



CARLETON SQUARE

News & Views

DECEMBER 2021

Happy Holidays!

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2021!

Annual General Meeting

Firstly, thank you to the 118 owners who Zoomed into the meeting or submitted their proxies. This was a great turnout!

Included in the many documents delivered by email or Canada Post were copies of the audited financial statement and our budget for the coming year. We encourage everyone to have a look at these documents to note the final costs for the services that are paid for from your monthly fees. The financial statement and the budget included the balance of the reserve fund at the end of our fiscal year (September 30, 2021). This fund has a very healthy balance of \$966,570. This means we are in a very good place financially as we commence work on the cladding project in 2022.

The President thanked two long-serving members of the Board of Directors, Lorraine Neville and Catherine MacPherson, who have finished their most recent three-year terms. Lorraine has served on the Board as Treasurer since 2000 and Catherine has served on the board since 2012. We thank you both for the time and energy you have devoted to making Carleton Square a great place to live.

With these two vacancies and the expiry of David Witoluk's term we had three vacancies on the Board and three candidates. As there were no nominations from the floor all candidates were voted in by acclamation. The new Board members are Richard Provost, Lori Moore and David Witoluk.

River Ward Councillor Riley Brockington made a presentation. He announced that:

- There are plans to repave Fisher Avenue from Meadowlands Drive to Prince of Wales Drive in the next year or so;
- A speed detection camera will be installed on Fisher Avenue going north around Dynes Avenue;
- Residents of River Ward are encouraged to become involved in the community. Visit Riley's monthly newsletter to discover opportunities for involvement: [Riley Brockington, City Councillor \(River Ward\) | Recent Newsletters.](#)

New Board of Directors

As a result of the recent AGM, and internal elections, we are pleased to introduce the new Board of Directors and their respective portfolios:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Position</i> | <i>Portfolio</i> |
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| Richard Provost | President | Landscaping & Snow Removal, Policies, Volunteer Coordination |
| Jennifer Harju | Vice President | Newsletter, Contracts, Policies |
| David Wituluk | Treasurer | Pool, Volunteer Coordination |
| Matthew Symonds | Secretary | Contracts |
| Monica McGahey | Director at Large | Landscaping & Snow Removal, Pool, Newsletter |
| Lori Moore | Director at Large | Policy, Landscaping & Snow Removal |
| Beth Rintoul | Director at Large | Newsletter, Contracts, Pool |

All Board members are responsible for general maintenance.

As required by the Condominium Authority of Ontario (CAO), all Board members have read and signed “The Directors Code of Conduct.”

Monthly meetings of the Board of Directors will take place on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022.

We sincerely thank Monica McGahey for serving as President for the past 20 years! She has contributed a great deal to ensuring the smooth operation of Carleton Square and we are very fortunate that she remains on the Board.

As a newly formed Board, we are committed to ensuring the long-term viability of Carleton Square and look forward to building on a growing sense of community.



Winter has arrived

HGL was awarded a new contract through a competitive bidding process and they will be the company clearing and salting our sidewalks for the next few years. Greely Sand & Gravel is on the third year of their contract and will be clearing and salting the roads in Carleton Square this winter. Because this is the last year of that contract, a new request for proposals for this service will be issued early in 2022.

With so many residents working at home during the pandemic there are more cars in the parking lot, which makes snow removal challenging for the contractor. Anything we can do, such as moving our cars, will help. When you hear or see the trucks clearing the parking spots, please move your vehicle. If you time it right, by the time you drive around the block your spot will be cleared. Please do not park on the roadway where it makes it difficult for the trucks to maneuver around.

Sidewalk Safety

With the crazy fluctuation in temperatures these last few weeks many will have noticed patches of ice on the sidewalks. Please do yourself and your neighbours a great kindness and sprinkle the icy patches with some of the sand/salt mix from one of the yellow bins around the property.

The roads are narrow and the snowploughs are very large. If you move into a visitor parking spot you must stay with your vehicle and immediately move it back into your parking spot. Your cooperation is really appreciated.

If you are unable to move your vehicle, it is your responsibility to clear the snow from around your vehicle.

As stated in our snow clearing contract:

- The contractor will open up all roadways before commencing on parking areas.
- If a snowstorm ends after 4 p.m. snow removal will begin the next day.
- The contractor will ensure that they do not leave a ridge of snow (windrow) behind parked cars.
- The contractor will spread sand mixed with salt on icy surfaces.

Friendly reminder that parents are requested to dissuade their children from playing on the mountains of snow that appear after every snowfall. Children playing on these temporary hills are not always visible to drivers in the large trucks that transfer snow from the hills to the trucks for removal from the property. Meadowlands Park at the North Eastern corner of the property, facing St. Pius X High School's field, has lots of open space and some kid-sized slopes perfect for sledding.

Some holiday humour

Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card? Because he went down in history!

What did one snowman say to the other snowman? "Is it just me, or do you smell carrots?"

Why do reindeer like Beyoncé so much? She sleighs.

What do you get when you mix a Christmas tree and an iPad? A pineApple!

Who is a Christmas tree's favorite singer? Spruce Springsteen!

What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Ice Crispies.

What do you call a blind reindeer? I have no eye deer.

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?
The Christmas alphabet has No-el.

Where do Santa's reindeer stop for coffee? Star-bucks

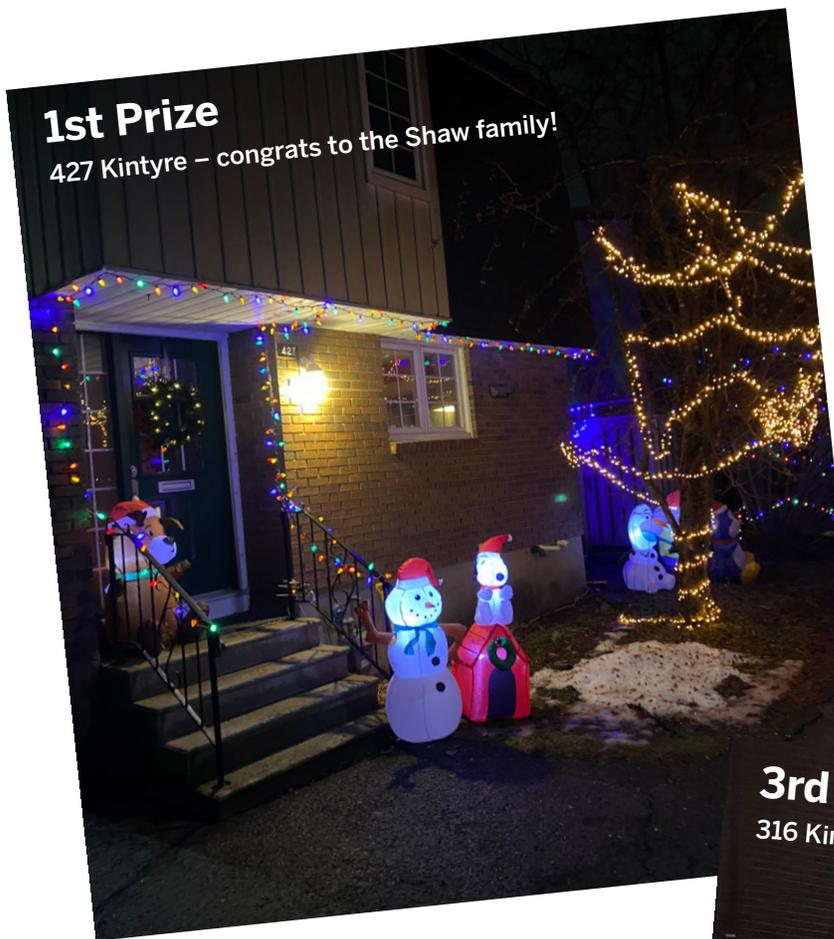
Light the Dark Holiday Contest

It is with great pleasure that we announce the winners of the first annual Light the Dark Holiday Contest in Carleton Square.

This winter lights and decoration contest was submitted to the Volunteer Coordinator and supported by the Board. The judging took place on December 16 with two adults and one youth.

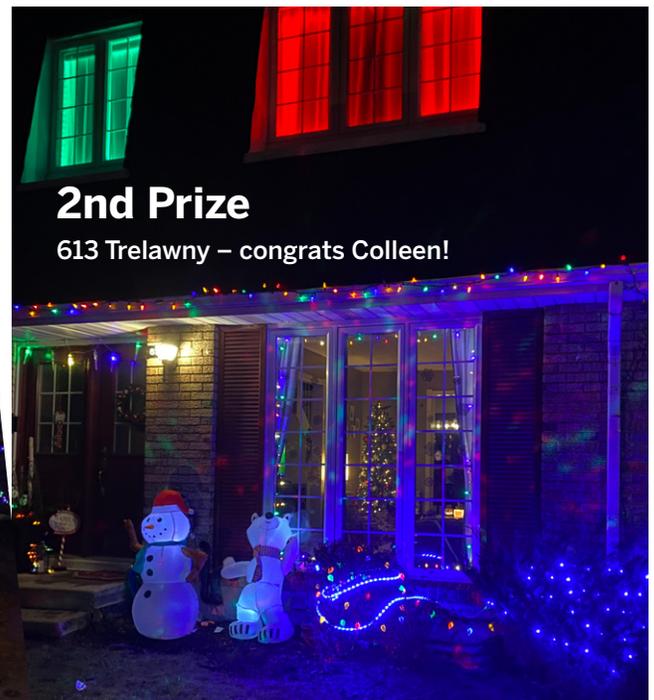
It was really hard to select only the top three as there were so many beautiful lights and decorations!

And the winners are...



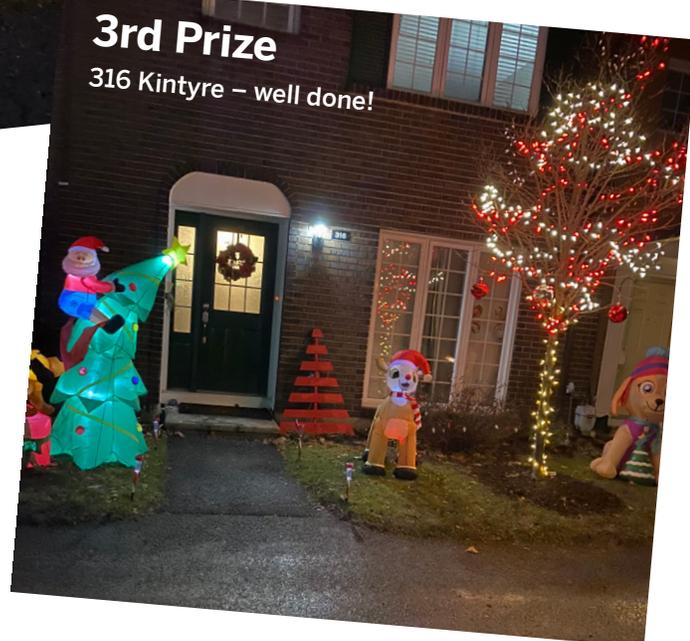
1st Prize

427 Kintyre – congrats to the Shaw family!



2nd Prize

613 Trelawny – congrats Colleen!



3rd Prize

316 Kintyre – well done!

Honorable mentions go to:

437 Kintyre, 431 Kintyre and 1519 Fisher who also had spectacular lights and decorations!

We want to thank everyone who put up lights this year to brighten up the Square and hope you will again next year.

Rogers Cable digging notice

Rogers Cable has received approval from the Board of Directors for UDI Cable Services (a Roger's contractor) to come onto the property in order to repair some underground cables. This work needs to be done to improve service to our residents. Included are some aerial photos showing the areas of the property that will be affected by this work.

This work is expected to begin during the week of January 10, 2022 and should take approximately one week to complete.

As these will be construction sites it is very important that parents and caregivers keep children away for their own protection and that of the contractors. The sites will be marked and the contractors will be following all COVID-19 guidelines.

The Board of Directors has received written confirmation from Rogers and the contractor that the common element will be reinstated at their expense. All hot asphalt plants are now closed for the season so where they will be digging through asphalt they will be doing a temporary repair and will return in the spring to complete the restoration work.



Contact and general information

How do residents communicate with the Board?

- **By telephone:** To contact our Property Manager, Norean Harris of PMA Realty Consulting Ltd., call 613-742-5778, ext. 234.
- **For emergency issues:** (i.e. water leaks, floods, etc.) that need to be addressed immediately, call 613-239-4586. A PMA representative will return your call immediately.
- **By email:** Residents may email Norean Harris at norean@pmamanagement.com.
- **By mail:** Residents may drop off a letter at the Administration Building (515 Orkney Private) for consideration by the Board outlining any suggestions or concerns.
- **By attending a Board meeting:** Residents of Carleton Square are welcome to attend a monthly Board meeting, which are usually held the 4th Thursday every month. Board meetings are being held virtually.

How: Residents may raise a concern at the meeting between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and are asked to make their concern known to the Board **in writing** no later than the Monday preceding the meeting. A short letter outlining the issue should be emailed or dropped off at the Administration Building in advance.

Important phone numbers

Police

Crime in progress or life-threatening emergency: **Call 911**

All other police issues: **613-236-1222, ext. 7502** for dispatch; **ext. 7300** for call centre.

City of Ottawa

311 for noise violations or bylaw questions.

Visitor parking for Carleton Square

613-720-5021. You **MUST REGISTER** your visitor vehicles with Carleton Parking by phone or online at carletonparking.com. The tickets issued for non-registration of overnight visitor parking are from the City of Ottawa and cannot be cancelled by Carleton Square CCC38.

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Dave Dore: **613-723-7500**

Wishing you Happy Holidays and all the best for 2022!

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome!

If you have something you would like to see covered, please email the Editors at carletonsquare38@gmail.com or leave a note at the Administration Building (515 Orkney Private).

*Special **thank you** to Sandra Hamel for always making this newsletter look so beautiful!*