

Hunt Club: My Community



Community Festival

This fall, as last year, the HCCO is partnering with the South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre (SEO-CHC), the Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA) and the City of Ottawa's Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre to host our Community Fall Festival. A number of local businesses are also sponsoring this event.

This event will be held on **Saturday, September 10th** (rain or shine) at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre (3320 Paul Anka Drive near McCarthy Rd) from 11 am to 2 pm. This year's festival theme is "Meet your Neighbours, Explore your Community". All food items, refreshments and activities will be **FREE**. The intent of this festival is to provide food, fun activities, information and conversation for the citizens in our community.

Along with a number of information kiosks, some of the other activities will include:

- For the children: a bouncy castle, a scavenger hunt, face painting;
- For adults and children: a guided walk through McCarthy Woods with tree expert Owen Clarkin, cartooning demonstration, a step dancing performance, Arabic singing group, 'Joyful Songsters' senior singers performance, DJ music from a local radio station;
- Our first ever free plant exchange: bring plants you have a lot of and pick up new ones from your neighbours. Seeds, excess empty pots and other gardening items are welcome too. Drop off donated items prior to 11:30 am. Donors get 1st choice of plants until 12 noon, then all attendees can take any plants they can use. Make Hunt Club the garden center of Ottawa one plant at a time!

Mark your calendars and join your neighbours in the fun on September 10th!

South-East Ottawa Community Health Centre
 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016
 Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 2:30 pm
 Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre
 3320 Paul Anka Drive, Ottawa
 Prior to the AGM there will be a
 Community Festival at this same location
 from 11:00am to 2:00pm
 Join us for Fun, Food, Games, Entertainment and
 Activities for all!

What's the Scoop?

Christine Johnson

There are lots of dog owners in our community and fortunately most seem to know how to dispose of their dog's poop when on public property. Sadly though, residents who live adjacent to or near City parks often complain about people dropping their dog poop bags in the park garbage bins, creating most unwelcome side effects for them to deal with - maggots, flies, extreme odours, etc.

So, where ARE dog owners supposed to dispose of their dog's poop when taking them for a walk? The City by-law requires owners to take their dog poop home and dispose of it in their own garbage. Putting it in a park garbage bin is an offence, not to mention offensive, as described above. The directive given is so simple!

Did you know that City staff can refuse to empty a park garbage can that has a lot of dog waste in it - on health grounds? If it happens more than once, the City usually removes the can altogether, as they did for the one at the main entrance to the McCarthy Woods on McCarthy Road.

So, if we want the City to keep our neighbourhood clean, we too have to do our part. For more information, search for 'Stoop and Scoop' at <http://ottawa.ca>

Another thing: the waste cans at city parks and other areas are NOT meant for your household garbage. If you find the 2 week wait for garbage day too long, make sure you are recycling all of your compostable waste in your green bin (including cat poop and litter, but not dog poop), and your recyclable items in your black and blue bins.

If the City finds that garbage bins are being used for household waste they will remove the garbage bin. This is what happened in Cahill Park the week of July 25th.

Fresher air, safer and healthier environments for everyone.

Doesn't this just make sense?



First Day

Matthew Page

Carol Smothers loved watching the pre-school festivities of the first day of school from her classroom window at Holy Family. Her classroom backed right onto the baseball diamond, so she had a front row seat for the rekindling of friendships, as if these reunions were a silent movie that played only for her. And the acting was superb, because it was genuine.

Past the ball diamond, across the soccer field, and just over the little hill that marked one of the entrances to Owl Park, Carol noticed little Bradley Matthews enter stage right. He was holding his mother's hand and sporting a backpack that was nearly as big as himself. Bradley halted in his tracks, and his mother almost pulled him off his feet before she realized he was not going any further.

Carol had already met Bradley. Bradley and his family were new to the Hunt Club community. They had just moved in from Edmonton because his mother, Angela Matthews, had accepted a job at IBM, and they were still rediscovering their lives in cardboard boxes. They had come to meet Carol, or Ms. Smothers, because they wanted Bradley to be familiar with the school and his teacher before his first day. Bradley was a quiet young man; he was serious and thoughtful and polite. He enjoyed reading and had a green belt in jiu-jitsu. Carol only saw him smile once in their first meeting, and it instantly became one of her goals to see that smile on many more occasions this year.

Now she watched as Bradley's mother crouched down in front of him and the two exchanged words. Carol could not see Angela's face but she could see Bradley's. He was not scared. He was determined.

The two embraced. Angela stood up, looked towards the school, and crossed her arms nervously. Bradley took a deep breath, Carol took a deep breath, and then Bradley strode towards Holy Family. He walked straight over the hill, cut through the soccer field, and marched onto the ball diamond. It was at that point Carol remembered to exhale.

Standing at home plate was a circle of five boys, three of whom were in Carol's class this year; all of those she knew were going to be a handful. Carol realized that this was Bradley's target. He walked right into the circle, said a few words, and stuck out his hand. The other boys looked as if an alien had just beamed into their midst. The scene became a tableau.

Carol thought to grab her reflective vest and rush out to save Bradley from certain doom but before she could move Luke Waterson, in her mind the least likely candidate, put his hand in Bradley's and gave it a shake. The other boys followed suit, and it looked as if miniature business meeting had just commenced. Bradley smiled. Carol smiled.

Carol looked up at Angela, who was still standing at the park entrance. She watched as Angela uncrossed her arms, brushed at her cheek and turned to exit the scene. Carol brushed at her own cheek, and then the bell chimed to start another school year.

What Matters to Me in My Neighbourhood?

Calling out to civically engaged Hunt Club residents! Do you care about what's going on around you? How do you see our community moving forward? Maybe you've got some fresh ideas for the community where you've chosen to raise your children? Maybe you've spotted some hidden potential for one of these areas: Arts/Entertainment/Businesses/Services/Environment/Park Facilities/Transportation/Cycling/Health Matters/Senior Matters/Childcare Matters/Other.

If any of these areas interest you, and you'd like to explore some of your ideas with neighbours, register now to participate in the upcoming FREE Civics Primer Event hosted by the Citizens Academy right here at our Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre on Sunday, September 25th from 2-4 p.m. Learn about how City services can help turn your ideas into concrete projects. Food and drinks provided. Spaces limited to 20, first come, first served.

Please register at HCCivicsPrimer@bell.net

For more information about The Citizens Academy: <http://www.citizensacademy.ca/>

Thank you to Metro, Capital Dental Centre and Linda King, Broker, RE/MAX Hallmark for their support of this year's Hunt Club Cares Community Garage Sale!

With their help and yours, we raised \$1,000 to support summer programs for underprivileged youths in our Hunt Club neighbourhood!

Mark your calendars for next year: June 3, 2017

Contact Linda King, Steering Committee: huntclubcares@gmail.com or 613-260-7897

Little Free Libraries

Wynn Zhao

Walking along Cahill, at the end of the driveway of one of the houses, you may notice a mailbox-like structure, brimming with books, topped with a sign that reads "Take a book. Leave a book". These structures are called "little free libraries", a type of free neighbourhood book exchange that is becoming increasingly popular. Halina Hogg and her husband, residents of Cahill West, with the help of their neighbour Don Mac K. who built the structure, have started the very first little free library in the Hunt Club community!



The concept itself is quite simple: if you see a book you're interested in, you may take it and bring it back when you're done reading or keep it for yourself. In exchange, you may drop off a different book at the library. There are no rules or fines set in stone, just the promise of a great read and the opportunity to share something with the rest of your community.

These little free libraries have been popping up all around Ottawa, sprinkled throughout different neighbourhoods across the city. The main idea is to promote literacy and the love of reading while simultaneously building a sense of community. Just take a look inside Hogg's little library and you'll see a diverse selection of titles ranging from *The Backyardigans Flight of the Singing Pig* (a true classic) to J.K. Rowling's *The Casual Vacancy*. By trading and exchanging books, neighbours are able to share stories, creativity and wisdom across generations.

Whether it's a curious neighbour just dropping by on their evening walk or a dedicated and avid reader, these libraries are a nice conversation starter and meeting place for all those in the neighbourhood. "A number of neighbours have commented on what a great idea this is" says Hogg, "We have met many new neighbours and we are blessed to live in such a warm and friendly community."

The original idea of "Little Free Libraries" started in the States in 2009 and has now become a non profit organization aimed to promote literacy within communities. More information on Little Free Library and how you can start your own can be found on their website: <https://littlefreelibrary.org>

Importance of Neighbourhood Watch

Dear Friends and Neighbours,
Recent incidents in the Hunt Club community this summer have underscored the importance of Neighbourhood Watch programs, reporting matters to the Ottawa Police and keeping my office informed.

Statistics indicate that when the snow melts and the warm weather returns, so do incidents of property crime, personal assaults and robberies. Neighbourhood Watch is a program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. It aims to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level. The ultimate success of Neighbourhood Watch depends largely on a commitment to cooperation between area residents and the police - and more importantly, between residents themselves.

I championed two audits of the Airport Parkway Bridge and pathway system last year and will assist any group of neighbours who would welcome and participate in a local audit of nearby streets or pathways in the evening. Please also take note that I have planned a second River Ward Community Safety Night which will be held on October 19 at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, more information to follow.

With another full month of summer to enjoy, please take reasonable precautions in your home, lock your doors, keep your garage door closed, close ground level windows at night and be cautious with door to door solicitors. If you experience or see something suspicious, call Police.

The safety and security of all residents is one of my top priorities. Please let me know how I can continue to serve you and our community in this regard.

Sincerely yours,
Riley Brockington
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What's New at Windsor Park Retirement Community

With fall just around the corner and the cold months ahead, Windsor Park will begin its delicious homemade "Soup du Jour" delivery program. Our Executive Chef will prepare various kinds of soup that will warm the soul and keep you cozy on those chilly winter days. By providing us with your name and address we will be delighted to include you in this complimentary service provided by Windsor Park Retirement Community. Please feel welcome to contact me and learn more about this spectacular program and what we can do for you. With warmth, Lindsay Boileau, Lifestyle Consultant (613)249-0722 ext.2001.

Hunt Club: a Newcomer's Perspective

Dianne Nahal

My husband and I have recently moved to the Hunt Club community. We had been visiting Ottawa for the past seven years, when our daughters came up here for college/university, and now live here. We always notice how easy flowing conversation is at restaurants, grocery stores, etc. We have experienced some of the festivals and events that Ottawa offers. They are awesome and varied. We were welcomed by a neighbour in our condo complex even before we had purchased it, and have found many people to be very friendly.

Joining the Hunt Club community, through regular attendance at the HCCO monthly meetings is helping us to engage in and contribute to our new community. We feel value in being able to participate in some of our hobbies and experiences that can help others in our community. An additional bonus right here in Hunt Club is the many parks that are so accessible to all of us, providing peace and relaxation away from the bustle of urban living.

We thank our local businesses and politicians who make **Hunt Club: My Community** possible and ask that you support them.

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If you have an article that you would like to submit for our next issue, e-mail it to suemccarthy1952@gmail.com
We welcome your ideas for future issues; please submit them to us or come to our monthly meetings to discuss them. Our next meeting is Monday September 12, 7 pm at the Hunt-Club Riverside-Park Community Center.



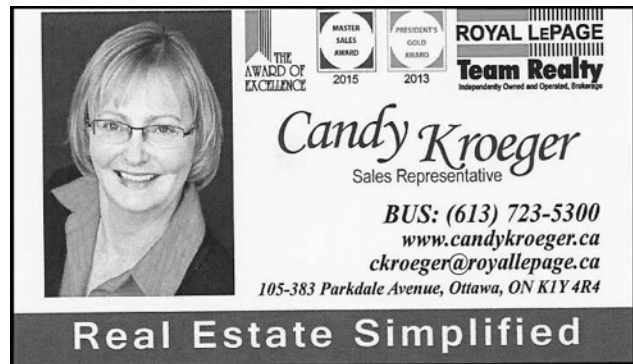
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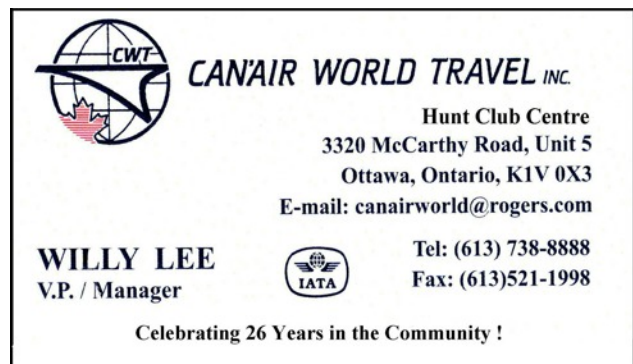
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