



The Rockcliffe News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST

- 16 Wednesday, 5:30 pm ...Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club Family Tennis Night, 465 Lansdowne Rd N
- 16 Wednesday, 9:00 pm....Rec Centre online fall registration begins*
- 17 ThursdayRec Centre in-person fall registration begins*
- 25 Friday, 7:30 pmRockcliffe Park Family Movie Night, Jubilee Garden*
- 26 Saturday, 5 to 10 pm ...Lumière Festival, Village Green and Jubilee Garden*

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Tuesday.....Start of Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club's Fall After-School Tennis Programs, 465 Lansdowne Rd N
- 9 Saturday, 5 to 10 pm....Beechwood Avenue East Feast, Beechwood Avenue*
- 13 Wednesday, 8:00 pm.....Speakers Program: Andrew Cohen on "Trump's First 200 Days," Community Hall*
- 20 Wednesday 7:15 pm....RPR Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 28 Thursday, 7:30 pm.....Rockcliffe Park Garden Club: Iola Price, President of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, on "Grow Me Instead," Community Hall*

OCTOBER

- 11 Wednesday, 8:00 pmSpeakers Program: Hon. Peter Harder on "Canada's Senate: What Next?," Community Hall*
- 18 Wednesday, 7:15 pm....RPR Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 19 Thursday, 6:30 pmAshbury College Information Evening, 362 Mariposa*
- 21 Saturday, time TBAElmwood School Fall Open House, 261 Buena Vista*

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



The RPR is hard at work on a new website that will provide access to up-to-the-minute news and event information along with lots of other useful and fun material. It will go live sometime in September – we will keep you updated by email so stay tuned!

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The Rockcliffe News, the newsletter of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPR), 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. Paid advertising is not accepted. Current and past issues are posted on the RPR website, www.rockcliffepark.ca. Editor: Cynthia Hamady, editor.rockcliffenews@rockcliffepark.ca.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Welcome to the summer issue of the RPRC newsletter. Although this is vacation season, your Association has been busy with a number of issues.

You may have noticed that the water levels in the Pond have not depleted as rapidly as we have seen in past years, due to the daily pumping of 49,000 litres of water from the aquifer below the Pond. Our very wet spring and early summer have helped, but it is the pumping that is making a key difference. By actively replenishing the water, we are delaying the emergence of the “beach” that attracts large crowds of people who stay for many hours, which is not the intended use for this conservation area. It does not appear to be arresting the water loss completely, but it is stemming the flow. This intervention is a pilot project and we are grateful to the City for its commitment in trying to preserve this resource. The RPRC will continue to monitor the situation and work with the City to find a sustainable solution to the water loss problem.

We have been working on a new and improved RPRC website. This is a big change on a totally new platform and will make the site a much more timely and useful tool. It should be ready by early September; we will keep residents updated on its progress through our email notices.

In addition to handling Heritage matters, **Susan d’Aquino** has been busy lining up the fall season of the immensely popular Speakers Program. You will not want to miss any of it! See details on the next page of this newsletter. On matters of Heritage, this is where we are facing our greatest challenge. You may be aware that our new Heritage Conservation District Plan is under appeal – by a single person – and will be heard by the Ontario Municipal Board in mid-September. Your Association has official status as a Participant in this hearing and has been working hard, liaising with City officials to prepare and coordinate strategies. Whatever the outcome, heritage conservation in Rockcliffe will continue to require discussion and negotiation in the years ahead and the RPRC will continue to lead that discussion. I hope that you will consider joining that conversation by contacting me or secretary@rockcliffepark.ca.

For a number of years, you have heard talk of the Rockcliffe Rink project. New life has now been breathed into the project and the RPRC was recently advised of changes to the plan that, in our opinion, significantly improve it. The most notable change is that there is no longer a plan to make the rink a refrigerated facility. Removing the chillers greatly reduces costs, both capital and maintenance, and reduces overall complexity. The Hosers will present and discuss the modifications at a public meeting in the near future. In the meantime, check out the Hosers’ new website, www.therockcliffehosers.com; their new email is therockcliffehosers@gmail.com. And keep your eyes open for email notices and signs advertising the meeting.

Many of you will have had a visit from an RPRC Board member at some point over the last couple of months as part of our Association membership drive. I hope you enjoyed meeting your representative and having an opportunity to talk about what is important to you about Rockcliffe. While it has become uncommon for folks to head out and knock on the doors of neighbours they do not know, my own experience was very rewarding. To all of those whom I met and with whom I was fortunate to share a few minutes, thank you for your time, and thank you to everyone who joined by becoming a member.

In the last newsletter we announced our first Rockcliffe Outdoor Film Night, scheduled for June 30. If you were away at that time and were lamenting an opportunity missed, lament no more. Unfortunately, the event was rained out – twice. We will be making a last attempt to hold the movie night on Friday, August 25 in the Jubilee Garden. Another first, the Lumière Festival, traditionally held in Stanley Park, will be held this year in the Jubilee Garden that same weekend.

We are heading into a busy time ahead and sooner than we know it, we will be talking about end-of-year events. We are always looking for individuals to help us with projects and/or join the RPRC Board. If you are interested in becoming involved one way or another, please let us know by contacting secretary@rockcliffepark.ca

Peter Lewis, August 2017

Certificate of Recognition Awarded to RPRC

Thank you to all those who contributed to the successful 2016 RPRC campaign to raise money for the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre. At its June annual general meeting, the RRCRC presented **Nicolas Temnikov**, RPRC Board member, with this certificate of thanks.



HERITAGE MATTERS

The New Heritage Conservation District Plan

Residents and newcomers to Rockcliffe Park probably all agree that it is a wonderful place to live, but not all will know that its special character has been protected since its origins in 1864 only through the diligent efforts of generations of residents.

The sensitive scale and placement of houses on generous lots in a park-like setting – with ample greenspace between houses, lots of trees, gardens, hedges, narrow curving roads without sidewalks, parkland and open spaces, pathways, a lake and a pond – is what gives Rockcliffe Park its charm.

Change is continual. We firmly believe that change can be accomplished while preserving – indeed, enhancing – the heritage character of our community. And we believe that the vast majority of residents support this goal. The RPRA and its Heritage Committee are working on this every day. The Heritage Committee meets with everyone who wishes to make changes to their properties to ensure they understand the purpose and provisions of our new Rockcliffe Park Heritage Plan – which was unanimously approved by City Council about 18 months ago. The Committee then provides comments to the City’s heritage staff on the applications that go forward to City Council. The Committee is composed of nine experienced, well-qualified residents who volunteer their time and deeply understand the heritage character of Rockcliffe Park.

The Committee has found that its task is often not an easy one. There is continuing pressure to demolish houses and replace them with much bigger ones; to sever lots to create new building sites; to expand into generous sideyards; to replace greenspace with hardscape; to expand driveways or create new parking spaces; and to cut down trees. We will need the ongoing support – and occasionally active engagement – of the residents of Rockcliffe Park if we are to succeed together in protecting the heritage of our community for ourselves and future generations.

The Rockcliffe Park Heritage Conservation District Plan and a summary of its main points are available online at rockcliffepark.ca. This website is being redesigned and within a month or two a list of the Grade I houses in Rockcliffe Park will be added to it so residents can know which houses are Grade I and which are Grade II. Booklets were also distributed with the June newsletter and additional copies may be obtained by contacting secretary@rockcliffepark.ca.

Susan d’Aquino

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Fall Speakers

Rockcliffe Park Community Hall | 380 Springfield Road

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.



Andrew Cohen

“Trump’s First 200 Days”

This award-winning columnist, former Washington correspondent, and best-selling author has recently returned from a year in Washington where he was a Fulbright Scholar. He will reflect on Trump’s chaotic, unprecedented presidency and the question of whether he will survive.

Wednesday, September 13 at 8:00 pm



Hon. Peter Harder

“Canada’s Senate: What Next?”

The Government Representative in the Senate will discuss the radical changes that are transforming this institution, the challenges that lie ahead, and what this means for all of us.

Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 pm

Rec Centre August Camps

Kids – don’t miss out on these fun camps in August:

- Magic Camp, August 14-18
- Science Camp Adventure, August 21-25
- LEGO® Mindstorms® EV3 & NXT Robotics, August 28-September 1



Call us at **613 842-8578** about the recreation activities at Rockcliffe Park Community Centre. **Office Summer Hours:** Mondays (July 31, August 14, 21, 28) 8 am to Noon; **Fall Hours:** Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1:30 to 4 pm. (Located in the Community Police Centre, 360 Springfield.)

Fall program registration begins online at 9 pm on August 16 and in person on August 17. See fall program details in flyer insert. **Good things await you!**

CITY HALL



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

East Feast 2017 is Coming Soon!



Last year's East Feast was a huge success. Photo: www.folktrum.com

East Feast is back – now with more feast! Last year Beechwood Avenue was closed between Marier and St. Charles for an evening so nearby residents could come together and celebrate the end of the summer and the beginning of the fall. This year East Feast returns in a big way. Mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, September 9. The event will run from 5:00 to 10:00 pm. Event goers can look forward to a variety of performers, attractions, plenty of food options, and an opportunity to see your neighbours. I hope to see you there! For more information or profiles of the performers and attractions this year, please visit my website, www.tobinussbaum.ca. There is also an event page on the QVBIA Facebook page where you can RSVP so your friends know you're attending!

Beechwood Complete Street

The next phase of Beechwood's transformation into a complete street, with safer options for all modes of transportation, is taking place this summer. The Beechwood Complete Street project is an important step for Beechwood to become a more thriving main street – priorities local residents expressed during consultations over the past two years.

Construction is underway on portions of the curb in the section between the Vanier Parkway and Mackay, with additional work near Charlevoix/Springfield still to come later this summer. Creating raised cycling tracks westbound from Springfield to the section in front of the new Minto condo building at 19 Beechwood is part of the summer construction plans. An additional section of raised cycle track is being added to the middle of the block between the Vanier Parkway and Charlevoix in the eastbound direction. You can read more and view designs for the changes to Beechwood avenue on my website and at ottawa.ca/beechwoodavenue.



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

Placing the Final Piece on Stage 2 LRT

Last month, I had the privilege of welcoming **Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** to the Belfast Yard Maintenance and Storage Facility, where our Light Rail Transit (LRT) system and O-trains are currently being built and assembled.

Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the Federal Government would finance the final tier of our Stage 2 LRT project, the single largest infrastructure project in the City's history. The Federal Government has pledged to contribute \$1.09 billion, in addition to over \$67 million committed to Stage 2 through the first phase of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund last year. This funding announcement comes a year after the Province of Ontario committed to fund its third of our LRT project by investing \$1 billion towards Stage 2 LRT, plus 50% of the cost associated with extending the O-Train system to the Ottawa airport and from Place d'Orléans to Trim.

The City of Ottawa will cover the remainder of the LRT costs, approximately \$1 billion. Now that the final funding piece of the Stage 2 LRT project has been put in place, we can plan to put shovels in the ground in 2019 and continue expanding our world-class LRT system. Stage 2 LRT will connect our residential areas to our largest employment areas, major retail outlets, and cultural and recreational destinations. By 2021, the Trillium Line will be expanded South to reach Earl Armstrong/Bowesville Station, with a link to the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier Airport. In the East, the Confederation Line will extend to Place d'Orléans and Trim Road by 2022. And in the West, it will reach Algonquin College and Moodie Drive by 2023.

Stage 2 LRT will transform the way we travel in our City. Once completed, 70% of Ottawa residents will live within five kilometers of efficient, clean, accessible, comfortable and reliable rail service. Our new O-Train system will span over 60 kilometers, take 14,000 vehicles off the road during rush hour, and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The O-Train will also save residents money with reduced car costs, including fuel costs, vehicle wear and tear, and even accident avoidance. The confirmed Federal and Provincial support and funding for Stage 2 LRT demonstrates a historic vote of confidence in future of the City of Ottawa.



*From the desk of Nathalie Des Rosiers
MPP, Ottawa-Vanier*

Ontario Healthcare News

Our health and the health of our children are paramount. That's why the government continues to transform the health care system – so patients and their families can get the right care when and where they need it.

Starting in January 2018, children and youth aged 24 and under will have access to the new OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare program. Ontario will be the first province in Canada to offer free drug coverage for more than 4,400 medications for people under 25 years of age. This will include medications to treat most acute conditions, common chronic conditions, childhood cancers and other diseases. It represents the biggest expansion of medicare in Ontario over the course of a generation and a major leap towards universal drug coverage for people in the province.

The Minister of Children and Youth Services, **Michael Coteau**, was at CHEO recently to announce the expansion of the province's Infant Hearing Program. An additional \$3 million will be invested to support the detection of potential hearing loss in newborns sooner and ensuring that families with children who have permanent hearing loss, or are at risk, get the support they need. The province-wide program screens babies for hearing loss soon after birth, and provides families with supports and services that children need to develop language and literacy skills during the most critical period of development. This investment will reduce wait times for families and increase the program's service capacity.

The government has also responded to the needs of people living with dementia, a group estimated at 175,000 people in Ontario and which will continue to grow as the population ages. Ontario has developed a new Dementia Strategy to improve and better coordinate services. It will provide more than \$100 million over three years. Through this strategy, the province will ensure that people living with the disease and their families will have the right support, funding and tools in place to make informed decisions about their care and that they continue to be treated with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

It is also necessary to maintain infrastructures to provide patients with high-quality care in a safe and healthy environment. Six hospitals across Ottawa are getting over \$8.8

million this year to revitalize their facilities. Funding from the province allows hospitals to make critical improvements.

In our riding, Bruyère Continuing Care is receiving more than \$550,000 and Montfort Hospital is obtaining \$430,000 to do the repairs and renovations that will ensure that all patients get the help they need now and in the future.

All these investments are part of the government's plan to increase access to care, reduce wait times and enhance patient experience.



*From the desk of Mona Fortier
Member of Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier*

A New Constituency Office to Serve You!

With Canada Day in the rearview mirror, it is time to look toward the rest of the summer. As many of you will know, the constituency office on the 5th floor of Charlotte Street has supported the work of this office for over 20 years. It was with some sadness and a lot of excitement for a new, accessible office that my team and I closed the doors for the final time on June 30.

As of August 1, I am excited to be opening my newly renovated office at 233 Montreal Road. This new location is situated next to **MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers'** office and will provide residents an accessible and central place to access a variety of federal services.

It is important to me that residents have an accessible and visible location, located centrally in the riding. When the doors open for the first time, it will be staffed with a strong bilingual team, eager to provide you support with a variety of services. I will also be hosting an open house in August, so please stay tuned.

I am also very pleased to announce that I am planning a number of community events and activities across Ottawa-Vanier throughout the summer. I will be hosting a round table on the recent cannabis legislation, along with **MP Andrew Leslie**, to help answer any questions residents may have. I will also be hosting a consultation on Canada's Food Policy in late August and I encourage you to join the conversation. Further information will be posted at monafortier.ca and on my social media pages in the weeks ahead.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in the community!

SCHOOL REPORTS

ASHBURY COLLEGE



Historic Closing at Ashbury



Ashbury celebrated its 125th Closing ceremony on Saturday, June 17, as 152 graduates joined the school's impressive alumni ranks. The day's rain held off just long enough for the awards and diplomas to be presented, and didn't put a damper on the festivities, which brought families from around the world to Ashbury's campus. Later that evening, graduates and their families continued the celebration with a dinner and dance at the Shaw Centre.

Congratulations to our 125th graduating class, and to the global universities that will welcome them this fall:

Amherst College, Augustana University, Belmont, Bocconi University, Brandon, Brock, Brown, Carleton, Carlos III University of Madrid, Concordia, Cornell, Czech Technical University, Dalhousie, Emily Carr, European Business School, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Guelph, Harvard, Laurier, Laval, OCAD, Oxford, Manchester, McGill, Mount Allison, NYU, Northeastern, Northwestern, Queen's, Ryerson, StFX, Saint Mary's, Southern Methodist, Surrey, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Trent, University of the Arts London, UBC, University College London, uOttawa, U of T, Waterloo, Western, York

Interested in the Ashbury Advantage?

Visit our Information Evening on **Thursday, October 19** at 6:30 pm. Learn more about our admissions policies, academic programming, IB curriculum, athletic offerings and financial assistance options. Tour the school, chat with students, teachers and parents, and see learning in action in our exciting classroom displays. Everyone is welcome! Ashbury is located at 362 Mariposa Avenue. On-site parking available. Visit ashbury.ca for more information.



Elmwood School

Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

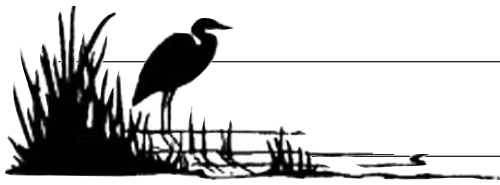
"The Elmwood experience is incredibly unique and I have been so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to learn in such a supportive environment and to have been provided with so many once-in-a-lifetime experiences," said Senior Prefect **Emily Bangsboll '17**, as part of her speech at Elmwood's Senior School Closing Ceremony on June 16.

Our 2017 graduates are an impressive group of young women: 86% of the class was offered entrance scholarships to university, for a total of over \$1.5 million. In addition, 86% are considered Ontario Scholars because they had a final average of 80% or greater. Over half of our 30 IB graduates were awarded 35 points or more (out of a possible 45), placing them in the top 13% of the 150,000 IB candidates worldwide. Our students' average individual subject score was 5.44 out of 7, which equals 92% on the Ontario grading scale. Our two strongest subject areas this year were biology and physics, which both had subject averages of 6 out of 7, the equivalent of 96% on the Ontario grading scale. Congratulations go to our two highest point scorers, **Madeleine Klebanoff O'Brien '17**, with 43 points total out of 45, and **Qinchen Wang '17**, with 40 points total out of 45. Both girls received four 7s in their subject disciplines, the highest possible mark for an IB subject.

Our 2017 graduates will pursue a range of programs at some of the world's leading universities, and no matter what path they choose, we know they will go on to change the world.

Fall Open House – Saturday, October 22

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



WILDLIFE NOTES

Checking out our garden birds after being away in May, I was startled to hear a House Wren singing on June 2 – the first I'd heard in my garden since the mid-1990s. I soon realized that I was witnessing a drama: House Wren versus Black-capped Chickadees. The cock wren sang above a nest box already used by chickadees, then entered the box and pulled out nest lining, repeating this five times while I watched. When the wren moved to another tree, a chickadee pair at once flew down to the box, one hanging at the entrance hole looking in but not entering. The next day I checked both that nest box and another nearby: Both were chickadee nestings, one with four eggs, the other with five. All the eggs had been punctured, and not recently. This is what wrens do in competing for the scarce resource of nesting holes. In both boxes, chickadees had brought in fluff and hair to cover the punctured eggs, creating new nest linings. This was the material I had seen the wren pulling out. On June 21, a tiny v-shaped missile flashed across the garden between the nest boxes: the tip was the brown wren, on each side of its tail a grey chickadee so close it appeared to be attached to the wren: He was being given the bum's rush. That was the last I saw or heard of the wren in that part of the garden. The upshot was that chickadees renested and fledged young from one of the boxes. The cock wren had emptied the other box and put in a few twigs to begin his nest – but he didn't have a mate.

My first sighting of Tree Swallows was on April 23 – one male standing firm on the nest box by the dock at 245 Sylvan while a second male threatened and backed off. By the end of April, both that box and the one on the lake edge at 400 Lansdowne were occupied by swallow pairs. I last saw the adults bringing in food for young on June 25; by the 27th young and old had departed – reproduction took two months. All the young in both boxes fledged, adding to a species whose numbers are much reduced.

While swallows exploit flying insects in lengthy flights above open spaces, Phoebe flycatchers hunt insects in the air between trees and shrubs, making forays of a few seconds

from the tip of a branch or structure to seize prey. Phoebes have been nesting near us for years, coming to hunt in part of our garden that has a tiny pond with adjacent perches. In the afternoon of July 5, while I sipped tea, a Phoebe arrived and perched above the pond. The bird flew down to the water and back to its perch – I assumed hunting. But then the bird made four more identical dives, each time hitting the water with its chest and wings, returning to the perch then shaking and preening its wet feathers, the motions birds use when standing and bathing in shallow water. Two meters from the perch is shallow water at ground level that other bird species use for bathing. So why did the Phoebe not use that walk-in site? Then I realized that while Phoebes dive for insects near ground vegetation, I don't recall seeing one walking on the ground. Their comfort zone is short flights from perches, that's what they do, even when bathing.

Dean Eyre reported on June 24 that Merlins were being especially noisy around 468 Manor this summer, especially in the tall conifers that border Elmwood. They may have nested there. A week later I heard the begging call of a young a few blocks away. Dean noted that Merlins have been active around his part of Manor Avenue for three or four years.

At the Pond, **Ron Blattel** saw five juvenile Green Herons with two adults on July 8 and 9. The larger Black-crowned Night Herons that have been so visible and audible this summer around McKay Lake and the Pond nest somewhere to the west of us, judging by their arrival and departure routes. South of the Pond, each spring I hear the gorgeous orange and black American Redstart singing high in the trees in the conservation area woods, so I assume a pair breeds there. Less frequently I hear another male singing high in the woods east of the lake where this spring **Iola Price** found a redstart nest, the first we'd ever seen. To my surprise, it was only five feet above the ground, a woven structure so small the incubating female's long tail stuck up straight in the air. All the young fledged.

Anthony Keith

15 July 2017



“Take Three” for Rockcliffe Park’s Outdoor Movie Night

RPRC's Family Movie Night is now scheduled for **Friday, August 25** (having been rained out twice earlier), so mark your calendars for *Mary Poppins* at 7:30 pm, followed by *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* at 10:00 pm in the Jubilee Garden.

Movies, popcorn and water are provided courtesy of **Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre, Rhodes Barker Luxury Real Estate** and **Royal Oak Pub**. Bring a blanket or grass-friendly chairs and a donation (food or cheques) for the Rideau-Rockcliffe Centre's food bank.



CANADA 150

END NOTES

CANADA'S 150th

In honour of Canada's 150th birthday, *The Rockcliffe News* has been publishing Rockcliffe-related history stories and photos throughout the year. Here we feature a poem by Rockcliffe resident **Ruth Kaufmann**, who immigrated with her mother from Germany to Ottawa in 1953. It is taken from Ruth's book of poetry, *Gedacht und Erlebt*, dated 20 October 1976.

Ottawa

Dear Ottawa, you were our choice,
 When we came to this land.
 We liked your charme, we liked your poise
 And gave you heart and hand.
 We know you only twenty years
 And yet, you changed your face
 Some charming streets have disappeared
 In an alarming pace.
 The Parliament is standing still,
 But homes of pioneers are gone;
 They are not splendid like the "Hill"
 And progress must move on.
 About their life we will not know,
 Their laughter and their tears.
 Will human being play a role
 When buildings rise up high?
 Will healthy living be the goal
 Before we reach the sky?



Toasts to Tennis and Community

The Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club held its annual Social on Saturday, June 24 at the club. RLTC was the belle of the ball as families and friends reconnected as they have for nearly a century in this special place in the heart of our Village. Despite threatening skies, more than 100 guests joined together for fun and friendship, but also for the chance to raise funds to support the junior tennis program. After a delicious potluck and barbecue dinner, coupled with a spirited auction and raffle, the action migrated to the clubhouse deck for dancing.

Thank you to all the contributors and supporters who made the evening a memorable one in our Village – in particular our club manager **Elaine Courteau** and her team, and our court sponsors, **Marilyn Wilson Dream Properties**, **Ashbury College**, **Elmwood School** and **Warren Camacho LLP**.

Lumière Festival Lights Up Rockcliffe Park on Saturday, August 26, 5:00 to 10:00 pm

This year the Lumière Festival's beautiful lanterns will light up the Village Green and Jubilee Garden, along with performers, food trucks, a lantern maze and more. For complete information go to www.lumiereottawa.ca.

Rockcliffe Garden Club presents "Grow Me Instead" Replace Invasive Plants with Non-Invasive Alternatives

Thursday, September 28 | Speaker: Rockcliffe Park resident **Iola Price**, **President of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council (OIPC)**. Some garden plants get out of hand, causing problems if they invade natural areas (such as woodlots, ravines, stream edges, etc.). OIPC's Horticultural Outreach Committee and the horticulture and landscape industries have created the provincial Grow Me Instead campaign. Iola will highlight some of the invasive plants in the Grow Me Instead guides and the suitable native or non-native, non-invasive alternatives. She will also touch on other invasive plants in our area such as Norway Maple, Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard and two buckthorns (the focus of her work at McKay Lake). A former member of the RPR's Board of Directors, she chairs its Environment Committee and actively works to manage invasive plants in the natural areas surrounding McKay Lake. **Garden Club meetings are held at the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield, at 7:30 pm.** Free for members; \$5 for guests. For more information, contact **Vera Cody**, jcody1@rogers.com.

