community Association would like to thank **Browns Cleaners** – The preferred Dry Cleaner of Country Place – for their help with Family Fun Day. Call Serge at 613-880-0397 for free pick-up and delivery

## Articles for Future Newsletters?

Tim and Tamara Lethbridge have edited this issue of the newsletter. If you have any contributions for future newsletters, please email the Association at [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com) or phone Tim and Tam at 613-237-6642.

## Membership Drive Results

Thanks to the combined efforts of Street Rep Coordinator Colin Wooles and all the street reps, the 2010 Membership Drive was a huge success. We collected memberships from 324 of the 395 houses in Country Place. We have not experienced a result such as this for many years.

When we ignore houses that are for sale and rented or where residents were away for a prolonged period, we attained a record and outstanding 85% of houses as paid up members.

If your street rep couldn't reach you and you still wish to pay your the Community Association \$15 membership dues, it is not too late. Simply email [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com) or contact your street rep (see page 5).

## Holiday Party Tips!!

All the members of our Country Place Executive want to wish you a Happy & Safe Holiday Season



### Deck the Halls

Decorate the room in seasonal deep reds and forest greens using candles, stems and fun background music.

### 'Tis Hors d'Oeuvres Season

Try this fabulous recipe:

#### Prosciutto, Brie & Fig Crostini

Ingredients

- ½ Thinly Sliced Baguette
- 300g Thick Slices of Brie Cheese
- 8-10 Slices Prosciutto
- 1 bunch Fresh Basil
- Fig Spread or Fig Jam



- 1) Preheat Oven to 400F
- 2) Toast 2-3 minutes until the baguette is slightly browned
- 3) Take baguette out, spread jam, and wrap meat around the cheese and lay on top
- 4) Put everything in the oven for an additional 1-2 minutes until cheese is soft
- 5) Top with basil and serve!

### Play a "Reindeer Game"

There are hundreds of Holiday game ideas you can find online. Pin the Tail on the Reindeer; Christmas Charades; Host a Treasure hunt, etc. are all fun ways to entertain everyone!

### Avoid too much Egnog

Having a designated driver and planned route to get all of your guests home means a safe and happy Holiday season for all!

## Ottawa Neighbourhood Watch

Make the Right Call!

Every call is important, but not all calls are life-threatening, and not all calls are police emergencies. Whatever the case, we're here to help.

- 9-1-1** Life Threatening Emergency or Crime in Progress
- 230-6211** Other Emergencies (TTY 232-1123)
- 236-1222** Community Police Centres & all other inquiries

## Street Representatives

The following are your street representatives. They help the Community Association by

- Serving as liaison with the Community Association executive on behalf of the residents in your area
- Delivering newsletters and information flyers to block residents (2 or 3 times per year)

- Collecting annual membership dues for your block
- Occasionally participating with other Street Reps on working groups, and
- Attending Community Association Street Rep meetings (a couple of times a year).

Colin Wooles is Street Rep coordinator. He can be reached at 613-723-0853.

## Current Street Reps

Amberwood Cres 6-28	Liz Eidsness	15 Amberwood Cres	565-6999
Amberwood Cres 29-44	John Kaczmarek	30 Amberwood Cres	727-0975
Amberwood Cres 44-61	Lissy Woboditsch	61 Amberwood Cres	
Amberwood Cres 62-77	Barb Mews	70 Amberwood Cres	727-6973
Amberwood Cres 86-98	Dawn McLeod	75 Amberwood Cres	224-9726
Amberwood Cres 102-113	Marc Zucker	110 Amberwood Cres	274-7641
Amberwood Cres 118-132	Eric Perron	118 Amberwood Cres	422-4929
Amberwood Cres 135-143	Jasmine Hansen	136 Amberwood Cres	680-0828
Broad Oaks Court	Dana Petrie	19 Broad Oaks Court	224-8955
Calais Court	Tim & Tam Lethbridge	7 Calais Court	237-6642
Campfield Court	Louise Staranczak	5 Campfield Court	224-3660
Charnwood Court	Martha Leahy	13 Charnwood Court	226-5905
Chesswood Court	Beth Osborne	22 Chesswood Court	228-7899
Cordell Court	Sushma Barewal	8 Cordell Court	226-5990
Denewood Cres 2-16 even & 3-25 odd	Sarah McCaughern	25 Denewood Cres	226-5487
Denewood Cres 18-26 even & 27-43 odd	Marilyn Journeaux	35 Denewood Cres	226-7333
Edenbrook Court	Shirley Fullarton	18 Edenbrook	226-5325
Erinlea Court	Charlie Inglis	7 Erinlea Court	226-6276
Fifeshire Cres 3-18	Anne O'Higgins	25 Fifeshire Cres	421-7098
Fifeshire Cres 20-28 even & 19-37 odd	Hilary Allen	22 Fifeshire Cres	225-3492
Fifeshire Cres 30-38 even & 39-57	Tara Graff	32 Fifeshire Cres	225-2230
Lacewood Court	Tammy DeGiovanni	5 Lacewood Court	226-9454
Parmalea Cres 2-10 even & 3-15 odd	Lillian Lee	5 Parmalea Cres	226-5188
Parmalea 12-32 even 88 & 103 Promenade	Barbara Campagna	12 Parmalea Cres	274-7296
Parmalea Cres 17-25 odd & 34-44 even	Linda Ieria	44 Parmalea Cres	226-3870
Tangmere Court	Sarah Bourque	8 Tangmere Court	225-6035
Tennyson Street	Jill Nimmo	33 Tennyson Street	228-0702
Treymore Court	Branka Jankovic	8 Treymore	565-2149
Tunbridge Court	Karen Deterding	8 Tunbridge Court	225-1788
Weatherwood Cres 1-10	Janet Page	1 Weatherwood Cres	274-7130
Weatherwood Cres 11-20	Barb Armstrong	12 Weatherwood Cres	727-0821
Weatherwood Cres 22-40	Anne Marie Mason	17 Weatherwood Cres	224-9480
Yewfield Court	Corey Fellows	12 Yewfield Court	680-8898

### Important Contacts

**City of Ottawa** call 311  
**Province of Ontario** call 211

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