

Carlington Community Association “E” Newsletter for October 2007.

Next Meeting

A reminder that our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Alexander Community Centre, 960 Silver Street.

We will have a presentation on setting up a Free Wireless Network for Carlington. The presenters are Tracey P. Lauriault and Emil Mitev from WiFi Ottawa-Gatineau.

Should be an interesting meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Carlington Community Association All Candidates’ debate.

Our association hosted an all candidates’ debate on September 26 for the recent provincial election. All seven candidates showed up for the debate and approximately 75 people attended the event, which also included a separate presentation on the MMP referendum question. The event was held in the main gymnasium of WE Gowling School.



A report on a third party site was made of the debate. This is not an official report nor does it have the endorsement of the CCA. However, the link is provided as a reference. See the report here →: <http://knitnut.net/?p=483>

As an aside, we also found out that Canada’s National table tennis champions practice in one of the smaller gyms at We Gowling. Congratulations to them!

Study pinpoints Ottawa's dirtiest air. → i.e. Carlington.

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CBC News

Pedestrians walking along Carling Avenue near the Queensway suck in some of Ottawa's most polluted air, according to early findings of the City of Ottawa's air-pollution mapping project.

The area has the worst air quality so far among 34 locations where airborne contaminants are being measured, said Natividad Urquizo, who runs the city's air pollution program.

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Natividad Urquizo, City of Ottawa

The soup of pollutants hanging above the roadway includes levels of nitrous oxides and particulate matter that are often above recommended safe levels, and both types can cause serious health effects, Urquizo said.

"I'm borderline asthmatic and I would think twice before buying a house in that area," she added.

The pollution map, which could be produced by as early as next month, will help the city decide where to put facilities such as new schools and seniors homes, Urquizo said.

She added that not all pollutants are concentrated in the city's centre.

For example, ozone, which protects against UV light when it is high in the atmosphere, but is toxic at ground level, has a distribution people might not expect.

"It has been discovered that [ground-level] ozone is lower in the downtown core, but it's higher in the rural areas," she said.

Exposure to ozone, the main component in smog, has been linked to inflammatory lung disease and death, particularly among people with chronic lung disease, and has also recently been shown to kill human immune cells.

The 15-month National Capital Air Quality Mapping project was launched in June. To take air pollution measurements, the project employing a satellite monitoring system, two monitoring systems on the ground, three mobile testing units and 100 small sensors placed on buildings and streetlight poles. The map will show levels of various pollutants in each square kilometre of the city.

The studying is being funded by the City of Ottawa, Natural Resources Canada's

GeoConnections program, Environment Canada, Transport Canada, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and the Ottawa International Airport.

Upcoming Community Planning events:

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Volunteer Management for Community Volunteers.

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Crime Prevention Ottawa is a new initiative that contributes to crime reduction and enhanced community safety in Ottawa through collaborative evidence-based crime prevention. By developing a community-wide strategic crime prevention action plan, the initiative will bring a unique crime prevention perspective to many different aspects of City life. Interim goals and objectives were approved on February 20, 2006. Crime Prevention Ottawa will support initiatives and partner with the community to deliver programming that has demonstrated success.

Free Training for community leaders and volunteers to assist organizers of community associations, Neighbourhood Watches and other volunteer run initiatives.

Central: Thursday November 22 City Hall Laurier room 6:30 to 8:30 pm

West: Monday November 26. 100 Walter Baker Place 2nd floor Hall, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Registration CPO@ottawa.ca

http://www.ottawa.ca/city_hall/crime_prevention/index_en.html

Ottawa Social Forum 2007

Imagine Ottawa presents:

The Imagine Ottawa Social Forum 2007

October 18 and 20, 2007

Dominion-Chalmers United Church

355 Cooper Street, Ottawa

<http://www.imagineottawa.ca>

Imagine Ottawa would like to extend an invitation to friends and neighbours from across the city to attend the second annual Imagine Ottawa Social Forum, October 18 & 20. The Social Forum is an opportunity for people to learn, network, share ideas, and collaborate on a path to getting the city we want.

There are two dates to keep in mind:

Thursday, October 18, 8 pm
"A Tour of the World We Need"

Chris Turner (author of Planet Simpson) will speak about achieving a sustainable future as outlined in his new book, *The Geography of Hope*. Following the talk, special guest Graham Saul of Ecology Ottawa will interview Chris on stage. Adrian Harewood of CBC Radio One's afternoon program "All in a Day" will be our Master of Ceremonies. Chris will be on hand after the talk to sign copies of his book.

The evening is co-sponsored by Imagine Ottawa and the Ottawa International Writers Festival
<http://www.writersfestival.org/>.

Admission is \$12 (\$10 for students and seniors) or free with a Writers Festival pass.

Saturday, October 20, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Social Forum

Our daylong Saturday program offers a wide variety of opportunities to learn and participate. The morning session includes more than twenty presentations in English or French. Some topics are:

- urban agriculture (growing food on green roofs)
- how the organic garden fosters community building
- how to make Ottawa the green capital of Canada
- Ottawa's Poet's Pathway
- where things stand with Light Rail Transit
- the First Nations proposal for a Healing Centre on Victoria Island

In the afternoon, we offer participatory workshops and a panel discussion. Attendees can choose from revitalization of Ottawa 20/20 (the vision behind the official plan), development of a Citizen's Agenda that will help focus public dialogue, or a panel discussion on the Hintonburg Neighbourhood Planning Initiative.

Admission to the Saturday program is free. A complimentary lunch will be provided, generously donated by The Table Vegetarian Restaurant.

Childcare is available, but you must pre-register.
Call (613) 563-4922 for more information and to
reserve a childcare space.

Both events will take place at Dominion-Chalmers
United Church, 355 Cooper St. at O'Connor. For more
information, visit our web site at
www.imagineottawa.ca.

Ready to get more involved? We are looking for
volunteers to assist with on-site logistics for both
events. Contact Leigh Thorpe at (613) 563-4922 to
find out more.

Thank you for your kind attention. Please circulate
this to others who might be interested: the whole
city is invited!

Upcoming Urban Forums.

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Wednesday, October 24, 2007 - 7 pm Champlain Room
Manufacturing Perception

National Film Board: "*Planning Canada's National Capital*" (1949)

Caroline Andrew Professor, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa

Ken Gray City Editorial Page Editor and Citizen Editorial Board Member

In the post-war era, we approached our city's problems with modernism and an enthusiasm for growth, technology and new ideas. Grand plans were promoted to radically change how Ottawa would grow. The building of scenic parkways, elimination of railways and streetcars downtown, decentralization of government offices, razing of LeBreton Flats, establishment of large natural areas, and the current development patterns in the capital city all have their roots in Gréber's influential plan. Living here today, can we say that we got it right?

Urban Forum will screen a rare vintage National Film Board film on the post-war planning of the Capital Region. Panellists Caroline Andrew and Ken Gray will reflect on the impacts of decisions made then and what we can learn from the past as we consider today's issues and values.

FREE LECTURE - DONATIONS TO THE OTTAWA CITIZEN'S RAISE-A-READER CAMPAIGN WILL BE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED.

*Thursday, November 8th ♦ World Town Planning Day
7 pm, Andrew Haydon Hall, Ottawa City Hall (note different day and venue for this lecture)*

The Road to Community

A new approach to road layout and design

Brian Bochner, PE, PTOE, Senior Research Engineer, Texas A&M University

In recent years, engineers and urban designers have been working together to bridge the traditional gap between transportation planning and place-making. A new and progressive document seeks the best fit between the urban thoroughfare and the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. Will this document become the new common ground between large-scale mobility and local community-making?

URBAN FORUM

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