

THE ROCKCLIFFE NEWS



ROCKCLIFFE PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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The Canada geese have not yet returned, but this merry flock of flamingos was spotted on the Kelens' lawn in Rockcliffe Park on April 3. Photo: Sarah Baxter.

Rockcliffe Park Residents Association

The Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) is a volunteer-run membership organization. The RPRA implements and manages our community's programs. These programs are divided into our three core mandate areas: community building, heritage and environment. The RPRA also represents the interests of Rockcliffe and its residents to the city.

The RPRA board meets on the third Wednesday of the month, but for July, August and December. Meetings are in the evening and are open to all.

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2023 Committees

Community

Chair: Lisa Cogan

Heritage

Chair: Michele Hayman

Heritage Outreach

Chair: Susan d'Aquino

Environment

Chair: Iola Price

2023 Board Executive

Russell Gibson, President
John Butterfield, Treasurer
Anna Blauveldt, Corporate Secretary
Michele Hayman, Heritage Vice President
Lisa Cogan, Community Vice President
Mark Willcox, Environment Vice President
Peter Lewis, Past President

2023 Board Members

Chris Barker
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Jean-Guy Dumoulin
Linda English
Mary Gooderham
Leo Grant
Scott Heatherington
Kay James
Martin Perras
Kim Ratushny
Natalie Runoff
Gouhar Shemdin

Please Note: Email addresses for the Board Executive, VP Committee Chairs and other RPRA administrators may be found on page 6 of this newsletter.

Rockcliffe Park Foundation

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation is a registered charity that works to raise funds and stewards an endowment that provides the grants for our community's programs, events and initiatives. Our mandate is to support activities in three core areas: community building, heritage and environment.

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation relies on the generous contributions from neighbours and local businesses to support the many priorities that make our community thrive.

Thank you to our diplomatic community and our neighbours, Marilyn Wilson Dream Properties Christie's International Real Estate, The Minto Group and Foundation WCPD for their support of Dining with the Ambassadors 2023, our biennial fundraiser, which will be held this year on May 12.

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2023 Board Members

Sarah Baxter, Chair
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Dennis Waite, Treasurer
Jane Newcombe, Corporate Secretary
Marilyn Collette
Cynthia Cusinato
Kristen Healy
Fiona Murray
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Fundraising

Fund Management

Grant Making

Please Note: To learn more about the Rockcliffe Park Foundation, please visit our website or email us at info@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.



The Annual General Meeting of Members (AGM) was held on March 15, 2023, resulting in the election of four new directors and the re-appointment of current committee chairs and committee members. The board of directors will now be twenty in number, and includes newly elected directors Mary Gooderham, Leo Grant, Scott Heatherington and Martin Perras – welcome! Some readers will recall that we amended our articles in 2021 to expand the board to permit up to twenty-one individuals to serve as directors. Prior to the AGM, we also held a volunteer reception, attended by Councillor Rawlson King, who thanked the RPRA volunteers in attendance. Councillor King's colleague, Erin McCracken, and OCDSB Chair Lyra Evans also attended.

A number of proposals are currently under consideration for National Capital Commission (NCC) lands adjacent to our community, including on the Mile Circle and along the Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway. Coordination is presently underway with the neighbouring community association presidents of Manor Park, New Edinburgh, Lindenlea and Vanier to review and pass along information concerning the NCC's plans around our perimeter. Also under discussion are requests from Wateridge Village Community Association to open Hemlock Road to traffic from their community, and to reinstate the Number 17 OC Transpo bus route.

There are also proposals by Enbridge Gas Inc. to build a new natural gas pressurization station in the vicinity of Hillsdale Road. The lands in question are currently used as park land. The proposed new station is near the existing Enbridge maintenance site. Thank you to a number of concerned residents from Lakeway Drive for bringing this issue to our collective attention and for agreeing to attend our next board meeting to share more details concerning these proposals.

Under the leadership of director Mark Willcox, the RPRA will also be co-hosting a workshop with the local Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability (CAFES Ottawa). The workshop will be one in a series of community dialogues occurring between April and June on climate resiliency. These workshops will assist CAFES Ottawa in providing input to the City of Ottawa in respect to the City of Ottawa's Climate Resiliency Strategy. Go to cafesottawa.ca for a complete listing of events. Mark is also the RPRA's volunteers registrar and our contact not only for this event, but also for other RPRA volunteer opportunities. He can be reached at volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca. Volunteers are being sought for the Heritage Committee, and to follow and report on NCC consultations with our community regarding the lands proposed for development adjacent to the Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway.

With spring just around the corner, the City of Ottawa has released its summer programming for children and is offering discounts for early enrollment. Registration for the Rockcliffe Park/Lindenlea children's spring soccer league, which holds games at the soccer field adjacent to the Rockcliffe Park Public School, is available at lindenlea-community-centre.myshopify.com.

Also with the advent of spring, we have scheduled a neighbourhood clean-up day to make sure the Village looks its best for the outdoor season. Please join us on Saturday afternoon, May 6, behind the Community Hall at 380 Springfield Road at 1:00 pm to collect supplies. We will provide leaf bags and nitrile gloves. (Sturdier gloves and a rake might be useful.) Volunteers may choose the area they wish to clean up. We will rake, clean up debris, gather sticks and branches, and then meet back at the Community Hall at 3:00 pm for well-deserved refreshments. Students are welcome and we can sign student volunteer forms. Rain date: Sunday May 7, same hours.

A reminder: RPRA board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month (except for July, August and December) at 7:00 pm in the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall at 380 Springfield Road. At our upcoming meetings I anticipate visits from our provincial and federal elected representatives to consult with us on initiatives and matters of importance to our community. Meetings are open to all.

We would like to hear from you regarding the priorities that the RPRA should pursue or – even better – we would welcome your attendance at our meetings. Share your views, including any feedback that you may have regarding our programming and other activities. To contact us by email, please refer to the list on page 6 of this newsletter.

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Save the Date

Village Spring Clean-up
Saturday, May 6
1:00 to 3:00 pm

Help beautify our neighbourhood!
Meet behind the Community Hall,
380 Springfield Road, at 1:00 pm;
leaf bags and gloves provided.
Rain date: May 7, 1:00 to 3:00 pm



The Rockcliffe Park Foundation and the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPR) are our two key neighbourhood organizations, linked in practice, history, and by shared values. The Foundation works closely with and provides grants that support the RPR, whose volunteer board manages and coordinates our community programs and initiatives, in addition to representing the interests of our residents. These are divided into three core mandate areas: community building, heritage and environment.

More information on these important neighbourhood organizations may be found on the websites rockcliffepark.ca and rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation Annual Appeal

This past year remained challenging for many people, so it was especially warming to be reminded by so many of the wonderful community in which we live. Through your generosity, this year's appeal has raised \$33,559 so far, opening the way for investments in important community assets, recreational activities, preservation of our environment and parks, and to support and improve communications within the community.

Thank you to the following individuals, listed on the next page, who generously donated to the Annual Appeal of the Rockcliffe Park Foundation in 2022 and early 2023, and to those who wish to remain anonymous.

It is not too late! If you would like to donate, please mail your cheque to Rockcliffe Park Foundation, 25 Westward Way, Rockcliffe, ON K1L 5A8 or donate online at rockcliffeparkfoundation.org.

Rockcliffe Park Foundation Planned Giving



Rockcliffe Park Foundation is thankful to all its generous donors and would like to highlight the thoughtful contribution of long-time residents Pamela Delworth, who passed away in 2022, and her husband Tom, who predeceased her.

Throughout busy diplomatic lives that took them to Indonesia, Switzerland, Hungary, Sweden and Germany, Tom and Pamela enjoyed their time in Rockcliffe Park with son Christopher. Tom served as Chair of the Rockcliffe Park Foundation and Pam was well known for her contributions to the National Gallery of Canada.

Pam and Tom made a lasting contribution to Rockcliffe Park by making a bequest in their will to the Foundation. They recognized the special place that Rockcliffe Park was for their family and wished to contribute to maintaining the character of the Village for future generations. The Foundation wishes to thank the Delworths for their foresight and legacy contribution.

Please consider a legacy gift to the Foundation in your estate planning; your contribution will assist with maintaining and improving the character of the Rockcliffe Park community for years to come. **Jane Newcombe**

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation Thanks Our 2022 Donors

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If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding activities or policies overseen by the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association, please send an email to the appropriate RPRA member listed below.

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Minutes of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association Annual General Meeting March 15, 2023

In person meeting, held at Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road

Directors Present: Russ Gibson, President; Anna Blauveldt, Secretary; John Butterfield, Treasurer; Peter Lewis, Past President; Board Members Susan Peterson d'Aquino, Kay James, Patrick Blanar, Mark Willcox, Gouhar Shemdin, Bea Hampson, Kay James and Kim Ratushny.

The Annual General Meeting was immediately preceded by a reception for volunteers who helped make the RPRA's events a success. Councillor Rawlson King expressed appreciation for the continued hard work of volunteers and board members in advancing the community-building activities in Rockcliffe Park.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Russ Gibson assumed the Chair, welcomed all in attendance, and described voting procedures. Quorum was confirmed by Anna Blauveldt. He then asked for a motion to start the meeting. Moved: Iola Price. Seconded: Sharon Steele. The motion was carried.

2. Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda, sent to all members in advance of the meeting, was called. Moved: Nancy Cook-Johnson. Seconded: Sharon Steele. The motion was carried.

3. Approval of the last AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Members were sent to all members in advance of the meeting. The motion to approve the minutes of the last AGM was called. Moved: Susan d'Aquino. Seconded: Tony Keith. The motion was carried.

4. Approval of the Financial Statements of the Association to December 31, 2022

John Butterfield presented an overview of the financial position of the Association. He directed members to the 2022 Annual Report, which contains the full financial report. He described the three sources of Association funding: restricted funds related to book sales and benefitting the Ottawa Public Library with a closing balance of

slightly over \$25K; restricted funds representing grants from the Village Foundation for community activities with a closing balance of slightly over \$20K; and unrestricted funds assets of over \$50K, including income from Association membership fees. John Butterfield noted that the recent RPRA membership drive had been successful, with a sharp increase to over 250 households. Net assets were down from 2021, with a 2022 balance of roughly \$100K.

The motion to approve the Financial Statement to December 31, 2022 was called. Moved: John Butterfield. Seconded: Vicky Gibson. The motion was carried.

5. Approval of Waiver of Audit

The Board of Directors proposed to the Membership a waiver of an audit for the ensuing year. The motion was called. Moved: John Butterfield. Seconded: Bea Hampson. The motion was carried.

6. President's Report

Russ Gibson stated that the RPRA Annual Report had been delivered in advance to all members. It contained the President's Report, together with reports on heritage issues, environmental matters, community building activities and the financial report.

He presented highlights of the board's report. Many RPRA programs and activities were resumed in 2022 after being cancelled in 2021 due to the pandemic. While reports from the three pillars showed some slowing compared to pre-pandemic activity levels, there were still some 30 events held last year, thanks to the help of volunteers and the support of the Rockcliffe Park Foundation.

The president noted the achievements of the Heritage Committee in representing RPRA interests in planning matters with the City, and expressed satisfaction that the Built Heritage

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Committee of the City was now a full committee independent of the Planning Committee. He noted there are challenges ahead related to NCC plans for the parkway environment, including the Mile Circle, the Riverhouse (formerly the Boathouse), and the proposal for the Enbridge pumping station near Hillsdale. Other issues include the resumption in discussions on a further interprovincial bridge crossing, and ramifications of provincial Bill 23. The president closed his report by noting openings on RPRA committees, encouraging new members to join.

7. Nominating Committee Report

Peter Lewis presented the Nominating Committee report, noting the nomination of the following individuals and recommending election to the board of Scott Heatherington, Martin Perras, Leo Grant, and Mary Gooderham. The new roster would include these candidates and returning directors. The motion was called to accept the Nominating Committee report to elect the following proposed and returning directors: Anna Blauveldt, Chris Barker, John Butterfield, Patrick Blamar, Michele Hayman, Susan d'Aquino, Linda English, Russell Gibson, Kay James, Peter Lewis, Gouhar Shemdin, Jean-Guy Dumoulin, Natalie Runoff, Kim Ratushny, Lisa Cogan, Mark Willcox, Scott Heatherington, Leo Grant, Martin Perras and Mary Gooderham. Moved: Peter Lewis Seconded: Iola Price. The motion was carried.

The RPRA thanked directors Bea Hampson, Matthew Henderson, Linda Dicaire, and Daniel Goldberg, for their volunteer service as they were not standing for re-election.

8. Adjournment

There being no questions, the motion was called to adjourn the meeting. Moved: Peter Lewis. Seconded: Gouhar Shemdin. The motion was carried.

Note: These minutes are a draft for approval by the membership at the AGM in 2024.

Mary Gooderham

What motivated you to join the RPRA board?

I am interested in helping out where I can around the neighbourhood and getting to know more people here.

What do you like best about Rockcliffe?

I especially like the fact that our area has something for everyone. Having arrived here with preschoolers, raising them through to adulthood and now as a quasi empty-nester looking toward semi-retirement, I appreciate that Rockcliffe suits people at every age and stage of life. From the proximity of our schools, community centre and library to the walking, cycling and swimming at our doorstep, we are very lucky indeed.

What other board/professional experience have you had?

I lived in Washington, DC before moving here and served as a member of the board of Friends of Friendship Park, which raised money and renovated what is fondly known as Turtle Park, down the street from our home. We collected more than \$250,000 (US) from individuals and businesses, and then rallied neighbours to transform and maintain the playground, landscaping and other park features, a huge effort.

What stories would you like to share?

I first came to Rockcliffe Park when I was a student at Carleton University in the early 1980s and attended a luncheon at the home of my aunt and uncle.

Visiting this bucolic, independent-minded village was truly an off-campus experience. I never dreamed I would eventually spend a large part of my life here.

Scott Heatherington

What motivated you to join the RPRA board?

I have had the privilege of living in Rockcliffe Park for 43 years and have benefited from the work of countless volunteers. Now I believe it is time to return the favour and make my contribution to maintaining the quality of this unique place.

What do you like best about Rockcliffe?

The rich tree canopy of Rockcliffe and its wonderful gardens and parks are appreciated not just by its residents, but by visitors from all over Ottawa and beyond.

I have had the good fortune of working in many historic cities such as Hong Kong, Moscow, Bangkok, London/UK, Bonn, Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius, but when I returned to Ottawa and cycled or walked home from the office, the 'country air' and the schools by the Village Green always gave me a sense of renewal.

What other board/professional experience have you had?

I have served on several professional boards such as the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers, the Canadian Ambassadors Alumni Association and the Refugee Committee at the Church of St Bartholomew, as well as Inventus, a mining exploration company. This experience should be a positive factor for my forthcoming work on the RPRA board. I look forward to working with the team, especially on the Heritage Committee and its outreach activity in the community.

Meet the RPRA Board: Members respond to questions designed to reveal their motivation for living in Rockcliffe Park and volunteering for the RPRA board. Compiled and edited by Alison Green and Marilyn Venner.



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Speakers Program
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The Rockcliffe News
RPR Website
RP Spring Book Sale
Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing
Holiday Children's Party
Outdoor Movie Nights
Welcome Committee
RPPS Soccer Field
RRCRC Fundraiser

Report on Community Activities

Now that winter is drawing to a close (although given the amount of snow still remaining, one wonders if winter will ever end!), the following report is an overview of activity in our community.

1. Membership Campaign

The final stage, telephone calls, will begin mid-April. If you have not yet renewed your RPR membership, please do so as soon as possible to help reduce the workload of our telephone committee.

- Past RPR president Peter Lewis has agreed to monitor the membership database and keep it current. Queries regarding the status of a membership may be sent to him at membership@rockcliffepark.ca.

- Membership ensures receipt of the weekly e-blast, courtesy of Kay James. Note that non-members will be deleted from the master list once the campaign is closed.

2. Website Updates

- Jean-Guy Dumoulin, our website coordinator, has been working with a team to update some aspects of our site, rockcliffepark.ca. The current areas of focus are simple access to the web version of The Rockcliffe News; a list of current board members paired with their respective photograph and community email addresses, where applicable; and some modifications to the membership site, which includes PayPal options and volunteer opportunities. If you have any suggestions for corrections or additional features to be included on the RPR site, email Jean-Guy at webupdates@rockcliffepark.ca.

3. Spring Community Activities

- There will be a Village Spring Clean-up on May 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are most welcome! Team leaders Iola Price and Marilyn Venner look forward to working with you. Contact Iola at iola.price@outlook.com to offer your help – or just show up! Find additional details in this newsletter on pages 3 and 16.

- The Rockcliffe Park Foundation will hold its major biennial fundraising event, Dining with the Ambassadors, on May 12. It is the first since 'Covid' and is a most welcome sign of normalcy. This unique evening, which is graciously hosted by our diplomatic neighbours, is enjoyed by many in our community. For details please visit rockcliffeparkfoundation.org, or send an email to 2023dwa@gmail.com.

- Ottawa Garden Club Garden Tour, June 26 through 28. While this is not an RPR activity, it is worthy of mention. The Ottawa Garden Club, which meets monthly in our Community Hall and was originally founded by neighbourhood residents, has arranged a wonderful three-day/two-night trip to the Northumberland area of Ontario. Highlights include the estate of R.S. McLaughlin (founder of General Motors of Canada), now known as Parkwood National Historic Site, and Oshawa Valley Botanical Garden, together with some extraordinary private gardens. As this area's growing zone is similar to ours, this will be an excellent opportunity to not only enjoy these gardens in full bloom, but also to take notes as to bed planting arrangements that could survive our Ottawa climate, and to photograph interesting planter combinations. For further information, please contact Chris Edwards (president, OGC) at chrisee68@gmail.com or Margaret Dailey-Plouffe (tour organizer) at hnatravels@gmail.com. The bus pick up/drop off point is at Elmwood School. It couldn't get any easier!

4. Fall Community Event

- It's definitely time for our Village to celebrate! There are several ideas being discussed for a 'Fall Village Fete.' If you have any suggestions, please email me at ejcogan@gmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of April and May – it's such an uplifting time once the spring blooms start to show their colours.

Lisa Cogan, Community Chair

Upcoming Programs at the Library

The Rockcliffe Park Library, located at 380 Springfield Road, has exciting programming for everyone to enjoy this spring! Much of our programming is made possible by proceeds from the annual Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale, on hiatus but still raising funds through periodic book drives. Come in and visit us any time, or join us for any of the following programs. Please note that any registrations can be done in person, by phone or online at bibliooottawa.library.ca/en.

Family Programs

Family Storytime at the Library: Every Monday morning at 9:30 am we present stories, rhymes and songs for children of all ages and a parent or caregiver. This is a drop-in program in English.

PD Day Program: Parrot Partners

Friday, April 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 am

Welcome to the wonderful world of parrots in this unique educational event! With live parrots, learn about these remarkable wild animals – their biology, behaviours, and the issues around their preservation. This is a family event, in English. Registration required as space is limited.

Congo African grey parrot.
Photo: Paul Grant Photography, from tripadvisor.ca.



Adult Programs

Rockcliffe Park Book Club: Join fellow book lovers on the first Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 2:30 pm for lively literary discussions.

Next meeting: May 2

Title to be discussed:

The Thursday Murder Club, by Richard Osman

Music in the Stacks: Drop in at the library on Thursday, April 27 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm for music by the NAC Quartet.

For more information on these and other events, check out the program and event calendar on the Ottawa Public Library website, bibliooottawa.library.ca/en/programming-calendar.

Staff Recommendations

Looking for your next great read? Come in and chat with our knowledgeable staff! Or drop by to have a look at our display of staff picks. Here is a snapshot of what you might discover:

Tim's favourite genre is Horror Fiction. He also likes mysteries and knows quite a lot about good teen fiction. Tim's pick for April is *Endurance* by J.A. Konrath.

Suzanne loves Science Fiction. One of her all-time favourite books is Becky Chambers' *To Be Taught, if Fortunate*.

Elizabeth reads Historical and Dystopian Fiction. Her favourite Historical Fiction is *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. This month she also recommends *Her Last Flight* by Beatriz Williams.

Martha's favourite genre is Contemporary Fiction. This spring she is reading one Maggie O'Farrell book after another and recommends them all. If you want to start at the beginning, Maggie O'Farrell's first book is entitled *After You'd Gone*.

Martha Hodgson

Speakers Program

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

at 8:00 pm

Rockcliffe Park Community Hall

380 Springfield Road

Diana Nemiroff

'The National Gallery of Canada: Past, Present, and Future'



Former curator of both contemporary and modern art at the National Gallery for 21 years and author of *Women at the Helm*, about the first three women directors of the gallery, Diana was one of the signatories to a public letter that launched a media storm over the recent turmoil that has engulfed the gallery. She will bring her deep experience and sharp mind to a talk about the past, present, and future of this iconic institution.

The Speakers Program presents engrossing evenings with presentations by distinguished speakers, followed by questions, coffee and cookies. Admission is free. **Out of respect for all, we strongly urge that masks be worn.**

The Speakers Program is an initiative of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association and is supported by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation. For more information visit rockcliffepark.ca.

Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale Book Drive, April 30

Rockcliffe residents looking to donate their unwanted books will be pleased to learn that the organizers of the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale are holding their first Book Drive of 2023 on Sunday, April 30 in the parking lot behind the Community Hall at 380 Springfield Road between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

For those of you who have forgotten the drill: please pack your donations of gently used books (English and French only) in wine-size boxes for ease of handling. Place the packed boxes in the trunk of your car and drive to the Community Hall, using the Springfield Road entrance, where volunteers will remove them.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept audio-visual materials at this time; and no magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias, please.

As regular readers of this newsletter know, we spend time culling and sorting your donations to ensure that the books are of the highest quality, as we then sell them to a local second-hand book dealer. However, we kept back the children's books we received during previous book drives and now have a sufficient quantity of quality material to justify organizing a separate 'mini-Sale' of children's books.

We are planning to hold this mini-Sale on the back lawn of the Community Hall at the end of May or early June, but the timing is not yet finalized. The exact date will depend on the weather and has yet to be confirmed with the City of Ottawa and the Library. Please look for announcements on your local Listserv and the Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale Facebook page (facebook.com/springbooksale).

In the meantime, we hope to see you and your donations at the end of April. As always, we are grateful to this community for your continued support of our Library. Thank you.

Carolyn Brereton



The Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC) has a long and storied history as one of the oldest multi-sport clubs in Canada. ONEC was first established in 1883 as the Ottawa Canoe Club on the banks of the Ottawa River. For its first 11 years in operation, the club was located at the foot of the Rideau Canal locks near Parliament Hill, and then relocated two miles downstream near the Governor General's residence in 1894.

After a fire destroyed the second boathouse, the club acquired a lot further downstream with plans for a new beginning. By 1923, the magnificent new boathouse was completed, where it remains to this day. Membership soared to over a thousand patrons, and on warm summer evenings many could be found dancing the night away, attending dinners and admiring the sunset over the Ottawa River with the Gatineau Hills in the background, all from the expansive second-floor balcony, which runs the entire 120-foot length of the building.

As in times past, the boathouse remains a big draw for those who like to adventure out along the Ottawa River with friends. For 100 years, people have been accessing the river from the historic boathouse, which has served as the main hub for ONEC Sailing, Rowing and Paddling for generations. The building is nearing the end of a multi-year, multi-million-dollar restoration by the National Capital Commission (NCC). Once complete, ONEC members will once again be able to spend time socializing and watching the magnificent sunsets over the Ottawa River.

In addition to water sports, ONEC is known for its seven red clay tennis courts and four recently resurfaced hard courts with LED lighting, perfect for playing tennis long into the warm summer evenings. The ONEC Sports Pavilion sits adjacent to the courts – an ideal place to take in a match while enjoying a drink with friends.

Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC)

ONEC Celebrates 140 Years Along the Ottawa River

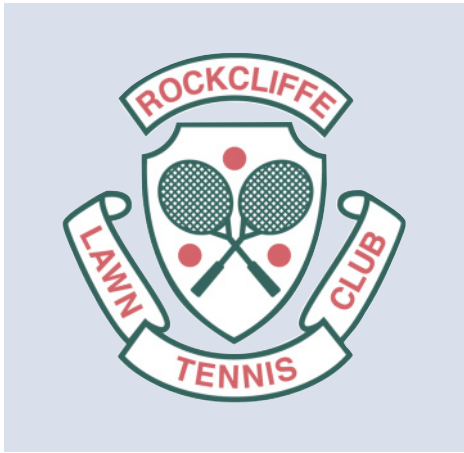
This year marks several important milestones for the Club, including 50 years of Summer Youth Day Camps, 100 years in its beautiful heritage boathouse, and 140 years of providing the National Capital Region community a vibrant recreational space for Tennis, Sailing, Rowing and Paddling. Celebrations are in the works.

Early Bird rates for Tennis, Sailing, Rowing and Paddling memberships and camps are available until April 30. Introduced last year, a new Young Adult membership category for ages 18 to 30 offers savings of 50 percent, which means a full spring, summer and fall season of ONEC sports at just \$105 for Paddling, \$243 for Tennis, and \$295 for Sailing or Rowing. In addition to memberships, the club also offers free and paid community programming accessible to both members and non-members alike. And don't miss out on ONEC's popular Summer Youth Day Camps, already filling up for July and August. All four ONEC sports are on offer for the 2023 camp season, with sports instruction provided by trained, certified instructors. All skill levels are welcome.

Details and registration for the 2023 season for both membership and summer camps is available online at onec.ca.

John Moore, ONEC Communications Director





Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club (RLTC)

**RLTC Programming
Starts on May 29**



The Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club is excited to announce that our programming will start on May 29 and will be led by the same world class coaches we had last year – Zhenya Kondratovski and Dan Vila. We offer a variety of adult programs including Cardio Tennis, Doubles Strategy and Match Play, as well as clinics ranging from beginner to advanced. There is a program for every kind of tennis player, so sign up today!

For juniors, we have after-school recreational and pre-competitive programs starting the week of May 22nd for children aged 5 to 14. RLTC summer camps run from June 26 until August 25 – sign up for one or more weeks. Our enthusiastic coach Zhenya and his team provide a fun and energizing environment each week day from 9:00 am to noon. Campers will work on skills such as groundstrokes, volleys, overhead, serve, tactics and footwork in fun and engaging ways. Camps will be held rain or shine.

Photos, above and at right: RLTC offers programming for both adults and kids, plus ladders, round robins, tournaments and private lessons. Photos: rltennis.ca.

Established in 1923, the Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club is located in the wooded heart of the Village of Rockcliffe Park. The club has been a central gathering space for almost one hundred years, bringing tennis enthusiasts together in the spirit of congeniality and positive sportsmanship.

The club is dedicated to embracing the sport of tennis and enhancing our sense of community. We are located at 465 Lansdowne Road North.

For more information on the club and our programs, and to register, visit the RLTC website, rltennis.ca. **Laurie Maybury, RLTC President**



Boutique Cornerstone Pop Up Sale Returns in May



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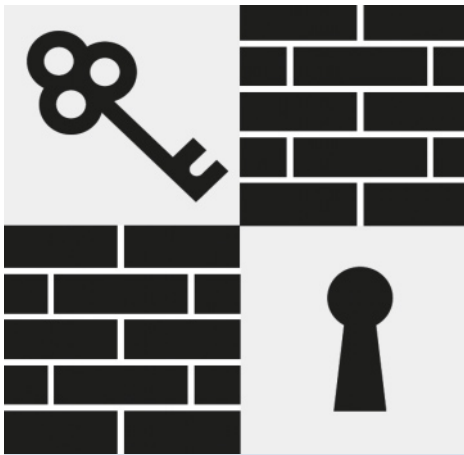
On May 5 and 6 the upstairs space at Thyme & Again at 1255 Wellington Street West will be transformed into a beautiful, gently-used fashion boutique in order to raise funds for Cornerstone’s emergency women’s shelter.

Cornerstone provides housing and support for women and gender-diverse people. “It costs us \$1 million to run our shelter’s operation this year [in 2022] and we have to fundraise half of this to operate our shelter,” said Amber Bramer, resource development manager of Cornerstone Housing for Women. “The funds from this event will go a long way in helping us at our shelter.”

One hundred percent of sale proceeds go towards supporting the work of Cornerstone Housing for Women which has, since 1983, made Ottawa a better, safer place for women.

Donations of fashionable and nearly-new women’s clothing and accessories are welcome in advance of the sale. To donate, contact andrea.laurin@laurin.ca, anna.rumin@gmail.ca or katielffaught@gmail.ca. To find out more about Cornerstone Housing for Women, please visit cornerstonewomen.ca.

And please spread the word about this fun and friendly event!

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Rockcliffe Park Heritage Walk 2022 Wins City of Ottawa Heritage Award



The City of Ottawa has awarded the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Walk project its 2023 Community Initiative Award in recognition of the self-guided heritage walk organized last June in Rockcliffe Park.

Readers will remember a glorious, sunny June 2022 weekend when hundreds of people clutching maps meandered along our streets to stop and read elegant roadside signs that described the characteristics and often colourful stories of the featured heritage houses.

The city's Heritage Department organized an awards evening on February 21 at the ByTowne Cinema. Rawlson King, our councillor and chair of Ottawa's Built Heritage Committee, presented our award, as well as awards for other projects in categories such as best restoration and best addition to a historic building.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Heritage Walk's organizing team were Gouhar Shemdin, who submitted the nomination, and committee members Marilyn Venner and Martha Edmond (shown from left to right in the photo at top, with juror Andrew Waldron in back, and Councillor Rawlson King at right). Committee members unable to attend were Lisa Cogan, Susan d'Aquino, Daniel Goldberg, Michele Hayman, Kay James and Susan Taylor.

In their comments, the jury noted: "Taking heritage activities to heart, the people of Rockcliffe Park came together to create an engaging and accessible program to highlight the importance and meaning of their unique properties and landscapes. Offering a well-designed program with participatory citizen principles, it was a heritage initiative that merits emulation."

The biennial community heritage award is presented to an individual or group who has had a positive impact on heritage conservation in Ottawa. We are proud to have been recognized for ongoing heritage conservation efforts in Rockcliffe Park.

The presenters provided details of the winning project, complete with a big-screen depiction of the event.



Smart Living Development on Beechwood Avenue Approved by Ontario Land Tribunal



In the September 2022 newsletter we reported that City Council had rejected the proposal by Smart Living to demolish five single-family dwellings at 229 to 247 Beechwood Avenue in Rockcliffe Park, consolidate their lots, and replace them with two apartment buildings with 94 units. We had strongly supported the city's rejection of this development. As anticipated, Smart Living appealed the city's decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal. The OLT issued a decision on March 9 approving the development.

We regard this as a stunning setback for our heritage plan and for Rockcliffe Park. We set out the reasons for the city's and our opposition to this development in the September 2022 newsletter. In brief: Multi-unit buildings are permitted on this part of Beechwood. However, joining the five lots into two creates lots which are larger than permitted by our Heritage Plan. The apartment buildings will dwarf nearby residences in height and mass. The apartment buildings will dominate the properties, leaving inadequate greenspace. In these ways and others, the development does not conform with the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Plan and is fundamentally incompatible with its objectives and the heritage characteristics the Plan is designed to protect.

The tribunal thinks differently. We believe the tribunal has made an error of law by failing to consider, misconstruing, or misunderstanding important provisions of our Heritage Plan, and by putting weight on factors that are not relevant to our Heritage Plan. We are asking the OLT to review its decision on this basis.

For ourselves, when the Heritage Committee of the RPRC evaluates development proposals, we take great care to abide by what our Heritage Plan says – we do not enter into personal judgements, we do not conjure contexts in which we balance one thing against another, we do not support ways of mitigating, getting around, or avoiding what the Heritage Plan provides. We stick to what our Heritage Plan says. We believe it is neither fair, nor legitimate, to do otherwise.

The person who presided over the four-day tribunal hearing agreed to grant the RPRC party status so the tribunal could "benefit from the factual knowledge and perspectives of the RPRC ... in pursuit of a fair, just and expeditious proceeding." It was disconcerting to hear counsel for Smart Living object to this and state that the tribunal should take whatever we said "with a grain of salt." This was compounded when he distorted a statement we made, turning it into something ridiculous, and commented "This speaks volumes of the evidence of the RPRC."

These comments shine a bright light on an entrenched and troubling aspect of the context in which representatives of communities must function. When appearing before City Council, its committees, tribunals or courts, no matter how well qualified and deeply knowledgeable we may be of our communities and their governing documents, it is what the 'experts' have to say that is deemed to count the most. These experts are professionals in their fields, working on behalf of the developers/property owners who engage them. Experience has shown that they are not immune from the adage that 'he who pays the piper calls the tune.' This is one of the reasons that we appreciate the support expressed by many Rockcliffe residents for the work we do on behalf of the Rockcliffe Park community and its wonderful heritage.

Susan d'Aquino, Chair, Heritage Outreach

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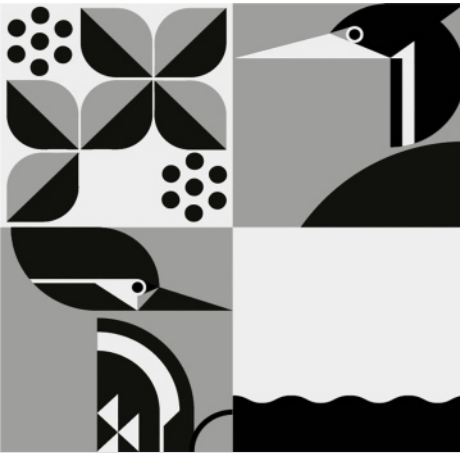


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Welcome New Neighbours: We hope you enjoy this issue of The Rockcliffe News, and all that Rockcliffe has to offer. Don't miss the weekly email, 'News and Events in Rockcliffe Park,' which is sent exclusively to Rockcliffe residents who are members of the RPRC. To join the RPRC (\$25 per household/year), please either go online to rockcliffepark.ca/shop or send an email to membership@rockcliffepark.ca.

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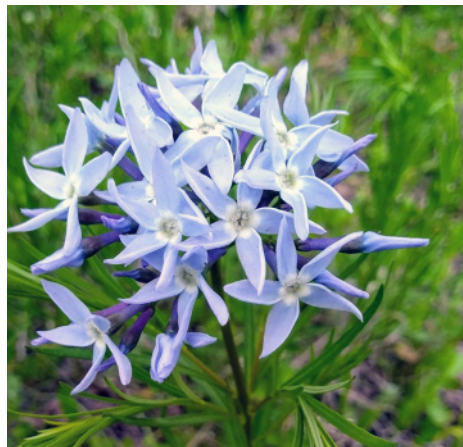
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- Village Green
- Jubilee Garden Maintenance

On Gardening

I'm writing this column on the first day of spring which, I confess, feels slightly surreal given the four-foot-high snowbanks at the roadside. Nevertheless, all the snow will eventually disappear and the nurseries will re-open with the opportunity to add some choice selections to your garden. With that in mind, I thought I would suggest some perennials that I think are often under-used but particularly valuable. I will not, for the most part, indicate the cultivar (there are many), merely the genus.

- **Aconitum**, especially *A. carmichaelii* Also known as monkshood, these are tall plants that thrive in sun or semi-shade and do not need staking. They produce beautiful purple-blue flowers in late summer/early fall that resemble a monk's hood. If you have young children or rampaging dogs, please note that every part of this plant is toxic.
- **Agastache** These are wonderful garden plants. Extremely strong stems and foliage that smells of aniseed, they produce flowers over a long period and are loved by butterflies and bees. Their only downside is that they are relatively short-lived, so they should be given a chance to self-seed.
- **Amsonia** One of my favourite perennials. It is long-lived, with lovely clean foliage and racemes of pale blue star-like flowers.

Amsonia. Photo: plants.ces.ncsu.edu



Epimedium. Photo: whiteflowerfarm.com

- **Artemisia**, especially *A. lactiflora* Guizhou This hard-to-find perennial is worth seeking out. Tall with glossy dark foliage, purple-flushed when young, large panicles of cream-coloured flowers and purple stems. This perennial will thrive in sun or semi-shade. Its only downside is that it is absolutely intolerant of drought.
- **Baptisia** This is a large, shrub-like perennial for sun with flowers that resemble lupins.
- **Calamintha** I discovered this perennial just last summer at Whitehouse Perennials. These are wonderful edging plants, aromatic, with airy white flowers. The bees absolutely adored them in my garden.
- **Epimedium** These are wonderful ground-cover plants for shady spots with beautiful foliage and tiny four-petalled flowers in early spring.
- **Gillenia trifoliata** This is a tall, shrub-like and sturdy perennial with long-flowering clouds of white flowers. There is a pale pink variety. It does well in my garden in sun/semi-shade with average moisture.
- **Thalictrum**, especially *T. rochebrunianum* An exceptionally lovely and graceful perennial. It is tall with dark stems and blue-ish foliage and makes a wonderful see-through perennial. It does not require support and likes fertile, moisture-retentive soil.

Happy gardening! Gillian Edelson

Gillenia trifoliata. Photo: crocus.co.uk



Wildlife

Out for a walk recently I was greeted by bursts of rapid drumming by a Hairy Woodpecker, and in the sky above a flight of Canada Geese cruised down towards the open water of the river – encouraging signs of spring in a landscape still deep in snow. The first Cardinal I heard singing this year was on February 18. The next day I and I walked the lake ice to check our nesting boxes for Tree Swallows. The box at the south end recorded a failure – two unhatched eggs and the bodies of two tiny young. The one at the north end showed success – all eggs hatched and all young fledged. Nestings in two boxes on the d'Aquino frontage were successful. The normal clutch size is four to six, so about fifteen young swallows flew from nest boxes around the lake last summer.

Two Mourning Doves fed below our feeder on March 20, the first I'd seen since last fall. When a dog barked next door, the doves smartly raised their heads on full alert. Four days later a Crow flew past the Fairview pines carrying a twig for nest building; today, nest construction has begun. On the 25th a Raven surveyed its domain from atop the tall communication tower by the Community Hall. I wonder whether it was thinking of delicious Crow eggs soon to be on offer.

Tara-Leigh Mierins sent a photograph of a male Flicker at her feeder on March 26. Flickers are not normally present from January to the third week of March, unlike Downy, Hairy and Pileated Woodpeckers that are with us all year.

Anthony Keith, 30 March 2023

An 'Old Friend' Comes to a Sad End

It is tough to lose a tree and even tougher when one has to make the decision that it is time to have an 'old friend tree' cut down.

We think our butternut grew outside our century-old house for more than 80 years – maybe even more. It was probably planted by a squirrel and was protected during the construction of an addition in the late 1960s. Sadly, like almost every butternut in North America, it contracted butternut canker, a fatal fungus, and for the last 15 to 20 years we have pruned it in an attempt to prolong its life – but all good things come to an end. It was 70 centimetres (28 inches) in diameter, which put it into the Significant Tree category and that meant obtaining a permit to remove it under Ottawa's Tree Protection Bylaw. And, because butternut is listed as Endangered under the federal *Species At Risk Act* (Ontario) and provincially under the *Endangered Species Act*, another permit, certifying its ill health status and providing permission to remove it, was also required.

So, on the appointed day in February, a very large truck with a large crane rumbled into our yard. And soon an agile arborist was hoisted to the treetop above our roof to begin the process of removing branches, bit by bit. The crane and tree removal companies have made use of controllers developed for the computer gaming industry, and the jaw clamping and lowering the logs was controlled from the ground by a small hand-held console held by the removal supervisor. That was fascinating to watch. Shortly after noon, the job was finished and all that remains is a two-metre-high stump that may be carved into a lawn ornament someday, and numerous small logs and some slices that will feature in the renovation of 245 Sylvan, next door. The large logs will be turned into furniture.

Rockcliffe Park is losing its large mature trees and we should be replanting where possible. I grew from seed and then planted a bitternut hickory several years ago as an eventual replacement for the butternut and it is now about 10 metres (30 feet) tall. In recent years, the Village lost an enormous sugar maple on Springfield opposite RPPS, another on the corner of Cloverdale and Old Prospect, one on our Fairview frontage, and a large cottonwood on Juliana. And then there was the derecho in May that toppled more trees than I could count – on private and public property. But, what I think is the largest tree in the Village, a sugar maple on Buena Vista, was undamaged. *Iola Price*



Right: A sad end for the butternut tree at 563 Fairview, but some of the wood will have a new life as furniture.

APRIL

19 WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
RPR Board Meeting; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; all are welcome

27 THURSDAY 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Library Program: Music in the Stacks, featuring the NAC Quartet; Rockcliffe Park Library, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 9 of this newsletter

28 FRIDAY 10:30 - 11:30 AM
Library Program: PD Day Program: Parrot Partners; Rockcliffe Park Library, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 9 of this newsletter

30 SUNDAY 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale Book Drive, in the parking lot behind the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 10 of this newsletter

30 SUNDAY
Last day to take advantage of ONEC Early Bird Rates for both membership and kids' day camps; details on page 10 of this newsletter

MAY

02 TUESDAY 1:30 - 2:30 PM
Library Program: Rockcliffe Park Book Club; Rockcliffe Park Library, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 9 of this newsletter

05 FRIDAY
Boutique Cornerstone Pop Up Sale to benefit Cornerstone Housing for Women; Thyme & Again, 1255 Wellington Street West; details on page 11 of this newsletter

06 SATURDAY
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06 SATURDAY 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Village Spring Clean-up, meet in the parking lot behind the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 3 of this newsletter; see also below

07 SUNDAY 1:00 - 3:00 PM
RAIN DATE (if necessary): Village Spring Clean-up, meet in the parking lot behind the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 3 of this newsletter; see also below

12 FRIDAY 6:00 PM
Dining with the Ambassadors, Rockcliffe Park Foundation's biennial fundraiser, beginning with a cocktail party at the Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road, followed by dinners hosted by our diplomatic neighbours; details at rockcliffeparkfoundation.org

17 WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
RPR Board Meeting; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; all are welcome

24 WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM
Speakers Program: Diana Nemiroff, former National Gallery curator, on 'The National Gallery of Canada: Past, Present, and Future'; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; details on page 9 of this newsletter

29 MONDAY
Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club programming begins; RLTC, 465 Lansdowne Road; details on page 11 of this newsletter

JUNE

21 WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
RPR Board Meeting; Rockcliffe Park Community Hall, 380 Springfield Road; all are welcome

26 MONDAY to 28 WEDNESDAY
Ottawa Garden Club Garden Tour; details on page 8 of this newsletter

JULY

SUMMER VACATION!
 Look for weekly RPR email blasts to find out about summer events. (You must be an RPR member to receive this invaluable information. See our website, rockcliffepark.ca, for details on how to register and pay.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR Join your neighbours on Saturday, May 6 to spruce up our Village outdoor spaces. Meet behind the Community Hall at 380 Springfield Road at 1:00 pm to collect supplies. We will provide leaf bags and nitrile gloves. (Sturdier gloves and a rake might be useful, if you have them.) Volunteers may choose the area they wish to clean up. We will rake, clean up debris, gather sticks and branches, and then meet back at the Community Hall at 3:00 pm for well-deserved refreshments. Students are welcome and we can sign student volunteer forms. Rain date: Sunday May 7, same hours. Questions? Email Lola Price, iola.price@outlook.com.

