



# The Rockcliffe News

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### JUNE

- 2 Saturday .....Fletcher Wildlife Garden's Annual Native Plant Sale, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Prince of Wales Drive, south of the Arboretum
- 2,3 Saturday, Sunday .....Ottawa New Edinburgh Club "Doors Open Ottawa" 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and "Get out on the Water" Try It Day\*
- 7 Thursday .....Ontario General Election to elect the 124 Members of the 42nd Parliament of Ontario: Get out and vote!
- 10 Sunday, 2 to 3:30 pm ...Heritage Ottawa Walking Tour: Heritage Apartments in Centretown; meet at main entrance of the Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod Street\*
- 15 Friday .....Rockcliffe Park Garden Club's Annual Bus Tour of Private Gardens\*
- 15 Friday, 5:00 pm .....Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club Family Night, 465 Lansdowne Rd N
- 20 Wednesday, 6:00 pm ...RPRA Board Meeting, ONEC Boathouse, 504 Sir Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway
- 20 Wednesday, 7:00 pm ...Heritage Ottawa Lecture Series: John-Philippe Smith on "Carved in Stone: The Art of Architectural Stone Carving," Orange Art Gallery, 290 City Centre Avenue\*
- 23 Saturday, 6:00 pm .....Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club Annual Social, 465 Lansdowne Rd N\*
- 30 Saturday, 9:00 pm .....Rockcliffe Park Outdoor Family Movie Night presents *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Jubilee Garden (corner Mariposa and Buchan)\*

### SUMMER 2018

*Summer Break! Looking for fun activities during the summer months? Check out these free annual events:*

#### RCMP Musical Ride and Canadian Sunset Ceremonies

June 27 to 30, Wednesday to Friday at sunset, Musical Ride Centre, RCMP Rockcliffe Stables, 1 Sandridge Road

The event features a performance by the Musical Ride and, as the sun sets, the silhouetted Mounties of the Musical Ride line up to take part in the flag lowering ceremony and the entire audience takes part in the singing of our national anthem. For more information: [www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/canadian-sunset-ceremonies-june-27-28-29-and-30-2018](http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/canadian-sunset-ceremonies-june-27-28-29-and-30-2018).

#### Northern Lights: Sound and Light Show on Parliament Hill

July 9 to September 3, Various Start Times, Parliament Hill

Discover the stories of Canada as told through a spectacle of giant images of Canada's physical, historical and cultural landscapes projected on the façade of the Centre Block. More info: [www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/sound-light-show.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/sound-light-show.html).

...and find lots more ideas on how to enjoy summer at [www.ottawatourism.ca/events](http://www.ottawatourism.ca/events).

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

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



In a spring characterized by unseasonably cold weather, the weekend of April 21 turned out to be beautifully uncharacteristic, providing a terrific weekend for the annual Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale in support of the Ottawa Public Library. As in past years, records continue to be broken with a stellar turnout and corresponding stellar sales. A new tent with clear roof panels provided a brighter viewing environment and was so well received that we have already booked the same one for next year. A big thank you to **Linda McDonald, Kevin Phillips** and **Jane Newcombe** – along with their crew of volunteers – for pulling off another extraordinary event. Words of thanks are also due to sponsors **Chartwell New Edinburgh Retirement Residence, RBC Wealth Management | Montgomery Asset Management** and **Dymon Storage** for their generous support, and **Epicuria Food Shop & Catering** for their usual excellent fare.

The annual Village Clean-up was held on a sunny weekend in May, a week or so later this year than in the past, which might have conflicted with needs of cottagers to get their own places organized. As it was, 16 sturdy folk pitched up on May 5 (the day immediately following a very significant wind storm from the night before), suitably armed with rakes and gloves, and worked around the Community Hall and the Village Green. Some also managed to comb the verges of streets close to their homes. Fifty-two bags of leaves and twigs were filled, as well as a number of garbage bags of litter. The grounds around the Community Hall are much improved and the reality is that if we as a community don't make the time to do this kind of thing, it won't get done at all. I would like to thank **Chris Barker** and his crew for championing the Clean-up this year, as well as all the volunteers who came out to help with this annual event.

Eight months after the event, we still have heard nothing from the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the challenge to our Heritage Conservation District Plan. Meanwhile, our Heritage Committee, chaired by **Linda Dicaire**, continues with its review of projects in Rockcliffe. Additionally, as has been mentioned in previous letters, the Heritage Committee is continuing with its outreach initiative, involving representatives from other heritage areas in Ottawa and City heritage staff. Recently, a second workshop was held at the Community Hall with renowned heritage architect **Julian Smith**.

I am delighted to finally advise that our new website will be up and running in June. As I write, we are submitting the last tweaks. Keep checking the [www.rockcliffepark.ca](http://www.rockcliffepark.ca) address and then let us know what you think. It has taken much longer than hoped to get going but it has taken a herculean effort on the part of very few volunteers and our technical support consultant to get to this point. These projects always appear to be so simple at conception but invariably turn out to be significantly more complex. A huge thank you to **Marilyn Venner** and **Cynthia Hamady** for spearheading this project, **Imbaw Storer** for helping select the correct platform, and **Imbaw, Iola Price, Susan d'Aquino** and **Claire Schofield** for support, guidance and feedback.

The RPL soccer league is in full swing and if you look on the soccer field any evening during the week and again on Saturday morning, you will see it full of youngsters playing the beautiful game. Once they have finished at the end of June, anyone lingering about the Village this summer will see some big work occurring on the field. Construction on the new rink and field house will begin as soon as school closes for the year. As a part of this project, we will also be making some adjustments and improvements to the soccer field. The running track will be shortened slightly and resurfaced. The soccer field will be re-graded to eliminate low spots, facilitate runoff and generally provide a better playing surface. Of course this means that it will be unusable during the summer months but it will be ready for the new school year.

Before you head off to the cottage this summer, please be sure to bring your family and friends to the free Outdoor Movie Night on June 30 in the Jubilee Garden. The feature will be *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Bring a blanket and a pillow (and probably some bug spray). Popcorn and soft refreshments will be available. See details in this newsletter. Later in the summer, on August 24, *The Maltese Falcon* should be a draw for the Bogart fans in the Village. We are hoping for a somewhat more elegant evening. Watch the website, newsletter and emails for details as they become available.

Finally, we are still looking for volunteers to help with various activities in the Village. At the moment we need gardening support in the Village Green, as well as help with distribution of this newsletter. If you have some time and would like to get involved, please contact [secretary@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:secretary@rockcliffepark.ca). In closing, and on behalf of your Residents Association Board, I wish you all a peaceful and happy summer holiday.

*Peter Lewis, 22 May 2018*

The Village Foundation is a unique charitable organization established at the time of amalgamation with the City of Ottawa to manage an endowment, the interest from which is used to help fund community projects and programs in three areas of focus: the conservation of the environment; preservation of the heritage character of the Village; and promotion of a sense of community for all residents.

Is there a Conservation, Heritage or Community Building project you think the Foundation should be considering? We welcome your ideas. Contact Bonnie Robinson at 613 749-5297 or by email at [bonnie@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org](mailto:bonnie@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org).

## Historical Plaque Project Inaugural Installation Scheduled for Summer 2018

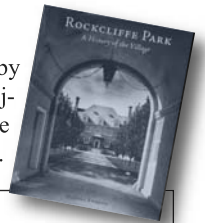
In 2017 the Foundation initiated a historical plaque project to install plaques in Rockcliffe Park's public spaces over the coming years to recognize noteworthy places, events and/or people considered significant in the development of Rockcliffe Park and/or Canada.

This summer, the inaugural historic plaque, funded by The Village Foundation, will be installed on the Village Green near the corner of Mariposa Avenue and Springfield Road.

## Did You Know?.....

The United States was the first nation to establish a diplomatic residence in Rockcliffe Park. The U.S. legation first arrived in Ottawa in 1927 and eight years later the government acquired their current residence of "Lornado" at 500 Lisgar Road. **Warren Soper**, one of the founders of the Chaudière Light & Power Company, built Lornado in 1908 on the site of his earlier summer cottage.

*Source: Rockcliffe Park – A History of the Village*, by **Martha Edmond**, was the community millennium project sponsored by The Village Foundation. It is available for purchase from Books on Beechwood for \$49.50.



### THE 2018 VILLAGE FOUNDATION BOARD

*Executive:* **Bonnie Robinson**, Chair | **Ryan Kilger**, Vice-Chair | **Roy Williams**, Treasurer | **Jane Newcombe**, Secretary

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## HERITAGE MATTERS

### Recent Developments Around Rockcliffe Park

#### 132 Lisgar Road

The City has approved additions to both sides of this Grade I house. The additions will be set back from the façade of the house, lower than the house, and similar in materials and expression. However, the south side addition will be only 4.9 feet from the property line when the by-law requires 11.5 feet. This is not in accord with our Heritage Plan that requires the preservation of generous spacing between buildings. We nonetheless supported this addition because of a truly exceptional circumstance – the house is set back from the road by a full 80 feet, providing a long vista to the house and significantly mitigating the impact of the much-reduced sideyard. The neighbour sharing the property line also supported the addition.

#### 65 Acacia Avenue

A proposal to replace a house on the Lindenlea side of Acacia with a 12-unit, 5-storey apartment is being considered by the City. The proposal has provoked much opposition from Lindenlea, as well as from us. The proposed building – in scale, height, and reduced setbacks at the front, sides and back – would have a serious negative impact on the streetscape, which is characterized mainly by one- and two-storey houses. It is seen as setting a dangerous precedent for the lower part of Acacia. Because the proposed development is across the street from Rockcliffe Park – a heritage conservation district – the province does not permit any development that fails to conserve the heritage attributes of Rockcliffe Park.



# RPPS BOOK FAIR

## RPPS Book Bins: Care and Feeding

Between late-breaking spring cleaning and general decluttering urges, many folks in the Village may find a cache of books and other items to donate to the Rockcliffe Park Public School Book Fair. Our Book Bins are open to donations and are located across from the front doors of the school – enter at 350 Buena Vista. We thank you for your generosity and offer the following pro tips:

**Get Smart** – Familiarize yourself with what items we can and cannot accept at [rockcliffeparkbookfair.com/items-for-book-fair](http://rockcliffeparkbookfair.com/items-for-book-fair).

**Assess Your Donations** – If items are tattered, water-damaged or hopelessly outdated, please put them in your recycle box or garbage bin at home. It costs RPPS and Book Fair both time and money to vet and dispose of unsellable items.

If you find the bins full, please don't waste your donation – try another day, rather than overfilling the bins, slipping books between the bins or leaving boxes or bags outside. These items get wet and mangled and offer temptation to vandals.



If you have a large volume of books, please email us – [info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com](mailto:info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com) – to arrange a drop-off or even a pick-up. (Note that our volunteers do not have access to the school in July and August.)

The RPPS Book Bins are emptied and maintained by a hard-working crew of volunteers from the school and community. We appreciate your kind support!

Learn more about Book Fair at [rockcliffeparkbookfair.com](http://rockcliffeparkbookfair.com); [info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com](mailto:info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com); Facebook: **Rockcliffe ParkBookFair**; or Twitter: **@RPPSBookFair**.

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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. Paid advertising is not accepted. Current and past issues are posted on the RPRA website, [www.rockcliffepark.ca](http://www.rockcliffepark.ca). Editor: Cynthia Hamady, [editor.rockcliffenews@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:editor.rockcliffenews@rockcliffepark.ca).

# VILLAGE EVENTS



## Rockcliffe Park Family Movie Night, June 30

The RPRA invites you to a free outdoor screening of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (recommended for ages 12+) on Saturday, June 30 in the Jubilee Garden (corner of Mariposa and Buchan). Arrive at 9:00 pm for free popcorn and bottled water, and to get settled – bring your own lawn chair or blanket and a wrap for when the temperature drops (and perhaps some bug spray!). The movie starts at 9:30 pm. Rain date: July 20, 9:00 pm.

Thanks to sponsors **Rhodes Barker** for the popcorn, **The Kingsway Health Centre** (222 Beechwood) for the movie rights, and **Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre** for screening the movie for us. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre's food bank.

**Movie Summary:** Ferris Bueller (**Matthew Broderick**) has the uncanny skill of cutting classes and getting away with it. Intending to make one last duck-out before graduation, Ferris calls in sick, "borrows" a Ferrari, and embarks on a one-day adventure through the streets of Chicago. Hot on Ferris' trail is Principal Rooney (**Jeffrey Jones**), determined to catch him in the act.

Hope to see you there!

## The Village Cleans Up!

Thanks to the approximately 16 volunteers who came out on a sunny Saturday morning on May 5 to rake and pick up litter and collect branches. We filled 50 bags of garden waste, bundled about ten groups of branches and filled another six or so bags of garbage. Kudos to **Chris Barker** for organizing the event and to the other volunteers who gave up a few hours of their day to beautify our neighbourhood.



Neighbourhood muscle! Peter Lewis, RPRA president (left), and Iola Price and Anthony Keith, past Board officers (right), put their best efforts into making Rockcliffe Park even more beautiful.

# ROCKCLIFFE PARK SPRING BOOK SALE

## The 2018 Rockcliffe Park Spring Sale – Yet Another Success Story for our Library!

Yes, we did it again – the 2018 Spring Book Sale in support of the Ottawa Public Library exceeded all expectations!

The Sale was a huge success from so many perspectives. Compared to 2017, we welcomed 11 percent more patrons, our higher-quality books sold six percent more, and our revenues increased by approximately 12 percent.



*The transparent ceiling on our tent ensured plenty of light for browsing.*

*Photo: Mireille Boulos*

And all this after we were worried that there might not even be a Book Sale! The week prior, strong winds, ice and snow delayed the tent's installation. Tensions mounted as the week progressed. But there was a silver lining – a much stronger tent was delivered with a wonderful transparent ceiling that made all the difference to patrons. And on opening day, out came the sun and crowds of buyers.

So what made the 2018 Spring Book Sale such a hit? We broadened our communications program to ensure that the sale was known for quality. A new management triumvirate, **Jane Newcombe**, **Kevin Phillips** and **Linda McDonald**, continued innovations that the past RPRA Library Committee Chair, **Jane Dobell**, encouraged. Displaying fresh stocks of books and introducing live music by harpist **Susan Sweeney Hermon** (in addition to Saturday's string quartet) increased Sunday shopping. We also focused on accessibility



*2018 Spring Book Sale volunteers, just before opening the doors on Saturday, April 21. Photo: Mireille Boulos*

by categorizing book sections and alphabetizing most of the fiction. Patrons loved the organization and clearly responded by purchasing more books!

Very special thanks go to those who generously donated such high quality books, to the more than 100 volunteers whose herculean efforts made the sale possible (some of whom put in hours from June to April) and, of course, to our cheerful and enthusiastic patrons. Hats off to our sponsors, **Chartwell New Edinburgh Retirement Residence**, **RBC Wealth Management | Montgomery Asset Management** and **Dymon Storage**, whose financial, moral and physical support make such a vital contribution. Thanks to **Epicuria Food Shop & Catering** for providing our volunteers with much-needed sustenance throughout the sale's long hours.

Here's hoping that we can repeat the experience in 2019! Mark your calendar now for **April 27 and 28, 2019**.

*Linda McDonald, Chair, RPRA Library Committee, with Claire Schofield*

## Rockcliffe Park Garden Club's Annual Bus Tour of Private Gardens

Our annual bus tour of private gardens takes place this year on Friday, June 15. We will visit a fabulous garden in Kemptville, enjoy a lovely luncheon at Brigadoon restaurant, visit and shop at Saunders Country Garden Center, and then go to our final stop at Rideau Woodland Ramble. The cost of the trip is \$85, with luncheon included in the price. If you would like to come, please drop off or mail a cheque, payable to the Rockcliffe Park Garden Club, to the June trip Chair, **Sandra Ferguson**, 69 MacKay Street, Ottawa, ON K1M 2B3. Please indicate your luncheon choice – (A) Citrus Chicken Salad; (B) Rainbow Trout; (C) Fish and Chips; or (D) Warm Bacon, Brie and Mushroom Salad – in your note to Sandra. A special dessert treat will be a Strawberry creation. Do not miss out on this fun day away! Guests are most welcome. For more information, contact Sandra at [j\\_s.ferguson@sympatico.ca](mailto:j_s.ferguson@sympatico.ca). Hope to see you on board! *Vera Cody, President, 613 695-2827*







## WILDLIFE NOTES

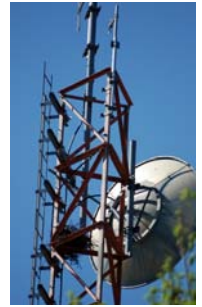
Foxes have been the talk of the western part of the Village, New Edinburgh and Lindenlea this season with many sightings of one or more handsome adults, hunting in daylight. On April 6, a fox was spotted running across MacKay into the grounds of Rideau Hall. Two days later **Tazim Lal** saw one carrying food from Pine Hill/Lisgar Road into the Princess side of the grounds. The next day **Joni Hamlin's** children saw one carrying a squirrel on Springfield in the direction of St. Brigid's School. **Susan Sweeney Hermon** saw one with a squirrel near the French embassy on April 18. **Alison Green** noticed a fox going through her yard at the south end of Manor on several occasions. Starting on April 19, **Elise Ayleen** videoed a fox carrying a squirrel on Lindenlea Road sidewalk near Springfield on three occasions; each time trotting west in the direction of Rideau Hall. On another occasion the video shows the fox trotting along the sidewalk in the opposite direction – but not carrying anything. This is strong evidence for the den being west of Springfield, most likely in the grounds of Rideau Hall. **John McPherson** took the photo above of an adult carrying a squirrel on Wood Avenue on April 21. The food carrying would have been to provide for the young. The risks of hunting in broad daylight where there are people and dogs were evidently outweighed by the value of catching squirrels that are only available during the day.



On April 26, **Lise Ouimet** saw two foxes, one large the other quite small. On May 5, **Adrienne Blair** saw an adult with three young opposite the Princess gate of Rideau Hall. That clinched the evidence of successful breeding.

Ravens have been my highlight this spring. On March 13 I noticed that a pair had built a nest high in the communications tower above the public school: One bird was sitting, the second arrived and transferred something to the bill of the sitter. The next day the sitter repeatedly pulled at and rearranged the surrounding sticks. For the next month, each

time I checked I could see a tail sticking up, so a bird was incubating. On April 14, two birds were present, one perched on the side of the nest, the other on the top of the tower. They reacted to our laying out tarpaulins to keep icy rain off the lawn where the Spring Book Sale tent was to go behind the Community Centre. Both birds called, the one on the nest made a shallow dive towards us, but swerved well above. The only sighting since then was of a bird above the nest on April 19. So the nesting attempt failed, approximately when hatching should have occurred. This may be only the second breeding attempt by Ravens in Rockcliffe. My observations started in 1969, and the first nesting I saw was in 2009, described in the May and July *Wildlife Notes*. That nest was on the front of 585 Acacia. It was abandoned between May 2 and 17. It is unlikely that these great birds of legend ever nested in the settlement of Rockcliffe prior to that year because they only began to breed in the Ottawa region after the 1960s. They now have many nesting sites within the City limits.



A flight of 11 Wood Duck males swung over the marsh and flooded trees on the east side of the lake on April 13, announcing their arrival with squealing calls before settling into the water below the trees – the only open water at that date. The lake was almost entirely covered until the 26th. Every first sighting in spring of these extraordinarily beautiful birds is a treasure. But those ducks were at a distance. On May 13, as I watched from the boardwalk overlooking the lake inlet, a male Magnolia Warbler appeared on a twig close to me, flitting for a moment into a shaft of strong early morning sunshine that lit up its striped yellow breast, a flare of colour against the dark background.

The Tree Swallows are back and it looks as though at least one box in the east marsh and three on the west shore are being used.

*Anthony Keith, 16 May 2018*



### New Venue for Historic Ottawa Symphony Orchestra

Tracing its roots over 115 years, the OSO has a long history of staging great classical works. It exists to provide our City with music like Brahms, Mahler, Tchaikovsky and Bruckner, and supports the works of Canadian composers. The Orchestra will soon be moving to Dominion Chalmers, 355 Cooper Street in Ottawa, and will begin its 2018-2019 concert season in this beautiful new location. To learn more about the upcoming season and to keep informed of future activities, please sign up for OSO's newsletter at [ottawasymphony.com](http://ottawasymphony.com).



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

## Rockcliffe Park News

### Rockcliffe Rink Project

After the end of the school year in early July, residents will see construction activity on City land just adjacent to Rockcliffe Park Public School. Thanks to a fundraising effort led by the Rockcliffe Hosers and matched by funds from the City, the site will soon see a new community field house, an all-season slab rink surface, and an improved playing field. This project is the result of years of community effort, and I look forward to seeing the hard work come to fruition.

### Seasonal Traffic Calming

During the warmer months in the last three years, a network of seasonal traffic calming measures has cropped up on local roadways to reduce speeding and increase safety. This year, we will again be using flexible signs in the roadway, posts separating bike lanes from vehicle traffic, concrete planter boxes to narrow the road, and visual reminders such as speed display boards and painted messages on roadways. This year's locations are based on areas of concern raised by residents and community associations, as well as feedback from City traffic services staff.

These interventions will be installed in stages. The first stage, beginning in May, is the redeployment of locations where these measures were already installed in previous years. In June, you will begin to notice new locations for painted messages, as well as flexible signs and posts separating bike lanes. In summer, new locations for concrete planter boxes will be added. We will be creating a map showing all the locations that have seen the addition of these lighter, quicker and cost-efficient traffic-calming measures.

### New Community Police Officer and Free Home Inspections

**Constable Jonathan Kenney** has completed his time as our community police officer and moved into a new role. My sincere thanks to him for all his work, and I welcome his successor, **Constable Vianney Calixte**, to the community. Vianney's responsibilities include the communities of New Edinburgh, Manor Park, Lindenlea, Rockcliffe Park, Vanier and Overbrook. I will continue to share the drop-in hours of the Community Police Center (located at 252 MacArthur Avenue; **613 236-1222, ext. 5823**) through social media. You can also contact him if you wish to schedule a free

safety audit. Residents interested in making their home less susceptible to criminal activity can request that a police representative visit their home and provide them with concrete recommendations on how to make their home safer.



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

## Light Rail Transit Milestones

The beginning of May was marked by two significant LRT milestones. First, we completed the Confederation Line 12.5 kilometer rail by laying the final piece of rail, and second, we secured the funding necessary to extend the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line farther south into the Riverside South community. The last piece of rail was a historic moment for Ottawa. I was thrilled to be part of it, alongside **Mona Fortier**, MP for Ottawa-Vanier, and the Honourable **Bob Chiarelli**, Minister of Infrastructure and MPP for Ottawa West-Nepean. This major milestone means that OC Transpo's Electric Rail Operators and many other key staff members will get firsthand experience operating the entire system from one end to the other, and that we are on track to open the Confederation Line to the public by the end of this year.

That same week, we reached another important milestone, this time for the second phase of our LRT system. The Government of Ontario committed to fund \$50 million of the anticipated \$80 million cost for the proposed Stage 2 LRT O-Train Trillium Line 3.4 kilometre extension from Earl Armstrong/Bowesville Station to a new terminus station approximately 200 metres west of Limebank Road, in the future Riverside South Town Centre community. This extension will offer Riverside South residents more reliable public transit options, help reduce north/south traffic congestion, and ensure that residents spend more time with their families rather than in traffic. The Trillium Line extension is one of the three in Ottawa's Stage 2 LRT project, and will be expanded to reach Limebank Station, with a link to the Ottawa International Airport by 2021. In the east, the Confederation Line will extend to Trim Road by 2022. And in the west, the Confederation Line will extend to Algonquin College and Moodie Drive by 2023. Once completed, Stage 2 will bring 70 percent of Ottawa residents within five kilometres of fast, efficient, clean and reliable rail, with the capability of carrying an estimated 24,000 riders per hour per direction during peak periods. The complete O-Train system will span 64 kilometres and include 42 stations.

# SCHOOL REPORTS

## Elmwood School



### Elmwood Theatre Sweeps the Cappies Nominations

Nominations are in for the Cappies – Ottawa’s answer to the Oscars – and Elmwood Theatre is up for a record-breaking 13 awards for its recent production of “*Oliver Twist*”:

1. Critic Team – Mentored by **Teresa Marquis**
2. Cappies Critic – **Jagnoor Saran**
3. Cappies Critic – **Zaina Khan**
4. Marketing and Publicity – **Abigail Butler, Zaina Khan, Jagnoor Saran, Stephanie Townsend**
5. Hair and Makeup – **Caroline Capehart, Devon Keough, Stephanie Townsend, Tory Woodhead**
6. Lighting – **Abigail Butler, Zaina Khan, Jagnoor Saran**
7. Costumes – **Diya Dadlani, Carine Ladki, Cindy Li, Paige Saunders**
8. Stage Management – **Reem Hamzah, Lily-Anne Villemaire**
9. Ensemble – **Bronte Assadzadeh, Jacqueline Law**
10. Comic Actress – **Bronte Assadzadeh**
11. Supporting Actress – **Leen Zaghoul**
12. Lead Actress – **Orla Kelly**
13. Best Play – Directed by **Angela Boychuk**

We are so proud of our cast and crew for this wonderful achievement. *Break a leg!*

### Considering Elmwood for your Daughter?

We invite you to visit the school for a private tour to learn more about our unique approach to educating girls and young women. For more information visit [www.elmwood.ca](http://www.elmwood.ca) or contact the Admissions Office at 613 744-7783.

### Elmwood Middle School Students Make Over 900 Sandwiches for the Shepherds of Good Hope

Led by Grade Eight student **Avery Parkinson**, Elmwood’s Middle School students spent a lunch hour making a whopping 912 sandwiches to donate to the Shepherds of Good Hope. This is the second sandwich-making party this year, and we are so proud of our students for giving back to their community.



*Elmwood students hit the sandwich assembly line for the Shepherds of Good Hope.*

### Limited Spaces Available for Elmwood Summer Camp

We are thrilled to be offering a full slate of camps this summer, including our popular Discovery Camps, as well as our Elmwood Skills Academy.

#### Discovery Camps

With exciting new weekly themes such as Robot Academy, music camp, “Lab Rats” chemistry camp and Sleuth Academy, girls from Kindergarten to Grade Six will discover new challenges, develop lasting friendships and enjoy a dynamic range of hands-on, interactive activities.

Led by skilled and experienced educators, our camps have the perfect blend of learning, active play and creative exploration, all within Elmwood’s beautiful and safe campus.

#### Elmwood Skills Academy

Elmwood’s Skills Academy offers an outstanding range of academic and special interest programs. Taught either by Elmwood’s talented faculty or by other experts in their field, our Skills Academy combines superb instruction with dynamic activities, sure to appeal to girls of all ages and skill levels.

Visit [camp.elmwood.ca](http://camp.elmwood.ca) or call 613 749-6761 for details and registration.





# SCHOOL REPORTS

## ASHBURY COLLEGE



### Springfest 2018

Ashbury's campus came alive in mid-May with our annual Springfest celebration, a sun-filled day to usher in the season!

The morning started off with the Guild Plant Sale and our now-famous Colour Run. Students, staff, alumni and our Head of School all participated in this fun and colourful activity around Rockcliffe Park and Ashbury's campus.

Rugby rounded out the afternoon with games from our Junior School, Varsity girls, Junior and Senior boys teams. Visitors enjoyed another delicious BBQ lunch and the Guild-run canteen. A reception followed, where alumni and parents enjoyed catching up after an exciting day. Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate!

### Welcoming the World



Ashbury will welcome more than 350 teachers and students from 75 schools around the world to its campus from September 27 to October 3, 2018 as we host the Round Square International Conference.

Ashbury is one of 180 schools in the global Round Square network, all sharing a passion for experiential learning and character education. Each year, Round Square schools send students between the ages of 15 to 17 to a leadership conference where they discuss issues facing their generation and experience a program that embraces both adventure and service.

Final plans are now underway for this year's conference, with its theme of "Bring Your Difference." The schedule includes engaging speakers, community service projects and outdoor excursions, providing visitors with the opportunity to experience all the National Capital Region has to offer.

### Summer at Ashbury

There are still spots left for summer programs at Ashbury, but they're filling up fast. Academic credit and prep courses are available, along with week-long summer camp options including soccer, art, multisports, tech and tools, and more. Programs are suitable for children aged 5 to 17.

Learn more or register online at [summer.ashbury.ca](http://summer.ashbury.ca).



### Ashbury College History

Ashbury College was founded in 1891 by **George Penrose Woolcombe**, an Oxford University graduate and a new Canadian, who served as Ashbury's Headmaster for 42 years. The three-room school for boys was originally located on Wellington Street in downtown Ottawa, moving to larger quarters also on Wellington Street and then to Argyle Street in 1890 near the present Museum of Nature. In 1910, the school – called Ashbury College after Woolcombe's English home – moved to its current 13-acre location in the heart of Rockcliffe Park. With the support of benefactors, a new building was constructed for the 115 students, 48 of whom were boarders. Since the 1970s, multiple additions have been made to accommodate the growing number of students, including, in 1982, when girls were first enrolled in the senior school. Today, Ashbury has 170 boys and girls in the Junior School and 515 young men and women, 100 of whom are boarding in the Senior School.

Go to [ashbury.ca/about/history](http://ashbury.ca/about/history) for more information on the history of Ashbury College, or check out the recent publication by **Stephen Woolcombe** entitled *The Life and Times of George Penrose Woolcombe: Educator*, available at Books on Beechwood.

# RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES



## RLTC: Serving Up a Love of the Game for 96 Years

The 96th season is underway at the Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club, and what a year it's going to be! The courts are in great shape, we have a new kids' play area, and our Clubhouse team is ready to welcome you.



The season kicked off with the annual Open House with families, players, neighbours and friends present, enjoying the beautiful sunny day. Our courts were hives of activity, with clinics and spirited play

on the official start of the season and opening day for our clay courts. The friendly and happy time continued on the Clubhouse deck and on the lawn with gatherings of new and old friends and families enjoying the complimentary BBQ and exhibition match.

**Chris Hannant**, our new Club Manager, and his team are already gearing up for the always-memorable RLTC Social. Chris has brought **Katie Dodsworth** onto the team to be the lead on our weekly BBQs (which now run rain or shine) and in designing and executing our special event menus. The annual Social will take place this year on Saturday, June 23 so mark your calendars now and go to [rltennis.ca](http://rltennis.ca) for more information.

As always at RLTC, there's great tennis programming, weekly clinics and special tennis events in store. A gathering point for neighbours and friends since the 1920s, the club is proud of its history of bringing together players of all levels. We have great tennis on some of the best clay courts in the City and excellent lessons for kids, all in an idyllic setting. And, when you're done, enjoy a bit of "après-tennis" with craft beer or a glass of wine on the deck with friends.

Come check out the benefits of an RLTC membership or go to our website, [rltennis.ca](http://rltennis.ca).

P.S. – "Bravo" to our Juniors for their successful "Barking Balls & Biscuits" fundraiser. The packaged, recycled balls and dog biscuits will delight many area canines and the funds will go towards special extras like our new tetherball set.

Sarah Baxter



## ONEC Kicks Off the Summer Season with New Sports and Upgraded Facilities

The Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC) is upgrading its facilities, offering new sports and welcoming non-members to try its sports for free.

The summer season is off to a great start," said ONEC President **Mike Hardstaff**. "Our Open House Tennis Party on May 12 was a huge success. We welcomed 90 guests and signed up numerous new members."

"**Adrian Frei**, a former nationally ranked junior player in his native Switzerland, is joining **Catalin Tudorache** as a second pro," said ONEC Tennis Director **Andre Barnes**. "This means we can offer an excellent range of instructional programs and private coaching." ONEC's seven clay courts, four hard courts and hitting wall are being refurbished. "Having our courts lit every evening is another great advantage as it means we can offer flexible court times," Barnes continued.

ONEC is inviting non-members to sample sailing and sculling (rowing with two oars) when it hosts the Get-out-on-the-Water program on June 2 from 10 am to 3 pm. Space is limited so book now at [www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca). During Doors Open Ottawa on June 2 and 3 between 10 am and 4 pm, heritage buffs can discover the remarkable history of ONEC's beautiful, Queen Anne recreational-style boat-house, designed by architect **C. P. Meredith**, and find out about the club's facilities, programs and social events.

Finally, ONEC, originally founded in 1883 as the Ottawa Canoe Club, is returning to its roots. On June 16, renowned Canadian canoeist **Max Finkelstein** will conduct *Introduction to Big Canoe Paddling* from 10 am to 3:30 pm and *Big Canoe Intermediate Leader* on June 17 – both open to the public. ONEC will also be offering a Big Canoe pilot program for the first



Renowned Canadian Canoeist Max Finkelstein, paddling the Ottawa River. Submitted by the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club

time. Courses run from May to September for beginner and intermediate paddlers. For information and registration, go to [www.onec.ca/membership/forms](http://www.onec.ca/membership/forms) or contact ONEC Rowing Director **Richard Vincent** at [vincric@rogers.com](mailto:vincric@rogers.com).

Claire Schofield



# ADVISORY

## Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

by Sergeant Eustace (Sam) Roberts, Ottawa Police Service, May 2018

**Here's the situation:** *There's a major power outage across Eastern Ontario and Hydro utilities are working hard to restore service to 20,000 homes. They have estimated that it will be a few days to a week before power is returned to all households.*

*Fortunately for you, it's May, so the days are warm and the evenings aren't too cold; heat isn't an issue. However, your appliances aren't working. How can you prepare food and what are you going to do with food that will spoil? What about water for drinking and cleaning? If you don't have supplies, you can go to the store, but the bank machines aren't working. Do you have money?*

*No problem, you say, Grandma's house has power and it's only a three-hour drive away. How much gas do you have in your car?*

*School is closed, so the kids are home and you can't go to work.*

You can see how overwhelming a large-scale incident can become, even one without medical concerns, and especially if it's expected to take days for things to return to normal. The rule of thumb is to have enough supplies to be on your own without help for 72 hours. If not, you haven't adequately prepared for an emergency.

Back in 1998, the region was hit with an ice storm. I was a young police officer in Cornwall and I was married with no children. The power went out and fortunately, we had gas, so we could cook and heat. We had a bit of food in the freezer to tide us over. Others didn't even have that.

The thing is, my job required me to be able to help everyone else during an emergency, yet I hadn't prepared myself so I could leave home and do my job.

What did I learn? Now my home has a generator. I have an emergency kit so that there is always a minimum of 72 hours' supply of drinking water and food for my family. That includes supplies for our pets.

We have cash on hand. As I'm always telling a friend of mine, you can have money in the bank, but if it isn't open, then you don't have any money. For those of you who thought of the same argument he gives, if everyone goes to bank machines for money, they will run out if they aren't re-stocked.

Being prepared to look after yourself means you don't become another issue for emergency services to contend with. Here's a basic list of what you need to do BEFORE an emergency:

### Know the Risks in your Area

Familiarize yourself with possible scenarios like natural disasters and infectious outbreaks, and emergencies such as bomb threats, power outages and multiple-vehicle collisions.

### Make a Plan

Emergencies are unexpected, so you and your family may not be together when one happens. You need to think about what to do if phones aren't working or some roadways aren't accessible.

### Make a Kit

Ensuring you have basic supplies, along with medications, is key, and be sure to check the contents regularly so that you can switch out anything nearing expiry.

The City of Ottawa offers emergency preparedness checklists on its website. It includes a detailed list of items that may be needed in an emergency, plus ideas about planning for different scenarios. Go to <https://ottawa.ca/en/residents/emergency-services/emergency-preparedness/emergency-checklists-emergency-preparedness> for more information. It also provides a link to the French-language website page.





# END NOTES



## New Rockcliffe Park Website Launch Imminent!



We've announced as much in earlier issues without delivering, but this time we promise that the new Rockcliffe Park website will go live in June. It will be a relevant, up-to-the-minute source for current information for all Rockcliffe Park residents, with historical background and features as well, and it will provide a comprehensive overview for those considering a move to our area. We will always be looking for content, photos and comments to keep the website fresh so please email submissions to [secretary@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:secretary@rockcliffepark.ca).

## Spring is Here, but the Hosers are Thinking about Ice...

The beautiful spring weather means that construction is just about to start on the new Rockcliffe Field House and Sports Pad! After seven years in the making, work is slated to begin on July 3 after the school year has wrapped up; the project is expected to take about four to six months. All heavy construction work in relation to the school field will be completed in time for the September start of the new school year.

This project has taken significant energy, effort and financial resources to accomplish, and the Hosers are very proud to begin this highly anticipated \$1.5 million venture. Thanks to the neighbourhood for supporting this community-spirited project that will enrich the Village experience for many residents. Thanks also goes to the **City of Ottawa staff, Councillor Tobi Nussbaum, Ottawa District School Board and Parents Council**, and the **Hosers' Executive** for working to ensure all sides are pleased with the outcome.

As our project launch approaches, we continue to seek additional funds to support the new Field House and year-round Sports Pad; email [louisemalhotra@gmail.com](mailto:louisemalhotra@gmail.com) for donation information. All donations are tax deductible. Please consider this final opportunity to be part of such a special neighbourhood legacy project. For project plans and additional information, go to [www.therockcliffehosers.com](http://www.therockcliffehosers.com).

Louise Malhotra

## Heritage Ottawa: Next Walking Tour

### Heritage Apartments in Centretown

*Sunday, June 10, 2018 | 14:00 to 15:30*

Join us for a walk through part of Centretown and learn about many of its interesting old apartment buildings, several of which are featured in Heritage Ottawa's recently published book, *From Walk-Up to High-Rise: Ottawa's Historic Apartment Buildings*, now in its second printing.

**Guides:** **Carolyn Quinn** and **Richard Belliveau** are members of Heritage Ottawa's Board of Directors and contributors to *Ottawa's Historic Apartment Buildings*.

**Meet:** Main Entrance, Museum of Nature, 240 McLeod Street at Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, ON K2P 2R1.

**Cost:** Heritage Ottawa Members: \$5 / Non-Members: \$10 (Payable by cash at start of the tour).

Information on additional Walking Tours throughout the year may be found on the Heritage Ottawa website. Go to [heritageottawa.org/heritage-ottawa-walking-tours](http://heritageottawa.org/heritage-ottawa-walking-tours).



## Lecture Series

### Carved in Stone:

#### The Art of Architectural Stone Carving

*Wednesday, June 20, 2018 | 19:00 to 20:00*

From the European guilds of the Gothic era to modern-day, digitally-assisted techniques, John-Philippe Smith will discuss the history of stone carving, as well as tales from his journey working as a sculptor in Canada and France.

**Speaker:** **John-Philippe Smith**, co-founder of Smith & Barber – Sculpture Atelier Inc., is an architectural stone carver who has worked on the Parliament buildings since 2001.

**Location:** Orange Art Gallery, 290 City Centre Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1R 1C7.

This presentation is free, but is offered to Heritage Ottawa members only. Memberships will be available at the door or may be purchased in advance on our website. There is no need to pre-register.

We invite you to join us for refreshments after the lecture. To become a member or more info, visit [heritageottawa.org](http://heritageottawa.org).