

Newsletter *September 3, 2024*



Riverview Park Fall Social and Fundraiser Sunday September 29, 2024

Come join us at the RPCA's 2024 Community Fall Social and Fundraiser. 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.

Location: O'Brien's Roadhouse (Industrial at Russell)

Date: September 29

Time: Doors open 5PM; Dinner at 6PM

Tickets are \$40 for RPCA members and \$45 for non-members and can be purchased by e-transfer, cash or cheque. Members may purchase up to two discounted tickets (i.e., Member +1) to the Fall Social at \$40 each. See event details and menu options below.

Payments, whether for a 2024/25 annual membership or for tickets to the 2024 Fall Social & Fundraiser, can be made as follows:

- via Interac e-Transfer to treasurer@riverparkca.com; or
- by cheque made payable to "Riverview Park Community Association"; or
- by cash.

Those wishing to pay by cash or cheque, please contact treasurer@riverviewparkca.com to arrange for payment drop-off or pick-up.

This is a critical fundraiser for the RPCA, a not-for-profit, volunteer-driven organization representing the civic interests of our community. Net proceeds from this event, together with annual membership fees allow your community association to re-invest in our community, cover basic operating costs, host community-building events like the Winter Carnival, Summer Carnival & Movie Night and Holiday Caroling, and maintain and operate some of our community's ice rinks.

The annual membership fee is \$20 per person and covers your membership through September 30, 2025. Membership to the RPCA offers many direct and indirect benefits, including: a voice in your community and its activities, a vote at the RPCA's Annual General Meeting (and any Special General Meetings), opportunities to connect with our elected representatives, and opportunities for discounts to Ottawa Titans baseball games and Ottawa Atlético soccer games.

Dinner

Dinner includes choice of soup or salad and one of the following main course options.

Make your choice of main course by completing the form at this link:

<https://forms.gle/oUUViUtB9ZonabFQ6>

Deadline for orders is September 25.

ROADHOUSE BEEF DIP HOAGIE

Thinly Sliced Prime Rib Soaked in Au Jus | Caramelized Onions | Melted Monterey Jack Cheese Stuffed into a Fresh Hoagie Bun | Side Au Jus

QUINOA POWER BOWL

Black Beans | Roasted Corn Kernels | Quinoa | 7-Grain Medley | Cucumber | Sliced Avocado | Red & Green Peppers | Sweet Kale | Housemade Dressing

AIRSTREAM VEGGIE DELIGHT

Black Bean Patty | Lettuce | Tomatoes | Roasted Garlic Mayo | Caramelized Onions | Sautéed Mushrooms | Smoked Gouda Cheese

NEW BRUNSWICK FISH & CHIPS

Fresh Haddock | Beer Batter | Fresh Cut Fries | Kale Slaw | Freshly Prepared Tartar Sauce

CHICKEN SANTA-FE YOU ASKED FOR IT BACK!

Seared Chicken Breast | Goat Cheese | Mashed Potatoes | Seasonal Vegetables | Greek Dressing

Questions? Contact RPCA at Communications@RiverviewParkCa.com

We hope to see you there!

Balena Park Corn Roast – September 15th

The annual Balena Park Corn Roast will take place on Sunday, September 15th from 3p.m. to 6p.m. at 1640 Devon Street. You can look forward to lots of fun family activities including face painting, a bouncy slide, a magic show by Magical Marvin, and a petting zoo! Don't forget to stop by the food station for corn, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks! I hope to see you there!

We are currently looking for community volunteers for this event! If you are interested in helping, please email Heather Moore at heather.moore@ottawa.ca.

Photo of the Month



Cappy, the Titans mascot, with Wanda Raymond at the Summer Carnival

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.

Footwear4Kids will also be at the Alta Vista market on September 28 collecting shoes.

If you would like to 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 !!

Voting closes September 30.

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

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](#)

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!



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