



# Rockcliffe Mews



## NEWS

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### ROCKCLIFFE MEWS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NOW REPRESENTING 1,000 HOMES!

At our Annual General Meeting held in December, members in attendance voted to expand the Rockcliffe Mews Residents' Association to represent all residents living East of the Aviation Parkway, between Ogilvie and Montreal Roads. While we are distinct neighbourhoods, we share many common issues. Being united gives us strength in numbers! Welcome to our neighbours in the "south"! A second Vice President will represent residents living south of La Cité Private.

#### YOUR ASSOCIATION

Your neighbours and volunteers who make up the Rockcliffe Mews Resident's Association have varied backgrounds and expertise. Introducing:

Diane Cuillerier – Vice President – Resident of Rockcliffe Mews since 2004 – Member of the Executive since 2006 – Charity activist by day and fitness instructor by night.

Norm Kruse – Vice President – Resident of Rockcliffe Mews-Carson Meadows since 2001 – Member of the Executive since 2008 - Engineer and avid gardener.

Fred Perkins – Treasurer – Resident of Rockcliffe Mews since 2001 – Member of the Executive since 2007 – Retired Project Manager.

Ingrid Khouzam-Ellis – Secretary – Resident of Rockcliffe Mews since 2003- Member of the Executive since 2007 – Environmentalist.

Mélanie Drouin – President - Resident of Rockcliffe Mews since 2003 – Member of the Executive since 2006 – Communicator.

### CONSTRUCTION I

The neighbourhood's look will be transformed in the future with several projects.

#### Cité Collégiale Expansion

The French-language college invited residents to a consultation on April 28. About 20 area residents attended the meeting.

The college is planning a new building focussing on training emergency services professionals. This new building would be attached to the existing structure and be located at the junction of La Cité Private and Des Pionniers.

The soccer field and the wooded areas on both side of La Cité Private will remain. Timeline TBD.

### OUT WITH THE OLD...

May 30 is the date for the community's fourth annual garage sale (rain or shine). Clean out your house of unwanted items and place them on tables in your garage or driveway.

We will be placing an ad in the Ottawa Citizen, Ottawa Sun and at [www.usedottawa.com](http://www.usedottawa.com).

Past neighborhood garage sales have been quite successful. This is a great way to get rid of unwanted items in exchange for a few dollars!



### INTERPROVINCIAL BRIDGE UPDATE

In addition to the consultant's recommendation to assess in detail the Kettle Island crossing, the corridors at Lower Duck Island/Lorrain Boulevard, and Lower Duck Island/Gatineau Airport/McLaurin Bay will be included in Phase 2 of the Interprovincial Bridge study.

While this is a victory for us and neighbours in Manor and Rockcliffe Parks, Fairhaven and Vanier, Kettle Island is far from dead. There are parties that want the Kettle Island crossing because it would keep traffic out of their part of town.

We agree that truck routes and residential neighbourhoods do not mix and that there is a route east of Canotek industrial park and west of the Greenbelt that would be far enough away from residences to offer a satisfactory solution for all.

Your association continues to work with other community association and politicians to ensure that there will not be a bridge at Kettle Island.



### EMERALD ASH BORER

The Emerald ash borer is a serious insect pest that attacks and kills all species of ash trees. Roughly one out of every four trees in the city are ash trees. All are expected to die in 10 to 15 years. The insect is present and has infected trees in our neighbourhood.



If you have an ash tree, you will want to consult [www.ottawa.ca/residents/healthy\\_lawns/forestry/index\\_en.html](http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/healthy_lawns/forestry/index_en.html) specifically the 'Frequently Asked Questions'. The City has a tree replacement program that could help you. The City has also asked to attend our next Annual General Meeting to discuss this issue.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY

In the area north of the Cité collégiale, a Neighbourhood Watch Program was implemented in 2007. We are proposing to do the same for the area south of Cité collégiale.

In order for us to have accurate data and to justify our efforts (and yours as volunteers) it is important that you report any incidents of crime. From as small as graffiti and vandalism to any form of violence including threats, all need to be reported to give us a profile of crime in our community.

The Ottawa Police report crime statistics and a map of crime reports online: [www.ottawapolice.ca/en/resources/crime\\_analysis\\_statistics/crimereports.cfm](http://www.ottawapolice.ca/en/resources/crime_analysis_statistics/crimereports.cfm)



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## GETTING GREENER

### Earth Hour

Once again our community participated in Earth Hour, sponsored by the World Wide Fund for Nature.

This initiative was designed as a symbolic gesture in support against global warming. Just for fun we visited the various streets in our neighbourhood (on foot) and took a sample of each street.

First place for participation goes to Carwood Crescent this year - Congratulations!

### Environment Awareness

Environment Awareness Week was held early May. Thank you to the students of our local schools who helped clean-up our beautiful parks!

### E-Newsletter

We have received comments from residents to go green with our newsletter. We hope to publish an e-newsletter in future. Paper copies are needed at this time to get more members to sign-up and be added to our distribution list.



## CONSTRUCTION II: MONTFORT SCHOOL

Located at the intersection of Borealis Cres (East entrance) and Den Haag, the French-catholic primary school will officially open its doors in September 2009. Construction is well underway (see picture below).

The current school on Sladen St. no longer met the needs of the students and teachers. The new school will boast an additional soccer field, an environmental garden and a new play structure. All of these will be available for the community to use after school hours.



### Rockcliffe Mews Residents' Association membership form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (613) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership fee (\$20.00) included: \_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Rockcliffe Mews Residents' Association is run by your neighbours who volunteer their time to represent the interests of the 1,000 homes nestled between Ogilvie and Montreal Roads and the Aviation Parkway.

This association provides a forum to discuss community concerns, facilitate communications with external stakeholders and gives a voice to our neighbourhood.

Membership fee is \$20 for two years and is the average fee charged by other resident associations. The membership fee pays for postage, printing, website hosting etc. and supports ongoing activities that benefit the entire community.

Be heard by becoming a member! Fill out this form and email [president@rockcliffemews.org](mailto:president@rockcliffemews.org) to have the form and your fee picked up. A receipt will be issued. Paid membership is valid for 2 years from the date of payment.



## CONSTRUCTION III

One more project is planned in the neighbourhood:

### 800 Montreal Rd.

Consultation took place April 7 and was well attended by our residents.

Three options were presented for the redevelopment of this property (pictured on left) including "green concepts". In summary, this area will include low-rise, medium-rise buildings, a park and possibly a retirement residence.

The complete presentation and options are available at [www.clc.ca](http://www.clc.ca).

Request for proposals will be issued this summer.



## SKATING SEASON

Thank you for a great fourth season at the community rink located at 300 Den Haag Drive (Dr. John Hopps Park)! This rink is operated by the association and run by volunteers. A big round of applause to Alain, Angelo, Anne, Candace, Danny, Lianne, Mélanie, Patrick, Richard, Roman, Sean, Stewart who, under the leadership of Benoit, made the fourth season a success at Dr. John Hopps Park rink!

Staking at this rink is in jeopardy next year due to lack of volunteers... we hope you will respond to the call in December!

Whiterock Park rink, located at 1245 Matheson Drive, is run by the City of Ottawa. Thank you to City staff for a great skating season!

### Erratum

Ecole Montfort without an afterschool program? The Montfort School offers an afterschool program through the onsite daycare "Brin de soleil".