



The Rockcliffe News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- 5** Wednesday, 7:05 pmRPRA's "Night at the Ballpark," Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Baseball Park, 300 Coventry Road (just off Vanier Parkway)*
- 15** Saturday, 5:00 pmLumière Festival, New Edinburgh Park*
Until August 30 "Hidden Gems" Art Exhibit, Cube Gallery, 1285 Wellington Street West, Ottawa*

SEPTEMBER

Please note: The Community Hall will be closed the first three weeks of September while a new sprung floor is installed. The library will remain open.

- 13** Sunday, 7 to 8 pmRPRA's "Harp in the Park," Village Green*
- 23** Wednesday 7:15 pmRPRA Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 24** Thursday, 7 to 9 pmHeritage Conservation District Plan Public Meeting, Queen Juliana Hall, Rockcliffe Park Public School (behind the Community Police Centre on Springfield Road)*
- 24** Thursday, 7:30 pmRockcliffe Park Garden Club: Making Scents of the Garden: Judith Cox, Master Gardener, Gardener for Saunders Farm, will show how to incorporate fragrant plants in the garden, Community Hall*

OCTOBER

- 7** Wednesday, 7:30 pmHeritage Committee Meeting, Community Hall
- 14** Wednesday, 8:00 pmSpeakers Program: Her Excellency Sharon Johnston on "Matrons and Madams," Community Hall*
- 17** Saturday, time TBARockcliffe Park Library Open House, 380 Springfield Road; details to come
- 21** Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPRA Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 24** Saturday, time TBAElmwood School Fall Open House, 261 Buena Vista*
- 28** Wednesday, 8:00 pmSpeakers Program: Kevin Newman, Emmy Award-winning Network News Anchor and Correspondent, on "All Out," Community Hall*
- 29** Thursday, 7:30 pmRockcliffe Park Garden Club: The Square Foot Gardener: Carolyn Klickermann, Local Certified Instructor, will talk about raised bed organic gardening, Community Hall*

*Additional information on these events may be found in this newsletter.

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The Rockcliffe News, the newsletter of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA), is published six times each year: February, April, June, August, October and December. Submissions pertaining to the Village are welcome by mid month before publication. Copy may be edited for clarity, length and content. Editor: Cynthia Hamady, editor.rockcliffenews@rockcliffepark.ca.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to begin my report by bringing you up to date on recent developments with respect to a new Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Plan for Rockcliffe Park. You may recall that Rockcliffe was designated as an HCD under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act in 1997. Since then, our heritage district has been managed through Guidelines which have proven to be inadequate, particularly in controlling “massing,” the replacement of smaller homes that fit their lots with much larger ones which are out of proportion to the streetscape. Lot severances into undersized lots have been a more recent issue.

The Ontario Heritage Act of 2005 (OHA) requires that new heritage districts develop a Plan to manage the district and provides for the development of new plans in existing districts, which has given us the opportunity to strengthen heritage protection within the Village. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, **Sally Coutts**, Coordinator of Heritage Services for the City of Ottawa, and the RPRAs Heritage Committee have been working for many months to develop such a plan. This work is now complete and the draft was discussed at the June RPRAs Board meeting. The next step will be to add a link from the RPRAs website to the draft so the community can become aware of its content and make comments to the City.

Under the OHA, a public meeting to present the draft is required, which will take place on September 24, 2015. All residents will receive notice of this meeting; I encourage everyone to attend. After that meeting, comments will be incorporated into the draft plan as appropriate. A report will then be prepared for the consideration of the Built Heritage Sub committee, chaired by our Councillor, **Tobi Nussbaum**, then to the Planning Committee, of which Tobi is also a member, and finally to Council for approval. Any appeals will be directed to the Ontario Municipal Board. It is anticipated that the Plan will be in force by year end. We thank Sally Coutts for her dedication to this project and for preparing an article for this newsletter.

You will note that a survey of Village residents accompanies The Rockcliffe News. We last surveyed residents in 2011, but there have been many changes in our community since then. Our goal is to increase RPRAs membership, build participation in community activities and foster a stronger sense of community. The survey is short – just 15 questions – and should only take a few minutes to complete. The survey will also be emailed to residents who are RPRAs members and have given us an email address. It may be found as well on our website, www.rockcliffepark.ca.

I have written previously about a proposed project in our community to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017. The primary objective of the project is to restore the Centennial Garden, located in the Village Green. The Centennial Garden was Rockcliffe's project in 1967 to commemorate Canada's Centennial, which was made possible through Village funds and the cooperation of the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada. The proposal to restore and preserve the integrity of the Centennial Garden includes the possibility of introducing a connection to the adjacent Jubilee Garden, new elements to reflect Canada in 2017, enhancements to lighting, and universal access overall. In early June, the RPRAs made an application to the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario for a grant to carry out this project. We have not yet heard if we have been successful in obtaining federal funding. In order to heighten awareness of the project among residents, we will be holding a harp concert in this beautiful space on Sunday evening, September 13, where the proposal may be viewed.

As regards low water levels at the Pond, a group has been formed which has discussed options, including, perhaps, to update a 30-year-old study on how the Pond is fed. There is a need to understand whether this year's water level is an anomaly or a new normal. We will discuss this issue with the City in the fall, together with follow up to the consultants' report on bank stability and shoreline erosion. The City has informed us that funds have been identified this year for this purpose.

Finally, you will find an article in this newsletter by **Peter Lewis**, an RPRAs Vice President, on how we can get to know our neighbours and provide assistance to those who may need it. The Board has discussed how this “good neighbour” and community strengthening initiative might be introduced on a more systematic basis. If you have ideas or suggestions, please let me know.

With best wishes for the remainder of the summer. Perhaps we will see you on August 5 at the RPRAs “Night at the Ballpark”!

Brian Dickson, July 18, 2015

A Special “Thank You” The RPRAs wishes to thank **Irish Ambassador Dr. Ray Bassett** and his wife, **Mrs. Patricia Bassett**, for opening up their home to charitable organizations. Since the Bassetts' arrival, charities have raised over \$1.5 million by holding events at the Irish Ambassador's beautiful residence in Rockcliffe Park.

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Join your neighbours for informal evenings with distinguished speakers. Presentations will be followed by questions, coffee and cookies. Admission is free. The Speakers Program is an initiative of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association and is supported by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation. All events are held at **Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road.**



Her Excellency Sharon Johnston

“Matrons and Madams”

Sharon Johnston will speak about her debut novel in which she recounts the struggles of veterans adjusting to life in Canada after the Great War. Carla Durling is a British widow of the war who arrives in Canada as the new superintendent of the Lethbridge Hospital just as wounded soldiers are streaming home. Lily Parsons is a young widowed schoolteacher who ends up in the same city, managing a brothel called The Last Post.

Wednesday, October 14 at 8:00 pm



Kevin Newman Emmy Award-winning Network News Anchor and Correspondent

“All Out”

Kevin Newman will speak about the new book he co-authored with his son, Alex. More than just a coming out story, it is a searingly honest tale of how they confronted the fearful gulf that often separates fathers and sons in public and private. Confessional and provocative, their memoir is also a touching meditation on ambition, absence and family that will resonate with every parent and child who has ever struggled to connect and understand each other.

Wednesday, October 28 at 8:00 pm



Dr. Jack Kitts

Dr. Duncan Stewart

Dr. Rebecca Auer

“Today’s Medical Revolution”

We’ve entered the era of robotic surgery and personalized medicine. Futurists predict we will see more change in the next ten years than we have seen in the past 200. Dr. Jack Kitts (*top photo*), President and CEO of the Ottawa Hospital, will share his insight into the challenges and opportunities created by this medical revolution.



Dr. Duncan Stewart (*middle photo*), Executive Vice-President of Research at the Hospital and CEO of the Research Institute, will discuss how groundbreaking research is fueling advances in patient care. His own world-first clinical trials of stem cell therapy for heart attack patients could someday allow caregivers to literally rebuild the human heart.



Dr. Rebecca Auer (*bottom photo*), researcher and cancer surgeon at the Hospital, will speak about her research into the use of viruses that attack cancer cells while leaving healthy cells intact.

Wednesday, November 25 at 8:00 pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD FESTIVITIES

Bye Bye to the Big Dig Rigs!

As we all know, Rockcliffe is built on rock, but what none of us knew was that the underlying rock was so hard that last year's sewer and water main replacement job had to be carried over to this year. So residents of Fairview and Sylvan recently celebrated the end of the "Big Dig" on our streets with coffee, TimBits and homemade cupcakes courtesy of **Julia Crystal**. We wanted to say Thank You to the **Colautti** crew (**Todd, Corey, Norm, Dominic, Sylvain** and **James**), who were so helpful and understanding of our need to get in and out of our driveways these past months, and for showing the ropes to the next generation of Junior Diggers. While we will miss their cheerful smiles and hellos, we don't think we will miss the thump, thump, thump!

Iola Price



Residents and road crew celebrate the end of the Big Dig.



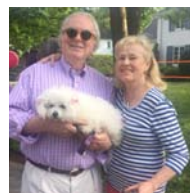
Nothing's fun like a Deere!

Manor Avenue Holds its Second Annual Street Party



On a beautiful Saturday in June, residents of Manor Avenue closed down the street between Mariposa and Park and held a block party for the second year in a row. Trees were decorated with hanging lanterns, tables and chairs were set up, and neighbours

and friends gathered for a fun-filled afternoon and evening. Food, drink and conversations were shared while the kids kept busy with badminton, water balloons, karaoke, and a massive game of manhunt. One of the day's highlights for the kids was a brilliant "Amazing Race" game organized by Manor Avenue resident **John Butterfield**. This had kids racing up and down the street searching for such things as "which two houses on Manor Avenue have a birdhouse out front modelled on the actual house."



While everyone was having a great time, the prize for the best party animals would have to go to the Manor Avenue dogs, who literally partied until they dropped! It was lovely to see neighbours and generations (and pets!) intermingling and to see local residents have a chance to get to know one another.

As the sun began to set, candles and lanterns were lit and the revellers carried on the festivities well into the evening. We hope to continue this annual tradition and would love to see other streets start their own block party events!

Mary Lapner



COMMUNITY

How to Look Out for an Older Neighbour

Great communities and neighbourhoods function best when people take an interest in those around them. This is of particular value and importance when it comes to elderly people in our community who may be grateful for a bit of neighbourly assistance now and then.

I picked up “How to Look Out for an Older Neighbour” from WikiHow on the Internet. It provides some suggestions for how we might all be better neighbours.

Here it is – reprinted, slightly edited and abridged:

If you have elderly neighbours, you can play a key role in making their lives a little easier, just by making yourself available and looking out for them. In doing this, you could be providing some valuable help where it is needed and you might also make a new friend.

1. Introduce yourself. If you are new to the area, make a point of getting to know people who live near you. Knock on the door and introduce yourself. After an initial introduction, or if you’ve lived in the area for a while but don’t yet know your neighbours, say hello when you see them in the street. Be friendly and approachable from the outset.

2. Ask. There may be relatively simple tasks that elderly neighbours are no longer able to do on their own. Don’t be shy. Approach them and ask if there’s anything they need help with. Many older people are fit, healthy and independent, so be careful not to be patronising, but mention that you are available to help out should they need it. Jobs like changing a light bulb, mowing the lawn or some basic DIY may be things you can help with.

3. Offer to run errands if you’re going to the shops.

When you are next going shopping, mention it to your neighbours and ask if there’s anything they’d like you to fetch. If you know they find it difficult to leave the house, you might offer to run a few errands for them.

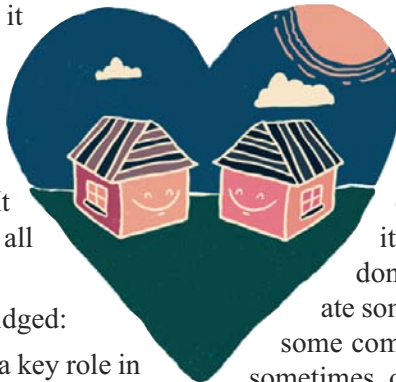
4. Provide some company. Notice whether or not your neighbours have any regular visitors. If their family lives far away and they don’t leave the house much, they may appreciate someone popping round once every so often for some company. You might offer to cook them dinner sometimes, or simply pop in for a cup of tea.

5. Read the signs. If you have not seen your neighbours for a while, pay particular attention to some simple signs. Do the lights come on at night? Do the curtains get drawn? Is the garden tended? There may be an accumulation of mail in the mailbox. If you have any reason to suspect that your neighbours might be in need of help, knock on the door to check that they are all right.

I am very fortunate to have a wonderful widow in her 90s living next door to me. She has regular help and remains fiercely independent. But every now and then, when she isn’t looking and before her help comes, I will quietly return her garbage containers to their storage area. I keep an eye on the house and touch base every once in a while. She is great and I love her to bits.

Peter Lewis

Illustration: <http://thecreativepanic.com/2012/09/21/love-thy-neighbour/>



MANOR AVENUE STREET PARTY *Continued*

Photos: Page 4, from top: • Setting up for the party. • John Butterfield, City Councillor Tobi Nussbaum and James Baxter. • Barry McLoughlin and Sheila Kelen (with furry friend). • Andrew Gaffen and John Butterfield look on as Karen Butterfield applies face paint to Adam Allam. Below, from left: • Jane Little and Karen Butterfield. • Nancy Dorigo and John Davis. • Linda Lapner, Barry McLoughlin and Michael Kelen. • Meriem Boufassa, Sarah Baxter (back), Laura Peck, Karen Butterfield, Nancy Dorigo and Lisa Levia.



UPCOMING EVENTS

RPRA Invites You to a “Night at the Ballpark” on August 5

Join your neighbours for a summer evening at Ottawa’s beautiful baseball park. See the Ottawa Champions versus Les Aigles de Trois-Rivières for the reduced price of \$10 per adult, \$5 for children under 14 years and \$8 for seniors. Kids get a visit from Champ the mascot. Plus, when you buy a ticket, you’ll get a free Rockcliffe Park T-shirt!

When: Wednesday, August 5 at 7:05 pm.

Where: Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Baseball Park, 300 Coventry Road (just off Vanier Parkway).

Tickets: Email mmassel@ottawachampions.com to order tickets and put “RPRA tickets” in the subject line. Or you can pay by phone with credit card to **Mike Massel** at **613 745-BALL (2255)**. Or you can pay cash when you arrive that night if you reserve your tickets with Mike Massel in advance.

Please email secretary@rockcliffepark.ca to let us know if you’ll be joining us and to order your T-shirt (child, youth and adult sizes).



Join Us for “Harp in the Park”

September 13, 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Sunday Evening in the Village Green
with Susan Sweeney-Hermon



RPRA’s efforts to hold a harp concert in the Village Green in June were rained out – twice. But we are optimistic that September will be better. Come to Rockcliffe’s Village Green for a magical concert by resident harpist, **Susan Sweeney-Hermon**. Drop by to stroll through the park, enjoy the music and view the proposals for Rockcliffe’s project to mark Canada’s sesqui-centennial – the restoration of the Stone Circle at the heart of the Village Green. Your comments on the proposals are welcome. The Stone Circle was the Village of Rockcliffe Park’s 1967 centennial project.

We look forward to seeing you on September 13 at Rockcliffe Park’s Village Green, at the corner of Mariposa and Springfield – just walk down the paths to the centre of the park and into the Stone Circle. And keep your fingers crossed for good weather!



Celebrating Our Past, Present and Future

We are already gearing up for a big anniversary celebration, to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016, 3:00 to 8:00 pm.

Some of the proposed highlights:

- Parade;
- Children’s activities like a magic or puppet show, dog show or walk;
- Family activities like yoga, dance lessons, and fun games like sack race, tug-o-war;
- Multiple musical acts including an evening rock band and a talent contest;
- A “Rockcliffe Idol” competition for the kids in the neighbourhood;
- Beer and wine tasting tent;
- Networking with ambassadors and politicians; and
- Historical recreations.

In order to make this event a success, we are hoping to enlist many more volunteers and supporters as we move forward. All are welcome. Contact the following to get involved:

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Dr. Aly Abdulla (kingsway@doctor.com)

Jane Panet (janepanet@sympatico.ca)

Music Lead:

Ana Miura (ana@babes4breasts.com)

Games and Activities Lead:

Lori Timmins (timmins6@rogers.com)

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Lori Timmins (timmins6@rogers.com)

Sarah Baxter (baxterfamily@me.com)

Food and Logistics Lead:

Peter Lewis (plewis42@yahoo.com)

Communications Lead:

Marilyn Venner (marilynvenner@gmail.com)



WILDLIFE NOTES

I've had a number of reports of Wild Turkey in recent weeks, all of the pale colour type. **Nancy Richardson** had one eating bird seed in her garden on Lansdowne on July 1. It was a female, with the tips of the white feathers a chocolate brown, not black as in winter sightings. On the other side of the lake we have the first record, to my knowledge, of turkey reproduction in the Village – here is **Margo Roston's** account of the events of June 6:

“The squawks and peeps emanating from **Charles** and **Helen Kent's** patio created all kinds of excitement among condo dwellers at 65 Whitemarl recently. A large white and gray Wild Turkey wandering the paths and woods in the area had become a familiar sight, but a gaggle of tiny “turklets,” eight or nine of them, racing around the Kent's barbecue while their mother called frantically from atop the two level rock garden, was a sight to behold. Mama kept calling and hopping down from above to encourage her peeping babies, but the poor things couldn't jump high enough to reach her. Eventually three or four figured out how to hop around the wall and up a little hill.



One poor baby jumped onto a bag of soil and fluttered helplessly. A kind bystander... me... reached out to pick up the youngster, only to be greeted by loud hissing, a puffing of feathers and a quick forward motion. Thanks to a yell from Helen and a move I didn't know I was still capable of, I was able to evade fierce mama's attack and save, at least, my hairdo.

The standoff continued and most spectators drifted away, worrying about neighbourhood predators and the tiny chicks. By 6 pm, mama and her “turklets” had vanished without a trace, leaving behind several squashed begonias as souvenirs.”

On the lake, I haven't heard the Pied-billed Grebe's loud distinctive call, so I presume no nesting this season. And Tree Swallow sightings have been so scarce that the swal-

lows may not have nested either. **Susan d'Aquino** watched an Otter swimming by at 400 Lansdowne on July 1 – first sighting of the summer.

At about 6 am on June 6, walking the trail on the east side south of Hillsdale Bridge, I was suddenly aware of a number of small birds nearby, fussing in branches high above the lake edge. Their angst turned out to be directed at a Cooper's Hawk perched low in a branch overhanging the shoreline. It was looking intently down at the reeds in the water, paying no attention to the fussing above. It then jumped down into the reeds, furiously mobbed by the small birds. I couldn't see its target. After moving about in the reeds, it flew back up to a branch, without prey. It stared down into another part of the reed bed, then flew off.

For breeding birds in and around our garden, two pairs of Chickadees fledged complete broods of young from nesting boxes. A first Robin nest high in a cedar hedge was successful, and on May 30, one fledgling, barely able to fly, sat for hours in the open on a branch about a metre off the ground above our driveway – very vulnerable to cats or hawks. Two pairs of Robins currently use our garden for food and water but then fly to adjacent gardens where they may be having a second nesting.

The prize for persistence goes to a Mourning Dove that has been singing virtually every day since the first week of May from a tree top above us. Yesterday I imagined it sounded a little hoarse.

Two unusual bird reports: The first from **John Watson** on May 25 – “In the pouring rain this evening, I heard a wood thrush! I am very excited as I've not heard one in the Village before. He seemed to be in the woods near the C.O.P.P. I usually only hear them in northern Michigan when the family visits. I presume he is passing through.”

The second is of a Northern Saw-whet Owl I heard in the night of June 26 – a steady mechanical tooting on one note, utterly different from the flutelike beauty of the Wood Thrush song. I haven't heard this owl for many years.

The three chimneys **Iola** and I have been monitoring are being used by Chimney Swifts again this year. Please let me know if you see these fascinating birds darting into a chimney. The half hour before official sunset is a good time to see this.

Anthony Keith
8 July 2015

Photo: Margo Roston

HERITAGE

Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District Plan Public Meeting

On Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, the City will be holding a statutory public meeting at Rockcliffe Park Public School to present the draft Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District plan. Property owners and interested members of the heritage community are invited to attend to learn more about the plan and how they can comment on it. Following this meeting, heritage staff will receive comments and suggestions until October 16 and then the Plan will be finalized for consideration by the Built Heritage Sub-committee on November 9, 2015, by the Planning Committee on November 24, 2015 and by City Council on December 9, 2015.

Heritage conservation district plans have been required for all heritage conservation districts in the province since 2005. As the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District (HCD) was created in 1997, it had no plan according to the Ontario Heritage Act, although there are a set of council-approved guidelines that have been used to assess applications. The current draft plan meets the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act and was developed in consultation with members the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Committee and the Board of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association. If adopted by Council, it will provide clear direction to property owners and their architects and designers when contemplating change within the HCD. In addition, the plan will provide advice on the wise conservation and maintenance of the buildings within the HCD and their associated landscapes.

As part of the work associated with the plan, City heritage staff and members of the community assessed the cultural heritage value of individual properties within the HCD. The completed forms will be available to property owners at the public meeting.

If you wish to comment on the draft plan prior to the public meeting, it will be available shortly on the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association website, www.rockcliffepark.ca, where you will be able to click on the link to take you to Ottawa.ca/rockcliffeheritage (English) and Ottawa.ca/patrimoinerockcliffe (French).

*Sally Coutts
Coordinator of Heritage Services
for the City of Ottawa*

CITY HALL



*From the desk of Councillor
Tobi Nussbaum, Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward*

Rockcliffe Park Updates Road Construction

In June, I toured a number of streets under construction with senior staff from the City's infrastructure department to explore potential remedial solutions to the road width issues that the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association and a number of residents had raised. While some of the road works approved under the previous City Council were too far along to make any changes, I wanted to share a few positive modifications I was able to negotiate: Fairview Avenue and Cloverdale Road will both be narrowed to six metres and not widened as originally planned. Additionally, as part of the "re-greening" process for the Mariposa Triangle (at the corner of Lansdowne Road and Mariposa Avenue), City staff agreed to install a new stone-dust path through the triangle, as an extension of the existing pathway to the north.

I look forward to continuing to work with the RPRA and local residents on the sewer separation project to ensure that the reconstructed roads are built to respect the dual objectives of protecting the heritage character of the Village and calming traffic.

Heritage Conservation District Plan

The draft plan for the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District Plan is now open for public comment. You can read a copy of the draft at Ottawa.ca and provide comments to the City's planning staff by email at heritage@ottawa.ca. You are also invited to participate in a public consultation that will be happening early this fall, before the plan goes to City Council for approval. Details on that meeting may be found in this newsletter and will also be posted on Tobi-Nussbaum.ca and in my monthly e-newsletter, which you can sign up for on my website.

Traffic Calming

My office has heard from a number of residents concerned about traffic speeds, particularly on Acacia Avenue, Oakhill Road, Corona Avenue and Green Avenue. In mid-July, I visited residents in the area and put up temporary signs reminding drivers to slow down. I am continuing to collect information on problem locations and speak to City staff about possible solutions. If you're interested in having these temporary signs installed in your area, please contact my office at Tobi.Nussbaum@Ottawa.ca.



*From the desk of Mauril Bélanger
Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier*

Rockcliffe Air Base Redevelopment

Redevelopment of the former Rockcliffe Military Base is one of Ottawa's most anticipated projects. This 125-hectare plot of land is a very significant urban planning opportunity for our region. It would be useful to review the status of this major project and the exciting opportunity we have to build a new neighbourhood in the heart of our City. In September of this year, the City will likely decide on the Rockcliffe Community Design Plan, based on the Draft Preferred Plan put forward by the Canada Lands Company (CLC). If approved, lots should be offered to builders in 2016 and the first block of homes should be ready for occupancy in 2017, just in time for Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations.

My vision for the development has always been driven by the need for balance, viability and sustainability, by ensuring the creation of over 5,000 jobs within the community. One point I have continued to insist upon is the importance of setting aside sufficient land for non-residential use to ensure a community that is balanced and sustainable, both environmentally and economically. So far, CLC have increased the projected number of jobs on site from 1,200 to 2,400. This is progress, but more work is needed.

The CLC plan strikes a good balance between nature and residential, public and commercial buildings. It shows intended sites for different types of housing – detached houses, townhouses, stacked townhouses and apartment buildings – as well as two schools. Several green areas – parks, green roofs and gardens – have been included. Moreover, I am told CLC recently met with Ottawa Renewable Energy Co-operative (OREC), and were impressed by their idea to implement solar energy generation in the area.

Likewise, economic viability has also been considered in the drafting of the proposed plan, including plans to provide for employment within the community as well as access by residents to retail spaces within and outside the community. Discussions are ongoing with the Montfort Hospital and the National Research Council. Some time ago, I expressed the hope that an artistic element might be introduced into the planning, perhaps in the form of a national sculpture park. A number of people seemed intrigued by the idea. For more information, you may refer to CLC's Rockcliffe dedicated website, www.clcrockcliffe.ca.



*From the desk of Mayor Jim Watson
City of Ottawa*

Making the Most of Your School Year

Whether returning to Ottawa or simply returning to school, Ottawa's Universities and Colleges welcome thousands of students and staff each September. For many students, this will be the first time living away from home, or in a different city. With so many changes and new experiences, it is important to get acquainted with your new city and your new neighbourhood.

The National Capital Region is home to a number of historic attractions, and many wonderful local and national museums. Explore your new surroundings, as each neighborhood hosts a vibrant and diverse array of restaurants, shops and exciting venues to be discovered.

If this is your first time living away from home, you will need to get acquainted with your new residence and the household tasks that come with it. Familiarizing yourself with Ottawa's recycling and green bin program and your garbage day collection schedule is an important first step.

For more information about City of Ottawa Services, visit the Service Ottawa portion of Ottawa.ca or dial **3-1-1** on your mobile device or landline.

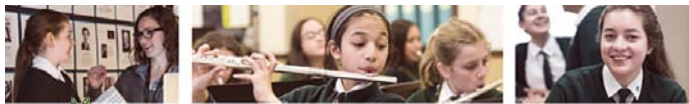
Commuting in a new city can be a challenge. Construction can cause congestion and delays on small and long trips alike. Plan ahead by using the tools on Ottawa.ca to see road closures or construction that may delay your trip.

To avoid traffic, I encourage you to take advantage of our City's expansive network of public transit or multi-use pathways. For information on different routes, maps or fares, visit OCTranspo.com.

For new and returning students alike, I wish you success in your academic pursuits. Furthermore, I suggest you welcome the opportunity to get involved in your community and city. Volunteer, network and build relationships as they will complement and add to your academic experience.

Despite the many new challenges ahead, there are equally as many opportunities. However, if you find yourself having difficulties and not sure who to call or where to get help, dial **2-1-1** to access reliable information on the community and social services available to you.

SCHOOL REPORTS



Elmwood
School



The Class of 2015 gathered in Elmwood's historic front hall for their graduation photo.

Class of 2015 Ready to Continue on their Path to Success

“You are a remarkable group of young women and we are all very proud of you. Throughout your time at Elmwood, you have had an enormous impact on our school, our local community and, very soon, the world.” Headmistress **Cheryl Boughton** shared these words with the young women of the Class of 2015 who sat on the stage at Elmwood's Senior School Closing Ceremony on June 12.

Based on their impressive successes at Elmwood, the graduates are sure to excel at university as well. The class of 31 has been offered entrance scholarships totaling almost \$1.2 million and 94% of them were offered entrance scholarships to university. Over three-quarters are also considered Ontario scholars because they had a final average of 80% or greater.

The graduates will be studying a diverse range of subjects in the fall – everything from biomedical science and chemical engineering to nursing, kinesiology and dental medicine. Many will be studying at excellent schools across Canada, and some are going even further, studying in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Congratulations, Class of 2015, and best wishes as you start your next chapter!

Elmwood Takes Centre Stage at the Cappies Gala!

Elmwood's senior theatre program members were thrilled to win two trophies at the recent Capital Cappies Gala for their production of *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. The troupe won the award for Cappies Critics' Favourite Play and the Best Costumes award for the incredible costumes created by Grade 12 students **Sarah Miller** and **Maitland Shaheen**.

Elmwood Theatre has a long history of producing excellent shows, and we are pleased to see this recognized by students across the City. We are so proud of our actresses, the crew, and especially **Mrs. Angela Boychuk** for this great achievement. We are very lucky to have such a creative, dedicated and motivational leader at the helm of our theatre program.

Elmwood's Centennial Weekend: Friday, October 2 to Sunday, October 4, 2015

The entire Elmwood community – alumni and their families, current students and their families, present and past faculty and staff, neighbours and friends – will come together on the first weekend of October for Centennial Weekend. It will be three days full of celebrations, new and old traditions, and catching up with old friends. Whether you can only come for part of the weekend or all of the events, we would love to see you!

As part of this weekend of festivities, we will hold our inaugural Founder's Dinner at the stunning Museum of Canadian History on Saturday night. We are thrilled to announce that we have invited an alumna, **Catherine Clark '96**, to interview our special after-dinner speaker, the award-winning, internationally acclaimed author, **Margaret Atwood**.

Visit our Centennial website, elmwood100.ca, for complete details and to register for the weekend's events, including the Founder's Dinner. Register soon, and spread the word!

Fall Open House: Saturday, October 24

Come visit our campus, take a school tour and learn about our unique approach to educating girls and young women. If you can't attend but would like to schedule a private tour, please call the admissions department. For more information about applying to Elmwood, please visit www.elmwood.ca or contact the Admissions Office at **613 744-7783**.

SCHOOL REPORTS



Ashbury COLLEGE

Ashbury Celebrates Closing

Ashbury's school year ended in June with a number of events recognizing the accomplishments of its students.

Stellar athletes were honoured at a year-end Athletics Banquet, and several of our local alumni gathered at the school for a pinning ceremony to welcome the 133 newest alumni to the fold. Ashbury is lucky to have more than 7,500 alumni around the world who keep the school ties strong.

Finally, closing ceremonies for both Grade 8 and Grade 12 graduates marked the end of another year of academic achievement. In addition to celebrating success, it was a time to say goodbye to departing and retiring teachers and staff, and to thank the wider Ashbury community for their contributions to the school year.

Photo at top: Ashbury's 133 graduates received their diplomas on June 14, 2015. They will attend over forty different universities around the world in September.

Ashbury's School Captain Meets Bono

Just two days after delivering the valedictory address at Ashbury's graduation ceremony, School Captain **Mitch Kurylowicz** spent the day with U2's frontman during the Irish singer's visit to Ottawa. **Bono** made international headlines as he dropped by Question Period on Parliament Hill and met with federal politicians in June. Also on the meet-and-greet list were representatives from several Canadian charities, including Project Jenga, which was founded by Mitch. In its four years of existence, Project Jenga has raised more than \$1.5 million dollars towards funding schools for boys in Kenya.



Photo above: Recent Ashbury College graduate and teen philanthropist Mitch Kurylowicz met with Bono during the Irish singer's trip to Ottawa in June.

An Educational Journey from Afghanistan to Ashbury

Cameras are a fixture at Ashbury's closing ceremonies but this year, TV cameras were also on hand to capture the moment when graduating student **Roya Shams**, 19, received her diploma from Head of School **Norman Southward** (*photo above*). Roya came to Ashbury in 2012 after fleeing Afghanistan when the Taliban killed her father, a district police commander in Kandahar. Roya received aid and financial assistance from members of the Canadian media (CTV Chief News Anchor **Lisa LaFlamme** was one of Roya's mentors). Roya was able to achieve her goal of continuing her education in a safe environment with Ashbury's help; it was the only private boarding school in the country to offer her a placement and bursary.



Roya has been awarded a \$20,000 scholarship to attend the University of Ottawa. She plans to study international development with a minor in international law.

END NOTES

Rockcliffe Park Garden Club

Making Scents of the Garden

Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 pm

Speaker: **Judith Cox, Master Gardener
Gardener for Saunders Farm**

Judith will take us through the four seasons, highlighting plants with scents that can be used to enhance our gardens. Scent is a sense that is often overlooked when planning a garden and Judith will show us how to incorporate fragrant plants in our gardens.



Illustration: dailyherald.com

The Square Foot Gardener

Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 pm

Speaker: **Carolyn Klickermann
Local Certified Instructor**



Photo: www.popularmechanics.com

A unique and very simple method of vegetable gardening has been taking the country by storm.

Carolyn has been speaking to garden groups and enthusiasts about raised bed organic gardening.

She will talk about how to grow your own vegetables using methods that save water, seeds, space, money and work.

Meetings are held at the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road. Free for members and \$7 for guests. For information, contact **VeraCody, jcody1@rogers.com**.

New to Rockcliffe Park?

Welcome to new residents of Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa's largest Heritage Conservation District.

If you haven't yet received a copy of our indispensable "Welcome to Rockcliffe Park" booklet, please send an email to secretary@rockcliffepark.ca (enclose your address and/or telephone number for follow-up) and we will make sure you receive a copy.

The booklet contains information about Rockcliffe Park, its history, services, useful telephone numbers, schools and much more.

The Lumière Festival Returns to New Edinburgh Park



Mark your calendar for the 2015 Festival of Light, August 15, starting at 5:00 pm in New Edinburgh Park. Bring a lantern, wear a costume and enter a world of magic.

Artists will be performing for donations this year. If possible, please show your support for the wonderful artists and their hard work that make such a magical evening come alive. They depend on your generosity..

Lights that are brought to the park need to be battery operated flashlights or glow-sticks only. Please do not bring any candles or open flames to the park.

For details, go to the website www.lumiereottawa.com. If you wish to volunteer for this event, find information at www.lumiereottawa.com/volunteer.

Rockcliffe Landscapes Shown at Cube Gallery



Cube Gallery, located at 1285 Wellington Street West in Ottawa, is currently showing an exhibit of landscapes by **Jay Anderson, John Jarrett, Paul Schibli, Strachan Johnston, Pina Manoni-Rennick and Karl Schutt**,

known as the "Ottawa Group." Scenes of various "hidden gems" around the City are depicted in various media, and include locales in Rockcliffe Park. The show runs from Tuesday, July 28 to Sunday, August 30.

For more information, go to www.cubegallery.ca.



Top: Jay Anderson, *Mckay Lake*. Bottom left: Paul Scibli, *Rockcliffe Parkway Path*. Bottom right: Pina Manoni-Rennick, *Rockcliffe Park*.