RIVERSIDE GATE

RG2 News

Summer 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.

Board of Directors:

President and Secretary: *Rose-Marie Batley*
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Property Manager: Kim Renwick
RG-2 Representatives: *Larry Boisvert; Rose-Marie Batley*
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Karen Spilling

Library Committee

Colleen Johnston
Claire Harrison
Karen Spilling
Cattis Esbensen

Housekeeping Committee

Jill Stewart
Marian Robinson

Gardening Committee

RG1
Peter Bligh
RG2
Kay Stanley
Mary Ann Smythe
Nancy Hrischenko
Phil Massad (ad hoc member)
Larry Boisvert
Cattis Esbensen
Joyce Page

Owner Suggestion: Status Report

This new initiative has been a successful endeavour. This Board is committed to repeating this exercise every few years.

We received over 75 suggestions. Some are Reserve Fund items, others are Shared Facilities (SFC) items, some are Operating Budget items expenditure and some will not be implemented. We also received a few comments not requiring action.

Of the 75 suggestions, 29 are Completed, 13 Deferred, usually because they are Reserve Fund items, 16 are In Progress, where the Board or SFC has not yet received sufficient information to make an informed decision, and 17 will not be done, This for a total of 75.

This report concludes our 2025 Owners' Suggestions project. The OCSCC Board of Directors thanks everyone for their input.

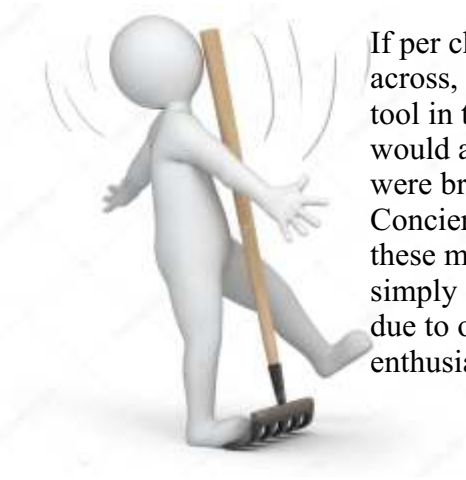
GNOMES



The Garden Committee Members are Larry Boisvert, Joyce Page, Kay Stanley, Cattis Esbensen, Nancy Hrischenko, Mary Ann Smythe, and Phil Massad. Let's not forget Peter Bligh.

The committee has been busy planning, purchasing, planting, weeding, trimming, edging, deadheading, mulching and watering. They have also laid top soil and mulch to the beds making the garden plants healthy and happy! Our Rivergate Property is a delight for those of us who enjoy a casual stroll around the grounds. The Rivergate Gardening Committee truly deserves a round of applause. A shoutout goes to our Committee members, both permanent or Ad Hoc, who have beautified our property and we thank them.

Gardening Tools



If per chance, you should come across, or trip over, a gardening tool in the gardens, volunteers would appreciate if the tools were brought in and left with Concierge on duty. Of course, these may not have been lost, but simply forgotten or misplaced due to our volunteers' enthusiasm.

Things you may not know



Blue Racer Snake: This snake (Coluber constrictor foxii) is a rare and endangered snake species in Canada, found primarily on Pelee Island in Ontario. It's one of Ontario's largest snakes, known for its speed and distinctive blue-grey or blue-green coloration. These snakes are non-venomous and are known to prey on rodents, insects, birds, and other snakes.

Pyrocumulous clouds: These clouds are forming in Canada due to the ongoing wildfires. These clouds, also known as "fire clouds," are created by the intense and extreme heat from wildfires rising and condensing into clouds. They have been observed in various provinces, including British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

Speed

Though we, at 3580 and 3590 Rivergate Way, live in a very special environment, surrounded by water, woods and gardens, and where we have many means of transportation, be it bicycles, cars, trains, planes and water crafts, we are not unique. The ten kilometer an hour speed limit rule does not only apply to our property, it applies to many other condominiums.



Roland Galarneau, from Hull (Gatineau) Quebec, 1922 - 2011 was a machinist and inventor. In the late 1960s, Galarneau invented the Converto-Braille, a computerized printer capable of transcribing text into Braille at 100 words per minute. This was a landmark innovation for people with visual impairments, as it increased their access to textbooks and other written information. Galarneau developed faster versions of the Converto-Braille in the 1970s. The company he founded eventually adapted the machine into software for IBM computers in the 1980s. This software was a precursor of the Braille software used today.

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ON-GOING EVENT

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

HAPPY HOUR IN THE GAZEBO

















CANADA DAY



Our Property has been designated as a **smoke free environment**. Please ensure that your guests and service people respect this by exiting the property if the wish to smoke. There are a few Owners who were grandparented and may smoke inside their unit.



This summer was a special one for Mr Fofana, our Gatehouse Supervisor. Moctar celebrated 20 years of service with us. Pictured here in his workplace, we see the view from the Gatehouse's perspective

Things to do in and around Ottawa

With the last monh of summer just around the corner, consider these visits.

Diefenbunker Cold War Museum
https://diefenbunker.ca/

Carp's Kin Vineyards https://kinvineyards.com/

Alfred's Canadian Pinball Museum
https://canadianpinballmuseum.ca/

Festival des montgolfieres (Hot Air Balloon Festival)
https://montgolfieresgatineau.com/en/hot-air-balloons/



Entrance Canopy

This picture was to showcase the wonderful gardening work done around our RG 2 property. There is another message in this picture that speaks for itself, and should mitigate damage done to our Canopy.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE SECURITY MEASURE IS YOU!

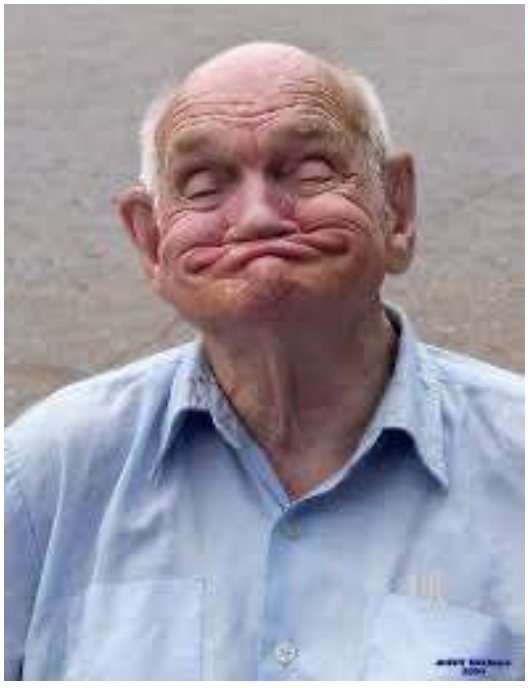
QUIRKY QUOTES

Philosophical / Poetic Quotes

Epictetus, a Greek philosopher from the first ccntury (50 - 103) said: “We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak
Rumi, an Islamic Mystical Poet from the thirthteenth (1207 - 1273) said: “Listen to the silence. It has so much to say”.

Humorous Quote

Rodney Dangerfield, an American actor and a comedian (1921 - 2004) said: “My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.”



Beauty is in eye of the beholder ...



Greening our Environment

Remember this picture from the previous newsletter? These are used staples from single side printed paper. The blank side can be re-used for printing, for kids' art work, or for scrap paper.

Women as Inventors

In 1947, physicist Maria Telkes and architect Eleanor Raymond embarked on an ambitious project. They designed and built the Dover Sun House. This home was intended to be the first entirely solar-heated residence. Their innovative system used Glauber's Salt, encased behind glass walls, to store solar heat.

The Dover Sun House was survived three years inhabited by a family of three.

Landlord's Game
This popular board game was designed by Elizabeth Magie in 1904, and was originally called the Landlord's Game. ?The purpose of this game was to expose the injustices of unchecked capitalism. ?Her game was stolen by Charles Darrow who sold it to Parker Brother's 30 years later. ?Parker Brothers, in a show of good will, paid Elizabeth Magie $500 for her game. Her game was renamed Monopoly, which most of you lovely readers likely played umpteen times.

