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## **Queen Juliana Hall**

Queen Juliana Hall, a combined gymnasium and auditorium located at 360 Springfield Road, was built in 1952 as an addition to the Rockcliffe Park Public School (RPPS). Home to the annual RPPS Book Fair, the Hall is named for Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, who came to Ottawa in 1940 (as Crown Princess Juliana) with her young daughters to seek refuge during the Second World War.

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**Recycling** *See: Garbage Collection*

**Renovations** *See: Heritage Conservation District*

**Rideau Hall** *See also: Events, Governor General, Ice Skating*

The Governor General's official residence since Confederation has been Rideau Hall. Located on the outskirts of Rockcliffe, the grounds are open to the public, with guided tours offered and some scheduled public events. Go to [gg.ca/visit-us](http://gg.ca/visit-us) for more information.

Public events include Halloween at Rideau Hall and an annual Winter Celebration on the grounds. The grounds include Canada's oldest outdoor skating rink, which was first installed in the time of Lord Dufferin, governor general from 1872 to 1878. Renovated during the time of Governor General David Johnston, the skating area now includes a wood stove-heated heritage building, the Winter Pavilion, fire pit and picnic tables. It is for leisure skating only (no hockey sticks or pucks, and no pets). Group reservations are accepted by request; email [guide@gg.ca](mailto:guide@gg.ca) to reserve.

## **Rockcliffe Park Foundation**

*See also Donations, Volunteering, Website*

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation is a registered charity with a volunteer board. Its role is to work to raise funds for an endowment fund, manage that endowment, and provide grants to support our community programs and events.

Through this grant program, the Foundation funds programs and events in three core areas – community, heritage and environment – which include the Rockcliffe News, maintenance of shared public spaces, RPRA events and conservation initiatives.

The Foundation works to strengthen its endowment fund with planned giving and donations, including its annual appeal to residents and the biennial fundraising event Dining with the Ambassadors. To learn more on how you can support the Foundation, go to [rockcliffeparkfoundation.org](http://rockcliffeparkfoundation.org). Please consider joining the Foundation by volunteering with a subcommittee, working group or campaign, or put your name forward to join the Foundation Board of Directors.

# Rockcliffe Park Residents Association

*See also: Meetings, Volunteering, Websites*

The Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) is a community-based membership organization run entirely by volunteers. All Village residents are encouraged to join and become involved. Members have access to the latest local news, participate in community events, and have their say about issues concerning them and the wider community. The RPRA maintains a website, [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca).

The RPRA organizes and administers community programs, services and events, along with the added mission to represent the interests of Rockcliffe residents. RPRA activities include the publication of the Rockcliffe News, and committees that include Communications, Environment, Library and Heritage, among others. The annual membership fee is just \$25 per household. Go to [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca) to register and pay online or, to pay by cash or cheque, download and print the form and follow the instructions. Forms may also be found in some issues of the Rockcliffe News.

The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month, except July, August and December, at the Rockcliffe Community Hall, with an Annual General Meeting scheduled in the first quarter of each year. Meetings are open to the public. Note: meetings may be conducted via Zoom when necessary; email [secretary@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:secretary@rockcliffepark.ca) for information and links to meetings.

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If you have questions, comments or suggestions, email [secretary@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:secretary@rockcliffepark.ca) or drop a note in the freestanding RPRA mailbox located at the Springfield Road entrance to the Community Hall. If you wish to volunteer for a community activity (described elsewhere in this booklet), email [volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca). Check the Rockcliffe News and the RPRA bulletin board opposite the RPRA mailbox for upcoming volunteer opportunities and events.

Many of the ongoing projects in our community are conducted through committees and subcommittees of the RPRA, with funding support provided by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation. Below are the most regular and long-standing of our committees.

## **Communications Committee**

This committee oversees the production and dissemination of information to the community through the Rockcliffe News newsletter, issued six times yearly and delivered door-to-door to all Village residents by a team of volunteers. The committee also reaches out to the community through the RPRA website, [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca), and through timely email alerts to RPRA members about issues and events of interest to the community. In addition, it produces other RPRA publications, such as this Rockcliffe Park A-Z booklet.

## **Environment Committee**

This committee works to encourage awareness of good stewardship of Rockcliffe's natural environment. The city maintains a database of trees on public land (mainly road edges) at [open.ottawa.ca/datasets/tree-inventory/explore](http://open.ottawa.ca/datasets/tree-inventory/explore) and will provide free trees under several programs. As trees are an intrinsic part of Rockcliffe's proud heritage, the committee asks residents to plant native trees, shrubs and vines chosen from its interactive database, which may be found on the RPRA website at [rockcliffepark.ca/nativetreesandshrubsdatabase.html](http://rockcliffepark.ca/nativetreesandshrubsdatabase.html). The Environment Committee also monitors Rockcliffe's public areas for issues relating to street lighting, lake and pond water quality, road salt use and road maintenance, the memorial benches, and insecticide, herbicide and chemical fertilizer use. The committee has an active tree and shrub restoration project in the Caldwell-Carver Conservation Area adjacent to McKay Lake and the Pond.

Further, the Environment Committee works with residents to control invasive species, such as dog-strangling vine, garlic mustard, common and glossy buckthorn, Japanese knotweed, yellow archangel, Norway maple and burdock, especially in the Village Green. Committee volunteers actively control these plants in the Caldwell-Carver Conservation Area and remove garlic mustard and Norway maples from the area around the Community Hall. Information about these and other invasive trees, shrubs and escaped garden plants is posted on the RPRA's website, [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca). Residents are asked to remove these invasive plants from their own properties and email [environment@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:environment@rockcliffepark.ca) if you find these plants in your garden.

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The Environment Committee encourages everyone to use an organic method of weed and pest control, and not use herbicides and other pesticides on lawns and gardens. There are concerns that fertilizers will enter McKay Lake and the Pond via groundwater infiltration and encourage the growth of algae and other water weeds. To preserve these bodies of water, the Environment Committee promotes the use of organic compost or lawn clippings to fertilize lawns and gardens.

## **Heritage Committee and Heritage Outreach Committee**

These two committees are in place to help protect and enhance the heritage of Rockcliffe Park. The Heritage Committee works with the heritage branch of the City of Ottawa to assist homeowners when they wish to apply for permits to alter their properties. Changes to properties must meet the provisions of the Rockcliffe Park Heritage Plan with respect to alterations and new buildings, demolitions and new constructions, changes to the landscape character of properties, new pools and hardscape, and accessory buildings. The City of Ottawa is responsible for issuing heritage permits; contact Heritage Planning, City of Ottawa, at 613-580-2463 or email [heritage@ottawa.ca](mailto:heritage@ottawa.ca).

The Heritage Outreach Committee focuses on processes and policies related to heritage, such as the City's Official Plan, zoning by-laws, and provincial laws and policies. It liaises with other heritage districts in Ottawa, with Heritage Ottawa, and with specialists in the field of heritage conservation, and undertakes initiatives in the community to enhance understanding and protection of heritage.

The two committees also work with teams on special projects such as the restoration of the Birkenfels Gates, an oral history based on recorded interviews with longtime Rockcliffe residents, the inaugural Heritage Walk in 2022, an application to the federal government to have Rockcliffe Park declared an Historic Site of National Significance, and an archive of historical material on most Rockcliffe properties.

### **Library Committee**

The RPRA Library Committee champions the causes of literacy and education through its support of the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the Ottawa Public Library (OPL). Its members are drawn from Rockcliffe Park and the surrounding communities of New Edinburgh, Lindenlea and Manor Park, which this library branch also serves. Since 1997, the committee has organized the popular Spring Book Sale. See: *Book Fairs*

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The RPRA Library Committee reaches out to new patrons through Open House events at the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the OPL. It supports improved services and programming through funds raised by its Spring Book Sale. It also supports the wider OPL literacy programs, liaises informally with the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library, and offers support to the OPL at city budget consultation time. To join the committee, leave your name with library staff or email [volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca).

### **Traffic, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee**

This committee assesses safety issues, traffic volume, speed limits, parking and traffic signs, and contacts the city to report issues when necessary. In spring, the committee records traffic volumes and direction at specific locations throughout Rockcliffe Park.

## **Rockcliffe Flying Club**

The Rockcliffe Flying Club, located, along with the Canada Aviation Museum, at the Ottawa-Rockcliffe Airport at 1495 Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway, is a Transport Canada-approved flight training school. The club offers training toward Recreational Pilot Permits and Private Pilot Licenses, the Night Rating and VFR OTT, as well as the Instrument Ratings. For more information, please visit [cyro.ca/aboutus](http://cyro.ca/aboutus).



## **Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club** *See also: Tennis*

The Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club (RLTC) is a 100-year-old, family-friendly private-members club with clay and hard-surface courts, located in the heart of Rockcliffe Park at 465 Lansdowne Road North. A clubhouse offers light snacks and beverages, and social events are scheduled throughout the season. The RLTC offers a wide range of programming for all ages and skill levels, including private lessons, weekly clinics, round robins, ladders matches, tournaments and junior programs at both recreational and competitive levels. Go to [rltennis.ca](http://rltennis.ca) for details.

## **Rockerries, The**

The Rockeries, located at the end of Acacia Street, is a public park with paths and gardens – ideal for strolling, jogging, walking the dog, and admiring the beautiful display of tulips and daffodils in spring. Owned and maintained by the National Capital Commission, it is also home to the Soper Fountain (originally purchased in 1912) and columns from Ottawa’s Carnegie Library (constructed in 1906).

## **Rocks, Winter Roll Back**

During winter months, snowplow operators need a place to deposit the snow and our roadside rocks and iron stakes cause damage to their snowplow blades. Please move those rocks – and iron and plastic road edge markers – back from the pavement edge at least 12-18 inches (30-45 cm). If you install T-bars or markers to guide snowplow operations, they should be placed 12-18 inches (30-45 cm) from the edge of the pavement. Please ensure they are not so deep as to puncture a gas line. Contact Ontario One Call, 1-800-400-2255, or online at [ontarioonecall.ca](http://ontarioonecall.ca) for a free underground utilities locate.

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## **Rowing** *See also: Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC)*

Row the Ottawa River: The Ottawa New Edinburgh Club ([onec.ca](http://onec.ca)) straddles the Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway. The Ottawa Rowing Club, 10 Lady Grey Drive, is Canada’s oldest rowing club; visit [ottawarowingclub.com](http://ottawarowingclub.com) for details.

## **RCMP Stables and Musical Ride** *See also: Events*

The RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) Rockcliffe Stables are located just beyond Rockcliffe at 1 Sandridge Road. Horses, riders and carriages are often seen out on our Village roads. The stables are home to the famous RCMP Musical Ride, which takes place annually during the June Sunset Ceremonies, and every February there is an Open House and Ottawa Food Bank Drive. The grounds are open to the public. Free tours allow visitors to see the stables and meet the horses and riders. See details at [rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride/ride-centre](http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/musical-ride/ride-centre).





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## **Sailing** *See also: Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC)*

ONEC Sailing is a volunteer-based sailing club within the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club. It provides sailing for members on club-owned boats, mooring for privately-owned boats and summer camps for young sailors. ONEC offers a sailing experience tailored to individual needs, from beginner to boat owner. For more information, please visit [onec.ca](http://onec.ca).

## **Schools**

Our community is home to some of the best public and private schools in Ottawa. These include:

### **- Rockcliffe Park Public School**

350 Buena Vista Road; [rockcliffeparkps.ocdsb.ca](http://rockcliffeparkps.ocdsb.ca)

A public elementary school. English and early French immersion.

Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6.

### **- Ashbury College**

362 Mariposa Avenue; [ashbury.ca](http://ashbury.ca)

An independent co-ed day and boarding school. Grades 4 to 12.

International Baccalaureate program. March break and summer camps.

### **- Elmwood School**

261 Buena Vista Road; [elmwood.ca](http://elmwood.ca)

An independent day school for girls from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12.

International Baccalaureate program. March break and summer camps.

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### **- Rockcliffe Park Child Care Centre**

340 Buena Vista Road; [rccc.info](http://rccc.info)

A licensed non-profit child care centre with pre-school, Kindergarten and school-age programs.

Just outside Rockcliffe Park:

### **- St. Brigid School**

200 Springfield Road; [sbr.ocsb.ca](http://sbr.ocsb.ca)

A Catholic elementary school. Bilingual, French immersion and extended French programs from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6.

### **- Lycée Claudel**

1635 Riverside Drive; [claudel.org](http://claudel.org)

French private school from age three to Grade 12 offering the French system and Baccalaureate program.

### **- Académie Macdonald-Cartier**

270 Crichton Street, New Edinburgh; [mcacademy.ca/en](http://mcacademy.ca/en)

Independent junior high school. Grades 7 to 8, specializing in French immersion.

- **Fern Hill School**  
50 Vaughan Street, New Edinburgh; fernhillottawa.com  
Independent nursery and elementary school for children age two years to Grade 6.
- **St. Laurent Academy**  
641 Sladen Avenue; st-laurentacademy.com  
Independent bilingual school for girls and boys. Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, with a strong focus on the environment and stewardship of the Macoun Marsh.
- **École élémentaire publique Mauril-Bélanger** (formerly Le Trillium)  
307 Montgomery Street near Montreal Road; mauril-belanger.cepeo.on.ca  
French-language public primary school and daycare. Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Public secondary schools for this area:

- **Lisgar Collegiate Institute**  
29 Lisgar Street; lisgarci.ocdsb.ca  
English public high school with the option of some French immersion subjects for Grades 9 to 12.
- **École secondaire publique de La Salle**  
501 Old St. Patrick Street; de-la-salle.cepeo.on.ca  
French public high school offering a regular academic program specializing in arts and music for Grades 9 to 12.
- **Immaculata High School**  
140 Main Street; imh.ocsb.ca  
English Catholic school for Grades 7 to 12, offering a bilingual or English program.

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## Shopping

A wide range of shops, cafes, coffee houses and restaurants proliferate along Beechwood Avenue and around the Hemlock-St. Laurent intersection. Current shops include several independent specialty stores, such as a butcher (127 Beechwood), baker (323 St. Laurent), gourmet foods shop (103 Beechwood), florist (186 Beechwood), bookstore (35 Beechwood), caterer and gourmet foods shop (357 St. Laurent), and a watch repair shop (374 St Laurent). A grocery store, LCBO store and pharmacies are also conveniently located on Beechwood. A post office and mail box rentals may be found at the New Edinburgh Pharmacy, 5 Beechwood Avenue.

The Beechwood Market, part of the Ottawa Street Markets family, operates an outdoor market in Stanley/ New Edinburgh Park June to October; a Farm Store and an Online Market operate year-round. Brick-and-mortar and virtual venues feature hundreds of locally baked, grown and produced items. Online Market: pick up or home delivery is available every Saturday. Farm Store, 1805 Gaspe: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3:00 to 6:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to noon. Go to ottstreetmarkets.ca.

## Signage

Billboard and advertising signs are prohibited in Rockcliffe Park, except for signs advertising property for sale or rent, or RPRA signage advertising upcoming events.

## Ski Heritage East

The Ski Heritage East Trail is a professionally groomed winter trail that facilitates skate and classic skiing, fat-biking and snowshoeing. The trail covers an out and back distance of 30 kms along the banks of the Ottawa River. A trail map is available at [skiheritageeast.ca](http://skiheritageeast.ca). Ski Heritage East is a non-profit group that relies on donations from Trail users, sponsors, the City of Ottawa and National Capital Commission. A dedicated team of volunteers work to make cross-country skiing in the east end of Ottawa as pleasurable as possible. Visit [facebook.com/skiheritage.orleans.ontario](https://facebook.com/skiheritage.orleans.ontario).

## Snow

Many residents arrange with private contractors to have their driveways cleared of snow in winter; check with your neighbours for recommendations. If your road is not sufficiently plowed, please report that to the city by calling 3-1-1 or online at [serviceottawa.ca](http://serviceottawa.ca). Please also ensure that drains on your street are always clear of ice, snow and debris.

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## Soccer

The Rockcliffe Park Lindenlea League soccer program (RPL Soccer) is a youth league for ages four years and up ([lindenlea.ca/soccer.html](http://lindenlea.ca/soccer.html)). The youngest play on the field by Rockcliffe Park Public School and the older members play at Hillsdale Park by the Rockeries on spring and fall evenings and weekends. The gravel running track surrounding the soccer field is open for runners outside of regular school hours.

## Social Media *See also: Websites*

The RPRA's website, [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca), provides news and articles on heritage, environment and community issues, activities of the RPRA, upcoming events and archives of publications. RPRA members receive a weekly email newsletter detailing events and concerns affecting the Village. In the event of an emergency, alerts would be sent to all residents whose email addresses are listed with the RPRA.

The Rockcliffe Park Foundation's website, [rockcliffeparkfoundation.org](http://rockcliffeparkfoundation.org), provides information on the Foundation, its history and mission, and upcoming events like the popular Dining with the Ambassadors fundraiser, including details regarding ticket sales. Those interested may also find out how to donate and/or volunteer.

The Lindenlea Listserv is a community resource offering items for sale, trade or free, for those looking to purchase items, soliciting or seeking recommendations for tradespersons or services, to advise of lost or found items, or criminal or suspicious behaviour, and to publicize local events. For information, to join, or to submit a post, go to [lindenlea.ca/lindenlea-listserv.html](http://lindenlea.ca/lindenlea-listserv.html). New Edinburgh and Manor Park also have Listservs; contact [info@newedinburgh.ca](mailto:info@newedinburgh.ca) and/or [manorparkcommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:manorparkcommunityassociation@gmail.com), respectively. The Buy Nothing Facebook Group for Manor Park/Rockcliffe/Lindenlea ([facebook.com/groups/2674544172614817](https://facebook.com/groups/2674544172614817)) allows members to post items they are giving away.

## Speakers Program

Since 2001, the RPRA has offered a lively and enriching Speakers Program, funded by the Rockcliffe Park Foundation. Taking place in the Rockcliffe Park Community Hall six to eight times a year, it is designed to stimulate, inform and promote discussion. Engaging question and answer periods follow presentations, and the evenings end over coffee, cookies and discussions with neighbours. Admission is free; events are publicized in advance in the Rockcliffe News and by outdoor signage.

A wide variety of distinguished speakers and topics have included: David Halton on his career as a television journalist and on his book about his father, the wartime correspondent Matthew Halton; Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin on the Supreme Court and personal reflections; Elizabeth May and Tom d'Aquino debating environmental matters; Rt. Hon. Joe Clark on the need for national conversations; Andrew Cohen on the Washington scene, John F. Kennedy and Lester Pearson; John Ibbitson on Stephen Harper; John Ivison on Justin Trudeau; and Her Excellency Sharon Johnston on her debut novel.

## Swimming *See also: Pond, The*

Outdoor swimming is allowed in the Pond at the Caldwell-Carver Conservation Area between 7:00 am and 2:00 pm in warm weather. City of Ottawa by-law officers patrol the area during summer months to ensure that swimming hours are observed and thereby protect the conservation area as a habitat for a variety of wild species. There is no public swimming in McKay Lake, also to protect the conservation area; swimming from private docks is by invitation of the owners only.

There is free public swimming every summer in the Ottawa River at the NCC River House, 501 Sir George-Étienne Cartier Parkway, across from Rockcliffe Park, with lifeguards, public washrooms and food services. The nearest indoor public swimming pools are the Don Gamble Centre at the St. Laurent Complex, 525 Côté Street, and Lowertown Pool at 40 Cobourg Street.





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**Tennis** See also: *Ottawa New Edinburgh Club, Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club*

### **The Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC)**

Located at the foot of the Rockcliffe hills and surrounded by greenery and parkland, ONEC's seven red clay courts and four hard courts provide a quiet haven for junior and senior tennis players, beginner and advanced alike. Several are lighted for night play. Round robins, private and group instruction, and organized social events are all available. To join or for more information, contact [onec.ca](http://onec.ca).

### **Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club (RLTC)**

The Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club, located on Lansdowne Road, is a century-old private tennis club with eight outdoor courts (including four clay courts), an inviting clubhouse, and popular programs for both juniors and adults. Neighbours can be found on the courts as soon as the snow clears and as far into the fall as the weather allows. The club offers many social events, round-robin tournaments, and tennis instruction from the club pro. To join or for more information, contact the club president at [president@rltennis.ca](mailto:president@rltennis.ca) or go to [rltennis.ca](http://rltennis.ca).

## **Tobogganing, Sledding**

In sledding season, younger ones enjoy hitting the slopes in the area behind the Rockcliffe Park Pavilion. Older kids looking for larger hills and steeper slopes head outside of Rockcliffe to toboggan runs such as those at Loyola Park and the Arboretum Experimental Farm Hill. Please note that users toboggan at their own risk at all times; use caution when sledding and it is recommended that children be equipped with appropriate protective head gear.

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## **Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety**

The posted speed limit within Rockcliffe is 40 kph on all streets except Lisgar Road, and we encourage everyone to travel no more than that speed on all streets. Give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. With narrow curving roads without curbs or sidewalks, it is important to maintain a safe speed within the Village.

The parking time limit on streets is three hours in unsigned areas. Overnight street parking is not allowed in winter. Pedestrians, including those pushing carriages and strollers, should walk facing traffic. When walking or biking at night, wear light coloured and/or reflective clothing and use a flashlight or bike lights.

'Slow Down For Us' lawn signs, reminding drivers of children playing, are available through the office of the councillor for Rideau-Rockcliffe; go to [rideau-rockcliffe.ca](http://rideau-rockcliffe.ca) for information.

## Trees

The motto on the Rockcliffe coat of arms – Inter Arbores Floremus – meaning ‘amid the trees we flourish’ – reflects the importance of our treed environment. The park-like setting was a defining feature in the design of Rockcliffe a century ago, and preserving this tree canopy not only protects our environment but is also part of preserving the heritage nature of Rockcliffe. As such, RPRA plans regular planting and tree maintenance programs, which are supported by Rockcliffe Park Foundation grants.

All trees 30 centimetres DBH (diameter at breast height – 104 centimetres from the ground) – are ‘distinctive trees’ under the city’s tree by-law and may not be removed without a permit from the city.

The Rockcliffe Park Heritage Plan encourages residents to maintain trees on their private property, and the removal of mature trees is discouraged. For more information, visit [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca) and go to the environment section.



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## Veterinary Services

Nearest veterinary services:

- **Beechwood Animal Hospital**, 266 Beechwood Avenue  
613-748-9820, beechwoodah.com
- **Vanier Animal Hospital**, 257 McArthur Avenue  
613-748-1234, vanieranimalhospital.ca

24-hour emergency veterinary hospitals:

- **Animal Emergency & Specialty Hospital**, 1155 Lola Street  
613-745-0123, animalemergencyspecialty.ca
- **Ottawa Veterinary Hospital**, 900 Boyd Avenue  
613-725-1182, vcacanada.com/ottawa
- **Alta Vista Animal Hospital**, 2616 Bank Street  
613-731-6851, vcacanada.com/altavista

## Village Green *See also: Art and Artefacts*

The Village Green is our community's large park, north of Mariposa Avenue and east of Springfield Road. It was the Village's Centennial project in 1967. The Village architects at that time, Humphrey Carver, Andrew Hazeland and Don Graham, transformed the area from a vacant and unkempt space, formerly the Village snow dump for many years, into the Village Green. The two parts of the Village Green include the Jubilee Garden to the east and the Centennial Garden to the west, with both areas separated by a cedar hedge. The area boasts many works of art.

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## Volunteering

Rockcliffe Park thrives largely due to its network of dedicated volunteers who are instrumental in assisting the community in meeting its goals. Volunteering is also a great way to connect with your community and meet new neighbours. You can spend one morning each year beautifying the neighbourhood at the Village Spring Clean-up, or one hour (or so) every few months delivering the newsletter on your street – or make a bigger commitment by working on the Spring Book Sale or as an RPRA or Rockcliffe Park Foundation board or committee member. Contact [volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca).

For details, send an email to [volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:volunteers@rockcliffepark.ca) or click on 'Volunteer with Us' on the home page of the RPRA website, [rockcliffepark.ca](http://rockcliffepark.ca). Simply provide your name, phone number, email address and the area(s) in which you wish to be involved. Volunteer opportunities are also listed on the RPRA membership form and in the Rockcliffe News. To get involved with the Rockcliffe Park Foundation, go to 'Join Us' at [rockcliffeparkfoundation.org](http://rockcliffeparkfoundation.org) or email [info@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org](mailto:info@rockcliffeparkfoundation.org).

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# Walking Paths

## **Walking Paths Around McKay Lake and the Pond**

The Corridor of Public Passage (COPP) footpath around the eastern shore of McKay Lake and the Pond winds through the Caldwell-Carver Conservation Area. The path meanders by the condos on Whitemarl and Bittern Court, then from the Bittern Court turning circle it connects again to the path around the Pond. It was named in honour of two longtime residents, Ewan Caldwell and Humphrey Carver, who were active in environmental work and who planned the initial program of restoration after shoreline landfilling damage caused in the late 1960s and early 1970s to the eastern shoreline of the lake, and to the bird and fish habitat. A management plan, commissioned by the former Village Council, guides the city's and residents' activities there, along with current restoration projects involving removal of invasive plants, and trail marking and management.

Students may earn volunteer hours by assisting in this restoration work; watch the Rockcliffe News for volunteer opportunities or send an email to [environment@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:environment@rockcliffepark.ca) to volunteer. Adult volunteers are also welcome. The area of McKay Lake and the Pond is now Urban Natural Area No. 176 in the city's inventory of ecologically valuable places. On the west side of McKay Lake, joining the north and south parts of Lansdowne Road, is a walking path locally known as the Dog Walk. The shoreline on this side of the lake is private property.

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## **Websites** *See also: Social Media*

### **rockcliffepark.ca**

The Rockcliffe Park Residents Association (RPRA) maintains a website that details the history (with photographs), organizations and amenities of Rockcliffe Park, provides a map, gives information on neighbourhood and city issues, rules and regulations, and includes links for membership sign-up/payment and volunteer opportunities. The website's archive includes past issues of the Rockcliffe News and other publications. The website is continually updated with new information; be sure to check it regularly. Comments or questions may be sent to [webupdates@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:webupdates@rockcliffepark.ca).

### **rockcliffeparkfoundation.org**

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## Worship, Places of

Nearest churches:

- **St. Columba** (Anglican), 24 Sandridge Road, [stcolumbaottawa.ca](http://stcolumbaottawa.ca)
- **St. Bartholomew's** (Anglican), 125 McKay Street, [stbartsottawa.ca](http://stbartsottawa.ca)
- **Notre Dame de Lourdes** (Roman Catholic), 435 Montreal Road, [fr.archoc.ca/vanier-notre-dame-de-lourdes-](http://fr.archoc.ca/vanier-notre-dame-de-lourdes-)
- **St. Luke Lutheran Church**, 326 MacKay Street, [stlukeottawa.org](http://stlukeottawa.org)
- **MacKay Street United Church**, 39 Dufferin Road, [mackayunited.ca](http://mackayunited.ca)

Nearest synagogue:

- **Ohev Yisroel** (orthodox), 516 Rideau Street, [ohevysroel.ca](http://ohevysroel.ca)

Nearest mosques:

- **East Ottawa Masjid & Community Center**, 967 St. Laurent Boulevard, [eomcc.ca](http://eomcc.ca)
- **The House of Al-Zahra**, 265B Montreal Road, (no website)
- **Islamic Society of Sandy Hill**, 117 Mann Avenue, [isosh.ca](http://isosh.ca)

Nearest Hindu temple:

- **Iskcon Ottawa**, International Society for Krishna Consciousness, 212 Somerset Street East, Unit B, [facebook.com/iskconottawa](https://facebook.com/iskconottawa)



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## **Yard Maintenance** *See also: Noise*

The Environment Committee recommends that residents minimize use of two-stroke engine lawn equipment. Gas powered leaf blowers are a heavy source of local air and noise pollution, which have been shown to negatively impact human health and wildlife. Residents are urged to consider alternatives, including rakes, brooms and electric leaf blowers, and to hire landscaping companies that avoid the use of gas powered lawn equipment. Email [environment@rockcliffepark.ca](mailto:environment@rockcliffepark.ca) if you have questions or comments. The Environment Committee is a supporter of Healthy Neighbourhoods Ottawa, which may be contacted at [healthyneighbourhoodsottawa@gmail.com](mailto:healthyneighbourhoodsottawa@gmail.com).



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