

August 2024 Newsletter - 2nd Edition



Bark in the Park Returns! August 22, 2024

Come out to see the Ottawa Titans baseball team play on Thursday August 22 at 6:30 PM. It's Bark in the Park night and fans are invited to bring along their dogs. The game takes place at Ottawa Stadium on Coventry Road - a short drive or bike ride from Riverview Park. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbours for a fun outing (and bring your dog if you want)!

Please click [here](#) to visit the Titans website and purchase your tickets. Use the code RPCA24 to get a special discounted price of \$10 (plus tax). We are going to be sitting in Section NN.



Summer Carnival and Movie Night

Balena Park, 1640 Devon St.

Saturday, August 24 at 6:30 PM (Rain date is Sunday, August 25)

Enjoy fun under the stars for the whole family. There will be games, face painting, snacks, popcorn, a campfire, and a screening of the Disney movie *Encanto*. Even Cappy, the Ottawa Titans baseball team Mascot, will be there!

Please bring your own chair or blanket, as well as a food item for the Blair Court Community Food Bank.

The Riverview Park Community Association, the lead organizer of this event, aims to build stronger ties between neighbours and acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa through its civic engagement fund. We also thank our provincial and federal elected representatives for their support.

Anyone wanting to purchase an RPCA Membership or a ticket to the Fall Social will be able to do so at the RPCA membership table.



**Riverview Park Fall Social and Fundraiser
Sunday September 29, 2024**

Come join us at the RPCA's 2024 Community Fall Social and Fundraiser on September 29 at O'Brien's Roadhouse (Industrial at Russell). Meet your neighbours and support [Matthew House Ottawa](#) and the RPCA. The evening includes dinner, door prizes and a silent auction.

Matthew House is a local non-profit organization that provides shelter, furnishings, and community to refugees and those transitioning to permanent housing. The RPCA works to build community and advocate for residents of Riverview Park.

Tickets are \$40 for RPCA members and \$45 for non-members and can be purchased from the RPCA (Communications@RiverviewParkCa.com) or an RPCA board member. You can also purchase tickets to the Fall Social at the August 24th Summer Carnival and the September 15th Cornroast, both at Balena Park.

We hope to see you there!

We are also looking for VOLUNTEERS to help out at the event with taking tickets and the silent auction.

If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the event, please email Communications@riverviewparkca.com or talk to Ron Ridley, Kris Nanda or Stephanie Lines.

Re4m Design & Fabrication is having a Revive and Reuse Overstock Sale!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Date: SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th!

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

Location: 136 D Billings Avenue

The people (and our storage room) have spoken!

With an overflow of materials and numerous requests for a Re4m specialty sale, we are finally doing it!

What's going on at this Sale?!

Material Overstock Sale! - Lumber, unique materials, some plywoods, hardware, plastics and metals will be on sale for your DIY projects.

Handmade Items for sale! - Featured Re4m Makers: Gretchen, Aline, Hafeez, Heather and Thomas are working hard on making outdoor games, livingroom and bedroom furniture, unique lighting, home decor and gifts made with rescued and reclaimed materials.

DIY Project Kits - Looking to try your hand at an easy DIY woodworking and upcycling project? We are selling a limited number of kits (coat hanger, bird houses and more)

Free Consultations! - Heather will be on site to answer your questions about upcoming projects, upcycling materials or how to complete DIY tasks! First come, first serve 10 to 15 minute consultations.

What else to expect?

Pay by weight! - Categories (wood, metal, plastic, hardware, etc.) will be priced at different levels and then paid by weight at the pay

counter. If you guess how much it weighs within 0.25 of a pound, you receive a prize!

Our friends at Earthub will be joining! - Earthub will be collecting materials at the event (egg cartons, cleaned pill bottles, bread tags, bottle caps and more!) the full list coming soon. Find out more about them [here!](#)

Our Neighbour, SCOPA, will be joining! - SCOPA sustainably builds heirloom wild bee homes that help attract bee pollinators to your garden! Check out their website [here!](#)

Activities and refreshments on site - We are planning for an easy DIY craft table, corn hole games and an eco-trivia game happening on site! You can also expect light refreshments and treats.

To find out more, go to the [Re4m website](#).

Photo of the Month



The Majestic Maple in July 2023



The Majestic Maple in August 2024

Majestic Maple on Hospital Link Road

Here, Friends of Riverview Park Green Spaces show what can be accomplished with the help of many volunteers. The image on top is the Majestic Maple in July 2023. Just a year later, as shown in the image on the bottom, the majority of the invasive buckthorn has been removed and you can see the base of the maple tree, the surrounding space and even the extensive lawn in the background. This silver maple tree was estimated to be 137 years old, a sprout in 1887, long before the Riverview Park neighbourhood was developed.

**RPCA AGM - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23, 2024
7PM**

The Riverview Park Community Association (RPCA) will be having its 2024 Annual General Meeting on Wednesday evening October 23 at 7PM. We are finalizing the location of the meeting.

In accordance with our bylaws, we will be providing a review of the 2023-24 years' events and finances and electing a new Board of Directors for 2024-25.

Guest speaker, Jennifer Steltzer from Envirocentre, will be talking to us about steps residents can take to mitigate the effects of climate change. We are also inviting our local elected officials.

If you are interested in joining the Board or have questions about what being a Board member entails, you may contact Communications@RiverviewParkCa.com or speak to Ron Ridley, Kris Nanda or Bryan Orendorff.

Footwear4kids

Wanda Raymond, board member of the RPCA, has recently become a volunteer for Footwear 4 kids.

Footwear4kids collects good, used children's shoes of all sizes and distributes to those in need. There are many children in our city who need good shoes.

(See below for the mission and the vision statements.)

If you have any shoes to donate (runners, soccer, baseball and other sports, please check out www.footwear4kids.org where you will find the list of businesses where you can drop them off.

If you would like do a shoe collection please contact Footwear4kids.org.

Footwear 4 Kids is a registered nonprofit and social movement that

encourages and assists members of our community, shoe stores, and corporate businesses to donate for a child in need of a good pair of shoes.

Our vision is to lead the way when it comes to shoes for children in need, and that one day every child that needs a pair of shoes can get a good pair.

Our mission is to support, advocate for, and provide athletic shoes to nonprofits and schools that work with children and youth who lack access to good shoes for daily living or sporting activities.



VOTE for the Alda Burt Park Basketball Legacy Project adjacent to the Dempsey Community Centre.

"The kids in this neighbourhood really need a place to practice their sport. This project will break down barriers by providing an outdoor and accessible space that is free for all to enjoy. Critically, it will provide opportunities for community building, particularly in the summer months when youth are not in school and

are left seeking community close to home."

The most voted project will obtain funding of \$100,000 !!

Marty Carr's office has gone ahead and applied on behalf of Alda Burt Park. Voting goes until the end of the month. Fingers crossed we can make this happen! If you could please share through your channels and spread the word!

[Vote Your Legacy Project - OSEG Foundation](#)

More information can be seen

here : <https://www.facebook.com/reel/920927023395506>



Have your say on Draft Budget 2025

Budget 2025 is right around the corner, and we want to hear from you! Tell us what budget priorities matter to you by visiting the [Engage Ottawa Draft Budget 2025 page](#) today to complete a short poll. The poll is open until Friday, September 13 and the results will be posted on Engage Ottawa.

Once the poll closes, there will be other opportunities to get involved with Draft Budget 2025, including through Councillor-led consultations, social media, your local Councillor and feedback tools on [Engage Ottawa](#).

Your feedback is integral to the development of the City's budget. It's your city and [your budget](#), so have your say!

Important dates and information

- Ongoing: Residents provide feedback and questions related to Draft Budget 2025 through social media (using #OttBudget), 3-1-1, local Councillors and feedback tools on Engage Ottawa
- Tuesday, August 6 to Friday, September 13: Residents share their budget priorities by completing the [Engage Ottawa Draft Budget 2025 poll](#)
- September to November: Councillor-led budget consultations take place to receive input from residents. Exact dates for consultations will be communicated by Councillors, posted on [ottawa.ca](#), [Engage Ottawa](#) and social media
- Wednesday, November 13: Draft Budget 2025 is tabled at Ottawa City Council
- Wednesday, November 13 to Monday, December 9: Residents can submit questions to City staff through [Engage Ottawa](#) and register to make public delegations to the various Standing Committees
- Wednesday, December 11: Draft Budget 2025 is considered for adoption at Ottawa City Council

Budget background

- Every year, the City of Ottawa produces a municipal budget. One of the City's most important documents, the budget is the blueprint that defines how money is received (revenue) and spent (expenses). There are two main components to the draft budget:

- The operating budget funds City programs and services that residents rely on every day
 - The capital budget helps grow our city by paying for new infrastructure and assets under the City's control and the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure and assets
 - The draft budget is broken down by Standing Committee, department and service area as described in the [Table of City Services and Standing Committee reporting structure](#). With direction from City Council, the budget is drafted and tabled for review by each Committee and adopted by Council. There is also one Commission and three Boards who make recommendations to Council regarding their draft budgets:
 - Transit Commission
 - Ottawa Police Services Board
 - Ottawa Board of Health
 - Ottawa Public Library Board
 - Draft Budget 2025 supports Council's commitment to fund ongoing operational needs. The draft budget is respectful of taxpayer dollars, continuing to invest prudently in Ottawa's future to build a sustainable, secure and prosperous city for all.
 - For more information about the City's budget, visit the [Budget, finance and corporate planning page](#)
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Why YOU should become a Riverview Park Community Association member TODAY!

<p>Build ties with other members of the community</p> <p>+ bring your family to fun events! (Corn Roast, caroling, carnivals, movie nights...)</p>	<p>Gain awareness of upcoming development projects</p> <p>+ learn how they will impact the community and share your concerns</p>
<p>Have a direct say in issues affecting you and other residents</p> <p>+ make suggestions for a better community</p>	<p>Collaborate with groups from other areas of the city</p> <p>+ form effective lobby groups at a city level</p>
<p>Raise awareness and funds for worthy causes in the neighbourhood and beyond</p>	<p>Help make the community more resilient to climate change</p> <p>+ inclement weather and other shocks</p>
<p>Help protect and clean our parks and green spaces</p> <p>+ keep them free of invasive species</p>	<p>Obtain RPCA member discounts</p> <p>at retail outlets and on tickets to sporting or other events</p>
<p>Become a volunteer, gain new skills</p> <p>+ make your community a better place</p>	<p>Make Riverview Park an attractive and inclusive environment</p> <p>where all feel welcome and can thrive</p>

Visit www.riverviewparkca.com and click "Become a Member"

OR contact Treasurer@riverviewparkca.com to renew membership

membership fee: \$20 annually – October 1st to September 30th

Pay today through September 2025!

RPCA Board Members 2023-2024

Please feel free to contact any of the newly elected members of our RPCA Board if you would like to discuss an issue about Riverview Park.

President - Ron Ridley
First Vice President - Vacant
Secretary - Stephanie Lines
Treasurer - Jeff Blattman
Director (Communications) - Heather Dunlop
Director (Planning and Development) - Kris Nanda
Director - Craig Cormier
Director - Lorella Piirik
Director - Wanda Raymond
Director - Carol McQueen
Director - Jonathan Lemieux
President Ex-officio - Bryan Orendorff

Join the RPCA - our voices are stronger together!

The Riverview Park Community Association is your representative and advocate to elected officials and government on community issues. Your \$20 membership in the RPCA helps to strengthen our collective voice on community issues that are important to you and your neighbours.

Become a member today!



