RIVERSIDE GATE

RG2 News

Fall 2025

A condominium community where owners and occupants enjoy a consistent high quality of life in a safe, financially sound, trusting, socially interactive and, peaceful environment.



Canopy and Sign Update. In the Summer ´25 Newsletter, we promised an update regarding this picture. The cost to repair a damaged canopy runs in the vicinity of $8,000. Since our new and larger sign has been installed, it continues to be instrumental in reducing costs to repair our canopy.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE SECURITY MEASURE IS

YOU!

EV Project

This endeavour was a successful team effort from start to finish. Have a look at the EV Committee members.



Back row: Mac Jewett, Lorne Levy, and John Murphy
Front row: Scott McDermott and Kim Dawson

Around the Building



If you are puzzled by the scaffolding around the building, or asking yourselves why the swing stages are moving around from one spot to another, know that work is being done on replacing and repairing windows.



Photo courtesy of Marjorie Leach

Rivergate Courts: Converting one tennis court into two Pickleball courts was well received by everyone. This picture tells the story. Now, how cool is that? Twelve players enjoying themselves.

2025 Gardening Committee Work

This season's Shared Services gardening budget was significantly increased, and all those busy bees and green thumbs surely accomplished quite a feat. It was a worthwhile investment, and though the expenditures went a tad over the budget, the funds were recovered where savings were incurred. The group was busy planting, edging, dividing, pulling weeds, removing dead root and tired looking shrubs and plants, and basically giving our gardens a new life. The Committee spread 36 cubic yard of earth, 70 cubic yards of mulch, and of 2 cubic yards of river rock, and donated some of that to the volunteers who care for the Rivergate Way beds. Even the personnel at Vittoria Trattoria, and family and guests have lauded our property. All and all, those green thumbs and busy bees certainly deserve a heart felt thank you and a round of applause.

Trivia

In late August of this year, the Ottawa Citizen had a short write-up, quoting their source as Reuters, telling readers that annual cognac revenues dropped 13%, hit by a drop in demand for premium ranges of the French brandy and a slump in sales to China. This explains the famous quote from the Cognac region: You are a billionaire for one year and a poor man for ten.

Our Secret Volunteers at Work

As owners in RG2 we live in a wonderful building, but more than that, we are a caring community where all owners/occupants have a respect and concern for the wellbeing of others. The Social Committee volunteers do a sterling job of providing a variety of ongoing activities to cater to all of our interests. Most activities are self-funded by individual participants, but with the supplemental revenues received from the empty bottles returned to the beer store, Happy hours can be enhanced, and others provided. During 2025 the bottle returns amounted to $1200. The empty bottles and cans brought by owners/occupants to the Canoe Bay in the upper garage, are sorted by volunteers and then taken to the beer store for refund. We wish to acknowledge past and present volunteers who have done this over the years. Present day volunteers are Ron Arnold, Rose-Marie Batley, Bill Findlay, Harry Hamilton, the latest recruit Phil Massad, and the Coordinator, Clive Wolff. During the winter months some of these volunteers are snowbirds. So if you would like to help occasionally, please let Clive know.
Article courtesy of Clive Wolff

Friendly Reminders

With winter here, let us be as diligent as always, in respecting the posted speed limit. With the little ones who traipse around the property, shoppers taking care of business, visitors coming and going, and fitness enthusiasts doing their laps, not only in the pool, also by walking around the parking garage, extra care is of the essence.

When you are done with the shopping carts, returning them promptly to their designated location will make neighbours appreciate the gesture.

Consider a quick rinse of recyclables before dropping them in the Blue Box located on your floor.

Things To Note

Snow Farming: Yes, the practice of snow farming in Canada dates back to the mid-to-late 1970s, particularly at Banff Sunshine Village in Alberta. Canada is considered one of the pioneers in this technique, which is now used globally. It involves harnessing snow in fenced enclosures and using the snow to be added to slopes in ski resorts.



Nutmeg: For all you eggnog lovers, this may come as a bit of a surprise. Nutmeg is a hallucinogen.

Lithium Batteries: Never leave or charge your electronics or e-bike battery on a stone surface, be it cement, marble, quartz or granite. The stone surface actually drains the batteries.

Winter Wheat Farming: Winter wheat farming involves planting in late summer/early fall (Aug-Sept) into stubble (canola preferred) for snow trapping, crucial for overwintering, primarily in Eastern Canada (Ontario) and parts of the West, offering benefits like soil health, early harvest, and diverse market options.



A window washer busy at work at RG 2

Please

Break down your boxes when you put them in the rooms to be recycled





HALLOWEEN Happy Hour









RIVERSIDE GATE II
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE





Potluck Supper











Decking the Hall









Board of Directors:

President and Secretary: *Rose-Marie Batley*
Treasurer: *David Seymour*
Director of Operations: *Larry Boisvert*
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Shared Facilities Committee:
Property Manager: Kim Renwick
RG-2 Representatives: *Larry Boisvert; Rose-Marie Batley*
RG-1 Representatives: *Sylvain St-Laurent, Rosa Brancati-Schulz*

Social Committee

Linda Bowering, Co-Chair
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Nancy Hrischenko
Phil Massad (ad hoc member)
Larry Boisvert
Cattis Esbensen
Joyce Page

ANYWHERE ON THE PROPERTY



NEW SIGNS ARE POSTED REMINDING DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN FOR PEDESTRIANS!