

Together for Vanier

Questions? Problems? Here's who and where to call!

At our successful Community Forum on June 19 Vanier community members confirmed our survey results that the top priorities for our community are: prostitution, drugs and beautification. Committees are starting work on each of these issues, to get involved please call 580-2424 ext 22454 or email cpo@ottawa.ca

At the meeting, many community members expressed confusion and concerns about what they could or should report and how to report problems. Here are some tips.

Prostitution

Although it is not illegal to stand on the street, if you suspect a prostitute is working a street in your neighbourhood you should still report it! Call the police at 613-236-1222 ext 7300 to report your concerns. You will not get an immediate response, but it is important to get your concerns on record.

Call 9-1-1 for a crime in progress or life threatening emergency such as an assault or a fight.

You can notify your Community Police Centre of suspicious activity such as men who might be "johns", that is men using the prostitutes, at 252 McArthur Road or by calling 613-236-1222, ext. 5823. Try calling in the licence plate if you can see it without confronting him.

If you are concerned about the health or well being of someone on the street, call 3-1-1 and ask for the Salvation Army Outreach Van. Your concerns could include a person in need of first aid, someone who is intoxicated, or someone at risk because of extreme weather.

Drugs

If you suspect that drugs are being sold on the street or if there is so much traffic in and out of a house that you think drugs are being sold please report it! If you are witnessing drugs being sold or used, call 613-230-6211. If you have information about drugs, report it at 613-236-1222, ext. 7300.

If you are afraid of your neighbours or if you are aware of any criminal or drug activities and wish to report them and remain anonymous you can call Crime Stoppers at 613-233-TIPS (8477), or visit www.Crimestoppers.ca and use their electronic reporting form (Tips on Line). Crime Stoppers is a community-based program designed to receive anonymous tips that assist the police in solving crime.

Beautification

If you don't report it won't get fixed!

For a broken sidewalk, a burned out street light, graffiti, garbage on the street or in parks or anything that looks dangerous, please call 3-1-1 or email 311@ottawa.ca Make sure to give details about the location and the specific concern.

Property owners are required to keep their properties tidy and safe. If a complaint is made they will be warned first and given some time to get things fixed. To start the process, make a property standards complaint to 3-1-1 or 613-580-2424 ext. 41547 or email bylawservices@ottawa.ca. Issues that you could report include abandoned cars, garbage, weeds, or broken windows.

If you know someone who needs to get their property fixed up, but they really don't have the money, help is available from the Rental Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation at 1-800-704-6488 or by email : rrap_ontario@cmhc-schl.gc.ca