



Belltown Neighbours' Association

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2013 BNA Executive

At the November 15, 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Belltown Neighbours Association (following the adoption of a new constitution), the following were acclaimed to form the BNA Executive:

J rome Nantel (Chair)
Russell Latham (Vice-Chair)
Ryan Palmer (Treasurer)
Ranjit Bose (Secretary)
Bob Blake (Director)
Alex Cullen (Director)
Maria Opera (Director)
Penny Sutherland (Director)

The AGM also discussed up-coming issues such as floodproofing in Belltown, the Carling Ave. re-development process, the proposed renovations to the Ron Kolbus-Lakeside Centre, the Britannia Woods Community House project, the Carling & Grenon crosswalk, among other things.

To contact the BNA Executive, please e-mail association@belltown.ca, or visit www.belltown.ca.

Update on April 3 public meeting on Belltown and the 100-year flood plain

Some 80 people from Belltown attended last April 3rd's Flood Plain Information Session (*sponsored by the BNA*) to hear from the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority on issues relating to the 80 or so Belltown homes on the Ottawa River 100-year floodplain.

Don McIvor from the RVCA outlined the basis for Conservation Authority jurisdiction over flood plains and planning restrictions for homes on the 1-in-100-year flood plain: no new buildings; restrictions on expansion (*20% of footprint to 215 sq.ft. max.*). City Councillor Mark Taylor updated the meeting on the Britannia Village floodproofing plan (*it is going ahead*) and the RVCA/City initiative to update the current 30-year-old floodplain mapping for Belltown—a new map is expected by the end of this year (2013). J rome Nantel of the BNA said a public meeting on the new mapping and possible mitigation would be held then.

Questions from those attending included the timeline of the mapping project (*to be done before end of 2013*); road access and mapping limits (*1 foot of water on road is the limit; there is a 6 m buffer from the floodline*); relief from planning restrictions (*flood fringe policy allows up to 50% expansion to a 530 sq.ft. max.*); and possible mitigation (*bike path may need to be raised as a dike; need to involve the NCC then*). Details about these issues can be found by calling the RVCA at 613 692-3571 or e-mail postmaster@rvca.ca.

Thank you!

To the over 50 men, women and children who participated in last April 27's Spring-Clean-The-Capital clean-up in Belltown!

Special kudos to Sinjin for organizing the event, Russell and Kurt for providing the BBQs, and Kate Sweetnam at Shopper's Drug Mart for contributing goodies!

BELLTOWN FAMILY BBQ FRIDAY JULY 26

FROM 4 TO 8 PM
BOTTOM OF SCRIVENS STREET BY THE
BIKE PATH

**BRING YOUR FAVOURITE DISH
(WE'LL SUPPLY THE HOT DOGS)
AND MEET YOUR COMMUNITY!**

PLEASE RSVP TO
ASSOCIATION@BELLTOWN.CA

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE SATURDAY JUNE 1

For more information about the Belltown Community Garage Sale on Saturday June 1 check out *Britannia Peeps* (your community-friendly web site) at www.britanniapeeps.com.

Britannia Peeps is a local, community-built & driven web site focussing on local issues, local businesses, and local notices. Join up!

Carling Avenue Economic Re-Development (Grenon Ave. to Bayshore Dr.) Study

What should be happening to our commercial strip? What is missing? What do you think? Let us know via association@belltown.ca.

For more details go to <http://www.baywardlive.ca/issues/bay-ward-issues/carling-avenue-economic-re-development/>

Is traffic going too fast on Ritchie Street? Should it be slowed down to 40 kph?

The BNA has been approached by residents of Ritchie Street to support a request for a 40 kph speed limit on this residential street. Too many people are speeding to the Belltown Dome, they say. What do you think? Let us know at association@belltown.ca.

We have been asked to remind you ...

- ⇒ That the City of Ottawa's Animal Control By-Law requires all dogs to be leashed unless otherwise signed. For Grandeur Park (running on the south-side of the NCC bike path) it means dogs should be leashed (and dog poop scooped). This is for everyone's protection. Any concerns should be phoned-in to 3-1-1 (e-mail 311@ottawa.ca).
- ⇒ That no dumping of leaf & yard waste and no pruning of shrubbery is allowed on the NCC bike path or the shoreline on the north side of the NCC bike path. The NCC and the City have agreed to maintain 2 views along the NCC bike path (where the park benches are) - inquiries should go to 3-1-1 at the City (e-mail 311@ottawa.ca) or to the NCC at 613 239-5353 ([e-mail info@ncc-cnn.ca](mailto:info@ncc-cnn.ca)).

Thank you! ☺

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Belltown Neighbourhood Association is under a new direction—to inform and serve the community. To be effective, though, requires input and participation by people living here. We are interested (and hope you are) in making progress on these issues: neighbourhood security and good neighbour relations; the future and use of the Belltown Dome; the floodplain along the Ottawa River and how it affects us; understanding the City and NCC rules on the Views & Vistas along the bikepath; economic development on Carling Avenue; traffic and parking. Your participation will speed action on these items!

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please drop us a line! E-mail us at association@belltown.ca. And get your news by e-mail by joining our Google Group! Send us an e-mail to belltown+subscribe@googlegroups.com.