

Hunt Club: My Community



Get behind your community. Volunteer today!

Calling all Hunt Club residents: We need your help! We need many more residents to volunteer to help with the delivery of this newsletter. Please contact Issie Berish, our Distribution coordinator at iberish@rogers.com if you can spare one hour 3 or 4 times a year to deliver copies of our newsletter in your neighbourhood.

On my walk to our May community association meeting, I met a woman and was surprised to hear, upon querying, that she did not even know that we had a community association! I told her that we meet every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in our Hunt Club Community Centre on Paul Anka Drive (at McCarthy) from September to June and that all residents in our community are welcome to attend. Community associations provide a voice to ordinary citizens about concerns in and/or suggestions to improve their neighbourhoods. Neighbourhoods with high participation in their community associations tend to be more successful at shaping their communities according to their needs.

A \$10 annual membership in our HCCO (Hunt Club Community Organization) gives you access to communications about issues impacting our community as well as the privilege to vote on any motions at our meetings. We'll be looking for you on June 2nd, and if you missed that one, then again on Monday, September 8th (the 1st is Labour Day).

Congratulations to Lindsey Johnson for winning the draw for a free pizza from Riverside Pizzeria for her response to last issue's question: How often do you go to our community centre's OPL kiosk to pick up your reserved books from the Ottawa Public Library or drop off your due books? Participants told us that they use the kiosk mostly to drop off their due items. However, due to the restricted selection of books and the limited availability of hours to pick up reserved materials, they use other library branches to pick these up and/or to have access to a greater choice of items. Thank you to all those who participated.

This issue's question is: What suggestions do you have to improve Paul Landry Park? If you've never visited it, take the time to do so: It's on the east side of Uplands Drive, between Paul Anka Drive and Shearwater. Email your response to editor.hcmc@bell.net by June 24th. Earn your chance to win a medium size combination pizza from Riverside Pizzeria in a draw on June 25th.

Christine Johnson, Editor

Optimist Junior Ottawa South

Martin, Mindy and Chloe Baroody

The Optimist Junior Ottawa South club is happy to announce their successful third year of serving the community and getting our local youth involved in community service projects. Founded in 1911, Optimist International is one of the largest youth community service organizations in North America with 75,000 individual members who belong to 2,600 autonomous Clubs. Optimists conduct 65,000 service projects each year, serving six million young people.

Our Optimist Junior Ottawa South Club is encouraging young people in our neighbourhood, between the ages of eleven and sixteen, to provide a helping hand and to do be the best they can. They are trying to make their community a better place in which to live by: holding fundraising events for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario; participating in the Cleaning the Capital events; visiting retirement homes; collecting non perishable food items for the food bank; and organizing many other interesting activities.

We invite all young people who would like to get involved in their community to contact us at optimistjunior1@hotmail.ca

Airport Parkway Multi-Use Pathway

Bernie Geiger

You may have noticed since last fall, that construction on the northeast side of the Airport Parkway between Walkley and Brookfield has started. This is not a widening of the Parkway, but rather an extension of the Multi-Use Pathway that starts at Hunt Club Road, skirts the South Keys Transit Station and goes around the retention ponds.

The completion of this pathway later in the Spring will make it possible to take a long walk or cycle without needing to cross a roadway. And when the new Airport Parkway pedestrian/cycling bridge is completed you will be able to enjoy all of this from a starting point at Cahill and Plante.



Looking For a Handcrafted Guitar?

Featuring: Mike Sankey, Luthier
Christine Johnson

Our Hunt Club community is home to many amazing people with varied and interesting talents. This issue features Mike Sankey, local luthier.

As a child, Michael showed an early interest in drawing and sculpting, which was nurtured and encouraged in his home. Both of his parents were musicians and Michael also learned to play music at a young age. Although the required practicing often felt like a chore to young Michael, this all changed when he started to play the guitar as a teenager. The enjoyment factor of music spiked when Michael started to play in bands.

With his interest in making things and his natural inclination to understand how things work, Michael soon started taking his guitars apart and putting them back together. Over time this led to the inevitable realization that if he would build his own guitar from scratch, he'd probably be much more satisfied with it. And so he did and so he was!

With a lot of initial guidance from his father, followed by plenty of research at the library and the inventor's 'trial and error' process, Mike honed his guitar making skills from the age of 19. Once his skills reached a critical level, Mike decided to become a full-time luthier, working from his home, "the best work decision I've ever made". This allowed him to do what he truly loves, finish each day of work with pride and be a bigger part of his children's lives rather than having to drive back and forth to work daily.

The actual making of a guitar from drawing the design to the playable finished product can take anywhere from 6 to 10 months; extremes at either end can go from just one single workweek, for a simple guitar up to over one year for a more complex archtop guitar.

Many guitarists don't realize that for the price of a really good factory-built instrument, they might have been able to get a far superior and totally unique handmade guitar customized to their specific needs. However, there are only a couple of local retailers who are willing to sell the work of artisan luthiers.

Fortunately though, once a player has purchased one of Mike's guitars, whether locally or internationally, they often become repeat clients. For information about materials used and the actual construction of the guitars: sankeyguitars.com

As the organizer of the Ottawa Guitar Show for the past three years, Mike invites folks who love guitars or who simply appreciate fine craftsmanship and good music to reserve Sunday, June 29th for this year's event. It will be held at the Glebe Community Centre. There will be over 30 luthiers from all over eastern Ontario and western Quebec exhibiting their stunning work on amazing guitars and other instruments which they crafted. Admission is free.

Raising a Happy, Healthy Dog (part 2)

Maria Segreto (3 Dog's Tail)

Get to know your dog. Learn to recognize signs that may suggest some kind of malaise. Did you know that lip licking, yawning and turning their body away often communicates that your dog is trying to avoid something. Watch their tail; the higher it goes the more unpleasant the situation. If it is tucked in between their legs this means - fear, submission or shyness.

By giving your pet a daily massage, you become aware of any discomfort zones (often visible by hot spots in that area). An animal chiropractor or an acupuncturist can often correct this.

Become a poop detective: stool size tells you how many nutrients are being absorbed (the bigger the size the fewer nutrients are being absorbed); frequency and colour can tell you your pet is having a problem with certain foods. If you feed your dog bones and their poop is white, no worries - it's just calcium excess their body is getting rid of. If they are poop eaters it's not as bad as you may think; for more on this, look up Ian Billinghurst "ancient diet".

If your dog is a puller, buy a front buckle harness. Constant pulling may cause skeletal misalignments, hypothyroidism, ear /eye infections, excessive paw licking and seizures. For more on this, research Dr. Karen Becker, Dr. Peter Dobias and Dr. Jean Dodds.

Finally, give your dog(s) boundaries and a loving home, train them to respect you, not fear you, and if they fail, blame the behaviour, not the pet.

I hope this information has been helpful, and perhaps has left you wanting to know more.



headless electric and archtop guitars made by Mike

McDonald-Cartier International Airport

John Sankey

By the 1920's, the airport that forms our southern boundary was known as the Hunt Club Field. In 1927, Charles Lindbergh arrived in his Spirit of St. Louis, to be welcomed by some 60,000 spectators at the quickly renamed Lindbergh Field.

This name only lasted a year. The Ottawa Flying Club was formed in 1928, and our airfield was officially named the Uplands Aerodrome. The first club aircraft were wood and fabric Avro Avians with Hawker Siddeley engines; its airframe and engines were assembled here in Ottawa by the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Co. that was founded in 1891 to build Ottawa's streetcars. Later, the club flew Fleet Canucks, designed in Ottawa by one of their own members, built with metal tube and fabric with then-revolutionary side by side seating.

Trans-Canada Airlines (TCA, now Air Canada) was established in 1937. The federal government soon purchased the site to provide suitable passenger facilities and improved runways.

With the outbreak of World War II, the military took over the airport. Uplands expanded to the east and became a training school for the RCAF. Our sky was filled with Harvards and other military aircraft. And, with Canada's commitment to NATO, it soon became a base for international flights and for the RCAF's newly acquired Sabre jet fighters.

A modern air travel terminal was opened in 1960, a year late due to having all its windows blown out by a celebratory supersonic flypast the previous year. In 1964 our airport's name was changed yet again, to Ottawa International Airport. In 1993 came today's name: Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International.

For many years the Ottawa Air Show attracted the world's most advanced aircraft here, including the impossible looking F-117 stealth fighter. In 1975 we hosted the supersonic Concorde, in 1983 the space shuttle, and last year the world's largest passenger airplane, the Airbus A380.

In 1997, the federal government handed over operating control of our airport to a local non-profit Airport Authority. Last year, the 8000' runway was rebuilt to international (ICAO) standards, as you read this it's the turn of the 10000' runway.

Today our airport serves 4.6 million passengers a year, and after 86 years is still home to the Ottawa Flying Club. The club aircraft are now all-metal Cessnas, and one of its 250 members has been with the club for 65 years.

Paul Landry Park

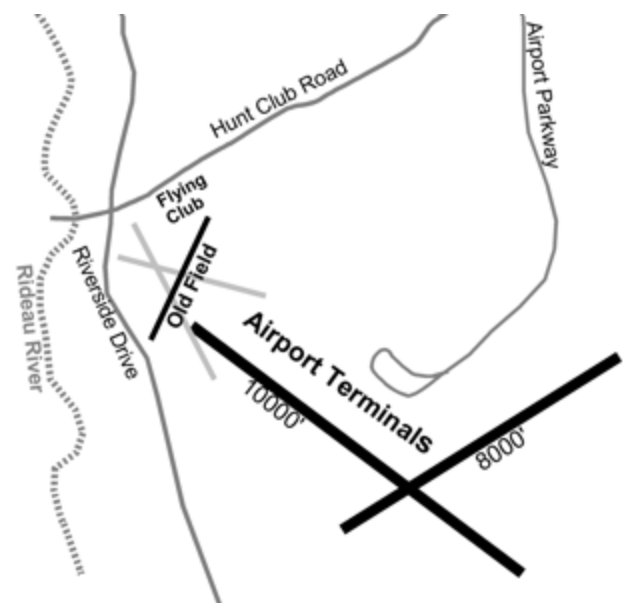
Peter Foulger

Ottawa is blessed with many parks but Paul Landry is usually overlooked and neglected. It is located on Uplands Drive just south of Paul Anka. The park consists of a grassy area on Uplands with a play structure plus hard-court and a very large woodlot that stretches back to Paul Anka Drive and our local mall. In fact the main use of the park seems to be the trails that are used to get to the mall from Uplands, Paul Anka and the adjacent townhouses.

The Hunt Club Community Organization adopted the park a year and a half ago. This commits the Association to take part in the spring and fall Clean the City campaigns. We also hoped to be able to work on improving the park by making it safer and user friendly to ALL residents in the community. With your suggestions, creative ideas and involvement, we can make this happen.

At present the park is greatly in need of some love and attention. It was a very hard winter which added to the large amount of fallen trees and debris. Unfortunately the park is often used as a dumping ground for garden waste, debris laden snow, undelivered flyers, bush party bottles and lots and lots of trash. Dog owners are also failing to clean up. As a result, the cleanup fell short this year.

The Association wants your views on the future of the park. We would also appreciate help in the fall cleanup. The date and time for this cleanup will be announced in the September issue of this newsletter. Please send your comments and offers of help to the Editor.



The pre-WW2 airport, now the Old Field, had the three runways shown; only the black one is now in use.

Do you want to do something new in your neighbourhood?

The city Neighbourhood Connection Office's Better Neighbourhoods Program supports small-scale community-driven projects at the neighbourhood-level. It could be things like making streets more walkable, revitalizing a park, starting a community garden or an artistic initiative. Selected neighbourhoods work with City staff to assess the feasibility of their project ideas, and to implement projects. Projects chosen will provide creative solutions for making neighbourhoods more liveable, vibrant, healthy and beautiful. Projects will be supported by the City up to a maximum of \$30,000, with the funds being administered by the City.

Maybe YOU have an idea for a project proposal for our Hunt Club community. Please come share it at our next community association meeting on Monday, June 2nd. We can help you to submit an application to the Better Neighbourhoods Program! For more information, go to ottawa.ca and type in Better Neighbourhoods Program.

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We welcome your ideas for future issues; please submit them to us or come to our monthly meetings to discuss them.

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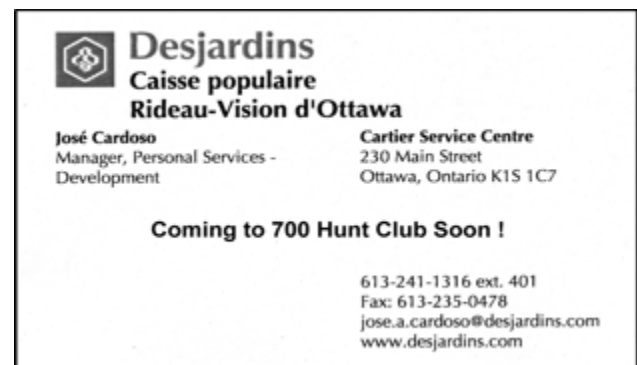
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