

June 2020

Hunt Club: My Community



GET GROWING HUNT CLUB

Christine Johnson

An idea was planted. Like a seed, it germinated and grew. And a project was born. It rolled out right here, within the geographical boundaries of our Hunt Club community, between May 4 and 24, with its visible manifestation on Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th: GET GROWING HUNT CLUB.

So, just what was the genesis of this project?

Barb Shea proposed an initiative to help address food security needs in our community which was passed at the May 4th Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA) board meeting. The idea was to provide kits with a small vegetable plant and a package of seeds to as many residents as possible to encourage self-sufficiency by learning how to grow one's own vegetables. Seed money of \$250 from the HCCA, matched by Councillor Brockington, plus two anonymous donations of \$100 each, launched the project.

Using Zoom meetings, HCCA Director Barb Shea pulled together a planning team and volunteers and an action plan with tight timelines, identified responsibilities and specific targets. In the space of **two weeks**:

- A project logo, posters, communications pieces and the Get Growing kit handout were designed by Kat Gracie and Jason Dubue (co-founders of BWYL Group) with the OSEAN group contributing the educational component of the gardening handout

- Andrea Ward, Assistant to Councillor Brockington, coordinated the printing of the posters, communication pieces and the Get Growing kit handout
- A team of volunteers distributed posters around the neighbourhood encouraging residents to contact the HCCA Get Growing team through email or Facebook. Thanks to Lorraine Busby, Christine Johnson, Jason Dubue and Kat Gracie
- www.hunt-club.ca/getgrowing was created through the efforts of Brian Wade (President, HCCA) and BWYL Group and then promoted on the **HCCA Facebook page** to allow residents to register online for a free seed/seedling starter kit
- Barb Shea and Tania Mushka successfully identified our five other wonderful sponsors, who either donated the seed, seedling plants or provided a significant discount towards their purchase. Thank you to **Greta's Organic Gardens, Gaia Organic Seeds, Lee Valley Tools, Artistic Landscape Designs, and Green Thumb Garden Centre.**
- Seeds and plants were picked up by Tania and Barb.
- Christine, Lorraine, Barb and friend Caroline bagged and sorted all the products into 'kits' with one small plant, one seed package and an information sheet about the 'Get Growing' initiative along with an additional ad for free Zoom gardening tutorials.

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- Manuel Costa volunteered his trailer to take all packages to the delivery points.
- Distribution dates were identified along with five different distribution sites and volunteer helpers for each shift.
- Safety Guidelines were developed to ensure protection from the COVID-19 virus at all distribution sites.

Mother Nature offered perfect weather for both distribution dates. Volunteers handed out the kits at the Ashgrove and Shearwater Community Housing sites on Saturday and at household driveways on Archer Square, Twyford and Pattermead on Sunday. Any remaining kits were delivered locally.

Thank you to Alexis Doyle, Sophie and Pauline Pazar, Lorraine Busby and her husband Len, Christine Johnson, Piero Narducci and his wife Živana, Dianne Nahal, Kat Gracie, Jason Dubue, Barb Shea and her husband Mick and Bert and Millie Beechey, for manning the distribution sites. HCCA President, Brian Wade and Vice President, Sue McCarthy, each came by to show their support. Councillor Brockington also took the time to visit each site with his daughter Katie to show his support and encouragement.

And that was Year 1 of the GET GROWING HUNT CLUB initiative, 450 kits later. We'll call it 'the **COVID Get Growing Kickoff Year**'.

What made this project so unique?

- Residents from across our community participated in it from households in Quinterra-Woods, on and near Uplands Drive at the Riverside, middle and Hunt Club Road ends, to streets at the Airport Parkway end with all kinds of residences in between, this project brought the community together!
- New connections were made with neighbours from all sectors of the socio-economic, cultural, gender and age demographics in our community.
- Conversations, exchanges of gardening tips, laughter, information about each other's cultures and 'neck of the woods' all happened, when residents came to pick up their 'Get Growing' kits.

Growing food, growing community is **GET GROWING HUNT CLUB**. Watch for this initiative on our **HCCA Facebook page** in **March/April 2021** or contact us at getgrowing@hunt-club.ca to get on our mailing list. Let us know what you'd like to see for next year!

How's Your Garden Growing?

Send us pictures of your vegetable or flower gardens and we'll post them on our website.

Covid's Silver Linings

Christine Johnson

Moving into our fourth month of the COVID calamity, we are all adjusting as best as we can to this current reality. It has not been easy and continues to uproot us from all that was previously known as 'normal'. Some interesting other observations that I have made over the last several weeks:

- people never seen before in the neighbourhood, out for daily walks
- so many children, running, yelling, laughing, playing outdoors with balls, skipping ropes, on bicycles, skateboards, inline skates, trampolines, in backyard tents
- impromptu singing with or without musical instruments out on the street and in backyards
- spontaneous gatherings of neighbours (10 max!) in housing project courtyards, home driveways, backyards, even in garages transformed into living rooms
- cyclists enjoying the safety and freedom from cars on the roads
- nature breathing a sigh of relief from air, water and land pollution
- the sudden realization that EVERY job has value and people showing appreciation for workers everywhere
- people connecting with each other more than ever before and discovering shared interests
- more people gardening than ever before
- people discovering the joy of baking their own bread and the pleasure of other baking and cooking
- people reading more than ever
- people learning all kinds of new skills in different areas
- more kindnesses freely shared among family, neighbours and strangers
- people taking the time to reflect on what really matters
- people realizing that maybe we don't need a lot of the 'stuff' and 'practices' to which we had become accustomed

Maybe this is an opportunity to rethink how we've been 'doing things'.

River Ward Updates

Riley Brockington

COVID-19 Update

Ottawa Public Health's numbers have continued to show that our efforts at keeping physical distance and protecting our most vulnerable are paying off. In the last week, our daily new COVID-19 case numbers have stayed around 10 daily and our number of hospitalized cases are now below 40. Great job to all of you as you take on personal sacrifices for the greater good.

With expanded testing ability, any Ottawa resident who feels they need a test, even if they are not showing symptoms, can now go for testing at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre or COVID-19 Care Clinics and should not be turned away, unless volumes are significant. If volumes are significant, priority will be given to residents from high-risk groups and those showing symptoms.

There are three locations available for testing:

- **COVID-19 Care Clinic – Heron Location,**
1485 Heron Road, open Monday to Friday, 9-3:30pm
- **COVID-19 Assessment Centre - Brewer Park Arena,**
151 Brewer Way, 9-3:30pm , 7 days a week
- **COVID-19 Care Clinic – Moodie Location,**
595 Moodie Drive, Monday to Friday, 9-3:30pm.

For further information on COVID-19 and all related questions, please visit [Ottawa Public Health's website](#).

Get Growing! Hunt Club

Dear Friends and Neighbours in Hunt Club, I would like to start off by congratulating Barb Shea and other volunteers who assisted with the Get Growing! Hunt Club project, for their amazing work getting it up and off the ground in just three weeks.

I look forward to seeing photos later this summer of vegetable plants and the harvest later this season. Congratulations again on this great achievement. It was an honour to be one of your community sponsors.

River Ward E-Newsletter

Have you signed up for the monthly River Ward E-Newsletter?

Send me a note at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca to register for the e-newsletter. To view the most recent edition, sent on June 1, visit my website at rileybrockington.ca



Riverside and Hunt Club Intersection Review

The report generated from the intersection safety review of the Riverside and Hunt Club intersection is complete. A meeting was scheduled to present the findings at the monthly meeting of the Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA) on Monday, April 6 however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person presentation did not happen. The document was shared on April 24 with local residents who were on my Taggart development email list, as well as the [Hunt Club Community Association](#). If you would like a copy of the report, please contact my office at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

This review was started as a result of a zoning bylaw amendment applied for by Taggart Developments Inc for their property on Riverside Drive at Hunt Club Road (3930 & 3960 Riverside). Because of concerns brought forward by local residents and my office, the City of Ottawa agreed to my request to conduct an independent intersection safety review. A public survey was also available seeking feedback and asking local residents to share their experiences to help inform the intersection review and final report. Community response was heavy, with 1,300 responses provided. The intent of the review and survey was to identify potential countermeasures that would improve safety and overall operations for all users.

HCCA Update - June 1, 2020

There were a number of items that I covered at this month's HCCA meeting, including:

- City's residential growth management strategy, as part of the Official Plan review completed this past week
- Ongoing increased access to city facilities as provincial restrictions are slowly lifted.
- Updates on the Riverside Drive O-Train Bridge Rehabilitation and the Confederation Heights Bridge Rehabilitation
- New Ottawa Public Library services that are going to phase in starting on June 8, beginning with curbside returns and hold pickups at six locations, including the Greenboro Branch.
- City's Tow Truck Regulation Review is underway. You can participate at <https://ottawa.ca/en/news/why-should-you-care-about-tow-trucks>
- Expanded testing for COVID-19, now open to anyone needing a test at all three locations.

You can review the entire handout from Monday's HCCA meeting on my website at <http://rileybrockington.ca/councillors-update-to-the-hunt-club-community-association-june-1-2020/>

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Slow Down in your Community

As a result of issues raised with me by River Ward residents concerned by the elevated amount of speeding within our residential communities, I moved a motion at the May 27 City Council meeting that directs the City to commence a public service campaign to target speeding on our local streets. The campaign will specifically reach out to delivery companies that are contributing to this public safety issue. I would like to remind residents and motorists to please slow down when driving in your residential community. With the added volume of children and parents at home and out walking, cycling, playing, and [visiting](#) our parks, it is imperative that motorists please slow down.

Locally, I have also been in touch with the Traffic Enforcement Sergeant at Ottawa Police Services and have highlighted the speeding and drag-racing issues particularly on Riverside Drive and Walkley Road and have requested an increased presence in the area. I can [confirm](#) that there has been speed enforcement in the area over the last several weeks.

As a reminder, I have **Slow Down for Us** lawn signs you may post on your property. If you would like a sign delivered to your door, please contact my office at 613-580-2486 or send me an email at Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca.

Happy Father's Day

I would like to wish all fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and father-figures, including my own, Bruce (aka Dad), a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 21. Enjoy your day!

Congratulations Graduates

This past week my office prepared and sent out over 800 graduation certificates to River Ward's 16 elementary and secondary schools to honour our graduating students. I would like to congratulate all students who are moving on to the next stage of their education, whether it be in the elementary, secondary, or post-secondary levels. Each step of our young students' achievement is worth celebrating. I hope you take the time to celebrate in your own special way.



Hunt Club Community Association

A Message From Your Association

We hope that you and your family are doing well under the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We've all had to change our routines and get used to a new reality: curbside pickups at grocery and hardware stores, cancellation of personal services like barbers and hairdressers, social distancing and new standards of cleanliness like washing your hands frequently. How many times have you sang "Happy Birthday" to yourself? Are you wondering where to find information about the pandemic and other resources? Check our website at: <https://hunt-club.ca/>

The change to our daily routines has promoted other pastimes such as baking bread when you can find yeast and flour, DIY projects in the house, and the new one, gardening. Your Community Association jumped on that bandwagon and sponsored the Get Growing Project.

Been Baking?

Check out Mary Janet from Cape Breton. She's become a world-wide internet sensation since posting her video about how to bake cinnamon rolls. Her video just hit the air as people were house-bound and trying to figure out what to do with themselves and decided to bake. You can watch her on YouTube or catch her on Facebook Live. Every Sunday you can bake along with Mary Janet and have a cup of tea while she chats and bakes. She's all about that Maritime down-home friendliness and charm.

Youtube Channel: **Tunes And Wooden Spoons**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyLOG8qZEYzn1-UoiE-ApQ/about>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TunesAndWoodenSpoons/>

Did you take up baking bread or got a favourite bread or sourdough starter recipe? Share with your neighbours! Send us pictures and recipes we'll post them on our website.



HCCA Community Outreach

Kat Gracie

Recently, I was invited to join the HCCA Facebook page team as one of the moderators. I was also one of the volunteers answering the GetGrowing! Hunt Club enquiries by email. That's meant in a very short time frame, I've communicated online and in person with numerous neighbours, who were excited and engaged to further build a vibrant healthy community in Hunt Club. We are grateful for the warm reception GetGrowing! received and excited to further develop the friendships and shared opportunities that resulted from the initiative.

As we further adjust to pandemic times, local efforts will markedly sustain and improve our quality of life. By making strategic use of online community-building tools to complement periodic in-person COVID-19 mindful events, we can make the most of our local talent and resources for the benefit of all residents.

Some ideas we'd like to hear your thoughts on:

Do you have a business you'd like us to promote in the new local listing section on the updated HCCA website?

- Would you participate in a Hunt Club specific book/tool library?
- Are there examples or links for programs and initiatives in other communities you like us to explore?
- Is there a service you've previously accessed outside our boundary that you would like to show some local interest for?
- Would you like to help develop a Welcome Kit for new residents or HCCA members?

If you are interested in being involved and shaping what the next few years could look like here in Hunt Club, please share your thoughts, concerns, hopes, wishes and ideas with our team, email outreach@hunt-club.ca

Your Community Association is Looking for You!

Sue McCarthy

Ever wonder why things are the way they are, why things in your neighbourhood just aren't to your liking. Why there are cars speeding. Why there are developments springing up that you weren't aware of? How can you find out about these things? One way is to get involved in your community. I know you're busy, you've got the kids activities, you work, you're running ragged. But it doesn't have to take a lot of your time.

The Hunt Club Community Association (HCCA) is your voice to your Councillor, Riley Brockington and to the City of Ottawa. As a group we can have a bigger impact than as an individual.

We are the focal point for information and consultations on projects. For instance, the HCCA has provided comments on the New Official Plan for the City, provided input on proposed developments on Hunt Club at the Airport Parkway and at Riverside and Hunt Club. We host special events like the Fall Festival and Art in the Park. We are planning a Community Garden and sit on some inter-organizational committees working together on issues like Food Security and the Environment.

Keep in touch with what is going on in your neighbourhood, your city. Join us, attend meetings, maybe even join the board.

We meet at 7 pm on the 1st Monday of the month from September through June. Our Annual General Meeting is in November.

Contact us on our website at <https://hunt-club.ca/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HuntClubCommunityAssociation/>



Join Today!

As a non-profit community association, we want to ensure our vision and mission are in line with the needs of the community. We rely on membership as one way to do so.

Members receive a membership card that can be used to get a 20% discount on the cost of the all-inclusive fitness programs at any of the City of Ottawa 23 Recreation Programs.

Hunt-Club.ca/Membership

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