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Cyclists of all ages, including three-year-old Matilde, took part in the CCC's annual Bike Rodeo on May 5, which featured a group ride. See page 8 for more CCC events. Photo by Richard Guy Briggs

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## Rumours fly about future of properties on south side of Beechwood Avenue

By Jane Heintzman

Rumors have been buzzing recently of impending property sales along Beechwood Avenue. The stretch along the street's south side between Loyer Street (at the Quickie convenience store) and St. Charles Street (at Monson Deluxe Cleaners) has been a particular focus of speculation. Much of the block has been derelict for years, dominated by a large vacant lot and a motley collection of run-down, tenantless buildings. A number of the properties on this block are owned by the Claude Lauzon group. When the community movement to rejuvenate Beechwood was launched after the 2011 fire, this block was singled out as an unsightly scar on the com-

mercial landscape, badly in need of redevelopment and new life.

Numerous off-the-record discussions with locals close to the matter strongly suggest that change is coming, but hard facts have been difficult to pin down.

"I understand that the properties on the south side (between Quickie and Arturo's) have been sold conditionally – subject to approval of a development application," City Councillor **Tobi Nussbaum** wrote in an email to *NEN*. "If and when the potential owners submit a development application, it will be a public document subject to public notification and consultation processes. This will entail a large sign summarizing the proposal

being placed on site, notice provided to the registered Community Associations, and a letter explaining the proposal delivered to the residents living near the site.

"I'm working closely with Councillor [Mathieu] Fleury (in whose ward the properties lie) to ensure development along Beechwood is informed by the objectives of the Beechwood Community Development Plan and contributes value to our community's main street," Tobi confirms.

Quartier Vanier Business Improvement Area (QVBIA) Chair **Mark Kaluski** happens to own a business that occupies one of the properties in question. He gives a thumbs-

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## Well-liked 255 MacKay concept switched for one that breaks heritage rules

By Gail McEachern,  
Heritage and Development

The initial proposal for the adaptive reuse of the former manse at 255 MacKay (as described in *NEN's* April issue) has been replaced by a new version as of May 11, 2018. The first set of plans (dated Feb. 23) showed a new addition attached to the manse which would have retained its primary historic architectural elements. The City's heritage planners approved this proposal. New Edinburgh Community

Alliance's (NECA's) Heritage and Development Committee supported it, and detailed information about the project was circulated to the community at large for comment via [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca), the *New Edinburgh News* and Councillor Tobi Nussbaum's website. To date, there has been no evidence of a negative response.

This was shaping up to be a win-win situation and one that we, collectively, could be proud of.

So, what happened?

On May 11, Robin Fyfe of Routeburn Urban Developments and Eugen Mihaescu, of Robertson Martin Architects submitted a "revised proposal" to City Planning in support of their Application for a Heritage Permit. The MacKay street facade has undergone a major design 'remake' which erases or alters most of the original architectural features and compromises the historic integrity of the manse. This

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# Updates on diverse developments that impact our quality of life



**Cindy Parkanyi**  
NECA President

Spring is finally here; a lovely season of renewal. It seems fitting to begin talking about new developments that will have an impact on the quality of our village life going forward and what we can do to ensure that it's a positive one.

## Beechwood developments on the horizon

Many new developments are either in the works or coming soon to Beechwood (see Jane Heintzman's story on page 1). The New Edinburgh Community Alliance (represented by resident Ari Abonyi), along with other Beechwood-area community organizations, will join forces to more effectively monitor these new developments. The idea is to engage as early as possible with new owners and developers to help positively influence their designs to better suit the community's needs. Some of the key elements that would be emphasized are a) respecting the "mainstreet" streetscape and the vision in the 2005 Beechwood Community Design Plan, and b) providing appropriately-sized and priced spaces to encourage small-scale retail.

## Upcoming elections

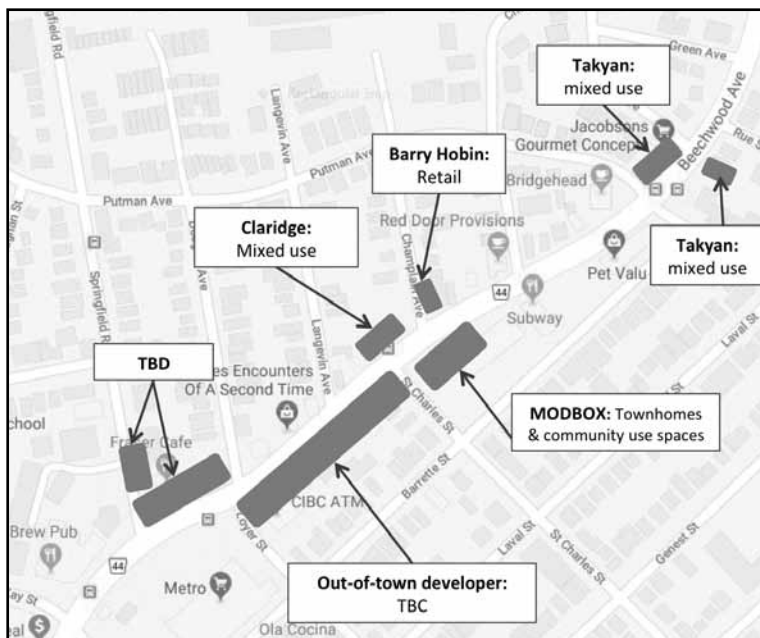
NECA is working to ensure our residents have access to the relevant information

they need to make informed choices during the upcoming elections – both provincial (June 7) and municipal (Oct. 28). In this edition of *NEN*, you will find responses to targeted questions put to the provincial candidates on pages 19-22. NECA has also worked with neighbouring community associations to organize an all candidates' meeting on **May 29 at 7:30 p.m.** at Queen Julianna Hall, 360 Springfield Rd.

## Traffic and safety improvements

**Dufferin Road sidewalk extension:** Our Traffic and Safety Committee has worked with the City to develop plans to improve safety along Dufferin Road between Crichton Street and the Stanley Park "curve" by extending the sidewalk on the south side of Dufferin Road to the multi-use path. An information session will take place at the Fieldhouse on **June 4, 5-7 p.m.** (drop-in format).

**Lower speed limits and traffic volumes:** At its recent board meeting, NECA signalled to Councillor Tobi Nussbaum that the community would be interested in being an early adopter in implementing the new provincial legislation for lower baseline speed limits in neighbour-



hoods (from the current city-wide 50 km/hr limit). Until now, anyone wishing to lower the speed limit in their area had to go through a street-by-street application process that was virtually impossible to accomplish. Things are also moving forward on a traffic management study for New Edinburgh examining ways to reduce the flow-through volume of traffic. Traffic counts were taken in various locations and will be used to determine next steps.

## 255 MacKay

The NECA Board was disappointed to learn of the recent—and unexpected—modifications to the proposed design for the old MacKay United Church manse renovations (a.k.a. the NECTAR Centre). Given the seemingly universal approval of the earlier design, we are perplexed as to why the sudden change to something that does not adhere to the tenets of the New Edinburgh Heritage Overlay by removing his-

torically significant elements from the design. We are hopeful that design plans will be appropriately adjusted.

## Park vision news

Recent incidents in New Edinburgh Park have highlighted the need to look for ways to ensure that all park users – particularly pedestrians, dogs and cyclists – are able to enjoy the benefits of the lovely greenspace without endangering themselves or others. This particular theme will be a major topic of discussion as part of the ongoing work on the Park Vision. Other areas of focus include examining the City's proposed re-greening plan for the park after the CSST project has been completed, and looking at possible flood prevention solutions, in consultation with the City, the National Capital Commission and Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

## CSST update

The next Community

Monitoring Committee (CCMC) is scheduled for **June 13 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Fieldhouse at Stanley Park. Diesel fumes, sewage smells and incessant noise—particularly at night—are the main issues that will continue to be brought to the table.

In recent weeks, there have been occasions when the noise level clearly exceeded the nighttime maximum allowable, but work was not halted. Councillor Tobi Nussbaum is aware of this issue and informed the NECA Board on May 15 that he is looking into a solution to ensure that when these exceedances occur, work will cease immediately and remain suspended until they can determine the cause.

The CSST project team has asked for feedback on the notional idea of closing the Queen Victoria construction entrance and reducing the size of the construction zone once the work has completed on the connector tunnels. This would require that construction traffic both enter and exit next to the Stanley Park playground area. The advantage would be that the community would have use of more of the park earlier; the disadvantage would be the increased traffic near a very busy area of the park. If you have views on this question, please don't hesitate to contact me. We will be seeking more details on this proposal at the next CCMC meeting.

If you would like to get more involved with your community or would like to provide input on NECA's activities, please contact me at [cparkanyi@yahoo.ca](mailto:cparkanyi@yahoo.ca).

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## NECA Meetings - All Welcome

The NECA board meets nine times a year, normally on the **third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m.** No meetings in July, August or December. During October, NECA holds its annual general meeting (AGM) and a regular board meeting.

Meetings will be held at the **NECTAR Centre, 255 MacKay St.** Meetings are open to all New Edinburgh residents. Anyone wishing to make a presentation to the board should please contact Cindy Parkanyi in advance to arrange scheduling. Our next meetings are:

**Tuesday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, September 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Any changes to this schedule will be posted in advance on the New Edinburgh website, [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca).

# Public café overlooking Rideau Falls to open this summer



Photo montage courtesy NCC

A rendering of what the Tavern on the Falls should look like when it opens in June.

## By Jane Heintzman

Soon, locals and tourists alike will take in the spectacular view of the Rideau Falls and the wide sweep of the Ottawa River, with the Gatineau Hills in the background, while sipping a local beer and munching on a gourmet hot dog. The new **Tavern on the Falls** is coming to the patio beside the new Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) Headquarters at 50 Sussex Dr. The facility is expected to be up and running in late May or early June, and – weather permitting – will operate until mid-October.

The new eatery is closely modelled on the **Tavern on the Hill** ([tavernonthehillottawa.com](http://tavernonthehillottawa.com)) in Major's Hill Park, which launched last year to great acclaim, and recently reopened for the 2018 season. **André Schad** and his wife **Chantal** – owners of the Sussex Drive boutiques Schad and Wolf & Zed – are the creators and operators of both tavern ventures. As a flagship rental client of the National Capital Commission (NCC), on whose turf both taverns as well as his shops are located, André seized the chance to develop family-friendly amenities at these two iconic Ottawa sites. His

aim: to create a “sit down and enjoy the view” experience.

The new Tavern on the Falls will cater to early-birds and night-owls alike. Morning coffee service will begin at 7 a.m., featuring Bridgehead coffee and breakfast fare, as well as treats from new local supplier Maverick's Donuts. Later in the day and throughout the evening, the fully-stocked bar will feature local beer and wine, along with a simple but tasty menu including gourmet hot dogs, meatball buns, sandwiches and salads. In keeping with the Tavern's casual atmosphere, it will be strictly counter service, and there will be no reservations. Though André was still working on the details when we spoke in late April, his plan is to offer live entertainment on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, weather permitting.

The Tavern on the Falls is taking shape in tandem with the RCGS's move into its new headquarters at 50 Sussex. The building will house the organization's 30-plus employees, as well as the staff of *Canadian Geographic* magazine, and includes large public spaces for special events and exhibits.

According to **Carole Saad**,

vice-president of events at 50 Sussex Inc., the events division of the RCGS, the transition should be complete by May 14, not long before the building opens its doors to the general public for **Doors Open Ottawa** on Jun. 2. RCGS' inaugural exhibition, highlighting the polar expeditions of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, is scheduled to launch at the end of June and will run until early September. Open hours will be Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., and admission is free.

Carole looks forward to having the Tavern on the Falls up and running outside her office door: “It's a wonderful spot for our employees to have lunch or a cocktail after work; it's a great idea to animate the waterfront in this location,” she said.

The NCC's director of real estate management, **Bill Leonard**, is equally pleased about the new summer facility: “The NCC welcomes Tavern on the Falls to Canada's Confederation Boulevard. The new terrace will allow the public to enjoy some of the capital's waterways and cultural landscapes; it offers stunning views of the Falls where the Rideau River meets the Ottawa River.”

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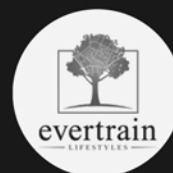
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# CSST impact on neighbourhoods survey releases early findings

By Ruth Bankey and Marta Klepaczek, ACTiON team members

The first distribution of the ACTiON study (Assessment of CSST's Impact On Neighbourhoods) in September 2017 was intended to gather baseline data to compare with subsequent results. It has yielded some interesting and useful information.

The majority of surveys returned came from the areas immediately adjacent to the construction site, from Stanley Avenue up to MacKay Street, while the area north of Rideau Terrace submitted the fewest number of surveys. It would be logical to assume that this reflects both the level of impact and the level of interest (or perceived relevance) of the CSST project within these areas.

The concerns and grievances regarding the CSST project were dispersed throughout New Edinburgh

and Lindenlea. There were also some examples of small clusters (two to three houses all responding), which may reflect the need to respond amongst groups of neighbours and at specific sites where construction noise and traffic is most impactful. Yet this pattern is outweighed by what appears to be a more widespread interest throughout the zones, thereby suggesting a more general impact rather than micro scale impacts at various places within the community.

Regardless of the proximity to construction, the emerging themes in each survey zone were similar. While people closer to the construction site were more likely to describe their concerns about the process, those further away often expressed empathy or concern for those near the site.

Respondents' concerns fell

into two broad themes:

**First: issues with the CSST process, specifically dissatisfaction with the City and its handling of the project.** While most individuals recognized that the CSST project is vital for long-term city sustainability, the way in which it was handled and the lack of appropriate community consultation and discussion by the City was an issue. Survey respondents expressed concern about the lack of transparency and considerate communication to community members regarding the construction process itself. Questions emerged about City liability, compensation and improvements to consultative municipal processes.

**Second: concerns for the well-being, and health and safety of individuals and families.** Most pressing

across all areas of the community were traffic issues and safety fears, in particular for children, the elderly, individual adults and pets. Even respondents who did not feel personally affected or disrupted by the CSST project were concerned about vehicular safety, congestion and increased risk. Respondents noted noise and vibration issues and disruption of daily activities, in particular in the regions from MacKay Street to the site itself. Very few people noted daily disruptions in the other zones. Another significant concern was the dust and dirt in relation to health, as well as the additional amount of housework incurred by individuals as a result of daily cumulative construction dust and debris. Respondents expressed a variety of other health concerns, including sleep disturbances

and fatigue; increased anxiety and worry; respiratory distress; and health impacts due to loss of spaces for exercise, recreation, social gathering and play within the community.

As the next step, the ACTiON team will be conducting the first follow-up of this study at the end of May 2018. If you did not participate in the baseline questionnaire, you can still contribute. Please contact us at: [actionstudyottawa@gmail.com](mailto:actionstudyottawa@gmail.com).

Finally, as a response to the feedback in the survey, we have created an electronic version, in addition to the paper copy. On behalf of the ACTiON study team, our sincere thanks for all the suggestions and to those who participated.

## Pedestrian safety improvements coming to the Burgh



**Tobi Nussbaum**  
City Councillor, Ward 13

Along with the New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA) and City of Ottawa staff, I would like to invite you to a consultation session on a proposed construction project aimed at improving pedestrian safety and connectivity

along Dufferin Road/Stanley Avenue.

The proposal includes the following elements:

- construction of a concrete sidewalk at the edge of the road on the southeast side of Dufferin Road, connecting from Crichton Street to the

paved Rideau River Eastern Pathway

- planting of street trees and native vegetation behind the new sidewalk

- construction of a gravel walkway from the Rideau River Eastern Pathway to the gravel pedestrian path on the bank of the Rideau River

- improvements to stormwater drainage on Dufferin via regrading Dufferin and constructing a storm sewer, catch basins and curb

The open house will take place Jun. 4 from 5–7 p.m. (drop-in format) at the Stanley Park Fieldhouse, 193 Stanley Ave.

At this session, you will have the opportunity to get background information on the proposed design, learn more about the proposal's benefits and impacts, and provide feedback on the proposal. NECA representatives and City staff will be on hand to discuss the proposal, answer questions and collect feedback. I hope to see you there as well! You can also share feedback by contact-

ing NECA President Cindy Parkanyi at [cparkanyi@yahoo.ca](mailto:cparkanyi@yahoo.ca) or 613-745-8734, or by contacting the CSST project team: [CSST@ottawa.ca](mailto:CSST@ottawa.ca), 613-580-2424 ext. 2CSST (22778).

### PXO on Springfield at Putman

You will have noticed the construction of a new pedestrian crossing (PXO) on Springfield Road to facilitate crossing on the south side of Putman Avenue. City staff identified this location as one where a high volume of pedestrians were crossing without any formal crossing facilities. The installation of signage and pavement markings indicating that pedestrians have the right-of-way to cross will improve safety and active transportation options. Vehicles must yield to pedestrians when crossing.

### Seasonal traffic calming

Throughout the warmer months over the last three years, you will have noticed an expanding network of seasonal traffic calming measures cropping up on local roadways. The purpose of these measures is to reduce speeding on our residential roads. This year, we are again expanding the use of tem-

porary and flexible interventions such as flexible signs in the roadway, posts separating bike lanes from vehicle traffic, concrete planter boxes to narrow the road and visual reminders such as speed display boards and painted messages on roadways. Locations where these measures will be implemented in 2018 are based on areas of concern raised by residents and community associations, as well as on feedback from City traffic services staff.

Seasonal traffic calming interventions will be installed in stages. The first stage, beginning in May, is the redeployment of locations where seasonal traffic calming measures were already installed in previous years. In June, you will begin to notice new locations for painted messages as well as flexible signs and posts separating bike lanes. In the summer, new locations for concrete planter boxes will be added. Watch for planter boxes in New Edinburgh on Dufferin, MacKay and Crichton.

We will be creating a map that will show all the locations that have seen the addition of these lighter, quicker and cost-efficient traffic-calming measures.

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## Two Light Rail Transit milestones



**Jim Watson**  
Mayor of Ottawa

The beginning of May was marked by two significant Light Rail Transit (LRT) milestones. First, we completed the Confederation Line 12.5km rail by laying the final piece of rail, and second, we secured the funding necessary to extend the Stage 2 O-Train Trillium Line farther south into the Riverside South community.

The last piece of rail was a historic moment for Ottawa. I was thrilled to be part of it, alongside Mona Fortier, MP for Ottawa-Vanier, and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure and MPP for Ottawa West-

Nepean. Together, we boarded the LRT train at Tremblay station and travelled into the downtown tunnel just a few hundred metres west of the uOttawa Station, where we then hammered rail clips to secure the final piece of rail into position.

This major LRT milestone means that OC Transpo's Electric Rail Operators and many other key staff members will get first-hand experience operating the entire system from one end to the other, and that we are on track to open the Confederation Line to the public by the end of this year.

That very same week, we

reached another important milestone, this time for the second phase of our LRT system. The Government of Ontario committed to fund \$50 million of the anticipated \$80 million cost for the proposed Stage 2 LRT O-Train Trillium Line 3.4km extension from Earl Armstrong/Bowesville Station to a new terminus station approximately 200m west of Limebank Road, in the future Riverside South Town Centre community.

This extension will offer Riverside South residents more reliable public transit options, help reduce north-south traffic congestion and ensure that residents spend more time with their families rather than in traffic.

The Trillium Line extension is one of the three extensions in Ottawa's Stage 2 LRT project and will be expanded to reach Limebank Station, with a link to the Ottawa



Photo courtesy Mayor Watson's office

**Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, Ontario Infrastructure Minister Bob Chiarelli and Ottawa-Vanier MP Mona Fortier hammered rail clips to secure the final piece of rail into position at the uOttawa LRT station in early May.**

International Airport by 2021. In the east, the Confederation Line will extend to Trim Road by 2022. And in the west, the Confederation Line will extend to Algonquin College and Moodie Drive by 2023.

Once completed, Stage 2 will bring 70 per cent of

Ottawa residents within five kilometres of fast, efficient, clean and reliable rail, with the capability of carrying an estimated 24,000 riders per hour per direction during peak periods. The complete O-Train system will span 64km and include 42 stations.

## Summer jobs program helps make students better citizens



**Mona Fortier**  
Ottawa-Vanier MP

I'm so happy to see that summer has arrived! With schools finishing up their sessions, students in the riding will be looking to continue their learning and acquire experience. Many organizations and businesses in the community received funding through the Canada Summer Jobs program to create jobs for the summer months.

This year close to one million dollars will be invested through this program to fund more than 260 jobs in Ottawa-Vanier. Not only will these students get a chance to acquire valuable work experience, but they will also be supported to become informed citizens that contribute to their neighbourhood. Speaking of that, I would also like to thank and congratulate my Youth Council, who showcased some of the issues and policy proposals we created throughout the year during Les Olympiades at Collège

catholique Samuel-Genest on Apr. 29.

I have just finished my first full year at the House of Commons with legislation and committee duties. I have particularly enjoyed my meetings with constituents, which have been my favourite part of my new job.

In July and August, my focus will be to participate in events in Ottawa-Vanier and to support the community. I invite you to let me know about your community and association activities so that I can come meet you. Until we meet, I hope that you will enjoy the summer!

As always, my constituency office is there to help you with any interactions with federal services. It is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Give us a call at 613-998-1860 or send an email to [mona.fortier@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mona.fortier@parl.gc.ca).

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Je suis très heureuse de voir l'arrivée de l'été! Avec la fin des classes, plusieurs étudiants sont à la recherche d'emplois pour l'été et veulent acquérir de l'expérience et continuer leur apprentissage. Plusieurs organisations et entreprises dans la communauté ont reçu du financement à travers le programme d'Emplois d'été Canada pour créer des emplois pour la période estivale.

Cette année, près d'un million de dollars seront investis par ce programme et 260 emplois seront disponibles à Ottawa-Vanier. Les étudiants auront non seulement une chance d'acquérir de l'expérience sur le marché du travail, mais aussi l'occasion de devenir des citoyens informés en contribuant activement dans la communauté. Je veux aussi prendre ce moment pour remercier et féliciter les membres de mon Conseil jeunesse qui ont présenté leurs propositions de politiques que nous avons élaborées au cours de l'année lors des Olympiades Collège catholique Samuel-Genest le 29 avril.

Je viens de faire ma première année à la Chambre des communes en réalisant mes responsabilités législatives et

dans les comités parlementaires. J'ai tout particulièrement apprécié mes rencontres avec les commettantes et les commettants de la circonscription et c'est vraiment ce que je préfère le plus de mon mandat.

En juillet et en août, mon accent sera de participer activement aux événements dans Ottawa-Vanier et pour soutenir la communauté. Je vous invite à me faire part de vos activités communautaires et associatives pour que je

puisse venir vous rencontrer. En attendant de vous croiser, je vous souhaite de bien profiter de la saison estivale!

Comme toujours, mon bureau de circonscription est là pour vous aider avec toute interaction avec des services fédéraux. Il est ouvert du lundi au jeudi de 9h à 17h, et le vendredi de 9h à 16h30. Communiquez avec nous au 613-998-1860, ou envoyez un courriel à [mona.fortier@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mona.fortier@parl.gc.ca).

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## News you may have missed

By Jane Heintzman and and Christina Leadlay



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### Welcome to new community police officer

Our area recently welcomed a new Community Police Officer. Cst. **Vianney Calixte** (pictured above, left, with **Tobi Nussbaum**) officially took over from Cst. **Jonathan Kenny** on Mar. 12. Having grown up in Vanier and Orleans (where he currently lives with his family), Cst. Calixte has been with the Ottawa Police Service for the past 21 years. "Most of that time I spent it on patrol in the Lowertown, downtown and Vanier areas," he says in an email to *NEN*. "I also have experience in covert operations, spending time working in the Street Crime Unit. The last four years I spent it on the Demo/Beat Squad." You might have met Cst. Calixte at the May 5 Bike Rodeo. Cst. Calixte is looking forward to his five-year term as our liaison officer, and we warmly welcome him to our neighbourhood. To contact Cst. Calixte, please call 613-236-1222 x 5823 or email him at [CalixteV@ottawapolice.ca](mailto:CalixteV@ottawapolice.ca).

### Market bell has Burgh connection

On May 1, the bell in the ByWard Market building rang once again, announcing that the market is open for the season. The 141-year-old bell has a dramatic and mysterious past, according to CBC Ottawa: "In 1926 the market building was destroyed in a fire, but the bell was salvaged and housed for many years in a church at the corner of Crichton and Charles streets in New Edinburgh. In the 1970s the then Mormon church was sold to **Brian Northgrave**, who donated the bell to the City of Ottawa in 1976."

The bell was returned to the ByWard Market building and rang daily until the early 1990s, when it was stopped

for reasons long forgotten. Now that it's been inspected and refurbished, Ottawa Markets executive director **Jeff Darwin** plans to have it ring daily at 9 a.m. "I want everyone to ring it," he told CBC Ottawa. "Check with the front counter, tell us you want to ring it, what day you can come back, and you'll ring the bell and sign our new register."

### Nobody home at Rideau Hall?

Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** isn't the only Canadian dignitary displaced from his official residence. As *Ottawa Citizen* columnist **Kelly Egan** discovered in May, Governor General **Julie Payette** has also been in temporary accommodation since her installation in early October. The Governor General's Office confirmed that Her Excellency and her teenage son **Laurier** have not yet moved into the vice-regal apartments on the second floor of the Monck Wing at Rideau Hall, owing to ongoing renovations that reportedly began in September. The \$1.7 million project entails a series of "life cycle improvements," including upgrades to heating, ventilation and air conditioning, lighting changes, touch-ups to décor and furnishings, and installation of a "universally accessible" washroom. Neither the GG's office nor the National Capital Commission would reveal Payette's temporary digs, citing security concerns, but Egan speculated that the government's Official Guest House at 7 Rideau Gate seems the likeliest candidate. The renovations have not affected Rideau Hall's ceremonial areas, which are open for business as usual.

### Meals on wheels at Rideau Cottage

According to a recent CBC

report, the beleaguered Prime Ministerial residence at 24 Sussex Drive – now in the throes of a massive overhaul with an uncertain future – isn't entirely dormant after all. For the past two years, the kitchen at 24 Sussex has been up and running, serving as action central for the Trudeaus' personal chef **Che Chartrand** and his staff. The family's meals are prepared in the 24 Sussex kitchen and then ferried across the street to Rideau Cottage in the grounds of Rideau Hall, where the Trudeaus have been living since the Prime Minister took office in 2015. Neither the Prime Minister's Office nor the National Capital Commission would comment on the condition of the Rideau Cottage kitchen, but it was reported that the large institutional kitchen at 24 Sussex is fully functional, and perhaps better suited to the task of provisioning the prime ministerial dinner table.

### Arturo's owner to run for city council?



Photo by Louise Imbeault

*Le Droit* newspaper reported Apr. 5 that Beechwood restaurateur **Richard Primeau** (above) is considering a run for city council. **Denis Gratton** reported in his regular column that Richard, who lives in Gatineau, is eligible to run for Ottawa City Council as he owns two businesses here: Arturo's and Burgers on Beechwood. While the burger joint is in **Tobi Nussbaum's** ward, Arturo's is on **Mathieu Fleury's** side of the road, and that's where Richard wants to run. He tells Denis in the French-language article that he's not satisfied with Fleury's work and that he would run for a single term, with the main goal of improving Vanier. Richard previously owned a newsstand on Beechwood, and says he has a lot of support from residents to make the move to municipal politics.

# NECA won't support new design that ignores heritage rules



Renderings by Robertson Martin Architects

The community embraced the first design for a renewed 255 MacKay (left), but in early May the architect and developer submitted a second draft (right), which NECA cannot support due to major changes to the facade that break provincial heritage rules.

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latest proposal is an outrageous insult to both provincial policy guidelines regarding the protection of built heritage resources, and to New Edinburgh's Heritage Conservation Plan.

The New Edinburgh Heritage Conservation Plan for our Heritage Conservation District is unambiguous in its directive for contributing buildings within the district: "Additions shall NOT result in the removal or obstruction of heritage attributes of the building or the HCD." It is also specific about the treatment of doors and entrances: "(1) Significant front entrances SHALL BE PRESERVED [emphasis mine], (2) Existing historic doors and hardware SHOULD BE RETAINED AND REPAIRED. Where replacement is required, replacement doors WILL REPLICATE the historic door as closely as possible. (3) THE PATTERN AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE ENTRANCE WILL BE RETAINED, including doors, sidelights, and transom windows." Dormer windows are addressed: "New dormer windows should be located in a manner that DOES NOT AFFECT THE HERITAGE CHARACTER of the building or streetscape."

What we have before us now is a proposal that clearly ignores all the directives out-

lined in the previous paragraph. Significant defining features have been jettisoned, including:

- the peaked roofs over the front porch entrances
- the original front door, which had one window occupying the upper one-third of the door. This has been replaced with a large glass pane topped by a transom window
- the two individual gabled dormer windows on the third level. These have been merged into one large 'shed dormer'
- the current number of stairs leading up to the porches. These have been reduced by raising the grade in front

of the house and spreading out the steps on either side. This will totally change the visual relationship between the house and the landscape as seen from the street.

The change most damaging to the facade is the addition of the second-level balcony introducing a new visually powerful horizontal element that has no place here. In concert with this is the removal of the two front windows on the second level to accommodate two new doors which will access the balcony. "Additions shall NOT result in the REMOVAL OR OBSTRUCTION of heritage attributes of the building..." seems to be a meaningless

phrase for the developer and his architect who would like the city's heritage planners to go along with their newest vision for the venerable property at 255 MacKay.

NECA does not support this

proposal in its present form. There is no justification for ignoring our heritage protective mechanisms. We encourage the heritage planners to respond with one simple word: No.

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# CCC marks 25 years with successful spring events



By Matt DeWolfe,  
CCC Chair

Spring has sprung in New Edinburgh, and with the return of the leaves and blossoms, the Fieldhouse and playground are bustling with activity. May 8 marked the 20th anniversary of the Fieldhouse, and in June the Crichton Community Council (CCC), the volunteer organization that manages the fieldhouse, turns 25 years old!

In addition to managing the Fieldhouse, the CCC hosts community events throughout the year. We invite new people to join the CCC, with many opportunities ranging from executive roles (meetings once a month during the school year), to volunteering at occasional events. If you have some time to give

to your community, please join us at the **CCC Annual General Meeting on Jun. 4 at 7:30 p.m.**, or email us at [nfieldhouse@gmail.com](mailto:nfieldhouse@gmail.com).

Event-wise, May is the busiest month on our calendar with the Bike Rodeo, Plant Sale and Marathon Cheering Station and Community Barbecue.

The annual Bike Rodeo on May 5 fell on one of the first truly beautiful spring days. Stanley Avenue was busy with cyclists of all ages and their metal steeds, gathering to celebrate the joy of cycling.

The bicycle safety course, provided by the Ottawa Safety Council, reviewed bicycle hand signals and other rules of the road with dozens of children. This



Sunny weather greeted flower lovers at the May 12 Plant Sale.

Photo by Justin Swan

year's event also included a successful bicycle consignment sale raising funds for the CCC. We look forward to offering this again next spring, especially for families interested in selling outgrown bicycles to others looking for gently used bikes for budding cyclists.

The Bike Rodeo could not have succeeded without **Joana Chelo** and **Adam Hortop** and their dedication

to making this event a neighbourhood tradition. **Richard Guy Briggs** shared some of his amazing collection of human-powered wheeled vehicles, not to mention the trailer rides. Our Community Police Officer, Cst. **Vianney Calixte** helped keep participants safe during the group ride on local streets. **OC Transpo** brought a bus to Stanley Avenue to demonstrate the "Rack & Roll" system. **Jonathan Palframan** from Mobivélo performed a seemingly endless stream of free bike adjustments, and the **Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre** provided refresh-

ments.

Sunny weather also greeted flower enthusiasts at the annual Plant Sale on May 12. This event is the CCC's main fundraiser and requires dozens of volunteer hours. This year's sale featured annuals and herbs from Francine and Louis Charbonneau from **Jardin des Pensées** in Saint-Eustache, Que. and organic vegetables provided by Richard and Charlotte at **Ferme Lève-Tôt** in Low, Que. A big thank-you to our volunteer brigade: **Caroline, Chris, Denise, Finn, Grace, Hannah, Harmony, Hope, Jerry, Joana, Julia, Julien, Mary, Martina, Maya, Neil,**

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(from left) Sylvain and Julien Bélanger, Mary Grainger, Paula Pincombe, Roxie Clark (in hat), Pascal Dubuc and Jerry Turchyn helped make the May 5 Plant Sale a big success.

Photo by Sachiko Shiota

Olivier, Paula, Roxie and Sylvain. We appreciate their help from dawn to dinnertime. Thanks also to Kevin at The Royal Oak on Crichton Street for the banner space. Finally, a special appreciation to Mary Grainger who has led this annual event for 20 years, the first two being fundraisers for the Lighthouse program of the Crichton Elementary School. Mary's enthusiasm and expertise have ensured that this event is an annual success. We will miss her cheerful leadership as she passes the apron to other volunteers for future Plant Sales. Thank you, Mary!

The last of the May events is the Marathon Cheering Station and Community Barbecue on May 27. Come out early to help spur on the runners as they near the last portion of their 42.2km trek and help us compete for the Best Cheering Station award. We will serve coffee and refreshments in the morning, and the CCC will host a community barbecue with children's activities beginning at



Photos by Louise Imbeault

Tweaks to the renewed playground's final layout are coming soon.

11:30 a.m.

Looking ahead to summer, the next CCC event will be a community movie night in early August on the lawn outside at the Fieldhouse. This event will be a partnership with the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre and will feature a recently-released family film. Visit [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca) for details.

The new playground at Stanley Park has been very

busy this spring. The CCC is finalizing discussions with City staff to make some tweaks to arrive at the final layout. The playground – or portions of it – may be closed for a few days this spring for this work. Have you seen the large yellow toy box at the playground? Thanks to Value Village on Bank Street for donating these as part of its community outreach program. Please help keep these

toys in good shape for everyone by returning them to box at day's end.

With the re-opening of the playground, we are once again pleased to be able to hire a summer student as Fieldhouse Manager, thanks to a Canada Summer Jobs grant from Service Canada. This successful candidate will manage the Fieldhouse and co-ordinate drop-in family activities throughout July and August. High-school students 15 years of age or older are invited to apply for the position by contacting [nfieldhouse@gmail.com](mailto:nfieldhouse@gmail.com). We encourage applications from members of visible minority communities.

During the spring, the CCC aims to keep the Fieldhouse restrooms open during the day thanks to help from vol-

unteers – times may vary. As well, the Fieldhouse will offer a drop-in morning children's playgroup hosted by the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre on Thursdays from 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Now that rink season is over, the Fieldhouse is again available to rent throughout the week. Rental fees are \$30 per hour, for a minimum of three hours. Not-for-profit groups offering free, community-oriented events to the public may book the Fieldhouse at no charge. For more details on renting the Fieldhouse, visit [newedinburgh.ca/fieldhouserervations](http://newedinburgh.ca/fieldhouserervations) or head straight to our new online tool to make your reservations: [fieldhouse.skedda.com/booking](http://fieldhouse.skedda.com/booking).

**The Crichton Community Council is currently accepting applications for the position of**

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This is a part-time seasonal position (approximately six weeks, 33.5 hours per week) for July and August. The Fieldhouse Manager will oversee the facilities at the Stanley Park Fieldhouse, as well as plan and implement community events and weekly children's activities.

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The Ministry of Coffee's Instagram shows a vintage map, announcing their imminent arrival to our area.

## Ministry of Coffee to take over former Da Bombe

Beechwood's status as one of the city's caffeine hotspots is about to be given a further boost. **The Ministry of Coffee**, a popular Ottawa establishment with two locations (on Elgin Street and in Hintonburg), is about to launch a third café here in our neighbourhood at **18 Beechwood Ave.**, the former home of long-running Da Bombe. Subject to the usual variables associated with construction schedules and City permit applications, co-owner **Alex Dhavernas** is optimistic that the coffee shop will be up and running in June.

The overall concept behind

the business is to offer high-quality coffees from the finest roasters throughout Canada, the United States and even Germany. According to Alex, both filter and espresso coffees are rotated on a regular basis to give coffee lovers "an opportunity to try new things, and to learn more about how coffee can be like wine, in the sense that different...terroirs have an impact on flavours." To complement your brew, the café serves freshly baked croissants, muffins, sandwiches and pastries, all made in-house along with the vanilla, chocolate and chai syrups used in coffee-based drinks.

The Ministry of Coffee's flagship business on Elgin

Street, which opened in 2013, has become a hub for coffee aficionados from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. A second operation, dubbed **The Ministry of Coffee and Social Affairs**, was later launched on Wellington Street West in Hintonburg. In keeping with that neighbourhood's hip vibe, the basic coffee shop model was expanded to include wine and beer service, a fully-stocked whiskey bar, a small-plates evening menu, and extended hours from 7 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday.

Alex reports that at the outset, the new Beechwood location will stick to the Elgin Street model: "no alcohol, at least to start, but we'll revisit offering a few beers and wine sometime down the road." The exact hours of operation are as yet undecided, but it's likely that doors will be open from 7 a.m. to at least 8 p.m. or 9 p.m., with outdoor patio seating in operation through the summer.

When asked why Beechwood was chosen for the café's third location, Alex was unequivocal: "We chose Beechwood because we love the neighbourhood, how it's changing and the people who live there. Some of our staff already live in the area, and one of the owners worked there previously for many years," he said. "It's a small village in a bigger city; the



Photo by Louise Imbeault

Ola Cocina's Donna Chevrier is taking over the space next door to the taqueria for a take-out food shop.

community feel, and love of independent businesses is something we love." Amen to that! *JH.*

## Ola Cocina opening take-out next door

In the four years opening its doors at 62 Barrette St., **Ola Cocina Taqueria**, **Donna Chevrier's** cozy little eatery, has become a destination for lovers of Mexican cuisine, from all parts of the city and beyond. And in fact, on your next visit, you could find yourself elbow to elbow with Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** and his family, who have been keen patrons of this popular little spot.

Donna's signature tacos, billed on her website as "the most fun, colourful and creative tacos you've ever had," have become a staple in many households, and her take-home taco platters are a centerpiece at parties and gatherings throughout the 'hood.

Rounding out the Ola Cocina menu are such traditional favourites as salsa and guacamole, quesadillas, nacho platters, salads and homemade ice creams.

For all her impressive success in this lively local business, Donna has had a constant struggle with one notable constraint: space, or lack thereof. The modest shop, cooking area and patio can be full to overflowing on some occasions, and with the arrival of warm weather, the pressure on Ola Cocina's facilities will no doubt ramp up over the summer.

Relief is on the way, however. Within the next few weeks (City regulations permitting), Donna will launch **Ola Comida Tienda** (from the Spanish meaning 'Food Store') right next door to Ola Cocina. The new space will be a retail operation, staffed by Donna's existing team at



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Ola Cocina, and offering prepared foods to go, including – but not exclusively – Ola Cocina's Mexican menu. Donna wants to avoid "pigeonholing" Ola Comida's merchandise as Mexican fare, stressing there will be variations on that theme, along with soups and her ever-popular homemade ice creams. And the big bonus of the new business next door will be to liberate space for 10 additional seats inside the restaurant at Ola Cocina. *JH.*

#### Allergy pilot project coming to Gastropub

**Harriet Clunie**, head chef and owner of the Beechwood Gastropub, has no regrets about her decision last year to buy the restaurant. She does, however, consider it the hardest thing she's ever done in her life. Despite her considerable experience as a chef, it's very different "being in the driver's seat," she says. Fortunately, Harriet has the support of her managing partner, **Michelle Comeau**, and her many friends in the restaurant business are also providing guidance. The best advice she has received has been to "get out of the kitchen." This might seem odd for a chef, but as owner, it's important not to develop tunnel vision by concentrating exclusively on the food.

Harriet's skill in the kitchen shines through. Her menu focuses on local and seasonal fare. The small-plate and large-plate options are popular with diners as they accommodate both customer appetites and budgets. As a chef, Harriet is always seeking to find the balance between her creativity, experimenting with new dishes, and the diner's wish for predictable favourites. Gastropub regulars will be happy to know that the steak and frites, lunchtime's mushroom melt and the burger are fixtures. As well, there is plenty of variety with different daily specials for the lunch, dinner and brunch menus, such as Monday Fundays, where patrons can



*Photo by Carolyn Brereton*

**Beechwood Gastropub owner and head chef Harriet Clunie is planning a food allergy pilot project in July.**

enjoy Whalesbone oysters, cocktails and house wine at special prices.

Outside the kitchen, there are some changes being made to the restaurant's decor. There will be some additional art going up on the walls, including a large painting by friend and local artist **Daniel Wakeman**.

Harriet has a new initiative planned for July when she hopes to introduce an "allergy pilot project." An allergy sufferer herself since childhood, she has long felt the need for better communication between customer and kitchen. She is looking to work with a local non-governmental organization to help identify allergy sufferers willing to participate in the pilot. For the project, Harriet plans to use a 1-2-3 continuum of customer preferences, from 'dislike' through to 'severe allergic reaction' to certain foods. A customer who dislikes a certain food could specify level one and the kitchen would take pains not to include it, but for the customer with a severe allergy, a level three, the kitchen would prepare the dish totally

separately, using exclusive cookware, in order to ensure the complete absence of the trigger food. This preparation would take an additional 20 minutes.

Harriet already displays her sensitivity to common dietary restrictions by making accommodations in the way she cooks. For example, she uses oil in preparing the mushroom melt, adding butter only at the end. So, it's easy to omit the butter entirely for the consumer with dairy restrictions. With the pilot project, she is hoping to develop a code of practice that will help bridge the communication gap between customer and kitchen and enhance the dining experience for everybody. We wish Harriet and her team every success with this exciting and challenging new initiative!

We also extend our congratulations to Harriet on being selected for this year's Gold Medal Plates Ottawa competition in October. She will be competing with nine other outstanding chefs for the Gold Medal and the chance to

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**Clinic coming to the Kavanaugh**

The remaining commercial space on the ground floor of The Kavanaugh, 222 Beechwood Ave., has at last been leased. To date, the new business has declined to reveal its identity or to release any details, but we understand from Domicile that an independent pharmacy and medical clinic are slated to open later this summer or in early fall at the corner of Beechwood and Marquette. Stay tuned for full details in our October 2018 edition.

The new clinic and pharmacy will join the two incumbents, Sutherland Restaurant ([facebook.com/sutherlandrestaurant](https://www.facebook.com/sutherlandrestaurant)) and Epic Fitness and Lifestyle ([epicfitnessottawa.com](https://www.epicfitnessottawa.com)) to make it a full house in the commercial portion of *The Kavanaugh*. *JH.*

**One Up marks one year**

One Up Beechwood, our neighbourhood's funky little cocktail pub above the Royal Oak at 1 Beechwood Ave., celebrated its first anniversary this past April, and will be going strong throughout the summer with a busy schedule of evening entertainment.

During the evenings from Wednesday through Saturday, One Up Beechwood is open to



Photo by Louise Imbeault

Kevin Reteff, manager of One Up Beechwood.

the general public and offers entertainment for music lovers, dance enthusiasts, and those who simply take pleasure in watching the action while savouring a gourmet cocktail. Wednesdays at One Up have become well known locally as Salsa nights. From 7–8 p.m., participants are offered a free salsa lesson, and then from 8 p.m. to midnight, the dance floor is packed as partiers show their stuff. Manager **Kevin Reteff** stresses there's absolutely no obligation to join in the dance. Regular diners are welcome to relax with their meal and just take in the spectacle.

During the rest of the week, the evening lineup includes live jazz every Thursday from 6–10 p.m., and live music on Friday evenings, featuring an assortment of artists from guitarists to crooners. Kevin is always on the lookout for local talent for One Up's Friday evening gig. Visit the One Up Facebook page to see who's on the bill as the summer unfolds. On Saturdays, live jazz is featured from 6–10 p.m., followed by a tropical music dance party from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. Who said there was no night-life on Beechwood?!

About once a month, One Up hosts a "Silent Disco"

night, a concept Kevin first encountered at a Glow Fair event on Bank Street. Three DJs come equipped with three different sets of music, and for a \$10 fee, participants are given individual headphones. To make their selection from the trio of musical offerings, dancers press colour-coded buttons (blue, green and red) designating each set. The music is only heard through the headphones (hence the "Silent" moniker.... silent for the rest of the patrons!), and the participants literally dance to their own beats, linking up with others who may be grooving to entirely different background sounds and rhythms.

While One Up Beechwood is closed to the general public on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, it welcomes sizeable groups for private parties and receptions during this period, and already has a hatful of reservations on its summer agenda.

According to Kevin, the cocktail pub is a popular venue for wedding receptions (he estimates at least 15 took place there in its first year), retirement parties and all manner of group celebrations. One Up provides catering and generous food platters, and the well-stocked cocktail bar is at the disposal of the private renters. During the warm weather, the large sliding windows overlooking the river can be opened wide to create an airy, outdoor atmosphere.

Downstairs at the Royal Oak, the summer patio is going strong, catering to local night-owls with late evening hours from 11 p.m.–2 a.m.

There are no reservations, and as pressure on outdoor seating can be significant on warm evenings, come early and stay late!

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Just before press time in late May, we learned that Kevin is unwell, and has been admitted to hospital. We wish him well for a full and speedy recovery. *JH.*

**From small renos to 'safe spaces'**

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  - large commercial projects, in which Oakwood teams up with TCL, the largest construction company in Canada.
- Since 1956, Oakwood has remained a Liptak family business. The company's current President and CEO, **John Liptak**, is the son of the original founder (also **John Liptak**) and still lives on the family farm property where his father launched the business.

John's daughter, **Patricia Liptak-Satov**, a graduate of law and business administration, now serves as Oakwood's vice-president of operations,

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while her sister **Angela (Liptak) Mallon**, a certified management accountant, is the current vice-president, finance. John's son-in-law, **Jordan Satov**, is also part of the team, serving as production procurement manager. The Liptak executive team meets daily at 11:30 a.m., with John's wife **Debbie** on the scene both to engage in the discussion, and in particular, to oversee the small grandchildren who are along for the family conference. John finds the whole occasion "huge fun," noting proudly that family disagreements are a rarity.

"Technology changes everything," observes John, remarking on the dramatic changes which have occurred in the building business since his father launched Oakwood. The company's current specializations feature energy efficiency, healthy building environments with cutting-edge ventilation systems, technology-enabled buildings, eco-friendly materials and LEED-certification expertise. Rapidly changing building technology is so crucial to the business that Oakwood now owns its own software and computer technology company.

In the fall of 2016, Oakwood launched a new state-of-the-art Design Centre at 865 Taylor Creek Dr. in Orleans. The \$10.8 million facility took more than seven years to design and build. It started with a family trip to Europe

where the Liptaks researched the newest technologies in France, Germany and Italy, bringing back a wealth of new ideas to incorporate into the plans for the centre.

The 27,000 square-foot building, designed by well-known Ottawa architect Barry Hobin, is a one-stop-shop for clients with renovation projects or in the custom home market. It boasts 10,000 square feet of showroom space, along with conference rooms, sitting areas, work areas and working kitchen and bathroom displays. There are more than 7,000 products and materials on display, and large LED screens to help clients select products and finishes. "Everything is automated," says John, "and the building is among the highest LEED Platinum certifications in Canada." Down the road, Oakwood plans to build a comparable facility in Kanata for west-end clients.

The company prides itself on its detailed room-by-room pricing system, which provides an exact estimate of the project's cost. Project managers and their staff carry tablets at on-site visits to keep track of any changes as the work unfolds, so the tally is continually updated to avoid any last-minute surprises. John chuckles that in the case of one new custom home, the client was presented with a 250-page, line-by-line estimate. Now that's transparency!

Oakwood has long experi-

ence creating "safe spaces" for anxious clients, spooked by horrific news reports of random violence, and determined to protect their families from external threats such as home invasions, robberies or riots. Typically, clients in this market include embassies, politicians, military brass and high-fliers in the business world. John notes that these high-tech, fully-automated safe rooms or "bunkers" can be pricey, ranging in cost to well over a million dollars for a top-of-the-line facility. Many are equipped with all the amenities such as flat-screen TVs, electric fireplaces, whirlpools and refrigerators, along with sophisticated systems of communication, air filtration, waste management and water filtration.

If high tech bunkers are not your thing, but you do have renovation projects in the plans, call Oakwood at **613-236-8001** or visit **oakwood.ca**. *JH.*

#### Jacobson's keeps it in the family

Though still very much a presence in the business, Jacobson's founder and moving spirit **Susan Jacobson** has been able to step back

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## Green Screen films bring global climate issues home

By Phil Nowotny

Green Screen Ottawa, a new series of films about climate change organized by local Ottawa residents, hosted a free screening of *Anote's Ark* in early May at the ByTowne Cinema.

The protagonist, Anote Tong, is the president of Kiribas, a small Pacific island nation of 100,000 people. Kiribas is in the process of disappearing from the map due to rising sea levels and unprecedented storms.

Climate change is at the heart of this film, but it is more about how people cope, flee, despair or refuse to accept new realities – and

the endangering of their livelihood. The sad realities of how people and a nation try to find ways to flee climate change could make for a depressing documentary, but Anote is a humorous and driven person who pushes viewers to pay attention to his nation's fate so that it does not become our own.

Before the screening, Green Screen Ottawa handed out pledge cards to encourage action, such as talking to a friend, cutting down on driving or flying or consuming less stuff. Whether small or big, all these measures are necessary to ensure we do not become the next Kiribas.

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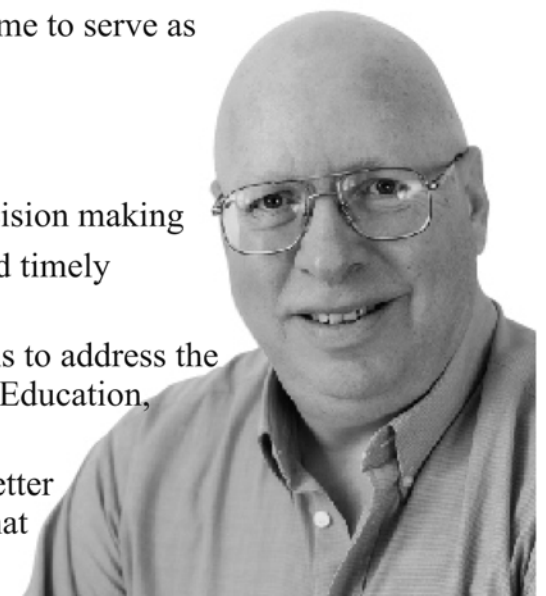
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from day-to-day operations, passing the torch to the next generation. "I'm very fortunate to have two very talented and passionate young people, my daughter **Dominique Jacobson** and her husband **Marcus Minshall**, involved in the family business," says Susan, "In fact, Dominique has been with the company for 12 years (if not her whole life!) and has been operating the retail business on Beechwood for the past three or four years. Marcus is now the Managing Director of the wholesale and distribution company, DoveTale Collections. Both are dedicated to the community and to continuing the growth of

the shop."

Dominique and Marcus, whose baby daughter **Charlotte** will no doubt take her part in the family enterprise not too far down the road, are both immensely grateful for the support and loyalty of their clientele in the community. Whatever happens on the redevelopment front at their current location, Dominique reaffirms that "we're committed to the community and there are no plans to leave the street." *JH.*

#### Sylvie Sauvé: skin saviour

Over the many years since she began advertising in the NEN, Manor Park esthetician **Sylvie Sauvé** has been profiled in this column with a principal focus on her expertise as a foot-care specialist or podologist, dealing with the myriad problems that beset our feet.

But Sylvie has many other strings to her bow. Her services cover the gamut from facial treatments to stylish manicure and pedicures, eyelash treatments, permanent makeup, microdermabrasion, full body waxing and electrolysis, the hair removal technique which she considers "the only safe, medically sound and effective method" of preventing regrowth. In recent years, she has recruited a colleague in the business to offer massage, providing receipts for insurance purposes.

Throughout her three-plus

decades in the esthetics business, Sylvie has kept up with the latest technologies and treatments. Two recent additions to her roster are LED light therapy and Compulift/Dermapen treatments. According to Sylvie, LED light treatments are "a beautiful technology, used medically to regenerate burned skin." In the esthetics context, they serve to stimulate collagen production and minimize wrinkles through the application of red-spectrum LED light. Blue light treatments, on the other hand, are geared to the elimination of acne-causing bacteria. Sylvie is lyrical about the process: "The results are fabulous and they're immediate. Clients really love it!" The first LED light treatment is offered free with a client's facial and many clients subsequently opt for repeat sessions at their regular appointments.

She is equally enthusiastic about Compulift, which she describes as "the ultimate anti-aging treatment: a natural, non-surgical facelift." The treatment involves the use of a Dermapen, or micro-needle applied to the skin to create microscopic holes which stimulate the body's self-repair processes, boosting collagen production, combating acne and breaking down scar tissue. Here too, the results can be dramatic, according to Sylvie and following the first treatment, clients are given their



Photo by Louise Imbeault

Dominique Jacobson and her daughter Charlotte.

own Dermapen to keep up the therapy at home.

Sylvie's home-based salon at 54 Dunvegan Rd. has built up a busy roster of clients over the years. When BeautyMark Esthetics on Beechwood closed its doors about 18 months ago, owner **Lee-Ann Zanelli** referred her regular clients to Sylvie. But thanks to the help of her colleagues **Tracey** and **Sandra**, Sylvie is able to handle the load and to accommodate clients by offering flexible appointment hours. To book your appointment, call **613-748-0352**. *JH.*

#### Place for Paws: 20th Anniversary

This year marks the 20th anniversary of **Place for Paws Boarding Camp for Cats and Dogs**, a local pet boarding operation which is a go-to resource for households in need of back-up care for their four-legged family

members. (Full disclosure: my family has been clients since the very early days in 1998.) Indeed, the founder and original owner, **Margot Ledoux**, is the sister of our next-door neighbour, so perhaps it's no coincidence that Margot lost no time in placing an ad in the *New Edinburgh News*, a tradition the kennel has maintained ever since.

Following Margot's retirement, her trusted assistant **Angela Zorn** took over the business as owner-operator, living on the property only metres from the boarding facility – no lack of oversight at this kennel! Angela's entire professional life has been devoted to the animal world in one capacity or other, running the gamut from animal rescue, to animal control, to veterinary assistant and now director of a busy boarding camp. With years of experience under her belt, she deals with unflappable competence

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**Place for Paws's owner Angela Zorn, with companion, Boomer.**

with all manner of special needs among her charges, including medications, injections and special diets. She's a stickler for cleanliness and good order, so the kennel and surrounding facilities are immaculate.

Angela and her assistants are quick to learn the quirks and characteristics of the individual campers, and to sort out compatible groups for supervised outdoor play

sessions. These occur at least six times each day in the grassy paddock abutting the kennel. Each camper (or sibling group) has its own spacious "room" with an adjacent outdoor space and the facility is fully climate-controlled. Power outages are taken in stride at Place for Paws, as an emergency natural gas generator automatically kicks in to run the entire kennel facility (and a portion

of Angela's own house) until power is restored. And close though it is to the Ottawa River, the kennel is situated on an elevation out of the flood zone.

As summer is prime time for family holidays, Place for Paws will be filling up fast, so it's wise to make your reservations well in advance. All reservations are made by phone (613-446-2280). Because of space pressures, Angela requires at least three days' notice of cancellations for long weekends and holidays. For daily rates, kennel hours and other details, visit [placeforpaws.ca](http://placeforpaws.ca) or search for them on Facebook. Happy anniversary to all at Place for Paws and our thanks for your support as loyal *NEN* advertisers for all those years! *JH.*

**The singing stylist**

Long-time readers of the *NEN* may recall that in addition to her busy practice as a hair stylist, **Kim Kaskiw** has another, very different vocation. She is an accomplished musician, vocalist and voice coach. Kim continues to teach voice at the Faculty of Music at Carleton University and her home studio. This spring

she was invited to adjudicate a graduating recital at Carleton. It was a rewarding experience which she describes as "a great honour". Kim is accepting new voice students of all ages for the summer term in her home teaching studio. Nestled in the enclave of Beacon Hill North, Kim's beautiful new salon is only a 10-minute drive from her original studio in the New Edinburgh area. A custom-installed shampoo basin and state of the art lighting make it a true spa experience. The salon is open from Wednesday to Saturday with early morning and late afternoon/evening slots available for those with hectic schedules. Kim is presently introducing "FiberPlex", a technology designed to protect hair from damage and greatly improve texture and quality. It involves a three-step system: first, an application with your colour or highlighting formula; second, a treatment between colouring or for those who want healthier hair and third, rich, at-home products to keep up the protective effects until your next service.

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*Editor's Note:* The report which originally appeared in the print version of the *NEN's* June 2018 issue has been revised to correct a number of inaccuracies. The *NEN* regrets the inadvertent errors. *JH.*

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Early this spring, I enjoyed an excellent and lively discussion with residents of the Chartwell Rockcliffe retirement residence. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Ms. Susan Delacourt for organizing this talk and for the warm welcome!



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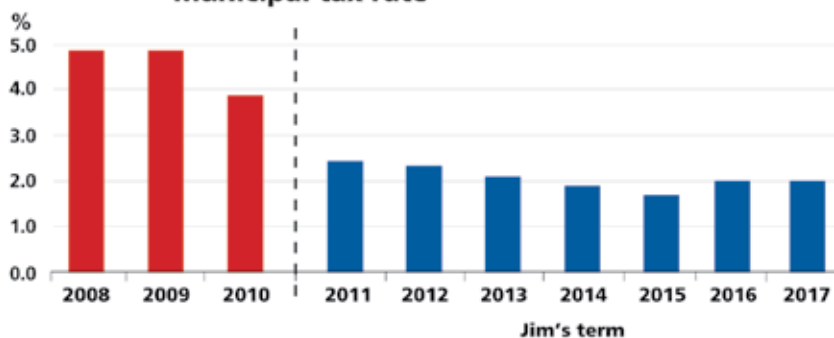
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# After success indoors, market goes outside for summer

By Ann Jackson

On May 5, the Beechwood Market held an indoor event at the New Edinburgh Square Residence, offering a wide variety of food items and crafts, although it was rather too early to offer their usual variety of delicious fruit and vegetables. Sales were quite brisk. It was a lovely spring day and the vendors were able to put some of their offerings right outside the front door on Beechwood Avenue. This really encouraged people to come inside and have a look. They did not often exit empty-handed!

This was the third time the Market has used the space at New Edinburgh Square, a seniors' residence. In December 2017 they held a Christmas Market. There were so many vendors nearly the entire ground floor was occupied. A second, slightly smaller market was held for Valentines' Day earlier this

year. The May 5 event was a welcome addition, as it started off the spring and summer seasons.

Some visitors remarked they did not know there was such a large retirement residence above the street. Well, having the Market on the doorstep sure changed all that! Everyone was curious to see what was inside.

The Beechwood Market has a long and varied history in this area. Market Manager **Chris Penton** says there has been a market in the neighbourhood since 2009. The Market has had space in various places up and down Beechwood over the years, most recently on the grounds of the former St. Charles Church. The historic church building is scheduled to be repurposed as a mix of dwellings and a restaurant, among other uses. With that construction underway, the Market needed a new home. It found



Photo courtesy Chris Penton

one in Optimiste Park, behind the fire station at Beechwood and Marquette Avenue. The Market will open for the full summer season Jun. 16 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Over the winter months, many of the Market's vendors who don't sell fruits and vegetables wanted to offer their wares somewhere in the area, to keep building their client base. And the New Edinburgh Residence was just the place. Altogether there were about 15 vendors.

There was local honey, all sorts of beautiful soaps, table linens, salsas and salad dressings – even dog treats.

A number of additions to the May 5 Market were unique

to the residence, including a tasty breakfast cooked by the New Edinburgh Square Kitchen team and served up by **Cindy Smiley**, food service manager, and **Maureen Hernandez**, dining room supervisor. The menu included a fully loaded toasted muffin and a coffee. There were also butter tarts and some of Cindy's delicious homemade bread. All proceeds from the breakfast sale went to the Wish of a Lifetime Fund. I am pretty certain there was not much left over by the afternoon.

Bookbinder **Mary Kritz** had not sold at this venue before. She took up this exacting pursuit as a retirement project. She's not usually able to display her work outside due to wind and weather, so the indoor venue was just right for her.

Another new market participant, **Milenka Originals**, offered many items that had been lovingly recycled, repainted and refreshed. This was called "Paint-er-Up" and Chris shared with me that the very best paint for this type of work is a kind of milk paint.

Be sure to visit the Beechwood Market when it

opens for the summer Jun. 16 at Optimiste Park, 43 Ste-Cécile St. New this year there will be "mini markets" on Tuesdays, Jul. 3–Oct. 23 from 3–6 p.m. at the Rideau Sports Centre, 1 Donald St; and on Thursdays, Jul. 5–Oct. 25, from 3–6 p.m. at Natalie's Urban Ottawa, 115 Beechwood Ave. A full list of participants is available at [beechwoodmarket.ca](http://beechwoodmarket.ca). See you there!



View from Stanley Street, winter 2018.

By Martha Markowsky



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# Local student honoured at 2018 Biodiversity Gala

By Alex Chilcott

On Ap. 20, the students of St-Laurent Academy and Devonshire Public School gathered in the St-Laurent Academy gymnasium to acknowledge and celebrate those working to promote and preserve biodiversity. The recipients of special awards created by the St-Laurent's grade seven class all gave their thanks via video and

encouraged both schools to continue their environmental work efforts in their respective conservation areas. Among those honoured for their work were tree activist Owen Clarkin, Caribbean Youth Environment Network chairperson Samilla Simpi Sealy, *National Geographic* photographer Joel Sartore, environmental activist Severn Cullis-Suzuki, and water conservation campaigner Autumn

Peltier, among others. This was the seventh annual Biodiversity Gala, with the first being held in 2012. Since then, exactly 61 awards have been handed out to many different individuals and organizations, all chosen by students from Catholic, public, and private schools in Ottawa. The gala has been held in several different schools throughout Ottawa, including Devonshire in 2017.



Photo courtesy St. Laurent Academy

Jude Marett, a Grade 7 Student at St-Laurent Academy, won an award at the school's Apr. 20 Biodiversity Gala.

Included with the award videos was a special video featuring dozens of youth reciting Cullis-Suzuki's famous 1992 speech at a UN conference in Brazil, and two outstanding musical numbers performed by the Devonshire students.

Student and staff from both schools are looking forward to the eighth Biodiversity Gala in 2019.





Below is a complete list of all the award recipients at the 2018 gala:

- **Owen Clarkin** – Ontario tree educator, activist, "Treebadour". Nominated by St-Laurent Academy
- **USC Canada** – Building Resilience through Ecological Agriculture. Nominated by St-Laurent Academy
- **ASLA Choice** – Jude Marett – Grade 7 student at St-Laurent Academy. Nominated by St-Laurent Academy
- **Jamilla Simpi Sealy** – Regional Chairperson of Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN). Nominated


- by St-Laurent Academy
- **Joel Sartore**, *National Geographic* photographer, The Photo Ark. Nominated by St-Laurent Academy
- **Severn Cullis-Suzuki** of Canada. Severn Cullis-Suzuki is an environment and culture activist and author. She works on issues related to intergenerational justice and reconciling our relationship with Earth. Nominated by St-Laurent Academy
- **Gilligalou Bird Shop** – our neighborhood birding store. Nominated by Devonshire Public School
- **Growing Up Organic** – school yard gardening program of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. Nominated by Devonshire Public School
- **Parkdale Food Centre** – our local food bank and food literacy education provider. Nominated by Devonshire Public School
- **Autumn Peltier** – water conservation campaigner. Nominated by Devonshire Public School

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The provincial riding of Ottawa–Vanier has been held by the Ontario Liberals since 1971. The incumbent, Natalie Des Rosiers, won a by-election in November 2016, following the resignation of Madeleine Meilleur. Des Rosiers was appointed Minister of Natural Resources in January

2018.

Ottawa–Vanier is a diverse riding, embracing neighbourhoods as far north as Rockcliffe Park, as far west as Lowertown and Sandy Hill, as far south as Highway 417 and down to a bit of Innes Road, and as far east as Green's Creek in Gloucester.

The *New Edinburgh News* contacted the candidates from the four main provincial political parties and asked them six questions. We requested a minimum of three responses with a maximum of six.

The questions are as follows:

- 1) **How can the province attract and retain healthcare professionals in our healthcare facilities?**
- 2) **What is your position on universal pharmacare and dental care?**
- 3) **How do you plan on improving early childhood education in Ottawa-Vanier?**
- 4) **How can the province better support economical access to post-secondary edu-**

**cation?**

**5) How can Ontarians best finance the adaptation to climate change?**

**6) Given your party's platform, would you consider deficit spending to achieve your goals?**

We received responses from the Green, Liberal and NDP candidates. Their answers can be found on the following pages. Despite initial contact with the Progressive Conservative candidate and repeated requests for his submission, we did not receive his responses by deadline.

Voters will have a chance to ask candidates their own questions at the All Candidates Meeting on May 29 at Rockcliffe Park Public School, 350 Buena Vista Dr. We encourage you to take this centre "pull out" section with you to the meeting.

For more information about voting on Election Day, Jun. 7, visit [elections.on.ca](http://elections.on.ca).

— Christina Leadlay

# ***CALLING ALL RESIDENTS!***

The Ontario General Election is scheduled to be held on June 7, 2018, to elect the members of the 42nd Legislative Assembly. The Community Associations of Lindenlea, Manor Park, New Edinburgh and Rockcliffe Park are hosting a

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**Tuesday May 29 at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

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# Ontario Votes June 7

## Sheilagh McLean, Green Party of Ontario

Sheilagh McLean is a federal government retiree, yoga teacher and active volunteer who is passionate about sustainability. She believes that we need a new way of doing politics to manage our transition to the post-carbon economy. A resident of Ottawa–Vanier riding for more than 35 years, Sheilagh has a bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology from Carleton University. Her federal government career was in human resources, with a focus on leadership, strategic planning and organizational effectiveness.

**Q: How can the province attract and retain healthcare professionals in our healthcare facilities?**

**A:** We believe in a people-centred approach to health, with health promotion and early intervention a top priority. We can attract and retain healthcare professionals by giving priority to investment in frontline healthcare services rather than administration, by ensuring that all care providers are working at their full scope of practice, and by providing equal pay for equal work across all healthcare sectors.

We would reduce overcrowding in hospitals with a system-wide strategy to better use existing resources, expand the number of Nurse Practitioner-led clinics across Ontario, and increase the number of Nurse Practitioners in long-term care, mental health, and acute care facilities.

**Q: What is your position on universal pharmacare and dental care?**

We will continue to push for a federally-funded pharmacare program, and in its absence, extend a provincially funded pharmacare program to provide all Ontarians with access to medicine.

Dental health is an important part of our health promotion strategy. We support the implementation of a universal dental care program.

**Q: How do you plan on improving Early Childhood Education in Ottawa–Vanier?**

We fully support the implementation of a full-day Early Learning Program, and class size limits for kindergarten classes in line with other primary grades. We support phasing in funding for a comprehensive program for early childhood education and care.

**Q: How can the province better support economical access to post-secondary education?**

We support properly funding higher education with public subsidies, eventually guaranteeing fully public tuition for all Ontario residents attending public colleges, trade institutions, and universities (undergraduate programs). Tuition increases would be regulated, and interest-free students loans would be provided to students with financial needs.

**Q: How can Ontarians best finance the adaptation to climate change?**

Climate change is costing us billions of dollars. Its impacts are increasing in size and intensity every year – profoundly challenging our economy, environment and quality of life. The only way forward is to mitigate damage as much as we can by reducing greenhouse gases as quickly as possible, and deciding how best we can prepare for the coming changes. We need to:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions by putting a price on carbon, and transition to returning all of the revenue directly to Ontarians
- focus efforts on reducing emissions in the three highest polluting sectors: transportation, buildings

and industries. Retrofit of buildings will create jobs and save on energy costs.

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- stop giving away our natural resources, such as water
- phase out funding for infrastructure that relies on fossil fuels and invest in our own new, low-carbon economy.

See much more at [gpo.ca/VisionPlanet](http://gpo.ca/VisionPlanet)

**Q: Given your party's platform, would you consider deficit spending to achieve your goals?**

No. The Green Party believes in fiscal responsibility and government transparency. We are willing to have honest conversations about how we save money and how we raise money. We need to ensure that we are able to pay for the services we so desperately need while remaining financially accountable to the people of Ontario.

## Nathalie Des Rosiers, Ontario Liberal Party



Photo courtesy Nathalie Des Rosiers

Nathalie Des Rosiers has been the Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa–Vanier since November 2016. Prior to entering politics, she was the Dean of the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, at the University of Ottawa. Her areas of expertise

are constitutional law and women's rights. She served as the General Counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association was a member of the Environmental Appeal Board of Ontario and the Pay Equity Board of Ontario.

**Q: What is your position on universal pharmacare and dental care?**

**A:** Healthy communities are strong communities. It's that simple. So when we support people to make sure they can access medical and dental care, our whole community benefits. That's why under the Liberal plan, children and young people under 25 have access to more than 4,400 prescriptions

drugs for free. And if re-elected, we'll expand that to include seniors. And with our strong partnership with the federal government, we'll work with them to improve affordability and expand access as part of a national pharmacare plan. And we've also committed to a new drug and dental plan for people that do not have coverage from a health plan. This is the right plan to keep families, seniors and our whole Ottawa–Vanier community healthy and strong.

**Q: How do you plan on improving Early Childhood Education in Ottawa–Vanier?**

Ottawa–Vanier is a vibrant and inclusive community and it's important that our kids can access early education and care within this community. That's why I'm so proud of the work we've already done in this area and our plans to do more. In the last few years, we have hired more early childhood educators and increased their wages to retain more of them. Since I became MPP, our community has added over 150 more child care spots, secured funding to make more schools modern and accessible, and received provincial dollars to expand local after-school programs. We're continuing to add more child care spaces and making it free for kids between 2.5 years old and kindergarten age. Affordable, flexible child care in both official languages is critical to help women, families and our community to prosper. We have the plan to make that happen.

**Q: How can the province better support economical access to post-secondary education?**

I believe that government exists to help create equal opportunities for everyone. That's why I am so proud that under the Liberals, low- and middle-income students can attend college or university tuition-free. Education is the best building block for any prosperous economy, and we want everyone to share in that success. Under our plan, if you get the grades, you get to go. We also know that part of the costs of postsecondary education are textbooks and educational resources, so we will be supporting online initiatives to provide students with free, open textbooks.

**Q: How can Ontarians best finance the adaptation to climate change?**

Climate change poses a threat to the future prosperity of this province. We recognize that the threat is real and complex. It takes more than slogans to tackle a problem that has been decades in the making. I believe government has a responsibility to take a leadership role in combating climate change and helping business transition to a low-carbon economy. We support a price on pollution and cap-and-trade which will generate billions of dollars in revenue that will be reinvested in the economy and green initiative to build healthy and sustainable communities. We have invested more than \$3-million in conservation and water preservation programs right here in Ottawa–Vanier. We have also invested heavily and will continue to invest in public transit and bike lane infrastructure to improve regional connectivity and support fewer cars on the road and less pollution.

# Ontario Votes June 7

## Lyra Evans, Ontario New Democratic Party



Photo courtesy Lyra Evans

Lyra Evans has experience as a youth facilitator and volunteer manager at KIND\* Space and the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa. She is a student at the University of Ottawa and is the first transgender candidate of a major political party in Ontario.

With a strong background in community organizing and grassroots activism, Lyra is excited to bring her expertise to the provincial field and to fight for Ottawa-Vanier.

**Q: What is your position on universal pharmacare and dental care?**

**A:** Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals pharmacare plan has left 2.2 million Ontarians without prescription drug care. The NDP will expand pharmacare to include all Ontarians regardless of age. Under the NDP's pharmacare plan, 125 drugs will

be immediately covered for all Ontarians, with an expanded list by 2020. The NDP will make universal pharmacare a reality.

Too many people are going without dental care because they cannot afford to visit a dentist. This is why the NDP will ensure that every Ontarian and their families will have access to dental benefits. With the NDP's plan, employers will be required to provide a certain standard of coverage to workers and their families.

After years of public service cuts by the Liberals and Conservatives, the expansion of pharmacare and the introduction of dental care will bring a change for the better for all residents of Ottawa-Vanier.

**Q: How do you plan on improving Early Childhood Education in Ottawa-Vanier?**

Early childhood education and daycare is an issue that affects many families in Ottawa-Vanier and across Ontario. Years of Liberal and Conservative fiscal policies have resulted in overcrowded classrooms not allowing children to get the full support they need and creating unrealistic working conditions for staff.

With only enough childcare spaces in Ontario for one in five children, the NDP will address this problem by creating 202,000 new spaces and capping classroom capacity at 26 children. Early childhood education and childcare is expensive and declining

in quality; too many families in Ottawa-Vanier are feeling the consequences of a failing system.

I plan to meet with Early Childhood Education leaders in the community, such as the Early Years Centres, child care providers, and school boards to address the concerns of Early Childhood Educators and families in our community. Families, children, and early childhood education staff of Ottawa-Vanier deserve a more equitable and higher quality early childhood education and care system.

**Q: How can the province better support economic access to post-secondary education?**

The NDP's education plan is based on two principles: equity and quality. Years of tuition hikes under the Liberals and Conservatives have made post-secondary education inaccessible for too many Ontarians. As a student, I have first-hand experience in how the crushing weight of student debt prevents too many people from being able to access post-secondary education. We must make post-secondary graduation more accessible and allow students to graduate without the burden of debt.

With an NDP government, we will retroactively forgive all loan interest for everyone carrying a provincial student loan debt. The NDP will also address affordability head-on by turning all provincial loans into grants. Every student eligible for the Ontario Student Assistance Plan will graduate free of any debt. We believe that every single Ontarian deserves the opportunity to access post-secondary education, and our plan will ensure that.

## Fadi Nemr, Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario



Photo courtesy Fadi Nemr

Fadi Nemr has lived in Ottawa-Vanier for 25 years with his wife and daughter. After graduating with a Master of Science degree in chemistry, Fadi immigrated to Canada from Lebanon and opened his own business three years later. He has been involved in raising funds to help with refugee sponsorship and helping newcomers integrate into Canadian society. Fadi is an active member of his community and an advocate for democracy, clean government, and small business.

Fadi Nemr on why he's running (verbatim from ottawavanierpc.nationbuilder.com):

"For far too long the region has been without a voice. There has been no consultations with business interest, residents and community stakeholders. This government has run deficits after deficits, spending more and getting less. Our energy portfolio has become the most expensive in this country. I'm running for the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, because We can do better. But, together, is the only way we will."

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# Reflections on the 2017-2018 school year



**Chris Ellis**  
Public School Trustee, Zone 6

There have been a number of significant changes at the Ottawa–Carleton District School Board (the District) in the last few years. One of the most significant has been changing the delivery of Senior and Junior Kindergarten to 50 per cent English and 50 per cent French. Classes can now be configured more easily to optimize staffing. For example, a school which in the past had an English class of 12 students and a French Immersion class of 16 now

has only one class of 28, saving the cost of one teacher and one Early Childhood Educator (ECE). Across the District this has resulted in larger classes on average and a reduction of around 20 kindergarten classes.

Another effect of the change to 50 per cent English and 50 per cent French is that there are more adults in the lives of young kindergartners. This is because there are not enough bilingual teachers, so most classes have an English teacher for one part of the

time, and a French teacher for the other part of the time. Province-wide, behavioural issues are increasing among kindergarten students. I believe the District needs to determine whether having so many different teachers and other professionals exacerbates behavioural issues and, if so, to come up with strategies to adequately support the children. ECEs as a group have the highest rate of sick-leave among school staff and the stress of the kindergarten class may be a contributing factor. The District thus needs to address the well-being of both children and staff.

One trend that has been developing for quite a while is the small percentage of students in the English program versus the French Immersion program. The District is currently seeing about 70 per cent of students

entering first grade in the French Immersion program. Of course, there is some attrition over time as some students switch to the English program. Nevertheless, the result is that many English classes have high percentages of newcomers and students with learning challenges. The District needs to come to terms with this fact and be more proactive in providing supports.

## Looking forward

I think that no matter which political party forms the next provincial government on Jun. 7, there will continue to be pressure to close schools in the District. The position of District staff is that a high school needs a minimum of 800 students, but preferably 1,000 or more students to deliver the curriculum. This is an issue for the Alta Vista

and Hunt Club area where three of the four high schools have fewer than 800 students.

In the elementary panel, funding and the curriculum are also structured to favour larger schools. I therefore believe there will be pressure to close some elementary schools in both the Alta Vista and the Rideau-Rockcliffe areas. Currently the District is expecting to update its policy for accommodation reviews. This will probably take place during the 2018–19 school year and then the following school year, 2019–20, accommodation reviews would resume. I anticipate that the Alta Vista and Hunt Club review for both Elementary and High School would begin as soon as possible. The Rideau-Rockcliffe elementary school accommodation review would be a few years off.

## Sales at Rockcliffe Library's spring book sale skyrocket

By Carolyn Brereton and Claire Schofield

The 2018 Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale held on Apr. 21–22 broke its own records again in terms of sales and attendance.

“It’s our best year ever,” said Linda McDonald, Book Sale Co-Manager and Chair of the Rockcliffe Park Residents Association Library Committee. “We enjoyed record attendance with approximately 2,900 patrons (an increase of 11 per cent) and our revenues were up by 12 per cent. The number of books sold

increased by six per cent. We were also delighted that the newly introduced credit and debit system contributed to increased sales.”

However, this event is about so much more than just sales. Its success is totally dependent on community support. Donations of an estimated 35,000 books and audio-visual materials form the foundation. But it’s the volunteers who make it all possible – from the dozens who work all year long, sorting and pricing, to the more than 100 who jump in during the week of the sale. While they’re now drawn from all over Ottawa,



Photo by Peter Nicholson

(From left) Catherine Strevens-Bourque of Chartwell New Edinburgh Square; MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers; Mayor Jim Watson; Councillor Tobi Nussbaum; Brian Montgomery of RBC|Dominion Securities; Linda McDonald, Spring Book Sale Co-Manager; Jane Dobell, former book sale chair; Kevin Phillips and Jane Newcombe, Spring Book Sale Co-Managers and Tim Miller of Dymon Storage, Coventry Road, with his children Sean and Danika.

neighbouring communities still supply the majority.

“We’re thrilled with the tremendous support from our volunteers in New Edinburgh”, said Linda. “Their dedication and talent bring so much to the table.”

Local politicians also showed their support. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, Rideau-Rockcliffe City Councillor Tobi Nussbaum, and Ottawa-Vanier MPP Natalie Des Rosiers were on hand to open the event. Ottawa-Vanier MP Mona Fortier dropped by on the Sunday after flying back from Halifax.

Corporate sponsors also play an integral role in the Spring Book Sale’s success. Catherine Strevens-Bourque of Chartwell New Edinburgh

Square, Brian Montgomery of Montgomery Asset Management, RBC|Dominion Securities, and Tim Miller of Dymon Storage, Coventry Road attended the official opening. The Rockcliffe Park Spring Book Sale is also indebted to Epicuria owner Tracey Black, who once again generously donated delicious food to sustain the Spring Book Sale’s hardworking helpers during the event.


Proceeds from the sale help to pay for new materials at the Rockcliffe Park Branch of the Ottawa Public Library (OPL), including large-print books, DVDs, the magazine and express collections and for programming at the branch. In 2017, this included programming to increase

awareness of Indigenous culture and history, and support for a variety of PD day programs, and for the October Open House.

As the money raised by the Spring Book Sale has increased over the years, so too has its allocation to projects within the wider OPL, such as the “One School, One Book” initiative across the city. Students in a number of schools read the book *Lost in the Backyard* by Alison Hughes, followed by programming on themes related to the book, including a visit by the author; a program on wolves in Gatineau Park; and a presentation by Jean-François Carrey, who was once the youngest Canadian to climb Mount Everest.

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## Melrose Avenue Art Club hosts life drawing sessions and exhibit

By Miki K.T. Chart, Margo Blackell and Byrne Currie

Eight artists from the Melrose Avenue Art Club are having a collective show at the New Edinburgh Community and Arts Centre (NECTAR) from Jun. 8–17.

The Melrose Avenue Art Club was formed in 2016 under the leadership of classically trained artist Miki Chart. The club is a group of local artists dedicated to continuous improvement through the exacting study of very long poses from life. We are all serious about improving the fundamentals of our craft: it is easier to express oneself in one's personal work when we have mastery of technique and tools.

In the classical system of training, the artist trains hand and eye by working on long exercises, taking time and concentration to perfect the foundations of the drawing and colourist's craft.

The classical system also emphasises training by working from the live – often nude – model for long poses to gain precision, and knowl-



(From left) Margo Blackell, Andrea Vecsei, Byrne Currie, Miki K.T. Chart, Setsuko Ohara, and Mike Yang are holding life drawing sessions during their 10-day exhibit at NECTAR.

edge of anatomy and gesture. Working with the living model teaches how to work with and maintain accurate high finish even with the small variations in pose that always occur.

The Melrose Avenue Art Club normally has two types of sessions: very long poses are three hours on Friday mornings, repeating for six weeks. Portrait sessions once or twice per month Saturday afternoons for three and a half hours (please note that models and artists take frequent breaks).

Join the club! The club is

open to all artists who wish to strive for improvement regardless of background. We range from long time professionals to enthusiastic amateurs.

Drawing sessions do not have an instructor, and each artist sets their own goals for the day or pose and may draw many studies or produce a finished painting. The community of artists is always happy to provide helpful hints and suggestions.

Participating artists include:  
 • **Miki K.T. Chart** – oils, still life, figurative (mikich-art.wordpress.com)

• **Byrne Currie** – oils, still life, portraiture (byrrecurrie.com)

• **Margo Blackell** – watercolour, genre (blackellart.ca)

• **Man-wa (Mike) Yang** – oils, landscape – (mikeyangstudio.com)

• **Sally Jackson** – watercolour

• **Andrea Vecsei** – acrylic, portrait, figurative and landscape

• **Setsuko Ohara** – watercolour

• **Marc DuBois** – oils, still life

While the show is hanging, there will be at least

one member there to ask any questions. Some days the members will be doing what they normally do at the Club: working with a live model. The public is welcome to join – just bring your own pens, pencils and drawing pads.

### Schedule:

• **Jun. 8** from 6–9 p.m. Vernissage. Come to meet the participating artists.

• **Jun. 9–10** from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open portrait workshop featuring a live model. The public is welcome to join the fun. Viewing until 4 p.m.

• **Jun. 11–12** from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Open for viewing.

• **Jun. 15** from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open portrait workshop with live model. Watercolour techniques demonstration. Viewing until 4 p.m.

• **Jun. 16** from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open portrait workshop with live model. Viewing until 4 p.m.

• **Jun. 17** from 1–4 p.m. Closing party.

*The Classical Expressions Art Show runs Jun. 8–17 at NECTAR, 255 MacKay St. Visit [ottawafiguredrawing.wordpress.com](http://ottawafiguredrawing.wordpress.com) for details.*

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# Stories from the frontlines of climate change reporting

By **Gaye Taylor**

*Lindenlea resident Gaye Taylor, a senior writer for the Ottawa-based climate and sustainability newsletter *The Energy Mix* (theenergymix.com) shares some of most important stories – some scary and tragic, but others deeply inspiring – from the front lines of climate change reporting.*

To begin on a high note, one of the most encouraging climate-related stories in Canada this spring was the University of Winnipeg's launch of a new Climate Change Atlas of Canada: **climateatlas.ca**. As reported by the CBC, the online atlas "includes a robust interactive map that lets users zoom down on any one of 2,000 towns or cities across the country, to see how climate change is likely to change local landscapes between now and the end of the century."

Consisting of 250 layers and drawing on data from 12 global climate models, the atlas enables users to "hone in on any region and explore the area's future climate," CBC explained. "For instance, they can learn how many additional hot days (defined as any day above 30C) a community is likely to experience in the near future if greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise at current rates." (Toronto will see around 41 more days above 30C than it did between 1976 and 2005, according to the atlas.)

The launch of the Climate Atlas is particularly timely, CBC noted, given a recent Abacus Research poll which found that, while 70 per cent of Canadians "cited human activity as the main factor in climate change," the other 30 per cent chalked it up to "natural patterns in the Earth's environment." The poll also revealed that only 56 per cent of people in Manitoba and Saskatchewan believe governments should do more to combat climate change.

The coal miners of Canada might beg to differ. Certainly, they will be watching attentively to see what federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna's new-minted Just Transition Task Force will do to enable and secure them other, equally-

high paying, jobs before the country's coal phase-out takes effect in 2030.

"If you are going to phase these jobs out, you have to take into consideration where these workers find new employment," Canadian Labour Congress President and Task Force co-chair Hassan Yussuff told media at the task force's April launch. "What other skills might be necessary to allow them to adjust and adapt to the new reality of life?"

Speaking of adaptation, and to conclude (sorry) with a bad news story: every living thing on earth has evolved within a particular ecosystem, and in the case of many spe-

the spring and summer, they venture inland to give birth to their calves and eat the Arctic plants that grow there," according to the *Times*.

But Greenland is warming, and "those inland Arctic plants have been emerging earlier — with some plant species now greening 26 days earlier than they did a decade ago," reports the *Times*. Unfortunately, the caribou have not responded by speeding up their migration, "perhaps because their reproductive cycles respond most strongly to seasonal signals like the length of the day, whereas plants respond more strongly to local temperatures, which are rising."

*"Global warming is changing [life's] music, with spring now arriving several weeks earlier in parts of the world than it did a few decades ago."*

—*New York Times*

cies, survival depends on precise synchronicity with the seasons. An April article in the *New York Times* reported that a number of recent studies reveal climate change is throwing this "complex ballet" into disarray.

"Global warming is changing [life's] music," reports the *Times*, "with spring now arriving several weeks earlier in parts of the world than it did a few decades ago."

While "in some cases, species might simply adapt by shifting their ranges, or eating different foods," others, because of the speed of climate change, "are falling out of step": a process called phenological mismatch — as when a flower blooms before its pollinator emerges from hibernation.


Amongst the many creatures caught up in the dissonance of climate change are the caribou of western Greenland whose austere diet has evolved in harmony with their harsh sub-polar home. "In the winter, they eat lichen along the coast. In

And scientists like Eric Post, an ecology professor at the University of California, Davis, "have documented a troubling trend in the region," with caribou calf mortality rates seeming to rise "in years when the spring plant growth preceded the caribou's calving season." These spikes in calf mortality may be occurring because the Arctic plants are "tougher and less nutritious by the time the caribou get there and start eating them," Post says.

"In theory," he explains, "if given enough time, the caribou might eventually adjust as natural selection takes its course and favors individuals that calve earlier."

"But with the Arctic warming faster than the rest of the globe," Post observes, "the question is whether things are changing too fast for evolution to matter."

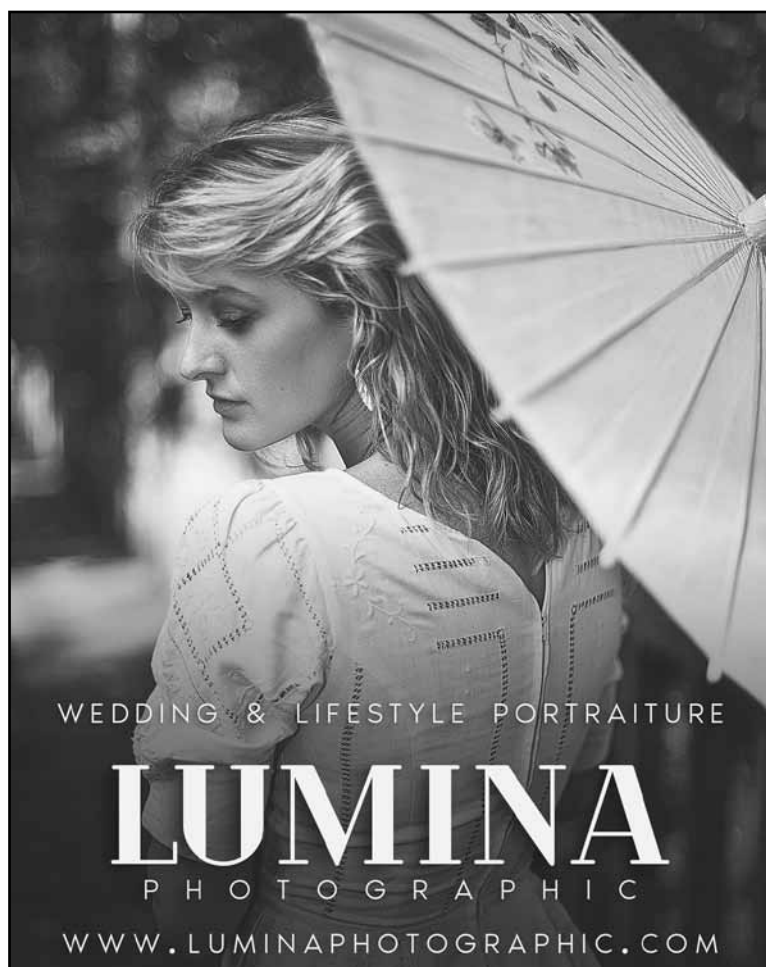
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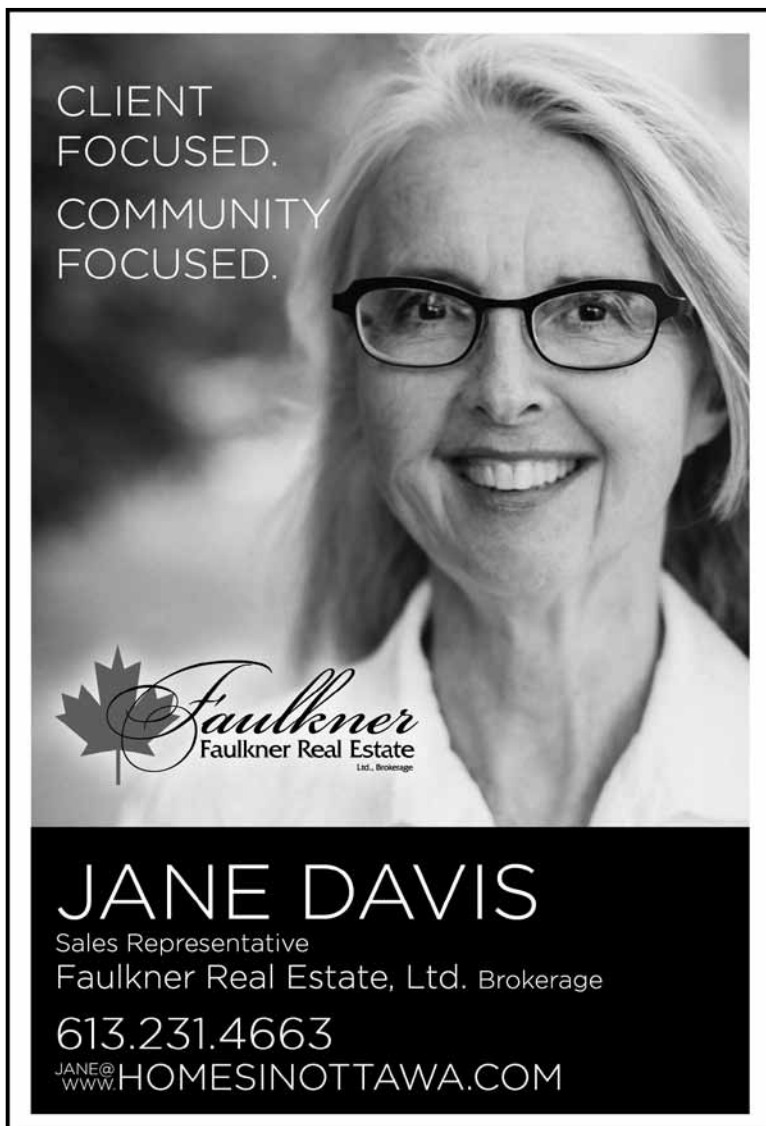
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# Odyssey Theatre premieres new comedy with environmental message

By Anthony Millson

Odyssey Theatre has been at the forefront of the local Ottawa arts scene for 32 years, presenting entertaining and thought-provoking plays from its picturesque, open-air stage in the heart of Strathcona Park. The park is a 10-minute drive from New Edinburgh, along the shores of the Rideau River in Sandy Hill. The "Theatre Under the Stars" concept provides the perfect backdrop for this year's production: *Lysistrata and the Temple of Gaia*.

Odyssey Theatre has assembled a remarkable cast of actors, including New Edinburgh's own Catriona Leger, to star in this modern adaptation of the classic Aristophanes play, *Lysistrata*. Leger portrays both the female slave character H, and Gaia, Goddess of the Earth. Both roles are pivotal to delivering the play's overarching environmental message while at the same time providing an underlying satirical sensibility to a production that promises to be a fun summer night out.



Photo courtesy Odyssey Theatre

Odyssey Theatre (pictured above in a 2016 production) will perform *Lysistrata and the Temple of Gaia* in Strathcona Park Jul. 26–Aug. 26.

The play is an adaptation by award-winning writer David S. Craig based on the classic Aristophanes comedy from 411 B.C. focused on the women of Athens going on a sex strike to end the perpetual wars in ancient Greece. Craig's adaptation of this classic portrays a world

whose oceans are acidic, air is toxic, plants and animals are dying, and whose inhabitants have ignored the fundamental tenets of responsibility that they have to protect it. At this point, the goddess Gaia appears and threatens to destroy humanity unless the Earth is cared for. The

women agree, the men refuse, and a classic battle of the sexes ensues.

Craig's post-modern version focuses on the female characters going on a sex strike in the year 2118 to force their partners to recognize the importance of environmental issues. Leger's two

roles will integrate nuances of humour and drama, while also being at the centre of the play's social commentary.

Over a 44-year career, David S. Craig has distinguished himself as a major player in Canada's theatre world, having written over 30 plays, many of which have toured across Canada and the world. This is Craig's second time at the helm of an Odyssey production, his first being 2012's *The Fan*, for which he won the Prix Rideau Award for Outstanding Adaptation.

If you enjoy great acting and having a laugh, while at the same time being exposed to compelling social commentary regarding one of the most important issues of our time, then come on out to Strathcona Park. Enjoy a night of theatre under the stars with friends and family.

*Lysistrata and the Temple of Gaia* runs nightly at 8 p.m. from Jul. 26–Aug. 26 with matinees on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. More information about Odyssey Theatre is available at: [odysseytheatre.ca](http://odysseytheatre.ca).

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# For the Birds

By Jane Heintzman

Birding enthusiasts look forward to the month of May with as much excitement as small children awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. Over the course of this blissful month, the spring migration reaches its peak as myriad species flood back into the area, filling the air with bird-song and enlivening the landscape with colour and activity. The litany of returning travelers in May is dazzling: **warblers, vireos, thrushes,**

April may have taken a toll among this latter group, as insects were abruptly killed off and other food sources made inaccessible by a casing of ice. Migrants' nutritional needs are especially high at this time of year. Not only have the birds' resources been depleted by the long return journey north, their food requirements also ramp up significantly during the breeding and nesting season, so a blast of icy cold could



Redstart.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes

**orioles, flycatchers, ruby-throated hummingbirds, tanagers** and others lift the spirits after a long winter.

May is also prime time for bird identification: tree foliage has only partially emerged, leaving skittish birds with less cover in which to escape detection; males are "guidebook perfect," resplendent in their bright breeding plumage; and breeding and nesting rituals call forth a continuous chorus of bird song, which offers dependable clues to species' ID.

But this year, just getting to May was no picnic. Winter hung on tenaciously through April, adding to the challenges of earlier arrivals such as **kinglets, sparrows, Eastern phoebes, red-winged blackbirds** and **tree swallows**. Local naturalists like Bruce Di Labio speculated that the ugly ice storm of mid-

well have been deadly.

**Anouk Hoedeman** and her colleagues at **Safe Wings Ottawa**, a local organization dedicated to reducing migrant birds' deaths and injuries, have been busy tackling an uptick in casualties resulting from bird collisions with windows and cars, along with the ever-present threat of predation by domestic pets (notably cats) and wild animals such as hungry foxes. For help with an injured bird, call Safe Wings at **613-216-8999**.

Despite the persistent wintry conditions through late March and April, there were many welcome signs of bird life, both in our garden and on walks in the area. **American robins** returned to the garden, along with tail-wagging **Eastern phoebes**, imperious **common grackles**, noisy **European starlings**, **song sparrows**, **white-throat-**

**ed sparrows**, brilliant yellow **American goldfinches** (transformed for the breeding season from their drab winter olive-colours), **house finches**, **white-breasted nuthatches**, **dark-eyed juncos**, **downy** and **hairy woodpeckers**, and a solo, elf-like **red-breasted nuthatch**. And as always, **black-capped chickadees** were around in abundance, belting out their piercing *fee-bee* mating song.

Along the Ottawa River Parkway, we encountered a very vocal **common raven**, **turkey vultures**, **pileated woodpeckers**, handsome **Northern (yellow-shafted) flickers** flashing their signature white tail feathers as they flew off, and **great blue herons** flying overhead on their accustomed trajectory across the Ottawa River from Jacques Cartier Park towards the Rideau River. The usual cast of characters on the river, including **Canada geese**, **mallards**, **hooded mergansers** and **common goldeneye**, returned on schedule this year, though in smaller numbers than the past. On several occasions, a mallard pair settled down to forage in our garden for the day, much to the consternation of our dogs.

A highlight in our backyard this spring has been a nesting pair of **blue jays**. This handsome duo has made their nest high in a tall pine at the bottom of the garden, and is in evidence all day long, hopping about – initially in search of nesting materials, and now on the hunt for food. Surprisingly, the birds are by no means the raucous creatures that we're accustomed to in the fall. They're in fact quite quiet, most often making their presence known by a soft metallic chink as opposed to an ear-splitting screech. Blue jays are known to be easily spooked by potential predators and inclined to abandon their nests when they perceive a



Photo by Mike Leveille

Merlin having lunch at the Macoun Marsh outdoor classroom.

potential threat, but so far, all seems well. A **Northern cardinal** pair is also nesting in the lane behind our house, so we've been reveling in a glorious colour palette of bright blue, brilliant red, and often dazzling yellow when the goldfinches are around.

By late April, there were new arrivals in the garden. A flock of **ruby-crowned kinglets** turned up in the apple tree, flicking their wings and flitting about at ID-defying speed. However, thanks to their bantam size (3.5–4.5"), their characteristic frenzied behaviour, and a fortuitous flashing of one male's red top knot, I was confident that it was a kinglet invasion. **Chipping sparrows** also moved in to join their **white-throated** and **song sparrow** cousins. They will be resident throughout the community all summer, and are easy to spot, thanks to their signature trill and bright, rusty brown top knots. Across the street from us on the Rideau River, large flocks of graceful **tree swallows** heralded the arrival of spring, swooping down close to the water's surface to scoop up insects.

With the arrival of May came the cresting of the



Photo by Francine Ouellette

Chestnut-sided warbler.

**warbler** wave. The influx began slowly in April with the appearance of early-birds such as the **yellow-rumped**, **pine-** and **palm warbler**, building to a peak in the third week of May, when 22 species had flooded into the region. Birding havens like Britannia Conservation Area were reporting a who's-who of the warbler world, from the ubiquitous **common yellowthroat** to the **black-throated green-**, **black-throated blue-**, **Nashville-**, **Tennessee-**, **orange-crowned-**, **Cape May-**, **Northern parula-**, **Blackburnian-**, **ovenbird**, **yellow-**, and **chestnut-sided-warblers**.

For the first time this year, our garden has been swarming with warblers, seemingly attracted to our flowering magnolia, but also busily mining the insect life in our apple and crabapple trees. To date, the lineup has included **yellow-rumped-** (the most sociable members of the warbler family, often comfortable in the presence of humans), **yellow-** (by far the easiest species to identify!), and **chestnut-sided warblers**, a



Horned grebe.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes



Photo by Francine Ouellette

A local eastern screech owl visited by a brave red squirrel.

less common but stunning little species with bright yellow crowns and splashes of rosy chestnut on their sides and flanks. Along the Ottawa River Parkway, we've also heard the songs **American redstarts** and **common yellowthroats**, punctuated by the boisterous **FWEEP, FWEEP** of a **great-crested flycatcher**.

video.

The summer is coming and with it, longer days and holiday time. If local birding expeditions are on your "To Do (for Fun)" list, visit the **Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club's "Where to go Birding in Ottawa"** page, which offers a comprehensive run down of the hot spots in the region, along with maps



Blue-headed vireo.

Photo by Amy-Jane Lawes

For birders seeking help identifying the many warbler species, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology offers an online "Monday Night Seminar" given by **Tom Stephenson** and **Scott Whittle**, authors of *The Warbler Guide*, a comprehensive overview of the warbler family. The seminar offers handy ID tips for recognizing warblers, both by sight and sound. Visit [aboutbirds.org/great-new-tips-for-identifying-warblers-](http://aboutbirds.org/great-new-tips-for-identifying-warblers-)

of how to get there: [ofnc.ca/programs/birding-in-the-ottawa-area/where-to-go-birding-around-ottawa](http://ofnc.ca/programs/birding-in-the-ottawa-area/where-to-go-birding-around-ottawa).

#### Reports from our readers

Vanier resident **Linda Bussey**, a first-time contributor to *For the Birds*, managed to capture the gruesome but fascinating spectacle of a hungry **peregrine falcon** devouring a **pigeon** on her front lawn. While readily available pigeons are a staple in the falcons' diet, these rap-

tors are known to consume as many as 450 bird species in North America alone, and possibly up to 2,000 worldwide. No picky eaters in this crowd!

Val-des-Monts, Que. correspondent **Amy Jane Lawes** has been taking full advantage of the glories of spring, with several birding expeditions in the area. At Marais des Laïches in Gatineau, Amy encountered **sora**, **virginia rails**, **bobolink males**, **snipe** and "so much **American bittern** noise it was hard to reckon on numbers." She even caught a glimpse of a late-linger **snowy owl**, "quite a contrast to the **ruby throated hummingbird** that arrived at my feeder that evening!"

On an expedition to the Britannia Conservation Area, Amy reported a "thrilling warbler day," encountering a total of 16 **warbler** species in the course of her visit. Conditions were perfect:



Photo by Francine Ouellette

The Canada warbler.

"the cold weather forced the bugs down, so many of the species I normally glimpse from below were down in the ground to feed." Highlights included **yellow-rumped**-, **Cape May**-, **Blackburnian**, **Bay-breasted**, and **Northern Parula** warblers.

Regulars around Amy's home are a "very vocal **blue-headed vireo**" who serves as her morning alarm clock, and **Eastern phoebes** nesting on a bat box on the side of her house. And "the highlight of the spring thus far has been a beautiful **horned grebe** I found while kayaking on the lake."

Here in New Edinburgh, Alexander Street resident **Philip MacAdam**, proprietor of Phil's Avian Bistro, has been awash in **finches** this spring. Numerous breeding pairs of **house finches** and **American goldfinches** feast at his feeders from dawn to dusk. "There was even a **chipping sparrow** having a bedtime snack at the feeder at 8:15 p.m. I wonder if it's time to put a sign on the cedar



Photo by Linda Bussey

Peregrine falcon enjoys a meal on a front lawn in Vanier.

tree: 'Phil's Bistro Closes at 9 p.m.!'"

Philip's peanut feeders are the destination of choice for **downy woodpeckers** and **white-breasted nuthatches**, while his bird bath is a popular draw for **American robins**, **Northern cardinals** and the ubiquitous **finches**. Two less agreeable customers at his feeders are several pairs of parasitic **brown-headed cowbirds**, and numerous **rock doves (a.k.a. pigeons)**. A spring highlight for Philip was spotting a group of colourful **Baltimore orioles** at Lac Leamy Beach, high in the trees above the lake.

At the Macoun Marsh, **Mike Leveille** and his students have encountered all of the usual spring regulars, including **kinglets** and **warblers**, particularly **yellow warblers**. Mike managed to capture a merlin devouring a meal at the outdoor classroom beside the marsh.

Our west-coast correspondent **Vicki Metcalfe** recently

returned from an exciting birding adventure in Oregon. In the course of the trip, Vicki and her companions spotted more than 70 species, including 12 "life birds" for Vicki; that is species she had never seen before. A highlight on her list was about 500 **white-faced ibis**. Others included **western grebe**, **white pelican**, **cinnamon teal**, **trumpeter swan**, **golden eagle**, **bald eagle**, **Northern harrier**, **California quail**, **black-necked stilt**, **American avocet**, **great-horned owl**, **burrowing owl**, **Lewis' woodpecker**, **Say's phoebe**, **mountain chickadee**, **western tanager** and **Bullock's oriole**.

We wish a very happy summer and fruitful birding season to all! Please keep your cameras and guidebooks handy and send us your reports and photos in September: [janeheintzman@hotmail.com](mailto:janeheintzman@hotmail.com)



Black-throated blue warbler.

Photo by Francine Ouellette

# Historic canoe club offers new programs this summer

By Claire Schofield

Expansion and enhancement are the hallmarks of the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC)'s 2018 programming.

"This year, we're broadening our horizons and encouraging non-members to try our sports for free," said ONEC president, Mike Hardstaff.

Firstly, ONEC is expanding its offering of watersports. On Jun. 16, renowned Canadian canoeist Max Finkelstein will conduct an **Introduction to Big Canoe Paddling** course from 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and a **Big Canoe Intermediate Leader Course** on Jun. 17. Both events are open to ONEC members and to the public, but space is limited to six people.

ONEC will also run a **Big**

Canoe pilot program for the first time. Courses run from May to September for beginner and intermediate paddlers. For information and registration, go to [onec.ca/membership/forms](http://onec.ca/membership/forms) or contact ONEC Rowing Director Richard Vincent at [vincric@rogers.com](mailto:vincric@rogers.com).

Rowing and sailing enthusiasts are encouraged to sample both sports on Jun. 2 during **Try it Day** organized by Get-out-on-the-Water and hosted by ONEC. Space is limited, so book now at [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca). This event coincides with **Doors Open Ottawa**, which takes place Jun. 2 and 3 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

"ONEC Rowing is offering full- or half-season memberships and enhanced instruction through its Learn to Scull

programs and ongoing clinics," said Richard. "Our goal is to give members flexibility and foster knowledge of the sport."

ONEC Tennis is upping their ante, too. Adrian Frei will join Catalin Tudorache as a second pro, offering a wide range of programs and private lessons. Frei is a former nationally ranked junior player in his native Switzerland and has won multiple National Capital Tennis Association city championships in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Other developments include improvements to the clay courts and resurfacing of the club's four hard courts and hitting board area.

"Members love our location, our seven clay courts and that



Photo by Peter Crowl

**Renowned Canadian canoeist Max Finkelstein will conduct two special courses at the Ottawa New Edinburgh Club this June.**

they can play until 10 p.m.," said Andre Barnes, ONEC's Tennis Director. "This means that ONEC can accommodate those who work during the day."

Sailing instruction is free with ONEC membership and once qualified to take out a sailboat, members can participate in sailing races as well as use ONEC's boats for their sailing pleasure. "The beauty is that you don't have to own your own boat, our instruction is comprehensive and we're just minutes from downtown Ottawa," said ONEC Sailing Director, Neil Baisi.

ONEC is one of the oldest multi-sport clubs in Canada and dates back to 1883 when it was founded as the Ottawa Canoe Club. For more information, visit [onec.ca](http://onec.ca).

## Thumbs-up for plan at 103 Beechwood; St. Charles officially breaks ground

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up to the prospect of new development: "If the rumours are true, we'll be excited to see one of the last remaining prime development sites on Beechwood developed into something modern and attractive," he tells NEN. "It will replace a stretch of mostly derelict buildings and empty lots with an intensification project that hopefully provides new commercial options for our neighbourhood. It's long overdue."

"My understanding is that most of the businesses involved would continue to operate either in the new space, or elsewhere on Beechwood. I understand that nothing is confirmed yet, but this would be a major improvement to the street," says Mark.

One important missing piece of the puzzle is the identity of the purchaser. Sources close to the matter speculate it is a large, international property developer with a Canadian base in Toronto. NEN reached out to the company's Toronto office for confirmation of any involvement in the Beechwood sale, but did not receive a response to our inquiry.

There is also plenty of buzz about possible property sales on the north side of Beechwood from Springfield Road to Douglas Avenue, as

well as in the first block of Springfield Road between the Second Cup to Fraser Café's Table 40. It's our understanding that a number of properties in question are owned by Karam El Marji, formerly a small business operator on Springfield Road. We also understand that the long-running Golden Star Chinese Food is operator-owned, and it is not among the immediate sale prospects on the block. Stay tuned for more details in our October edition, when we hope to have more information.

### 103 Beechwood Avenue

A new development is coming to fruition at **103 Beechwood Ave.** at the corner of Champlain Avenue, currently occupied by a vacant residential building. Project designer Hobin Architecture is proposing to demolish the existing structure and construct a two-storey, 3,000 square-foot retail building designed to house one local business. Plans also include semi-public spaces for special exhibits and community functions, as well as an atrium with access to an outdoor terrace.

The longest facade of the building will face Champlain Avenue, with the entrance located at the corner, on the diagonal. There will be two parking spaces on Chapleau Avenue, along with bicycle racks. Subject to City approv-

al of the site plan application, which includes a minor variance, developers hope to begin construction later this year.

In early May, Hobin Architecture held a public meeting at the Lindenlea Community Centre to present their plans for the site to local residents and respond to questions. Most of the participants at the meeting reacted positively to the architects' proposal, in one case giving an enthusiastic thumbs-up to the design.

From a community perspective, one advantage of a smaller project on the scale proposed for the site will be to make it affordable for a local small business operator, for whom the costly commercial leases in large developments are prohibitive.

### 65 Acacia Avenue

A Site Plan Control Application for a new development at 65 Acacia Ave. in Lindenlea is currently on hold pending the developer's review of the first round of comments from City planners and the general public. The site is on the eastern tip of Lindenlea, directly across from the T-intersection at Acacia and Carsdale Avenue. The proposal involves amalgamating two previously severed properties for a total of approximately 500 square metres, including 28 metres

of frontage along Acacia. The developer proposes to demolish the existing two-storey detached building to construct a four-storey, low-rise apartment building with 12 units, along with an underground parking garage containing four parking spaces. The current proposal will require submission of an application to Committee of Adjustment for Minor Variances, seeking relief from zoning regulations relating to front yard set-back, interior side yard set-back, rear yard set-back, and rear yard area.

Public comments expressed concerns with the original proposal, ranging from its height and mass, to inadequate set-backs and design. In particular, there was significant concern about the project's lack of fit with the existing streetscape, which is currently dominated by modest two-storey homes with ample set-backs. Other problems identified in the comments: the removal of mature trees; the developer's proposal to strip away the top six feet of topsoil on the hill; and the possible precedent-setting impact on future development in the area, where more single-family dwellings could be demolished to make way for apartment blocks. For information on the next steps in the process and a link to

the Site Plan Application, visit Tobi Nussbaum's blog at [tobinussbaum.ca](http://tobinussbaum.ca). City of Ottawa planner **Ann O'Connor** is tracking the application. Contact Ann at 613-580-2424 x 12658.

### Gala ground-breaking at St. Charles Market

Financing has been approved for Modbox's St. Charles Market project, and construction will get rolling in the coming months. To mark this milestone, a gala groundbreaking ceremony was scheduled at SCM in late May. The ModBox team, the Lake Partnership (general contractor and project manager) and Linebox Studio architects will host purchasers, community supporters and local dignitaries, including the mayor and the two local councillors, to raise a glass of bubbly in celebration of this giant step towards the realization of the much-anticipated project.

The residential units at SCM are now 60 per cent sold. The remaining two-bedroom homes start in the \$440,000 range, while suites in the building range from 560 square feet to the penthouse at more than 5,000 square feet. For more information and sales inquiries, call **613-301-7782** or e-mail [info@modbox.ca](mailto:info@modbox.ca).



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# Downsizing: a major life event that can help you age well

By Jennifer Moir

For the older adult, what does downsizing have to do with aging well? In short: everything. It can protect and prolong independence and health. It can give you more time and freedom to be with others, to pursue interests, and feel fulfilled. It can reduce the stress and expense of home ownership. And it can allow you to live elsewhere more safely and securely, particularly if health is changing. All of these benefits will help you age well and reduce specific, well-known risks.

With the fastest growing age cohorts being the 80 and 100-plus, the notion of downsizing is becoming recognized as a typical "life event."

The notion of downsizing, however, still elicits mixed emotions and worries. Some embrace it, while others fiercely rebuke it.

## What prevents older adults from downsizing?

As a Senior Housing Specialist and Elder Planning Counselor, I regularly encounter the reasons and fears that prevent many people from moving forward

with their downsizing goals. The mere prospect of trying to find their next home, make a decision, declutter the house, sort through and let go of their belongings, and organize a move is simply too overwhelming. "Where will I go?" "What will I do with all this stuff?" "How will I

can ensure your palace does not become your prison. It can also ensure caregivers or adult children are not completely overwhelmed with the task later on and can even preserve family relationships.

Even with all this knowledge, however, some still find it difficult to move forward.

*A well-timed "strategic downsize" can ensure your palace does not become your prison.*

get there?" And the big one: "I know it's the right thing to do, but I just can't let go." These are the most common concerns that prevent many from moving forward at the most advantageous time.

In her book *The Perfect Home For A Long Life*, author Lyndsay Green discusses the idea that "How you move matters." Are you moving or downsizing by choice, in a controlled and methodical manner, or is it happening under stressful conditions? The way you downsize could have long-lasting impact. Timing is crucial. A well-timed "strategic downsize"

## Solutions to help you move forward

There is no easy answer to help you move ahead with downsizing, but educating yourself and increasing your comfort level with the options and the process is a great starting point.

Connect with resources you trust, who can make it happen when you are "ready" or if something changes unexpectedly. This is sage advice, so you know who you can turn to when you need them.

Age Well Solutions is an example of a resource you can connect with without any obligation. Founded here in

Ottawa, we are part of a growing senior housing industry. Comprised of a core team with social service, financial, healthcare and project management expertise, we help clients understand their housing choices today, including rental and retirement community options, and identify which ones are suitable for them. We oversee the decluttering and downsizing of a client's home, including disbursement of items of great or minimal value, and help prepare a home for sale.

From our perspective, we don't see just clients. We see older men and women who have had led amazing lives, helped shape the communities we live in, and who are grandparents and parents to those who love them. They need some help now, and they deserve the highest level of care, commitment and professionalism we can offer to ensure their wellbeing moving forward.


## An Age Well celebration

On Jun. 8 from 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex, 1701 Woodroffe Ave., Age Well Solutions


hosts its seventh annual Age Well Celebration. This delightful community-based event offers a mix of speakers, interactive age well centres, exhibitors and more.

This year, keynote speaker **Kerry Martin**, a broadcaster, storyteller, journalist and music curator, will be exploring the power of music in building new memories and retrieving long buried ones. He will explore the magical ability of music to transport you to a time, a place or even a feeling. There will be lots of great music to enjoy. The United Way Ottawa will provide a snapshot of Ottawa's older demographic, while **Kris Van der Pas-Norenus** will share her retirement coaching expertise on how to "Make the Most of the Next Third of Life." A variety of exhibitors, and prizes will round out the day. Free entry, free parking and all welcome. For more details, visit [agewellsolutions.ca](http://agewellsolutions.ca)

*Jennifer Moir is the founder and owner of Age Well Solutions. Visit [agewellsolutions.ca](http://agewellsolutions.ca) or call 613-277-6449.*



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# Take a little trip on Crichton Street

By Mary Pratte

Winter was long, but here we are now, finally in spring! A perfect time to walk by the Crichton Street Gallery when there is no snow or ice to hinder you. We encourage you to come on in to see what we are up to. We love it when people just pop in to chat or admire the artwork – we never push anyone to buy, so don't be afraid. We even love dogs and children!

The Crichton Street Gallery has just finished a beautiful exhibit of prints from a talented group of printmakers from Gatineau: Le collectif Graphein/The Graphein Collective. We will also be working hard at the end of May to put up our next show featuring Mary Ann Varley, whose work you can see at [mavarley.ca](http://mavarley.ca).

One of our core artists, Mary Ann recently won an award for her work and she looks forward to presenting *My Little Travels*, artworks in mixed media and acrylic and oil. This exhibit was inspired by Mary Ann's travels to New York City, Italy and Norway, and captures the bright colours and bustling activity in these three places. The vernissage will be Jun. 7, 5–8 p.m. at the Crichton Street Gallery, 299 Crichton St., and the show will continue during the remaining Saturdays in June from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

July will see a display of work by our core artists, and then we are into fall when we will participate again, for the third year, in the New



*Arsenale Canal, Venice, 2018* by Mary Ann Varley, part of her exhibition this June at the Crichton Street Gallery.

Edinburgh Studio Tour (NEST): [nestudiotour.com](http://nestudiotour.com). We attract several hundred visitors to the gallery over the weekend of the tour, and visitors can see the work of approximately 30 artists in our space as well as many others, all within walking distance. The NEST site will be updated as the spring and summer unfold, but do save the dates: Sept. 22 and 23, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. each day.

Visit us online at [thecrichtonstreetgallery.ca](http://thecrichtonstreetgallery.ca).



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**Community engagement takes  
many forms at Fern Hill School**



Photo by Cindy Bennell

Students at Fern Hill School helped clean up their yard as well as nearby streets this spring.



Photo by Lyne Robinson

The school's competitive dance team performed for residents at a local seniors' home.

**By Christine Minas**

A sense of community starts at an early age. For some children this is learned by going to the local park or participating in fundraisers for issues affecting those near them or further away. This spring at Fern Hill School, an independent primary school offering preschool to Grade 8 located in New Edinburgh, students had plenty of opportunities to engage with the community.

In response to the tragedy experienced by the Humboldt Broncos hockey team in Saskatchewan, Fern Hill School students and teachers came together to honour members of the team and their community. For one day, instead of wearing their school uniforms, students donned sports jerseys and contributed to the support efforts. This was a true teaching moment for young people as they reflected on this experience and remembered those who were lost.

While Saskatchewan may be geographically far away, the sense of community in coming together brought the message close to the students.

Another way that students reflected on others' experiences was by dressing up as storybook characters for a fundraising event in support of local children's charities. In dressing up as Spiderman, Harry Potter and Anne of Green Gables, students contributed to children and families in need.

Being part of a community also involves the physical space children walk through and play in every day. As the snow melted and the days became warmer, students put on their boots and gloves to clean up the schoolyard and nearby streets, filling a number of bags with debris left over from the winter. Students were able to connect this local clean-up with larger Earth Day celebrations and themes.

Fern Hill's after-school program offers a range of

activities, including healthy cooking, robotics, piano and science club. For many years, there has been a strong dance program at the school, including a competitive stream. The team recently brought their love of dance to a local seniors' home to entertain residents. This was well received by residents as they had an opportunity to interact with young people and enjoy the dancing.

While Fern Hill School reaches out to the community, it also invites it in, as it will do on Jun. 9 when the school hosts its annual Spring Fair. Activities include games, book and bake sales, horse-drawn wagon rides, and a barbecue. And who can forget the cake walk? This is a modified version of musical chairs but with cake as the prize, and there are several cakes to be won. Local residents are invited to take part in the fun.

*Fern Hill School is located at 50 Vaughn St. Learn more at [fernhillottawa.com](http://fernhillottawa.com).*

# Scoliosis Awareness Walk returns to Stanley Park



Photo courtesy Andrea Lebel

A family Zumba class is part of many activities scheduled during the annual Scoliosis Awareness Walk on Jun. 9 in Stanley Park.

**By Andrea Lebel**

The Ottawa Scoliosis Physiotherapy and Posture Centre hosts the seventh annual Scoliosis Awareness Walk on Jun. 9 in Stanley Park.

With support from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and Scheuermann Foundations, the day's activities include a family Zumba class; a scoliosis screening demonstration by Dr. Kevin Smit, orthopedic surgeon at CHEO, remarks from guest speaker Alex Munter, President and CEO of CHEO and the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre; a silent auction; the 2km

Scoliosis Walk and lunch.

**What is Scoliosis?**

Idiopathic scoliosis is a three-dimensional spinal curvature of at least 10 degrees (Cobb angle) in the coronal plane that develops during growth in otherwise healthy children. If allowed to progress unchecked, it may cause physical deformity and can compromise internal organs.

**Who is at risk?**

Scoliosis is shown statistically to affect girls more severely than boys (8:1). Idiopathic scoliosis can be broken down into four categories based on age:

1. infantile up to age 3 years
2. juvenile (JIS) 3-9 years
3. adolescent 10-18 years
4. adult, after skeletal maturity.

Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis (AIS), which develops in pre-teens and teens around the onset of puberty, accounts for approximately 80 per cent of Idiopathic Scoliosis and is the most common form of scoliosis. People with a family history are at greater risk for developing scoliosis. Early detection, early diagnosis and early treatment are essential. JIS and AIS can progress fast, on average two to five degrees a month.

**What is the treatment?**

Research has shown that full-time bracing can stop curve progression in more than 72 per cent of diagnosed cases. Scoliosis Specific Intensive Schroth Physiotherapy can help to correct the scoli-

otic posture, muscular imbalance, and can improve lung function and vital capacity. It may also postpone or prevent surgery. When scoliosis progresses and exceeds 50 degrees, orthopedic surgeons may recommend a spinal fusion surgery to avoid further progression of the scoliosis.

Free scoliosis screening is available year-round from Ottawa Scoliosis Physiotherapy and Posture Centre: [scoliosisphysiotherapy.com](http://scoliosisphysiotherapy.com).

One hundred per cent of registration and donation proceeds go directly to the CHEO Foundation. Tax receipts provided.

Please visit [ottawascoliosis.ca](http://ottawascoliosis.ca) for a schedule of family, fun-filled activities for a worthy cause.

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# Tips for care and feeding of the RPPS book donation bins

**By the Rockcliffe Park Public School Book Fair Committee**

Between late-breaking spring cleaning and general decluttering urges, many folks in the neighbourhood may have a cache of books and other items for the Rockcliffe Park Public School (RPPS) Book Fair (scheduled for Nov. 2–4, 2018). Our Book Bins are open for donations and are located across from the front doors of the school – enter at 350 Buena Vista Rd.

We thank you for your generosity and offer the following pro tips:

**Get smart** – Familiarize yourself with what we can and cannot accept at [rockcliffeparkbookfair.com/items-for-book-fair](http://rockcliffeparkbookfair.com/items-for-book-fair)

**Assess your donations** – If items are tattered, water-damaged or hopelessly outdated, please put them in your blue box or garbage bin at home. It costs RPPS and Book Fair both time and money to separate and dispose of unsellable items.

**If you find the bins full, please don't waste your**

**donation** – Try another day, rather than overfilling the bins, slipping books between the bins or leaving boxes or bags outside. These items get wet and mangled and offer temptation to vandals.

If you have a large volume of books, please email us – [info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com](mailto:info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com) – to arrange a drop-off or even a pick-up. (Please note that our volunteers do not have access to the school in July and August.) See also: [rockcliffeparkbookfair.com/large\\_donations](http://rockcliffeparkbookfair.com/large_donations)


The RPPS Book Bins are emptied and maintained by a hardworking crew of volunteers from the school and community. Please help spread the word about the Book Bins – notably that they are NOT garbage receptacles. We appreciate your kind support!

*Learn more about the Book Fair at [rockcliffeparkbookfair.com](http://rockcliffeparkbookfair.com); on Facebook: [RockcliffeParkBookFair](https://www.facebook.com/RockcliffeParkBookFair/); on Twitter: [@RPPSBookFair](https://twitter.com/RPPSBookFair) or email [info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com](mailto:info@rockcliffeparkpsbookfair.com)*




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A fierce wind storm left its mark in early May. Many trees near Dufferin Road at Stanley Avenue either lost limbs or were uprooted completely.



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# Studio tour returns for third year with 30 artists

By Josée Robillard, NEST

The New Edinburgh Studio Tour (NEST) returns Sept. 22–23, and we have changed things up a little. The third annual artists' tour will take place the weekend after the New Edinburgh Garage Sale, featuring 30 enthusiastic artists, professional and emerging, who are eager to open up their studio doors.

Explore the charm of New Edinburgh and see where the magic happens! With 12 studio and gallery destinations within walking distance of each other, this self-guided tour invites the public to connect with and be inspired by our amazing artists. Artwork will be exhibited and for sale, including live demonstrations scheduled to occur throughout both days. Maps will be prepared prior to the event with a list of artists and their studio or gallery locations and made available at selected local establishments.

We are pleased to introduce 10 new artists to the tour this year: Lise Butters, Jane Cass, Niki Economo, Leslie Lambert, Debjani Mitra-Levesque, Pat Moore,



Artwork by Ariel Lyons



Artwork by Sara Alex Mullen

Artworks by Ariel Lyons and Sara Alex Mullen, just two of 30 artists taking part in NEST 2018 in September.

Andrea Mueller, Katherine Muir-Miller, Irene Tobis and Michael Valiquette. They will be joined by 20 returning artists: Elizabeth Arbuckle, Susan Ashbrook, Michelle Bishop, Pat Carbonneau, Nathalie Champagne, Lori Coulter, Karen Dyrda, Jennifer Kelly, Ariel Lyons, Sandra Markovic, Erin Morphy, Sara Alex Mullen, Martha Nixon, Jo-anne Parthenais, Mary Pratte, Darlene Provost,

Josée Robillard, Barbara Saville, Beth Stikeman and Mary Ann Varley. The artistic media represented includes oil, acrylic, mixed media, encaustic, printmaking, jewellery, photography and glass. With two successful years under our belt, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to the exceptional collaborative efforts of Natalie Belovic and our outstanding local business sponsors, our volunteers and

artists, all of whom contribute to elevate and strengthen the artistic and cultural profile of our community. We are sincerely grateful for the enduring enthusiasm and support of the public and look forward to seeing you at NEST 2018.

NEST is a small, dedicated, volunteer group of local artists: founder and landscape painter Sara Alex Mullen, printmaker Josée Robillard,

figurative and abstract painter Ariel Lyons and mixed media artist Susan Ashbrook. They have combined their collective passion with a vision to build a vibrant arts scene in New Edinburgh by showcasing local artists and presenting a behind the scenes look into their creative spaces.

Look for us in early September at Beechwood East

Feast where select NEST artists will be creating live!

**We are looking for volunteers** to hand out flyers and provide information to the public about NEST on the weekend of this special event. Please contact **josée.robillard@gmail.com** for more information.

For information on NEST, visit **nestudiotour.com** or contact us at **nestudiotour@gmail.com**.

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# Books on Beechwood staff offer great summer reading advice

## Antoinette recommends:

### *Tomorrow* by Damian Dibben

This is the story of a 215-year-old dog in Venice, 1815. He needs to travel through the courts and battlefields of Europe to find the master who granted him his immortality. It's a lovely story of canine devotion and mortality.

### *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid

This novel presents a hopeful and magical vision of the refugee crisis. A couple leaves an unnamed city in search of a new life. The book is a finalist for the 2018 Man Booker International Prize.

### *Tangerine* by Christine Manganese

This is a psychological, nostalgic melodrama in the style of *The Talented Mr. Ripley*. The story is set in 1950s Tangier, Morocco. Film rights have already been sold.

### *The Duchess* by Penny Junor

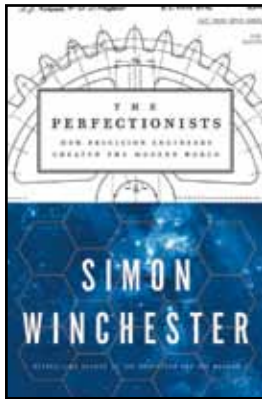
Veteran chronicler of Prince Charles and Prince William, Penny Junor now brings us a witty, colourful, in-depth biography of Camilla Parker

Bowles. It's the first such book about the Duchess of Cornwall.

### *Master of Persuasion: Brian Mulrone's Global Legacy* by Fen Osler Hampson

Based on unprecedented access (interviews with key players, diaries, memos, etc.), Hampson brings us the first book to document Brian Mulrone's impressive foreign policy record, from NAFTA to the collapse of the Soviet Union, climate change to the release of Nelson Mandela.

## Bridget recommends:



### *The Perfectionists* by Simon Winchester

Winchester is a master of

highly readable studies of relevant and often forgotten moments in history. Here his unlikely but fascinating subject is "How Precision Engineers Created the Modern World." He covers a diverse array of examples, ranging from the steam engine to the Crystal Palace to the Hubble Space Telescope, bringing the times and the engineers into the spotlight. It's a great read for the scientists, engineers and historians in your world.

### *Cold Skies* by Thomas King

Ex-cop and reluctant sleuth Thumps DreadfulWater is back, and busy solving a series of seemingly unrelated murders in his sleepy town of Chinook, despite his repeated refusals to get involved. If you loved the sly, laid-back humour and humanity of King's CBC radio show, *Dead Dog Café*, you will enjoy this charming, yet acerbic mystery.

### *The Mitford Murders* by Jessica Fellowes

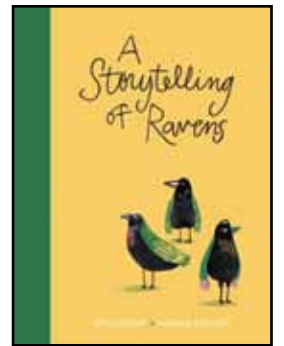
Daughter of Julian Fellowes and author of five *Downton Abbey* companions, Jessica is ready to carve out her own

equally delightful niche in this madcap mystery based on a real murder that happened in the 1920s. The murder peripherally involved the famous Mitford sisters who appear in the novel as themselves. Eighteen-year-old Louisa escapes from poverty to become nursery maid to the Mitford children, forming a bond with eldest daughter, 16-year-old Nancy. Together they become involved in the mystery of a murdered nurse. Expect more in the series.

### *Money in the Morgue* by Ngaio Marsh and Stella Duffy

This is an unexpected treat for fans of classic golden-age mysteries and the great doyenne of the genre, Dame Ngaio Marsh. Marsh died in 1982, but prolific writer and award-winning author Stella Duffy has completed it in a seamless and faithful manner. Set (and written) during World War II in her native New Zealand, and featuring her beloved detective, Roderick Alleyn (who is doing undercover reconnaissance for the British), this is classic Marsh. A small, isolated hospital for


wounded soldiers is cut off from the outside world by a fierce storm, a murder happens, and Alleyn is forced to get involved.



### *A Storytelling of Ravens* by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Natalie Nelson (Ages 3+)

My favourite picture book this season, this is a whimsical take on collective nouns – a smack of jellyfish, a tower of giraffes, etc. – with wry and charming illustrations full of visual humour. Each spread features a nugget of a story using a particular term, accompanied by a collage illustration that serves as the visual punchline. It's the ideal combination of fun and information.

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# Serving up a love of tennis for over 96 years

By Sarah Baxter

The 96th season is underway at the Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club and what a year it's going to be. The courts are in great shape, we have a new children's play area, and our clubhouse team is ready to welcome you.

The season began May 12 with the annual Open House with families, players, neighbours and friends enjoying the beautiful sunny day. Our courts were hives of activity, with clinics and spirited play on the official start of the season and opening day for our clay courts. The happy times continued on the clubhouse deck and on the lawn with gatherings of friends old and new, and families enjoying the complimentary barbecue and exhibition match.

Bravo to our Juniors for their successful "Barking

Balls and Biscuits" fundraiser. The packaged recycled balls and dog biscuits will make many area dogs happy and the funds raised will go towards special extras, like our new tetherball set.

Chris Hannant, our new Club Manager, and his team are already gearing up for the always memorable RLTC Social. Chris has brought on to the team Katie Dodsworth to lead our weekly barbecues, which will now run rain or shine) and to design and execute our special-event menus. The annual Social will take place this year Jun. 23. Visit [rltcennis.ca](http://rltcennis.ca) for more information.

As always at the RLTC, there is great tennis programming, weekly clinics and special tennis events in store. A gathering point for neighbours and friends since the



Photo by Fiona Murray

Families, friends and neighbours kicked off the 2018 season May 12 at the Rockcliffe Lawn Tennis Club Open House.

1920s, the club is proud of its history of bringing together players of all levels. We have great tennis on the best clay courts in the city and excel-

lent lessons for children, all in an idyllic setting. And, when you're done, enjoy a bit of "après-tennis" with craft beer or glass of wine on the

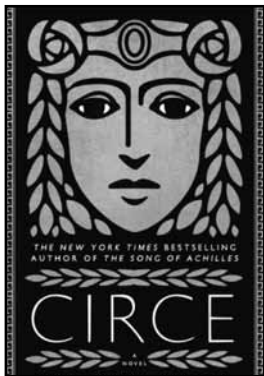
deck for with friends. You won't want to leave.

Come check out the benefits of a RLTC membership.

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**Ruinous Sweep** by Tim Wynne-Jones (ages 14+)

His first in seven years, Perth, Ont.-based author Wynne-Jones is in superb form with this gripping novel about young Donovan Turner, who has been thrown from a car on a highway in the middle of nowhere and can't remember anything – least of all his own name. The pace is fast and compelling, and the action jumps back and forth between Dono and his girlfriend Bee, who is fighting to stop police from arresting him for murder. Wynne-Jones has a pitch perfect ear for his young protagonists' voices.



Hilary recommends:

**Circe** by Madeline Miller

Beautifully rendered and amazingly told, this novel of Ancient Greece is a wonderful modern epic about a powerful woman trying to find her place in the world. The writing is so vivid, you can almost taste the salt of the Aegean Sea and feel the rocks of Mount Olympus

beneath your feet.

**My Lady's Choosing** by Kitty Curran

This is an hilarious adult choose-your-own-adventure romance novel that could take you through the deserts of Egypt, to a crumbling mansion in the Yorkshire moors, up into the Scottish Highlands, or right to the very top of London society. The possibilities are endless, and no end result will leave you wanting!

**Bellewether** by Susanna Kearsley

While Charley Van Hoek finds her feet as the new curator of the Wilde House Museum in Long Island, NY, an almost three-century-old legend begins to come to life before her very eyes. Switching between modern day and the year 1759, Kearsley once again delivers an enchanting story of love, war, adventure and new beginnings that is not to be missed!

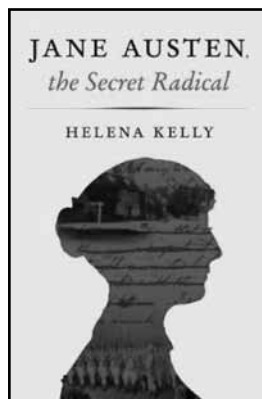
**Aftermath** by Kelley Armstrong (Ages 14+)

Centred around the fallout after a high-school shooting, this Young Adult thriller is sure to grab readers by the throat from page one. It's a fast-paced ride that features just as much drama as it does healing and forgiveness. Another of my favourite authors, Armstrong's books are always winners for me.

**Save the Date** by Morgan

Matson (Ages 12+)

As her sister's wedding day approaches, and everything that could go wrong does, Charlie soon finds herself witnessing the collapse of her seemingly perfect family. But as she works to help keep her sister's special day on track, things may not be as bad as she thinks. This is a sweet, funny story about family, friends, love, and taking off those rose-coloured glasses we all sometimes wear.



Jill recommends:

**Jane Austen: The Secret Radical** by Helena Kelly

Was Jane Austen a radical? You may want to revisit your Austen collection after reading this fascinating account of "the serious, ambitious, subversive concerns of this beloved writer." I know I certainly intend to reread my collection with a whole new perspective in mind.

**The Home for Unwanted Girls** by Joanna Goodman

While this book is not always an easy read because

of its subject matter, it has a tightly woven plot with strong characters. The book is based on true events that occurred during the Duplessis era in Quebec.

**The Good Pilot Peter Woodhouse** by Alexander McCall Smith

This book is a departure from his No.1 Ladies' Detective and Scotland Street series. Val Eliot, a member in the Women's Land Army, rescues and then adopts a dog named Peter Woodhouse, and this is when the action begins.

**Macbeth** by Jo Nesbø

Macbeth is the latest addition to the Hogarth Shakespeare Series. Nesbø sets the story in an industrial town with a serious drug problem. Inspector Macbeth must overcome "his violent and paranoid tendencies" in order to defeat the drug lord, Hecate.

**Picasso and the Painting That Shocked the World** by Mile J. Unger

In 1907, Picasso began his masterpiece, Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. Version O). So startling was the subject matter, that even his friends thought he had gone mad. Instead, it marked the beginning of modern art as we know it today.

Stephanie recommends:

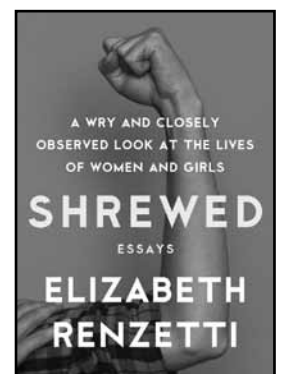
**Grave's a Fine and Private Place** by Alan Bradley

Flavia de Luce, the young detective, is back with another

er murder. The murder brings together her love of poison and chemistry.

**Book Thieves** by Anderson Rydell (Translated by Henning Koch)

This is the story of the Nazis' systematic pillage of Europe's libraries and the small team of heroic librarians working to return the stolen books to their rightful owners.



**Shrewed** by Elizabeth Renzetti

These essays reflect Renzetti's thoughts on being a journalist, mother, wife, and life-long feminist. She looks at ways to approach the world in a more humane way.

**House of Fiction: From Pemberley to Brideshead** by Phyllis Richardson

Houses in literature have captured readers' imaginations for centuries. Richardson travels through history to discover how authors' personal experiences in their homes helped shape the dwellings that have become beloved icons of English literature.

# Noon-hour jazz on Thursdays in June at MacKay United

By Eleanor Dunn

Back by popular demand, the Jazz in June noon-hour concert series is back for a third year at MacKay United Church. This year there will be four concerts, starting Jun. 7, all featuring well-known Ottawa jazz musicians.

On Jun. 7, the audience will be treated to a performance by the Elliott/Boudreau Duo.

Pianist Steve Boudreau and guitarist Garry Elliott have been playing together for more than 10 years, and have performed at the Ottawa International Jazz Festival.

Saxophonist Peter Woods and Carleton University music professor and pianist Dr. James McGowan, will be on stage Jun. 14. They have performed together frequently since their first musical

collaboration 10 years ago. Peter Woods is the minister at MacKay United Church in addition to being well-known on the Ottawa jazz scene. The pair form the backbone of the musical quintet, Evensong, which will soon be releasing its first CD.

On Jun. 21, the Virginia Simonds Quartet will be featured. Virginia will be joined by Peter Woods, vocalist

Betty Ann Bryanton, Howard Tweddle on bass and Lu Frattaroli on drums.

On Jun. 28, internationally-renowned Cuban pianist Miguel de Armas will close out the series. This versatile jazz pianist moved to Canada in 2011. In Cuba, he was co-founder of N. G. La Banda, one of Cuba's most legendary timba bands. He has packed concert halls all over the

world and performs in many jazz festivals.

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## Verses from poets in our neighbourhood

### Haikus

By Anna Neufeld

Bright Clear Sunny Morn  
Bugs Appear on Window Screen  
Spring Arrives at Last.

Trip To Old Chelsea  
Walked the Old Sugar Bush Trail  
Rode in New Pickup.

To Minto Bridges  
Robins, Red Winged Blackbirds Trill  
Clouds Give Way to Sun.

Watched Document'ry  
Mobs of Penguins Entertained

Intriguing Creatures.

Rideau Reflections  
Waning Moon Lights up the Sky  
Venus Adds Sparkle.

### Love is Blind

By Ecaterina Benedek

In your life so many people  
Said hello and said goodbye  
Few of them will make you smile  
Many more will make you cry.

Some...you will want to remember,  
Others are for long forgot  
But from all those many faces

One...will never leave your heart.

You still remember the year  
And never forgot the day  
It's not hard because that moment  
Never really went away.

Fall in love and take your chances  
You forgot that love is blind  
Win or lose, treasure the moment  
It will never leave your mind.

Even though you try to smile  
It's your eyes that will tell all  
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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## JUNE

**June 1 – Hindi language lessons** at Tea Tyme, 81 Beechwood Ave. 613-741-8360. 7 p.m. Free. Starting Jun. 1, Anil Agarwal will be teaching the Hindi language.

**June 2 - Doors Open Ottawa** at the Church of St. Bartholomew, 125 Mackay St. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. St. Bart's will take part in Doors Open Ottawa. Learn about the church's history and the growth of the New Edinburgh community. Visit [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) for a full list of participating buildings across the city.

**June 2 – Screening of Ramayana** at Tea Tyme, 81 Beechwood Ave. 613-741-8360. 7 p.m. Free. Starting Jun. 2, Tea Tyme will be screening the great Indian epic Ramayana. Please call or just drop in. All are welcome!

**June 2 - Richelieu Forest Improvement Project** at the Cabane à sucre, 320 ave des Pères Blanc. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Help remove the invasive species of Buckthorn from our urban sugar bush. Bring gloves, wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Training and tools will be provided. Pancake breakfast will be served.

**June 4 – Road consultation session** at the Stanley Park Fieldhouse, 193 Stanley Ave. 5–7 p.m. The New Edinburgh Community Alliance and the City of Ottawa host a drop-in consultation session on a proposed construction project along Dufferin Road and Stanley Avenue.

**June 4 – CCC Annual General Meeting** at the Stanley Park Fieldhouse, 193 Stanley Ave. 7:30 p.m. [nefieldhouse@gmail.com](mailto:nefieldhouse@gmail.com). Everyone is welcome to the Crichton Community Council's Annual General Meeting.

**June 4 - Stanley Park playgroup relocation** From June to September, the playgroup at Stanley Park will relocate to the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre at 120-225 Donald St. from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**June 7 – Jazz in June** at MacKay United Church, 39 Dufferin Rd. Bring your

lunch and enjoy some excellent jazz during a month-long noon-hour concert series each Thursday in June. Details, page 38.

**June 8 - Age Well Celebration** at the Nepean Sportsplex, from 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. Age Well Solutions hosts its seventh annual Age Well Celebration, a community-based event featuring speakers, interactive age well centres, exhibitors and more. Details, page 30.

**June 8–17 – Melrose Ave Art Club** exhibit at NECTAR, 255 MacKay St. [ottawafiguredrawing.wordpress.com](http://ottawafiguredrawing.wordpress.com). Eight artists from the Melrose Avenue Art Club are having a collective show. Details page 32.

**June 9 – Scoliosis Awareness Walk** at Stanley Park. [ottawascoliosis.ca](http://ottawascoliosis.ca). Ottawa Scoliosis Physiotherapy and Posture Centre hosts the seventh annual Scoliosis Awareness Walk featuring fun-filled family activities for a worthy cause. Details, page 33.

**June 9 – Taste of Spring** 6–9 p.m. \$75. Tickets: [nectarcentregm@gmail.com](mailto:nectarcentregm@gmail.com) or at Books on Beechwood. NECTAR invites you to the Taste of Spring. Six houses plus six delicious tastes matched with six wines equals one delightful evening.

**June 12 – Meet the nuclear regulator** at Library and Archives Canada, Salon B 395 Wellington St. 5-7 p.m. [nuclearsafety.gc.ca](http://nuclearsafety.gc.ca). The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission hosts a "Meet the Nuclear Regulator" open house for residents to learn and ask questions about how the CNSC regulates the nuclear industry.

**June 16 – Beechwood Market** at Optimiste Park, 43 Ste-Cecile St. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Saturdays until Oct. 27. [beechwoodmarket.ca](http://beechwoodmarket.ca). The

Beechwood Market heads outdoors for the summer, featuring a variety of food vendors and other products. Details, page 17.

**June 27–30 – RCMP sunset ceremonies** at Musical Ride Centre, RCMP Rockcliffe Stables, 1 Sandridge Rd. 7–8:30 p.m. Free, donations accepted. [rcmp-grc.gc.ca](http://rcmp-grc.gc.ca). The RCMP Musical Ride performs its signature sunset ceremony featuring flag-lowering, pipes and drums, an Equestrian Abilities Show and kids zone.

## JULY

**July 26–August 9 – Chamberfest** at various locations. [chamberfest.com](http://chamberfest.com). For its 25th year, Chamberfest returns with more than 90 events featuring unique collaborations, international artists, and celebrated works by Chopin, Mendelssohn, and Bach.

**July 26–August 26 – Lysistrata and the Temple of Gaia** at Strathcona Park. 8 p.m.; 2p.m. Sunday matinees. [odysseytheatre.ca](http://odysseytheatre.ca). Odyssey Theatre debuts the comedy "Lysistrata and the Temple of Gaia," on its picturesque, open-air stage. Details, page 25.

## AUGUST

**August 25 – Lumière Festival** in Stanley Park. 5–10 p.m. [lumiereottawa.ca](http://lumiereottawa.ca). The Lumière Festival returns to New Edinburgh! The Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre and NECTAR present a fun, free, family-friendly festival of light. This annual event creates a magical atmosphere for all to enjoy. Costumes are encouraged.

## SEPTEMBER

**September 8 – Community film night** at Stanley Park.

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Film starts at 7:30 p.m. [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca). The CCC and the RRCRC host a series of family film screenings on the lawn outside at the Fieldhouse. The evening's film: Ferdinand. In case of rain, the film will be shown inside. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and refreshments. Free popcorn!

**September 15 – New Edinburgh Garage Sale** throughout the neighbourhood. 8 a.m.–4 p.m. [newedinburgh.ca](http://newedinburgh.ca). Clean out your basement, unload old

toys and household items! Donations from sale proceeds are collected by the CCC for neighbourhood programs and equipment.

**September 22–23 – New Edinburgh Studio Tour** at various locations. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. both days. Free. [nestudiotour.com](http://nestudiotour.com); [nestudiotour@gmail.com](mailto:nestudiotour@gmail.com). A two-day, self-guided artists' studio tour in New Edinburgh. 30 enthusiastic artists, professional and emerging, who are eager to open up their studio doors. See page 35 for details.



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# Burgh Breezy Bits

DEADLINE: Sept. 10 [newednews@hotmail.com](mailto:newednews@hotmail.com)



Photo by Seanna Kreager



Photo by Louise Imbeault

A wild turkey was spotted in early May on Ivy Crescent. Around the same time, some foxes were spied on separate occasions on River Lane and in Lindenlea – the latter made headlines on local news, radio and social media.

## Hello, neighbours!



Photo by Shruti Shekar

Indian High Commissioner to Canada **Vikas Swarup** (centre) hosted a “culinary celebration of Commonwealth links” on May 8 at his Rockcliffe Park residence. The event featured delicious food created by award-winning chef **Joe Thottungal** of Ottawa’s Coconut Lagoon (right) and special guest London, UK-based chef **Peter Joseph** (left).



Photo courtesy Leda Thompson

**Leda Thompson** (née LeBlanc)(above right) is

looking to reunite with old acquaintances. The daughter of **Charles LeBlanc**, Leda was born 78 years ago at 329 MacKay St., the youngest of five children. She and her husband **Ray Thompson** have recently returned to the Burgh, living with their daughter **Paula Thompson** and her family, back on MacKay Street. Leda is happy to reconnect with old friends and neighbours who knew her family back in the day. Please contact her at 613-319-3737.



Photo by Louise Imbeault

A number of Burgh-based photographers and writers came out the *New Edinburgh News*’s casting call on May 6, including **Jack Kavanagh** (above), a grade 8 student at Macdonald-Cartier Academy, who is passionate about

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photography. Other new recruits include photographer **Sachiko Shiota**, poet **Anna Neufeld**, writer **Ann Jackson** and writer **Don McLean** (not the singer). Look for their contributions in this issue and in future editions. Welcome aboard!



Photo by Jack Kavanagh

Meet three-month-old pup **Polo**, the newest member of the Fuller-Dix household of Noël Street.

## Congratulations!

This year the **Crichton Community Council (CCC)** marks two anniversaries. Not only does the volunteer community group turn 25 years old, but also the **New Edinburgh Fieldhouse** – which the CCC runs on behalf of the City of Ottawa – turned 20 on May 10. Congratulations to all CCC volunteers, past and present. Keep up the great work!



Photo courtesy Joseph Cull

A very happy birthday to incomparable, community-minded volunteer extraordinaire **Cindy Ryley**, who celebrated a significant birthday recently. Cindy continues to work tirelessly to bring people together and enrich our community.

Happy birthday to *NEN*’s production manager, **Dave Rostenne**, who turns 50 in June. Best wishes from your family, friends and the *NEN* team.

The *New Edinburgh News* sends best wishes to the *Manor Park Chronicle* team



Photo by Louise Imbeault

**Studio One** personal training, located on Springfield Road, celebrated its fifth anniversary. Owner **Craig Adams** and his team (from left: **Josh Jelen**, **Craig**, **Lidia Szucs**, **Dr. Pierre Brunet**, **Matt Evans** and **Chantal Brisson**) held an open house Apr. 21 to celebrate.



Photo by Jack Kavanagh

A section of Crichton Street by the School of Dance was transformed into a winter wonderland on May 8 when the cast and crew of *Christmas By the Book* came to shoot a scene for the film.

as new managing editor **Debbie Gervais** takes over from **Allison Delaney** in September. Allison is stepping down after running the community paper since 2011. We thank Allison for her years of sharing local news with the greater community, and we congratulate Debbie.

## Condolences

**Elizabeth (Liz) Kane**, a long-time resident of Alexander Street, died at home on May 1. Liz will be remembered as a cheerful, warm, and enviably stylish presence, and as a woman of immense courage and determination. We extend our sincere sympathies to her beloved partner, **Gordon Jackson**, and to her three sons **Graeme**, **Adam** and **Oliver** and their families.

Our thoughts are with the **McConkey-McLaurin** family whose cottage in Val-des-Monts, Que. was recently destroyed by fire.

## Wanted

Hidden Harvest Ottawa is looking for sheltered space to store a cargo bike that volunteers use for our harvests. We are a non-profit which harvests local unwanted fruit and shares it with the community and food banks. If you have some sheltered space to spare, contact [phil@hiddenharvest.ca](mailto:phil@hiddenharvest.ca).



Photo by Louise Imbeault

Arturo’s **Laura Dunn** (left) hosted a Class of 1981 reunion on May 5 for students from Lisgar Collegiate during the school’s 175th anniversary weekend. She and **Jane Cierpicki-Proulx** (daughter of **Ethel Proulx**) proudly hold their yearbooks.