



Hunt Club: My Community

Welcome to the new and improved Hunt Club: My Community Newsletter!

We've moved to a web-based newsletter, eliminating about 3,000 paper copies and the efforts of about 50 deliverers, and the work of our distribution manager in sorting the packets and delivering them to our deliverers. Publishing electronically will allow for more flexibility in content, using colour, better graphics and the ability to comment on articles. We will still produce a limited number of paper copies to be delivered to the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, Seniors Residences and local businesses.

To sign up for email notification of the publication of a newsletter, go to <http://hunt-club.ca> and click on the subscribe button for Hunt Club: My Community. Current and past editions of the newsletter are available on our website as well.

A Book Drive in Hunt Club for Our Library

Christine Johnson

As part of our Saturday, September 7th Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Festival, we are inviting you to donate your unwanted reading and audio materials to our first ever community-wide Book Drive, in support of the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association. FOPLA is our local "fundraising organization of excellence that builds a growing community of library supporters and offers a fulfilling experience to its volunteers." We are proud to be contributing to our public library in this way. A list of materials accepted and NOT accepted in your donations has been posted at the front service counter of our community centre (on Paul Anka Drive at McCarthy Rd). You can also find it online:

<https://www.fopla-aabpo.ca/what-we-accept/>

Please remember to bring all of your donated materials in small cardboard boxes with lids or flaps that completely close, between 11 am and 2:30 pm. Small boxes should not measure any larger than 15 inches x 12 inches x 10 inches (e.g. LCBO box). Please indicate on the box that your donation is for FOPLA or the Friends. For the safety of staff and volunteers, please do not submit donations in plastic bags if there is a danger your donation may break the bag.

Why are we doing this? This is one way for us to show support for our Ottawa Public Library, while at the same time signalling to its staff and board of directors that we believe in the importance of public library services and wish to maintain and improve those that are currently offered to us in our Hunt Club community.

From Susan Orlean's The Library Book, published in 2018: "A library is a good place to soften solitude; a place where you feel part of a conversation that has gone on for hundreds and hundreds of years even when you're all alone. The library is a whispering post. You don't need to take a book off a shelf to know there is a voice inside that is waiting to speak to you, and behind that was someone who truly believed that if he or she spoke, someone would listen. Even the oddest, most particular book (that) was written ... declares that all these stories matter, and so does every effort to create something that connects us to one another, and to our past and what is still to come." (Pages 309-310)

Did you know that Bill and Melinda Gates, through their Foundation's 'Global Library Initiative' (founded in 2004), have expanded their goal of helping every American library get connected to the Internet, to helping the whole world do so? They believe in making libraries the worldwide portal to the future, by making them the default location for free public Internet. (Pages 294-295) But that's not all!

To find out more, you can reserve The Library Book online from the Ottawa Public Library's website: <https://bibliooottawalibrary.ca>, put it on hold at the 'Hunt Club Lockers', then pick it up from one of the lockers at our Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre. If you need help to learn how to do this, you can call the library at 613-580-2940 and they will walk you through the very easy and simple 'steps to follow'. I have often seen this book in the OPL kiosk in our community centre, from where you can borrow it directly.

Thank you for your donations to our Book Drive. See you on September 7th, between 11 am and 2:30 pm. If you would like to engage in our efforts to support and improve library services in our Hunt Club community, please contact me at libraryservicesmatter.hcca@bell.net.

City Councillor's Update

LRT Confederation Line

At long last, the Light Rail Transit System in Ottawa will open on Saturday September 14, 2019 at 2pm. All 13 stations will be polished and ready for passengers from Tunney's Pasture to Blair Station. Your patience has been appreciated during this lengthy and delayed infrastructure project. Work has already commenced on Phase 2 which will extend the Line further west to Moodie Drive, including a spur to Algonquin College, east to Tenth Line Road, past Place D'Orleans Shopping Centre and our local Trillium Line will be extended south to Riverside South, including a spur to the Airport. The Trillium Line will close on or near May 1, 2020 and reopen on or near September 1, 2022. I look forward to two new local stations, one at Walkley Station and South Keys.

Ready for Rail - Ottawa South

Five south-end City Councillors are co-hosting a Ready for Rail Information Night, five days before the entire system opens. Come on out to the Jim Durrell Recreation Complex at 1265 Walkley Road on Monday September 9 at 7pm for information about the LRT system, how some local bus routes are going to be modified and receive personal attention from OC Transpo route planners who will be on hand to chart your travel itinerary to work, school and point in between.

Road Paving in our Neighbourhood

City crews completed a minor paving job on McCarthy Road this summer, which was specifically done to add a special type of asphalt to reduce the amount of skidding happening on the curve, where the flashing amber light is. Too many vehicles speed along this corridor, placing all road users and pedestrians at risk. Please slow down.

Paving on Hunt Club Road between Bowesville and Paul Anka will be undertaken and completed by mid-October 2019. A small portion of Paul Anka, from Hunt Club to Boone Cresc. (South) will also be included.

Riverside Drive is tentative for 2020, subject to City Council budget approval, in what may be a two year project, Hunt Club to Walkley and Walkley to Brookfield, factoring in the closure of the Hog's Back bridge, which makes planning even more challenging. I am not willing to delay to the paving of Riverside until 2021. If I can secure the funds for 2020, this project will commence in 2020.

River Ward Older Adult Summit

River Ward's annual Older Adult Summit will take place on Friday October 4, 2019 at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre from 8:30am to 1pm, and will include three guest speakers, covering three themes relevant to older adults, a continental breakfast, catered lunch and celebrity drop-in guests all morning. Due to limited seating, please RSVP by contacting Andrea.Ward@Ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2486, as every seat will be taken.

Airport Parkway Pedestrian Bridge Naming

I am pleased to announce a proposal supported by Mayor Watson to officially name the Airport Parkway Pedestrian Bridge the Juno Beach Memorial Bridge, in honour of the 75th anniversary of the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944 and in memory of the 359 Canadians killed that day. As the bridge is not proposed to be named after a person, the naming process is different than the commemorative naming process. Therefore, on September 11, 2019 I will give advance notice of this proposal at the City Council meeting and this will be debated by City Council on September 25, 2019. The Juno Beach Association and Canadian Legion are supportive of this proposal. A ceremony will be held during Veterans week. I will be discussing this matter further at the September 9, 2019 meeting of the Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA).

Official Plan Review

On August 22, the City's Planning Committee, in a joint session with the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, received a staff report outlining preliminary policy directions for the new Official Plan.

City Staff presented the policy directions, which would address the challenges our maturing, mid-sized city will face over the next 25 years. The high-level direction touches on five key themes:

Growth The City would encourage more growth through intensification, in areas that are already built up, than through expansion into new or undeveloped areas.

Mobility The City would aim for more than half of all trips to be made by sustainable transportation, including public transit, carpooling, walking and cycling.

Neighbourhoods The City would improve community planning and design, with a focus on neighbourhoods, expanding the total area where residents could function without a car.

Natural Systems The City would better integrate public health, energy and environmental resiliency considerations in planning matters.

Economic Development The City would look to embed economic development considerations in planning matters.

The City is in the process of developing a revised Official Plan to ensure Ottawa continues to adapt to current and emerging needs, opportunities and challenges. Staff are working to produce a final draft of a new Official Plan by the end of 2021. Staff aim to start public consultations in the coming months, to ask residents about this high-level policy direction.

Rental Housing Regulatory Review

The City of Ottawa has initiated the Rental Housing Regulatory Review. The goal of the study is to conduct a review of regulations governing private sector rental properties to address public health and safety, consumer protection, community nuisances and other areas of municipal concern. This review includes a review of policy options to address housing conditions, student housing, rooming houses and shared accommodations (AirB&B). Please visit my website www.rileybrockington.ca to review the policy options on housing conditions and short term rentals.

It's Time for the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Festival!

Our event takes place on Saturday September 7th from 11 am to 3 pm, rain or shine, at the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre, 3320 Paul Anka Drive. The Hunt Club Community Association, the Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association, the South East Ottawa Community Health Centre and the City of Ottawa invite you to join in the fun, young and old, as we celebrate the beginning of the fall season. There will be fun for the whole family and it's all free!

There will be free food: BBQ halal hot dogs, roast corn, popcorn, chips and salsa and other treats. Come and listen to the free musical entertainment, watch some dancers, learn to play the ukulele, and meet your neighbours. Younger children and teens can try the bouncy castle, get their face painted or take part in some games. Residents of all ages can go on a nature walk with naturalist and tree educator Owen Clarkin. Come on out. We're waiting to meet you!

And, it's time to divide up those perennials! For those of you participating in the Plant Exchange at our Community Festival, please ensure that you have just watered your plants and that you bring them in containers. Please label each plant with its common or Latin name; it will facilitate a fun and friendly experience for everyone. Leave a plant, take a plant: a great way to add diversity to your garden!

Paul Landry Park Fall Clean Up

Saturday, October 5, 10 am: Plan to dress for the weather to help clean up our beloved local park. Meet next to the Paul Landry Park sign on Uplands Drive at 10 am. Rain date will be the next day on Sunday, October 6, same time. Gloves and bags provided. Just bring your energy, good humour and love of our park.

Arts in the Park

The second annual 'Arts in the Park' event was held at Paul Landry Park from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, July 6th. Many local visual artists displayed their works and also set up interactive art tables for all to sample. Most of the artists were from the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre's Art Club, facilitated by Dianne Nahal. There was also a jewelry and book display by a local author. Free refreshments and snacks were enjoyed by all, topped off with a visit from the 'Mr. Sundae' ice cream truck just at the right time as Spencer Scharf was finishing his ukulele gig.

We look forward to another successful 'Arts in the Park' event next year. See you there. We are always growing so if you are interested in displaying your artwork or in running a short workshop, please contact Dianne Nahal at d.arts@bell.net. If you are a dancer, musician, author, storyteller, or performing artist and you would like to participate, please contact Christine Johnson at artsinthepark@bell.net



General view, Phillip Alkoury, Dianne Nahal

Fired to Hired - Help for Job Seekers

Lynette Joseph-Sankey

As an experienced worker, you gave everything to the job and you were a good employee for many years. Now, no pay cheque will be coming in. Has this happened to you?

When it happened to me, my pain and fears were real, but I did not let it define me or push me away from my life's goal, to help people. So, I graduated from the Career and Work Counsellor Program at George Brown College.

The Hunt Club Community has its very own professional Career Counsellor, who will look at your long-term perspective as you describe your perfect job, and uncover your previously unrealized passion for a specific career. For more information, visit workcounselling.ca

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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 write us or come to our monthly meetings to discuss them.

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