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## The President's Corner

After what seems like half a year of winter, we are eagerly welcoming spring into our neighbourhood, and the renewed level of activity it brings. It's great to see so many people out and about in recent weeks, either working on their lawn, or enjoying the park, or simply going for a stroll.

Despite the cold and snow, our community was quite busy this winter. The caroling and food drive in December was a huge success thanks to the wonderful and generous residents of our neighbourhood. In total, the caroling and food drive generated \$400 in donations and a trailer load of non-perishable food items. This year's Winter Social at the Ramada was also a huge success. The night was filled with great food, music, and company. The skating rink saw a record number of consecutive skating days, thanks to the cold weather, but thanks especially to Dawn and Ian and their team of helpers who ensured the rink was in great condition for the whole season. The Easter Egg Hunt in the park brought out dozens of kids and their families who very excitedly searched out all the hidden eggs. Our thanks to Jasmine for once again organizing this fun event, which is quickly becoming a new Country Place tradition. Finally, your community association Executive team has been pursuing issues of community interest, particularly the placement of Community Mailboxes within our neighbourhood.

We hope you will join us for the upcoming

community events. Whether it's the park clean-up on May 2, the community garage sale on May 30, or the Community Fun Day on June 13, there is something for everyone to enjoy in our neighborhood in the warmer months.

On a more serious note, we want to bring to your attention a couple of issues. The Easter Egg Hunt was the first opportunity for many of us to be back in the park this spring. Unfortunately, what we found was a park covered with dog poop. We want to remind all of you that Country Place Park is a "No Dog Park". The community has been quite lenient on this rule because most residents are careful to keep their dogs away from the play structures, on leashes, and to pick up after them. However, if we continue to find dog poop, we will have to ask the City to begin enforcing the no dog rule, as this is a major health concern for our kids who enjoy the park, and is a major annoyance for anyone else using the park. Secondly, we want to remind residents to not park on the sidewalk. We know Amberwood can get narrow with cars parked on one or both sides of the road, however, parking on the sidewalk inhibits people walking on the sidewalk and pushes them up on lawns or out into the middle of the road.

Enjoy your spring and summer, and we look forward to catching up soon.

Hani and Sarah

## SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS

### Annual Park Clean-Up

*Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:30 a.m. – Meet at the Park Hut*

After an extra long and cold winter we need EXTRA support! Please bring your family and join your fellow neighbours to restore the beauty of Country Place.

Meet at the hut in the park at 9:30 a.m. for instructions and supplies. Please bring your work gloves and rakes. The city provides the rest! This activity counts for teenagers requiring community service, but of course, we need adults too!

Thanks to Barb Armstrong for organizing this important annual event.

### Community-wide Garage Sale

*Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Coming to Garages Near You!*

Join in on this Ottawa tradition! As you do your Spring cleaning this year, consider hosting a garage sale. If you're not hosting a garage sale this year, you might just find a treasure at your neighbour's! We'll provide advertising and signage to direct potential customers to the sales. Remember, shoppers can start as early as 7am.



### Community Fun Day

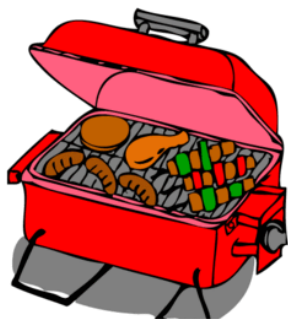
*Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Country Place Park*

Save the date and book this into your calendars now! You don't want to miss this great day of neighbourhood fun to kick off your summer season.

We had an amazing turnout last year, with lots of food and fun under two huge tents. We plan to repeat the most popular activities this year and, of course, our BBQ! A flyer will be distributed the week before the event with all of the details and timing. A big hit in recent years has been our home-grown talent! We are seeking performing groups or individuals again this year so if you are interested, please let the Community Association know as soon as possible.

*New this year:* Could you be the first Country Place Idol?

Volunteers are needed to make this day a success. If you would like to help out, join us at the upcoming Street Representatives meeting, or send a message to [countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com).



### Picnic in the Park

*Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm onwards – Country Place Park*

Come join your neighbours for a picnic in the Park to celebrate the end of the school year and the start of a long hot summer (hopefully!)! All are welcome! Just bring your family, your picnic blanket and your own dinner – and perhaps a game or craft to share.

For questions, contact Jasmine Albagli at [jasmine@jasminephotography.ca](mailto:jasmine@jasminephotography.ca)



## FEATURE ARTICLE

## Community Mailboxes Coming to Country Place

*What it means for our neighbourhood*

As you are all aware, Canada Post is moving away from home mail delivery and toward community mailboxes. You should have all received a letter from Canada Post indicating the location of your new community mailbox (see map below). We want to inform you that things are not yet set in stone, as changes to locations are still being made.

Over the past couple of months, some of you have raised some concerns about the placement of certain community mailboxes. Most of the concerns focused on safety issues. We want to assure you all that the Executive has been constantly engaged with Canada Post and the City of Ottawa to ensure our concerns are heard. There is evidence that our advocacy is working. In mid-April, we received confirmation that Canada

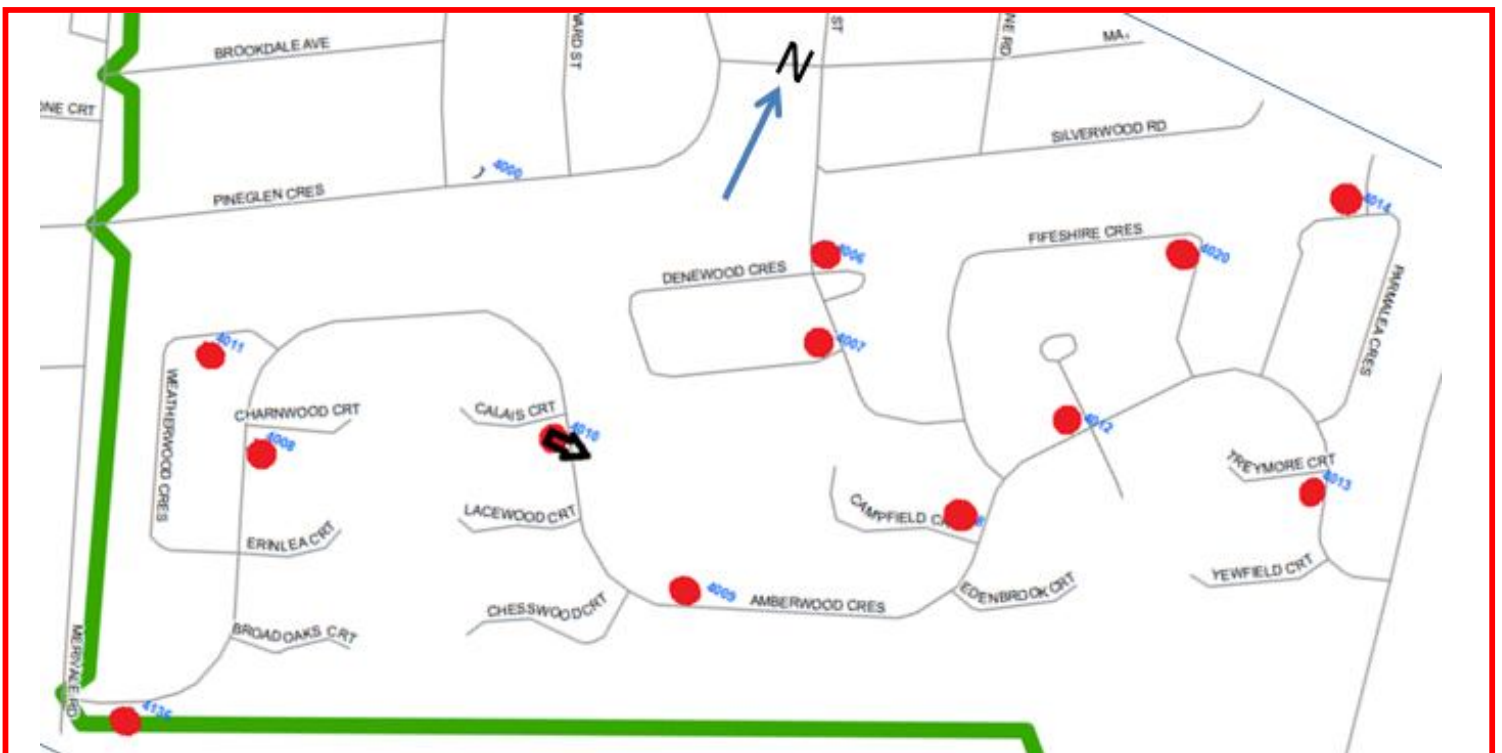
Post has agreed to move the mailbox on Amberwood closest to Calais across the street to the park/sidewalk side. This was a mailbox that a few of you had written to us about, and one that we had raised on a few occasions. We are happy with this outcome as it will ensure greater safety for those collecting their mail.

Despite this success, there remain other troublesome mailbox locations, also of which we have raised and continue to do so. Moreover, some of you may have heard rumours that other neighborhoods nearby (namely Morgan's Grant and Moffatt Farm) had received exemptions from the community mailbox switch. We have looked into these rumours and can confirm that they are in fact untrue. All neighborhoods in Ottawa are moving to community mailboxes.



We recognize that there will be a period of transition and adaptation for our neighbourhood as the change to community mailboxes comes into effect, and the Community Association will continue to provide a focal point for discussion, advocacy and exchange of information. For those residents who have concerns about their ability to access a community mailbox, they should contact Canada Post directly at 1-844-454-3009, as we understand that alternative approaches will be available to residents with significant challenges.

For further information on the transition to community mailboxes, please visit the Canada Post website [www.canadapost.ca/cpotools/apps/cmb?execution=e1s1](http://www.canadapost.ca/cpotools/apps/cmb?execution=e1s1).



## COMMUNITY INITIATIVES & ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### NCC Greenbelt Pathway Update

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*The whole project (pedestrian signal included) should be completed by the end of Fall 2015*

The National Capital Commission (NCC) anticipates recommencing the remaining half of the Greenbelt Pathway, from the Black Rapids Lockstation to Merivale Road in August 2015. The August date is set as a result of the bird nesting period (April 15 – August 15), during which clearing of vegetation for the pathway is restricted.

In order to proceed with the construction of the remaining pathway section, the NCC needed to get access to a piece of land currently under the ownership of the Province of Ontario. The NCC is working with their provincial partner and is about to be granted a 1-year land access permit to these lands. Once this land access agreement is signed, the project sign on site will be revised to reflect the new construction dates.

We will continue to keep the community informed of any new developments related to this project.

### Country Place Environment Group

A resident of Country Place has brought to our attention the excellent initiatives carried out by the Environmental Committee of the Glebe Community Association and flagged the need for, and potential benefits of establishing such a committee within our own neighbourhood. Please contact the Country Place Community Association to indicate your interest in finding out more, or in forming such a group for the benefit of our community.

### Play Group

Our Country Place playgroup for preschoolers and their parents/caregivers is going strong! The playgroup is also open to Pineglen preschoolers and their parents/caregivers. This group enables many of our families to get to know each other better and to have lots of fun together!

If you and your baby or tot would like to join the next playgroup get-together or want more information, please contact Tamara Lethbridge at 613-237- 6642 or [tamara7@rogers.com](mailto:tamara7@rogers.com). We would love to hear from you!



## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### Caroling and Food Drive

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*The 2014 Caroling and Food Drive generated \$400 in monetary donations and a trailer-load of food items for the Ottawa Food Bank*

The 2014 Country Place Caroling and Food Drive was a huge success thanks to the wonderful and generous residents of our neighbourhood. The caroling group, consisting of about a dozen individuals of all ages, sang their way from the Park towards Prince of Wales, collecting food and monetary donations for the Ottawa Food Bank along the way. The carolers were followed by our very own decorated food drive trailer, which doubled as a hay ride for children.

Following the caroling, residents were invited for snacks and hot chocolate courtesy of Tim Hortons at the Amberwood rink, where Keith Egli was waiting to provide his donation and to congratulate the group on a job well done.

In total, the Caroling and Food Drive generated \$400 in monetary donations and a trailer load of non-perishable food items. Thank you to all for opening your doors to our carolers and for donations to such a worthy cause.

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## RECENT ACTIVITIES, cont'd

### Skating Rink

It was a terrific season this year at the Country Place skating rink. The extremely cold winter allowed for a long skating season with optimal ice conditions, and even the record-breaking cold temperatures in February did not seem to deter people from lacing up and enjoying the outdoors.

The rink officially opened on January 3rd, and continued right through to March 8th, with closures of just two days during that period. The rink was open for a total of 63 days! Once again this year, we had some of our highest attendance numbers, with many in the community getting out for a game of shinny hockey. There seemed to be an

increase in younger kids coming out to enjoy the rink, which was really nice to see.

Thanks goes to the rink staff, Sarah Harrold, Kyle Flavell, Jacob Beumer, Devin Burse, Justin Abdou, Tony Lauzon and Chris Pietrobon for making sure the lights were on, the hut was warm, and the rink smooth. Special thanks also to Classic Interlock Snow Removal, for doing an excellent job clearing the rink and parking lot for us free of charge. Their community spirit is greatly appreciated. And of course, thanks to Dawn and Ian McLeod for making it all happen!



*Aidan and Ryan Spaans enjoy a blustery January afternoon of shinny hockey at the rink.*



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### Winter Social

This year saw the return of our Annual Snowball Social to the Ramada Ottawa on the Rideau, on Prince of Wales Drive. With 75 people in attendance, the night was filled with lots of good times and good food. The atmosphere was electric with excellent music provided by DJ Gem and a ton of great prizes from FNPC Chartered Accountant, ChefX, Cindy's, Omar's Cut,

Lone Star, SupperWorks, Frank's, Casa Dei Panini, Dawn McLeod Photography, and Bambu. The winter social allowed all of us to rekindle mid-winter, and enjoy a community event meant for adults. We hope to see more of you there next year.

A big note of appreciation to the evening's sponsors, who donated door prizes:

Casa Dei Panini	<a href="http://www.casadeipanini.com/">http://www.casadeipanini.com/</a>	613-723-2272
Chefx	<a href="http://www.chefx.ca">http://www.chefx.ca</a>	613-909-2206
Cindy's Diner	15 Capella Ct. Unit 117	613-727-9362
Dawn McLeod Photography	<a href="http://dawnmcleod.com/">http://dawnmcleod.com/</a>	613-224-9726
Firkin and Flyer	<a href="http://www.firkinpubs.com/thefirkinandflyer/">http://www.firkinpubs.com/thefirkinandflyer/</a>	613-739-9191
FNPC Chartered Accountant	<a href="http://www.fnpc.ca/">http://www.fnpc.ca/</a>	613-866-8131
Frank's Bakery and Catering	<a href="http://www.franksfoods.ca/">http://www.franksfoods.ca/</a>	613-274-3120
Lone Star	<a href="https://www.lonestartexasgrill.com/">https://www.lonestartexasgrill.com/</a>	613-702-4681
Omar's Cut	<a href="http://omarscut.com/">http://omarscut.com/</a>	613-226-9999
Supper Works	<a href="https://supperworks.com/">https://supperworks.com/</a>	613-692-5151

RECENT ACTIVITIES cont'd

### Easter Egg Hunt

On the morning of April 3rd, on what was perhaps the first "warm" (i.e. above 0 degrees) and sunny day of spring, dozens of Country Place children arrived at the park with baskets in hand, followed by their entourage of parents, grandparents and friends. They eagerly awaited the go-ahead signal to begin trudging through snow and mud, each in search of a dozen brightly coloured eggs. The smiles on the faces of the children say it all: it was FUN!! They found their eggs ... and more, including 29 hockey pucks buried in the snow behind the rink.

Thanks to Jasmine Albagli for organizing Country Place's newest tradition, and to all the parent/grandparent helpers/egg-hiders.



Photos by Sarah Kalhok

## FROM YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

### Update from Keith Egli

#### Traffic Open House:

I would like to invite all residents to the upcoming Ward 9 Traffic Open House that is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 21st from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex (Halls C&D). This event will feature speakers from Ottawa Police, Ottawa By-Law & Regulatory Services, and the Ottawa Public Works department. Residents are encouraged to attend this event to ask questions and bring forward their concerns about traffic in Ward 9.

#### Councillor Keith Egli's Annual Ward 9 Fun Day:

It's that time of year again for Councillor Keith Egli's Annual Ward 9 Fun Day! This annual event will be taking place on Saturday, June 13th from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be fun and entertainment by Brad the Balloon Guy, A Little Bit of Bling Face Painting, Little Rays Reptiles, music by Boom FM and much more. Additionally, there will be complimentary food and drinks for the whole family.

#### One-on-One Hours at the Emerald Plaza Library:

Every third Tuesday of each month, I hold one-on-one meetings at the Emerald Plaza Library from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to bring forward their questions and concerns about issues in Ward 9.

#### Changes to Councillor Keith Egli's Ward 9 Newsletter:

Recently, our office has made some changes to our weekly newsletter. I would encourage residents to voice their opinions about these changes by contacting my office through email. Please email all your comments to [ward9@ottawa.ca](mailto:ward9@ottawa.ca). Your input and suggestions are very much appreciated.

## FOR A SAFE AND CLEAN COMMUNITY

### DOG OWNERS: PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

The Spring melt revealed discarded blue bags of dog poop and piles of dog poop all over the Country Place Park. Bad enough as that is, the melt also coincided precisely with the timing of the children's Easter Egg Hunt that took place in the Park, much to the disgust of children and parents alike. So let's review the rules about dogs in Country Place parks once again.

Parks can provide a pleasant and safe environment in which to exercise dogs. Safety for other park users is also a consideration however. The City of Ottawa has an "Animal Care and Control By-law" that provides for a variety of park usages or "designations" for dogs and there is a Dogs-in-Parks Designation Policy

(DIPDP) that applies. We have two designations which apply in our community:

#### Country Place Finger Parks –

**Dogs Allowed:** Dogs may be off leash

#### Country Place Park –

**No Dogs:** Dogs are not permitted

There are also standard rules that apply to all parks regardless of geographic location within the City of Ottawa. Dogs must always be under the control of their handler, even if a leash is not required. Signs are posted to inform the public of whether dogs are prohibited or if they must be leashed. Dogs are prohibited from being within five

metres of all children's play areas and pools.

Dog owners in Country Place should be aware: If residents of the Country Place community are caught by City of Ottawa By-Law Officers in non-compliance with these rules, they may be subject to fines. Any residents who have any concerns with these rules or their compliance are encouraged to contact the City of Ottawa directly via 3-1-1.

Wherever you are in the neighbourhood, please pick up after your animals and respect the City's by-laws concerning the care and control of your dogs.

## Park Bylaw

As we enter the warmer summer months, here's a reminder that the City of Ottawa has a blanket parks bylaw that has all City of Ottawa parks close from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. If you see or hear persons in a park after 11:00 pm, call Bylaw at 3-1-1. It is also now illegal to smoke in parks.

Please visit this City of Ottawa link for more details:

[http://ottawa.ca/residents/bylaw/common/parks\\_en.html](http://ottawa.ca/residents/bylaw/common/parks_en.html).

## Potholes and Sewer Clean-up

Please report all potholes and road issues using the below link.

<http://ottawa.ca/en/serviceottawa/roads-and-transportation/pothole-road>

Please only advise the executive if the matter has not been serviced after two weeks.

## Was your lawn damaged by plows?

If your lawn was damaged by city snowplows, the city should come and repair the damage. Please call 3-1-1 (City of Ottawa) and they will create an incident number. One resident called and they were advised the city would repair in 5-7 days.

## YOUR COMMUNITY

### Country Place Business Directory

If you are a resident of Country Place and own or operate a business and want you neighbours to know about it, consider listing your business in the Country Place online business directory on

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

GO LOCAL and support our local businesses!!



**The Country Place Community Association  
would like to thank Brown's Cleaners**

Brown's Cleaners are the preferred Dry Cleaner of Country Place. We thank them for their generous support toward Community Fun Day. Call Richard at 613-880-0397 for free pick-up and delivery.



Welcome to the **2015** tennis season! Membership information available at:  
Website: [www.glenstennisclub.ca](http://www.glenstennisclub.ca) Email: [glenstennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:glenstennisclub@gmail.com)

#### Club Features:

- Season rates: Family - \$95, Single - \$70, Junior - \$35 (see website for details)
- Four courts (two in Pineglen Park and two in Grenfell Glen park)
- All courts fully lit for night play
- 2010 – 2011 new rubberized court surfaces
- Backboard at Pineglen location
- Club activities for all skill levels (tournaments, social doubles, ladder play, etc.)
- Tennis Pro available for lessons, clinics, and Junior day camps
- 2013 NCTA Division 1 Champions

## Country Place Street Representatives

STREET BLOCK	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Amberwood Cres 006-28	Liz Eidsness	15 Amberwood Cres	613-565-6999
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Amberwood Cres 062-77	VACANT	VACANT	VACANT
Amberwood Cres 086-98	Elaine Keillor	97 Amberwood Cres	613-225-5882
Amberwood Cres 102-113	Marc Zucker	110 Amberwood Cres	613-274-7641
Amberwood Cres 118-132	Eric Perron	118 Amberwood Cres	613-422-4929
Amberwood Cres 135-143	Hilary Allen	Fifeshire Cres	613-225-3492
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Calais Court	Tim & Tam Lethbridge	7 Calais Court	613-237-6642
Campfield Court	Louise Staranczak	5 Campfield Court	613-224-3660
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Chesswood Court	Beth Osborne	22 Chesswood Court	613-228-7899
Cordell Court	Sushma Barewal	8 Cordell Court	613-226-5990
Denewood Cres 02-16 & 3-25	Sarah McCaughern	25 Denewood Cres	613-226-5487
Denewood Cres 18-26 & 27-43	Marilyn Journeaux	35 Denewood Cres	613-226-7333
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Erinlea Court	Charlie Inglis	7 Erinlea Court	613-226-6276
Fifeshire Cres 03-18 & 24	Yvonne Rosen	9 Fifeshire Cres	613-260-2680
Fifeshire Cres 20-28 even & 19-37 odd	Phyllis Keefe	4 Campfield Court	613-224-0300
Fifeshire Cres 30-38 even & 39-57	Michael Jackson	105 Amberwood Cres	613-226-5756
Lacewood Court	Tammy DeGiovanni	5 Lacewood Court	613-226-9454
Parmalea Cres 02-10 even & 3-15 odd	Lillian Lee	5 Parmalea Cres	613-226-5188
Parmalea 12-32 even 88 & 103 Promenad	Barbara Campagna	12 Parmalea Cres	613-274-7296
Parmalea Cres 17-25 odd & 34-44 even	Linda Ieria	44 Parmalea Cres	613-226-3870
Tangmere Court	Alicia St Hill	10 Tangmere Court	613-422-8874
Tennyson Street	Sylvie Lafontaine	36 Tennyson Street	613-727-0927
Treymore Court	Branka Jankovic	8 Treymore	613-565-2149
Tunbridge Court	Sheryl MacDonell	6 Tunbridge Court	613-859-8062
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Weatherwood 11-20	Barb Armstrong	12 Weatherwood Cres	613-727-0821
Weatherwood 22-40	Tony Lauzon	29 Weatherwood Cres	613-875-2170
Yewfield Court	Corey Fellows	12 Yewfield Court	613-680-8898

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**Signs/Business Liaison**

Louise Staranczak 613-224-3660

### Neighbourhood Watch

We remind all residents to lock their car doors and do not leave valuables inside. We also remind residents to exercise caution with door-to-door canvassing or charities and ensure the representatives have correct ID and can provide government issued tax receipts.

The Country Place Association logs all incidence reported by residents. Please continue to send any incidents to

[countryplaceca@gmail.com](mailto:countryplaceca@gmail.com) and MOST IMPORTANTLY notify police using "Make the Right Call". The police log all incidents which leads to increased patrol and safety of our neighbourhood.

### 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**

**613-230-6211**

**613-236-1222**

Life Threatening Emergency or Crime in Progress

Other Emergencies (TTY 232-1123)

Community Police Centres & all other inquiries

### *About the Country Place Community Association...*

The Country Place Community Association represents the thriving Country Place community that was established in the 1970s. Our mandate is:

- *To maintain and improve the residential character, environment and quality of life within the Country Place community*
- *To foster neighbourhood recreation and social events, and*
- *To promote the interests of all residents and represent their concerns to various levels of government context.*