



The Rockcliffe News

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DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

- 2 Tuesday, 7:00 pmCandidates Forum Meeting, Queen Juliana Hall, RPPS*
- 2-7 Tuesday to Sunday.....35th Annual Vanier Museopark Maple Sugar Festival, Richelieu Park, 300 Pères-Blancs Avenue; details at <https://museoparc.ca/sugar-festival/>
- 8 Monday, 7:00 pmRideau-Rockcliffe By-election: Candidates' Debate on Environment and Climate Change, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa, 400 McArthur Avenue; details at www.ecologyottawa.org/ward_13_debate_2019*
- 9 Tuesday, 6:00 pmPublic Open House re Beechwood/Springfield construction, Chartwell New Edinburgh Square, 35 Beechwood*
- 14 Wednesday, 7:30 pmCAMMAC Benefit Concert: An evening with the Cheng2 Duo, St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 125 MacKay Street*
- 15 MondayRideau-Rockcliffe By-election, various locations
- 17 Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPR Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 27 Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm...Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale, Community Hall*
- 28 Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm...Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale, Community Hall*

MAY

- 1 Wednesday, 8:00 pmSpeakers Program: Richard Fadden, O.C., on "National Security Threats to Canada and the West," Community Hall*
- 2 Thursday, 7:30 pmRockcliffe Park Garden Club: Phil Reilly on "Ireland in the Spring," Community Hall*
- 3 Friday, 6:30 pmDining with the Ambassadors, Community Hall*
- 4 Saturday, 10:00 amAnnual Spring Clean-up, meet at Community Hall*
- 4-5 Saturday / Sunday.....Jane's Walk Ottawa-Gatineau, an annual festival of free community-led walking tours (various locations); details at www.janeswalkottawa.ca
- 8-12 Wednesday to Sunday...34th Annual Ottawa Children's Festival, LeBreton Flats*
- 11 SaturdayIODE Laurentian Chapter's 58th Annual House and Garden Tour, various locations*
- 13 Monday.....Start of Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club Junior After-School Program, 465 Lansdowne Rd N*
- 15 Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPR Board Meeting, Community Hall
- 25-26 Saturday / Sunday...Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) "Run for a New Start" fundraiser*

JUNE

- 1 Saturday, 9:30 amFletcher Wildlife Garden Annual Native Plant Sale, Fletcher Wildlife Garden Interpretive Centre*
- 19 Wednesday, 7:15 pmRPR Board Meeting, Community Hall

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



In a matter of days, we in Rockcliffe Park will have the opportunity to exercise our civic rights – many would say “duty” – to elect our next representative at City Hall. There is a huge field of candidates which, unfortunately, serves to sow confusion and possibly apathy among the voting public. Please do not let this be the case with you! To assist in making some sense of it all, my fellow presidents from the neighbouring communities and I recently embarked on a process wherein, over three separate days, we interviewed all the candidates registered at that time, asking them the same five key questions. The summaries of these interviews were posted to our website, www.rockcliffepark.ca, a couple weeks ago and published in the March/April issue of the *Manor Park Chronicle* (www.manorparkcommunity.ca). If you are a member of our residents' association and we have your email, you will have already received notice of this. A big thank you to **Allan Martel** of Cardinal Glen for writing up the summaries. As usual, we will be holding a Candidates Forum in Queen Juliana Hall, this time on Tuesday, April 2. This forum will be unlike our past events; elsewhere in this newsletter I explain how it will be more relevant for you. Fore-informed is forearmed, so please do have a look through the interview summaries at www.rockcliffepark.ca under the “NEWS” section. If you eschew electronic media in all forms, grab a print copy of the *Manor Park Chronicle*, available at most retail outlets along Beechwood Avenue. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday night.

The end of February typically marks our Annual General Meeting, and this year's event was well-attended. Thank you to all who came out to support your community association. Board transitions were few this year. I would like to thank outgoing Board members **Imbaw Storer**, **Brad Sweeney** and **Marilyn Venner** for their time and efforts over the years. Marilyn's departure as secretary was brought about in part due to a change in our by-laws, limiting Board executives' terms to five years before being required to transition out. **Michele Collum-Hayman** has graciously accepted the challenge of taking over secretarial responsibilities, and **Bea Hampson** has volunteered to take minutes at Board meetings. Thank you both for stepping up. It is my pleasure to welcome **Susan Taylor** and **Mark Willcox** as newly elected members to our Board. I look forward to working with them over the coming year.

For the second time in as many years, we held a volunteer reception immediately prior to the AGM. Much work gets done in this neighbourhood by a whole host of folks who contribute their time and resources (and, in the case of the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale, their backs!), and it is important that we recognize them. Many thanks to all the volunteers who contribute to this community in so many ways. Thanks also to **Tracey Black** of **Epicuria Food Shop and Catering** for the magnificent chocolate cake she graciously provided for the event. We are always looking for folks to help out with various events and activities so if you have an inclination to join in, please contact Michele at secretary@rockcliffepark.ca.

Although it may seem remote now, we hope that the snow will clear before the annual Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale, scheduled for the weekend of April 27 and 28. Whatever the conditions, we expect a grand sale in keeping with past events. Also coming up in early May is the Annual Spring Village Clean-up. The epic snowfall this year will give us lots to do. See the notice in this newsletter and look for email announcements as well as updates on the website for details. I hope to see lots of you come out to help spruce up the neighbourhood.

On the traffic front, while cut-through traffic continues to be an issue in the Village, I am pleased to announce that Rockcliffe will become part of a 40 km/hr general zonal speed limit along with the adjacent communities of Manor Park, New Edinburgh and Lindenlea. This is good news, as it removes the confusion that currently exists on some of our streets that are not specifically signed at 40 km/hr. We still have work to do to reduce speeds and improve safety around our school zones, and we will continue to work on this.

Finally, may I again remind each and every one of our good readers to ensure that you have joined your residents' association. It is easier than ever to do with our online payment system at www.rockcliffepark.ca, and it still remains one of the best deals around at \$25 per family/per calendar year. I hope you find value in what we do, especially with matters that are important to the community, such as providing detailed information on each of the candidates for city councillor, sponsoring special events, and keeping our neighbourhood the safe and beautiful place we love to call home.

Wishing you all an uneventful and flood-free spring.

Peter Lewis, 23 March 2019



THE VILLAGE FOUNDATION

FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKCLIFFE PARK FOUNDATION www.rockcliffeparkfoundation.org

Thank You to the 2018 Community Appeal Donors

Thank you to the following individuals who generously donated to the 2018 Annual Appeal of the Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation and to those other donors who have chosen to remain anonymous. The appeal has raised \$29,700 to date as of March 2019. It is not too late! If you would still like to donate, please mail your cheque payable to "Friends of the Village of Rockcliffe Park Foundation" to **25 Westward Way, Rockcliffe Park, ON K1L 5A8**, or donate online on our website, www.rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.

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2019 RIDEAU-ROCKCLIFFE BY-ELECTION



Candidates Forum Meeting: April 2, 7:00 pm at Queen Juliana Hall, RPPS

Within a short time of receiving this newsletter, you will have the opportunity to vote for the next city councillor who will serve our ward for roughly the next three and a half years, if not longer. With 17 candidates who have put their names forward for your consideration, it is almost impossible for anyone to gain an appreciation of the different skill sets and backgrounds through the normal campaigning process. My colleagues from the neighbouring residents' associations and I began talking about this in early January and decided to try to offer our communities a little more information than might otherwise be available.

Panel Interviews

The presidents of the neighbouring communities of Cardinal Glen, Lindenlea, Manor Park, New Edinburgh and I met with declared candidates over three separate days – February 15 and 17, and March 4. We interviewed each candidate for over a half hour with a series of five identical questions that we presented one hour before his or her allotted interview time. We were also fortunate to have input from the Overbrook community in the interview process. (Overbrook will have hosted its own Candidates Forum on March 29.) The purpose of the interviews was to help our residents understand who the candidates are, what drives them to run, and what skills they bring to the table. We do not endorse or

support any particular candidate; rather, the intent was to provide information to our associations' residents so that they can make informed choices among the candidates.

Summaries of these interviews may be found in the latest *Manor Park Chronicle* or on our website, www.rockcliffepark.ca, which also has links to the candidates' own websites.

Candidates Forum Format

Engaging so many candidates presented a considerable challenge to the RPRA and our neighbouring residents' associations in attempting to stage a fair but useful event that will help you arrive at the most informed decision possible. We decided to move away from the standard model of brief statements followed by questions from the floor that are answered by all candidates. This would have been unwieldy and would not have yielded meaningful discussion. Instead, each candidate will speak for approximately three minutes, responding to a set question that he or she will have received a half hour or so in advance. This should take up the first hour of the evening. The candidates will then disburse and will be directed to separate assigned spots in both gymnasiums and a number of classrooms. The public will have the opportunity to visit and spend time with each candidate of interest. We anticipate allowing an hour to an hour and a half for this process. There will be a moderator assigned to each of the candidates' spaces to seed questions and control timing.

With the public having the choice to hear all and then follow up with as many or as few of the candidates as they see fit, we feel that this provides the best opportunity for our residents to come to the most informed decision possible.

I urge you to come to our Candidates Forum on Tuesday, April 2 and to participate in this election. It is vital that we elect the strongest and most competent councillor possible.

Peter Lewis



Heritage Ottawa Advocates for 24 Sussex Drive

In a letter to Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau**, Heritage Ottawa has requested that the federal government appoint an all-party committee to make recommendations regarding how best to move forward with the necessary rehabilitation of 24 Sussex Drive. In recognition of the building's heritage status, Heritage Ottawa recommends an approach to conservation that allows the structure to be upgraded while meeting the needs of the 21st century. There is great scope for imaginative and creative rehabilitation and new design that includes ecologically sustainable upgrades, which would avoid condemning the elegant stone building to landfill. After all, the greenest building is the one that already exists! For more information and listings of Heritage Ottawa's upcoming events, go to www.heritageottawa.org.

BOOK SALE



Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale Brings Businesses and Communities Together

With less than a month to go, activity at the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale is in high gear! Books are streaming in and dedicated volunteers are culling, pricing and sorting. Donations for the Sale will be accepted until April 12, but please, no textbooks, magazines or encyclopedias.

“We are excited by the high quality of material we have received,” says **Linda McDonald**, one of the Sale Managers. “Recent donations include some of the latest books, in excellent condition, by contemporary writers **Julian Barnes** and **Ann Tyler**, along with Canadian authors **Alice Munro**, **Annabel Lyon** and **Esi Edugyan**.”

“It’s remarkable to think how the Spring Book Sale has grown over the years,” she continued. “Last year we piloted the use of debit and credit. This year, debit and credit will again be fully available. Our French section will be larger and more exciting, and we are delighted with the high quality of the Hard Cover Fiction books we have received.”

The Sale has blossomed into a cornerstone community event, bringing together residents, volunteers and local businesses. Our success is due in large part to the tireless efforts of our volunteers, many of whom return every year, giving generously of their time and enthusiasm. We’re also thrilled with the sponsorship we have received. **Chartwell New Edinburgh Square Retirement Residence** and **Dymon Storage** are supporting us once again and we’re very pleased to welcome **Guardian New Edinburgh Pharmacy**, whose manager/owner, **Matthew Tonon**, is a proud sponsor. “For us, is it the best way to give back to the community for all the support they’ve given us over the years, and, more specifically, as a pharmacist, where would I be without books?” said Tonon. We also appreciate the support we receive from other local businesses, including **Metro Beechwood**, **Books on Beechwood**, **Bridgehead**, and **Epicuria Food Shop and Catering**, which generously donates delicious goodies to feed the hardworking helpers during the Sale.

The 2018 Sale broke records of attendance, revenue and sales. Help us make 2019 another banner year! Support literacy in our community; come to the Sale on April 27 and 28 at the Rockcliffe Park Community Centre. Check the listing on the front page of this newsletter for opening hours.

Carolyn Brereton

SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield

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. For details and more information go to www.rockcliffepark.ca.



Richard Fadden, O.C.

“National Security Threats to Canada and the West”

The plain-spoken former Director of CSIS and National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister will inform us about cyber threats, terrorism, espionage and other foreign influences that threaten our security, our institutions and our way of life.

Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00 pm

GARDEN CLUB

Rockcliffe Park Garden Club:

Ireland in the Spring

Speaker: Phil Reilly

Date: Thursday, May 2

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Rockcliffe Park
Community Hall,
380 Springfield Road



Photo: Derek Dunn, www.therecord.com

This travelogue presentation will showcase a selection of megalithic burial sites and gardens plus a variety of other iconic sites in the Dublin to Cork region. **Phil** and **Carole Reilly** have extensive perennial gardens which have been evolving over the past thirty-five years. Their one-acre, rural property has thirty-two garden beds containing about 2,000 varieties of perennials and ornamental shrubs, and is certified as a backyard habitat and Monarch Way station. They count 150 varieties of native plants and shrubs in the mix of plants in their gardens. Being retired, the Reillys now travel to gardens all over the world and this presentation will feature stunning vistas and areas of Ireland. For more information, contact **Vera Cody**, President, by phone at **613 695-2827** or by email to jcody1@rogers.com.

DINING WITH THE AMBASSADORS

Spotlight: A Conversation with Leticia Herberg Carrera

Diplomats play an important role in the life of Rockcliffe Park Village, and **Leticia Herberg Carrera**, wife of the Spanish Ambassador **Enrique Ruiz Molero**, is no exception.

Representing the diplomatic community on the Dining with the Ambassadors organizing committee, Leticia is working hard to ensure that this year's fundraising event on May 3 will be a resounding success.

I managed to grab a few minutes from Leticia's busy schedule to ask her about her life as a diplomat. Diplomacy is bred in the bones of this family. Her husband is the son of a diplomat. He was born in Morocco, and lived with his parents in Chicago, Rome, Panama and Brazil. As a diplomat in his own right, he has represented his country in Africa, the Netherlands, France, the United States, and now Canada. Their children, 18-year-old son **Diego** and 16-year-old daughter **Lucia**, have had a passport and ticket to travel in hand since the age of eight.

One of Leticia's heroes is the well-known Spanish noblewoman, the **Duchess of Alba**, who has written extensively



Leticia Herberg Carrera (third from left), with son Diego, husband Enrique Ruiz Molero, and daughter Lucia.

on the art of hospitality. She says that hosting is the pleasure of letting people feel important and that they have interesting stories to tell. Leticia and her husband are a perfect team and perfect complement to each other. "It is a very exciting life," she says, "if you love your country and your husband."

I asked Leticia about the highlights of the first two years of their posting to Canada. She said that certainly the visit last fall of the Prime Minister of Spain, **Pedro Sanchez**, to Montreal would count for one. The visit was a very formal occasion with motorcades and much pomp and circumstance. And the second highlight? Leticia says she has fallen in love with the Canadian winter, the beauty of the snow-covered trees, the clean, crisp air!

On May 3, at Dining with the Ambassadors, you will have a chance to meet Leticia and her husband, along with the many other diplomats living in Rockcliffe who have generously opened their homes to their Rockcliffe neighbours. It will be an opportunity to experience an elegant evening with an international flair, right here at home. *Jane Panet*

Dining with the Ambassadors is the biennial fundraiser for our Rockcliffe Foundation, and it is like no other event! It is made possible by the generosity of our host diplomatic neighbours and our sponsors, Marilyn Wilson Dream Properties / Christies International, The Minto Group and WCPD Foundation. For details, email dwa@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.

Fletcher Wildlife Garden Annual Native Plant Sale

Saturday, June 1, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm | Free Admission

Fletcher Wildlife Garden Interpretive Centre, off Prince of Wales Drive, south of the Arboretum (Volunteers will be on hand to show you where to park.)

Help pollinators and butterflies, attract birds to your backyard. We'll show you which native plant species are favourites with wildlife at the FWG and which species will do well in your growing conditions. We have milkweeds for monarchs, asters to suit any garden location, goldenrods, blue-eyed grass, bergamot, beardtongue, a few native grass species and hundreds of other species from our own garden. **New this year:** Native Lupine, Blue False Indigo (not locally native), New York Ironweed, Fringed Gentian (we hope). A plant list will be available closer to the sale date. Our guest vendor this year will be **Beaux Arbres Nursery** (<https://beauxarbres.ca/>).

The Fletcher Wildlife Garden (FWG) is a long-term project of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, run by volunteers for the enjoyment and education of all Ottawa residents, and open for everyone to walk the trails, enjoy the garden and pond area, and learn about native plants. Our Annual Native Plant Sale is an opportunity for people to buy local plants and find out which ones are suitable for their own garden. See details at <https://ofnc.ca/programs/fletcher-wildlife-garden>.





WILDLIFE NOTES

The frozen McKay Lake has allowed the annual inspection of Tree Swallow boxes that are on poles in the water. Of the two new boxes in the east cattail marsh, the northerly one was not used. On opening the southerly one, we were startled to see eight complete peanuts in shells. The box had



been used by some creature to cache this food after the swallow nesting. The nearest source of peanuts would be the houses that back on to the conservation area, many tens of metres east of the box. Because the box stands

well out in the cattail marsh, away from cover, caching by a bird seems more likely than by a small mammal. I've never seen a swallow box used as a food cache.

This southerly box showed such a great depth of debris from raising young that two broods may have been successfully fledged. The long feathers likely originated in the pre-laying ritual in which a male collects a feather, then drops it in the air above the nest site for the female to catch and insert in the nest lining.

On the other, west, side of the lake, the new box at the extreme south end contained nothing – a surprise since I had seen a swallow pair flying around it, perching on it and inspecting the entrance last spring. To the north, below 194 Lansdowne, the box successfully used for years contained nesting material neatly formed by sitting birds, but no indication of eggs or young. North from there, full broods successfully flew from boxes on posts on land near the lake edge, one at 245 Sylvan and two at 400 Lansdowne.

So four or five Tree Swallow broods fledged around the lake, either one or two from the east marsh and three from the west shore. All eggs hatched, and all nestlings survived to fly. In 2017, four broods flew, and in 2016, three.

In December, a beautiful Goshawk was a frequent visitor at **Jeff and Tara-Leigh Mierins'** Fairview Avenue bird feeder. From the hawk's perspective, 'bird feeder' had a different meaning. Tara-Leigh saw some lightning dashes by the hawk at flying songbirds, but didn't actually see a strike.



In the past month, I've frequently heard a Raven or two passing over, and on a number of occasions noticed one perching on top of the communications tower above the public school – where a pair nested unsuccessfully last spring. The remains of last year's nest recently disappeared.



In the second week of February, **Frances Pick and Ken Rawes** had an unusual visitor on Ellesmere Place for several days – a thrush. Its thin white eye ring and presence here in winter argues for Hermit Thrush. A delicate beauty.

With lengthening days and sunshine, Cardinal males have begun to sing at each other on Fairview. Helping them through the hard winter with feeders may have paid off.

Anthony Keith, 14 March 2019

(Goshawk photo: Tara-Leigh Mierins; Thrush photo: Ken Rawes)

CAMMAC Benefit Concert: An Evening with the Cheng2 Duo

Sunday, April 14 at 7:30 pm | St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, 125 MacKay Street

The Cheng2 Duo (pronounced "Cheng Squared Duo") continues to be celebrated by audiences and critics alike for its artistic excellence, generous spirit and compelling vibrancy. The duo, formed by 21-year-old cellist **Bryan Cheng** and his sister, pianist **Silvie Cheng**, has been named one of CBC Music's "30 Hot Canadian Classical Musicians Under 30."



The Benefit Concert will be followed by a reception – an opportunity to meet the artists and fellow music lovers from Ottawa and beyond over a glass of wine. Tickets are \$75 (\$35 tax receipt), available at <https://cammac.ca/en/an-evening-with-the-cheng2-duo/>.

CAMMAC is a non-profit cultural organization dedicated to amateur musicians wishing to make music together in a non-competitive atmosphere. Its mission is to encourage people of all ages to experience the joy of making music together in a welcoming, supportive environment, through training, concerts and children's programs. Learn more at <https://cammac.ca/en/>.

SPORTS DAY CAMPS



ONEC's Multi-Sport Summer Day Camps: Tennis • Sailing • Rowing Canoeing • Stand Up Paddleboard

Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC) Summer Day Camps are filled with fun and adventure, and will give your child the experience of a lifetime. Under the guidance of certified instructors, participants learn new sports or hone skills, make new friends and have fun in the fresh air.

“Our keen interest is the development of skills in multiple sports,” said **Mike Hardstaff**, ONEC president. “And so our aim is to provide programs with flexibility, variety and value. Participants can take tennis lessons and/or a water sport – rowing, sailing, brigade canoeing, or the all-the-rage paddleboarding! Students in the Sailing and Sculling Programs can also obtain progressive certification,” he added.

ONEC Summer Day Camps are geared to kids from age 7 to 17 years. Operating from July 2 until August 23, they offer flexible sessions of one or two weeks, either full or half days. *And ONEC offers a 10% discount for paid bookings received by May 31.* Find details and register online at www.onec.ca/day-camp or phone **613 746-8540**.

ONEC is conveniently located just minutes from downtown Ottawa at 501 and 504 Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway, on the spectacular Ottawa River.



Learn, Improve, and Have a Ball This Summer at the Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club!

Come join us at the RLTC, a friendly club for families with an excellent junior program that teaches tennis fundamentals while developing a love of the game. Other programs at the club include adult and junior clinics, round robins, tennis socials, BBQ nights, tournament play and much more.

Our **Spring After-School Program** starts on May 13 and runs through June 21 (6 weeks).

Summer Weekly Tennis Camps run from June 24 through August 30.

Contact info@rltennis.ca for information. To register, go to www.rltennis.ca. Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club is located at 465 Lansdowne Road North in Rockcliffe Park. Come out to RLTC and have a ball!

HOUSE OF COMMONS



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

The Climate Action Incentive

Our government has built a plan to protect the environment and grow the economy. To ensure a cleaner, more prosperous future for our kids and grandkids, our climate action plan seeks to invest in renewables, promote using less energy, support public transit projects and put a price on pollution.

Putting a price on pollution is the best way to address climate change and our government also understands the importance of supporting families to make smart, clean investments. That is why, starting this year, the Climate Action Incentive has been introduced to give money directly to you while fighting climate change. An average Ontario family of four will receive \$307 through their Income Tax return this year.

The climate plan is ambitious, effective, and makes life affordable while creating good middle-class jobs. Since 2015, we have created more than 900,000 new jobs with a significant gain in full-time work. Our unemployment rate is also at its lowest level since the 1970s. We will always focus on jobs, growing the middle class and strengthening our economy.

Many residents and organizations of Ottawa-Vanier have taken steps towards making clean investments. From local park clean-ups to investments in renewable energy, every little bit helps. With the climate action plan, we hope to keep this momentum going to foster a cleaner and greener Canada.

As always, my constituency office is here to help you with any interactions with federal services. It is open Monday to Thursday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Give us a call at **613 998-1860**, or send an email to mona.fortier@parl.gc.ca.

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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. Newsletter editor: Cynthia Hamady, editor.rockcliffenews@rockcliffepark.ca.



From "Team Tobi" in the office of the Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward

Rockcliffe Park Update

Beechwood Avenue and Springfield Road Construction

This summer, City of Ottawa will undertake construction on a section of Beechwood Avenue (Douglas Avenue to Springfield Road), as well as Springfield Road (between Beechwood and Rideau Terrace). The existing underground infrastructure dates to the 1920s and must be replaced because it has reached the end of its life cycle. The project is expected to start as early as May 2019 and is anticipated to be completed in autumn 2019. More information will be available at rideaurockcliffeward.ca and presented at a public open house organized by the City:

Tuesday, April 9: drop in anytime from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Chartwell New Edinburgh Square, 35 Beechwood Avenue

The project includes:

- Replacement of the sanitary sewers on a short section of Beechwood Avenue (Douglas to Springfield);
- Replacement of the water mains along Springfield Road;
- Installation of wider 1.8-metre sidewalks on the west side of Springfield Road from Rideau Terrace to Bertrand and on the east side from Bertrand to Beechwood.

For the duration of the project, pedestrian access on Beechwood and Springfield will be maintained. Residents are encouraged to continue supporting our local businesses. On Beechwood Avenue, vehicular traffic (including cyclists) will be detoured between Charlevoix to St. Charles. Local access to businesses will be maintained. For a two-week period in the summer, Beechwood Avenue will be completely closed from Springfield Road to Douglas Avenue. Impacted businesses and residents will be notified in advance of the exact dates of the closure. Springfield Road will remain open to traffic, but there will be lane closures outside of rush hour when the water main is being installed.

Transit route detours are in the process of being prepared and will be communicated to the community in advance of construction. This construction is a continuation of the project that began on Beechwood last year. The work was divided over 2018 and 2019 to minimize the duration of the required road closure of Beechwood.



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

Why Campaign Promises Matter

During the last election, I had the opportunity to knock on thousands of doors and speak with residents from all corners of our City about what they wanted to see the new Council prioritise over the next four years. Residents wanted to see us continue to grow our economy while keeping the City affordable, create safer communities, invest in our roads and basic infrastructure, protect our environment, and ensure that Ottawa remains a caring and compassionate place. Within the first 100 days of the new 2018-2022 Term of Council, we have already started to deliver on many of the promises I made to residents during the election. On March 6, City Council unanimously approved the 2019 Budget while maintaining the tax cap I committed to while campaigning. Budget 2019 also delivered on important commitments I made in the areas of:

Economic Development: • Reducing the City's patio encroachment fees by 50 percent; • Increasing the City's support to Invest Ottawa by \$500,000; • Delivering the TriBros film studio and sound complex, creating 500 new full-time jobs within its first few years of operation, with no government funds; • Increasing the City's contribution to the Ottawa Film Office by \$60,000.

Safer Communities: • Hiring an additional 30 police officers in 2019; • Hiring an additional 56 paramedics over the next four years; • Increasing annual funding for traffic calming measures in each ward from \$40,000 to \$50,000; • Purchasing one more Automated License Plate Recognition device. The revenue generated will be reinvested into new programs, such as the School Bus Stop Arm project; • Doubling fines in high-risk school zones by designating them as Community Safety Zones; • Doubling the number new Red Light Cameras to be purchased in 2019; • Investing \$500,000 for Pedestrian Crossovers, 10 more crossing guards and funding for active transportation – with an investment in both the Ottawa Pedestrian and Cycling Plan of \$7.1 million.

Environment: • Planting additional trees in City parks and public spaces across Ottawa, starting with areas impacted by the recent tornadoes; • Seeing the continued progress of the Ottawa River Action Plan.

Affordable Housing: • Investing \$15 million for new affordable housing units in 2019; • Contributing City of Ottawa land to further boost the value of the City's affordable housing investment; • Developing 442 new affordable housing units in the coming years.

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ASHBURY
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OFSAA Medals for Ashbury

Congratulations to Ashbury athletes who competed at various provincial championships (OFSAA) over winter term.

Hannah Laquerre won two OFSAA gold medals in the pool and **Luke Allan** took home gold in Nordic skiing. The **Alpine Ski team** (pictured above) and our **Senior Boys Basketball** team also made it to OFSAA and represented Ashbury well.

A great deal of hard work and hours of training goes into a successful team effort, and we're proud of these students for their dedication to sport.

WHY CAMPAIGN PROMISES MATTER (continued)

Roads and Infrastructure: • Increasing the roads repair budget by \$9.8 million in 2019; • Making the necessary investments to address the infrastructure funding gap within five years instead of the projected ten years while adding no new debt.

Diversity and Inclusion: • Investing \$5.85 million in Long Term Care this year; • Appointing the very first Council Liaison for Women and Gender Equity; • Investing \$210,000 for the Women and Gender Equity Strategy, including one staff position to advance equity and inclusion for all; • Achieving 50/50 gender parity on Advisory Committees, Commissions and Boards.

Time to Plan for Summer

Whether you come to study or play, Ashbury College's summer programs will engage and excite you. From science to sports, Ashbury offers interactive courses for high school credit, skill development, academic preparation and fun activities for young campers. This year Ashbury is proud to offer redesigned summer programs from June to August. We are keen to offer Ashbury students and students from the broader community programming that helps them effectively manage their four-year secondary-school requirements.

Summer school is an opportunity for students to reach ahead, explore new areas of study, acquire new skills and have fun. It gives students a chance to build flexibility into their regular course of study and reduce pressure during the school year.

Academic Credit Courses

Academic credit summer school courses begin Monday, June 24, with final exams on Wednesday, July 17. Class times are 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. A delicious lunch, served daily, is included in the cost.

English Immersion/Explore Ottawa

This exciting program helps youth from ages 13 to 17 learn English in an authentic environment. A combination of class-work and field trips encourages students to speak English and engage with the Ottawa community.

Day Camps

Coed camps for students from ages 8 to 12 feature high and low organizational games, sports and activities. Art, clay-mation, debate, multi-sport, tech & tools, robotics, drama and Experience Ottawa camps are all offered.

All camp, academic prep, credit course program details and registration forms are available online at summer.ashbury.ca. Registration is limited, so sign up today!

Transit: • Investing \$7.8 million to purchase 12 new busses and \$55.2 million to replace buses at their end of life cycle; • Extending no-charge transit service to Sundays for seniors; • Approving the Stage 2 LRT project, which will expand the O-Train by 44 kilometres to the south, east and west, and add 24 new stations while reducing greenhouse gases and changing the way residents move through our City.

As we continue to make progress on these important City issues and priorities, I look forward to working with my Council colleagues, our partners and the public in order to help improve the lives of all Ottawa residents.

SCHOOL REPORT



High School Ski Team

Despite frigid temperatures, Elmwood's alpine ski team performed brilliantly at the NCSSAA championships in February. Grade 12 student

Amanda Nightingale placed third in slalom and fifth in giant slalom in the high school girls division. Meanwhile, **Maggie Fyfe** (Grade 10) placed 17th in giant slalom and 18th in slalom. In the open category, **Saffron Kotz** (Grade 9) placed third in both of her events. The team finished the day with three additional skiers – **Kaylah Carruthers**, **Sarah Allam** and **Félicia Donne** – all placing among the top 30 in their respective categories. Congratulations to all!

Elmwood Theatre

Elmwood Theatre returned this month with their production of **Silva Semerciyan's** *The Light Burns Blue*. Based on the true story of the Cottingley Fairies, the play starred **Alex Byrne** (Grade 12) as Elsie Wright, a 17-year-old girl who fooled the world into believing she had photographed real fairies. **Alexa Bothwell** shone as Winifred Douglas, the young journalist attempting to expose Elsie as a fraud. In addition to having a cast featuring over 20 Elmwood students, all props and costumes were also designed and made by our girls. With several sold-out shows during the play's run, *The Light Burns Blue* was another great success for the Elmwood theatre department.



Father Daughter Ball

On Saturday, February 2, Elmwood dads and daughters celebrated the 30th anniversary of this beloved tradition with "A Magical Night Under the Northern Lights" at the spectacular 50 Sussex. Guests dined on a Canadian-themed menu, danced under "Aurora Borealis" decor and were blown away by a surprise performance by Juno award-winning duo **Elijah Wood x Jamie Fine**.



Fry Skating Party



On February 20, Elmwood's Head of Fry House, **Alexa Bothwell**, organized a wonderful skating party for students, families, and members of the Elmwood community, held in support of Fry's house charity, the Ottawa Humane Society, at the newly opened Rockcliffe Park Field House and Ice Rink. After a fun-filled hour of skating, everyone returned to the school for a delicious dinner prepared by Elmwood's **Chef Candice** and an action-packed evening of games and raffles. Many thanks to everyone who came out and contributed.

DECA Conference

In early February, Elmwood students **Avril Sun**, **Melanie Li**, **Grace Goldberg**, **Maya Ladki** and **Sonia Odutola** travelled to Toronto for the annual DECA Inc. Provincial Competition. Through conferences and other events, DECA aims to instill professionalism and help youth respond to authentic business cases and market demands. The team performed extremely well, with Elmwood's Head Girl, Grace, placing as one of the top presenters in her category, PBM Principles of Business Management.



Elmwood Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Discovery Camps: For girls ages 4 to 12 | Weekly from June 17 to August 23 | 8:00 am to 5:30 pm | With exciting new weekly themes such as Robot Academy, Vet School, Chemistry Camp and Magic Camp, 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. Cost: \$305, including a delicious lunch and snacks, excursion or special quest, fun "giveaways" and a cool camp T-shirt!

Elmwood Skills Academy: For girls ages 7 to 17 | Weekly from June 17 to August 23 | 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. Camps are half or full day and costs vary. Visit elmwood.ca/summerncamp for details.

END NOTES

Meet Our April Sponsor



My name is **Mark Schwartz**, founder and operator of **Yard Butler**. I am very pleased to be the sponsor of this issue of *The Rockcliffe News*. Rockcliffe Park is well known for its beautiful outdoor spaces. However, many of you probably don't have the time to dedicate to achieving and maintaining immaculate grounds. Happily, Yard Butler is at your service!

At Yard Butler, we take pride in creating meticulously groomed yards and gardens. From mowing to weeding and trimming, raking and waste removal, we will expertly attend to every detail. We recognize the value of a pleasant and welcoming outdoor space that will complement the distinguished character of your home and neighbourhood. We offer many other services as well.

For more information, go to www.yardbutler.ca, or contact me at either **613 406-0353** or mark@yardbutler.ca. Couldn't we all use a Yard Butler?



Miles of Styles

IODE Laurentian Chapter is holding its 58th Annual House and Garden Tour on May 11.

This year's tour features five fine homes across Ottawa, including two Embassy residences in Rockcliffe Park – Tunisia on Crescent Road (*pictured above*) and Algeria on Thorold Avenue. The tour runs from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased as of April 15 at Books on Beechwood and Mood Moss Flowers. They are also available online now through the website Eventbrite.

The focus recipient for this year's tour is the Youville Centre, an innovative centre that inspires, educates and nurtures young mothers and their children to utilize their strengths and achieve their goals. Funds will go to provide much-needed new cribs.

For details about the tour and to purchase tickets, visit www.iodelaurentian.com, or call **Jo** at **613 842-5304**.



Calling all Runners and Walkers!

For the fourth year "running," the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO) is launching our "Run for a New Start" fundraiser as part of the Scotiabank Charity Challenge in the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend (May 25-26).

In a special campaign this year, all funds raised will go to Refugee 613, which works with OCISO and other groups and individuals to build a stronger Ottawa by ensuring that refugees feel welcomed and supported in our City.

For details, contact **David Rain** at drain@ociso.org or visit ociso.org/run-for-a-new-start/. To learn more about the work of Refugee 613, visit refugee613.ca.

Spring is Here, so it's Clean-up Time!

The Rockcliffe Park Spring Village Clean-up is an annual event you won't want to miss.

You choose a street or area to clean, and then head out for a couple hours of soul-satisfying neighbourhood beautification. Gloves, rakes, bags and refreshments are supplied. We will sign student forms for volunteer hours. Meet at Community Hall on Saturday, May 4 at 10:00 am. See you there!



The Ottawa Children's Festival Will ROCK Your Community!

We've packed in more fun than ever before: our 34th Festival features highly acclaimed shows from Ireland (They Called Her Vivaldi), Denmark (Fly), Germany (Kaschtanka), Spain (A Mano), Scotland (Is This a Dagger?), and Australia (Paper Planet), as well as Les Parfaits Inconnus, the circus performers from Quebec.



This year, to celebrate creativity, inclusion and the importance of community, we are holding a contest in your community throughout April and May called #OCFRocks. Decorate and hide a rock in your local park and share a photo of it on social media, tagging us. You might win a prize! Kids who find a rock will have a chance to win, too! (We will also be placing special rocks in neighbourhood parks.) Find details at ottawachildrensfestival.ca under "Events" and "Community Contests."

The Festival runs from May 8 to 12 at LeBreton Flats Park. Pick a show or two and head out for the day, or you can let me help you plan a magical day with us – contact me at joni@ottawachildrensfestival.ca. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to ottawachildrensfestival.ca.

Joni Hamlin