RIVERSIDE GATE

RG2 News

Fall 26

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.



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

By John McCrae

Things To Note

Check out the Ottawa Tool Library

If you are looking for the right tool or some practical training with every kind of hand and power tools imaginable, check out the Ottawa Tool Library. It is located at 877A Boyd Avenue, off Carling Avenue. The Ottawa Tool Library is a volunteer-driven, member-funded tool lending library where you can borrow tools, learn new skills and find space to work on your next project. It houses a huge collection of almost every tool imaginable, from post-hole diggers to arc welders to scroll saws.

The Rideau Canal and our City's beginning.

The Rideau Canal, designed specifically for steam-powered vessels, is one of the 19th century's greatest engineering achievements. It is the best-preserved slack-water canal system, and its operation has changed little since it opened. Construction began in September 1826 under Colonel John By to help protect Canada from an American invasion. Over time, the canal became a transportation route for goods such as timber and potash. Today, it attracts tourists and is widely used for recreation.
Coinciding with the month that Colonel John By started to build the Rideau Canal, and specifically on September 26th, 1826, the town of Bytown was established. Bytown was incorporated in 1855, and became known as the City of Ottawa, our nation's capital. If you recently visited the Byward Market and Rideau street, this year, you may have glimpsed pictures of Ottawa as seen in those bygone years.



Another Special Milestone: Also celebrating a bicentennial this year is Winnie the Pooh. The first book published about our beloved bear was October 14, 1926.

The Fletcher Wildlife Garden

began in June 1990 on a 6-hectar site at Ottawa's Central Experimental Farm. Conceived by the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club (OFNC) in 1987, it was named to honor James Fletcher, a founding OFNC member and Canada's first Dominion Entomologist and Botanist. The namesake is remembered for pioneering Canadian botany, discovering numerous insect species, and helping launch early scientific groups in Ottawa.

Fletcher Wildlife Gardens is located on Prince of Wales Drive and adjacent to the Experimental Farm. There is no fee for entrance or parking, and even though parking is limited, luck may be on your side. Visitors can leave a donation for the volunteers who make the gardens enjoyable. It is open year-round from dawn to dusk, and the trails are classified as easy. Of note is that some of the trails are wheelchair accessible.





Pictured here is Ian Richardson, Solucore representative sporting a bright blue shirt, who escorted Board members to visit one of our elevator pits. Ian pointed out the damage done during the infamous Canada Day 2026 torrential rainstorm.

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OFFEE LATCH

ON-GOING EVENT



What's a Newsletter without a few Heads-Ups ...

Right of Way: Remember to yield the right of way! Whether a car is exiting the parking garage, or a person is leaving an elevator, yield to those exiting. In both instances, this courtesy promotes a safe and secure movement of an individual or a vehicle and leaves more room to maneuver.

Stoop & Scoop: Dog waste is a public health hazard, takes the pleasure out of outdoor activities, and pollutes the environment. Our gardens have a small area where your pets can relieve themselves. It is located behind the tennis and pickleball courts.

Party Room: The Party Room is used by many for a multitude of social activities from games to happy hours and from the monthly coffee klatch to the occasional potluck dinners. It can also be rented by owners/occupants for personal use, such as social or family gatherings. This is to remind everyone that the Party Room should not be used for commercial and/or business activities, with the exception of Condo business, and occasionally as a venue for casting our ballot, such as this year's municipal election.

QUIRKY QUOTES

"In matters of style, swim with the current, in maters of principle, stand like a rock." Thomas Jefferson



Mindfulness Interest Group

Fall is the time of year where some choose to hibernate, others head south to warmer climes and others stay close to home and enjoy our Canadian winters. It is the time of year when a reset button in pushed, and a few fun things start up again.

Remember the Covid 19 pandemic, which began in 2020 here in Canada. We all remember the constraints of the pandemic, which created a strong desire to mix and mingle and find new sources of energy. Recognizing this need, Sandy Stadler explored interest in online activities. Tuesday Tunes, for example, was popular and participants enjoyed music together from their own homes thereby maintaining physical distancing. Its success inspired the creation of the Mindfulness Interest Group. The group still meets today, though space is limited due to its popularity, it welcomes new participants. You can join the group by contacting Sandy Stalder at (613) 521-3226 or at sandystalder@outlook.com. You can also check the poster on the bulletin boards.



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BRING YOUR BEVERAGE and join in on the First Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the Party Room