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Photo by
Marjorie Leach

Painting the interior of our building adds value to our homes. Here, Robert Laing, one of the painters, is doing prep work before painting in the locker areas of the 14th floor.

QUIRKY QUOTES

George Burns: The secret to a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible.

Albert Einstein: Logic will get you from A to Z; imagination will get you everywhere.

We all know mirrors don't lie...

I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.

Things you may not know

Two hundred year old discovery
Bromine was independently discovered in the mid 1820's by two chemists, Antoine-Jérôme Balard and Carl Jacob Löwig. Balard, a French chemist, is generally credited with the discovery in 1826 after isolating the element from seaweed ash and recognising its similarity to chlorine. It was later used medically as a sedative in the late 19th century. Two hundred years later, bromine is used here at Rivergate to purify our pool water.

Ancient Greece: Greek women created rouge from crushed mulberries, red beet juice, and crushed strawberries. Should one of our readers be inclined to test this, kindly share a picture of your experience for inclusion in our next Newsletter.



The Chicago River is dyed green for the St Patrick's Day celebration. The dye is environmentally safe for animal and plant life and does not affect the drinking water.

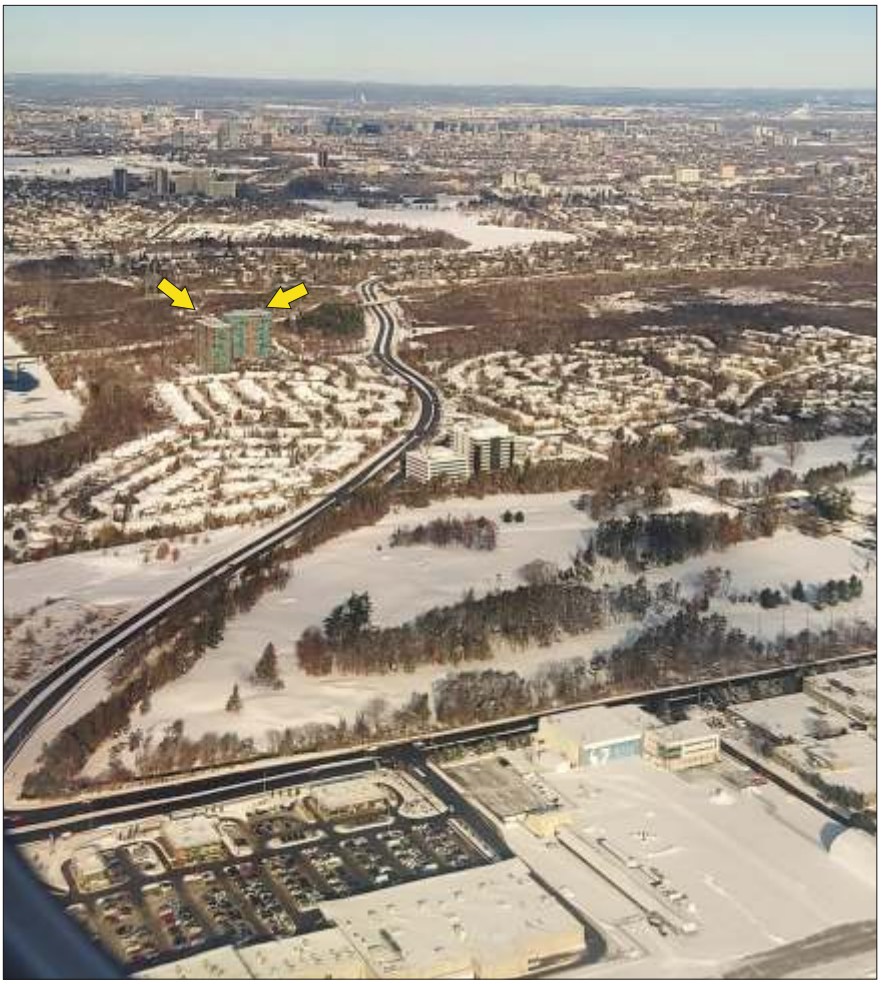
In 1962, the idea was pitched by Stephen Bailey, business manager of the Plumbers Union, to then-Mayor Richard J. Daley. The dye was used to find leaks on the waterway. It has been a tradition for all those years and the city switched to an environmentally friendly powder dye in 1966.

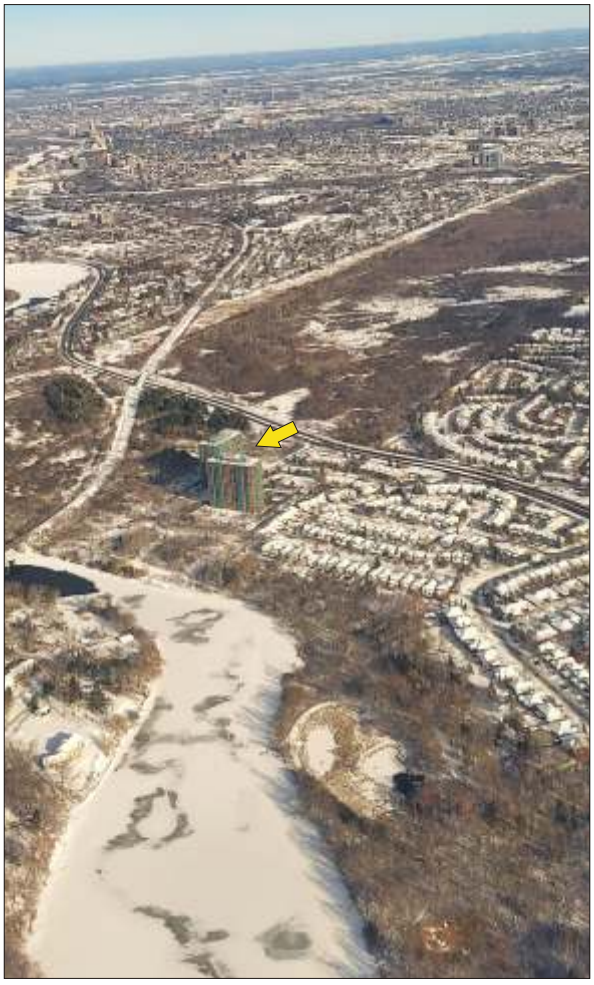
This was mentioned to the Tuesday Tunes group by Mera Goldstein. Thank you Mera!

Ottawa according to Numbeo

It is important to note that Numbeo relies on user-submitted data, making it a crowd-sourced resource, not a formal academic study. The report reflects strong quality of life in Canadian cities, emphasizing Canada's overall appeal for residents. Ottawa leads North America for quality of life and is the only non-European city in the top 30 worldwide for quality of life in this index. In total, 17 Canadian cities were recognized, with Ontario having the most, followed by BC, Alberta, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia. Ottawa's only real weak spot is climate, but even that didn't stop it from blowing away the competition.

Aerial View: Below, you will find an aerial photo of our little corner of Ottawa, and the surrounding area, including the train trellis and the Rideau River. Glenn and Judy Nixon submitted these great photos taken by their daughter, Julie. They were taken with some telescopic magnification and give a perspective that we don't often see. The clear view of the condos perhaps benefits from the contrast with the surrounding snow cover.





Photos by Julie Nixon dated December 14, 2025

Friendly Reminders

Smoking Rule: We have received a handful of pertinent comments pertaining to the smell of smoke on the premises. We ask that you respect the rule on smoking to minimize odours drifting into other units. In light of this, for all owners and occupants and their guests, as well as for those owners/occupants grandfathered under the Smoking Rule, we highlight Paragraphs D and E of the Grandfathering clause.

D) Grandfathered Owners must take reasonable steps to prevent the smoke from migrating to the common elements or to other units, which could cause nuisance, disturbance or harm to other Owners of the building, or their guests.

E) Grandfathered Owners are responsible for all costs incurred by the Corporation to prevent migration of smoke or odours from the Owner's unit to other units or the common elements.

Car Wash Bay: As an aide-memoire to owners and occupants who use the Car Wash Bay, please ensure you adhere to the procedures in the Owners' Handbook. Section 8 of the procedures states: “Please flush the floor and rack the hose when you have finished.” This is not always done, leaving the Car Wash Bay untidy. Know that your neighbour will appreciate the gesture when the premise is left neat and tidy."

Things To Note



The Canadian Connection of Winnie the Pooh

The beloved bear of English children's tales traces his existence to a black bear cub. The cub was purchased from a hunter for $20 Canadian by Harry Colebourn in White River, Ontario, while the soldier was en route to England during the First World War. Colebourn, a veterinary officer with the Fort Garry Horse Cavalry regiment, named the bear after his adopted hometown of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Winnie was brought to England with her owner and gained unofficial recognition as the mascot for the Horse Cavalry. Winnie was left with the London Zoo and when the Cavalry returned to England, Winnie had become a much-loved attraction, and Colebourn decided to donate Winnie to the zoo.



Author A. A. Milne would frequently take his son Christopher Robin to see the amiable bear that his son loved. This story inspired Milne to write about the beloved bear, and that was the beginning of the tales of Winnie the Pooh!

Valve Project:

The corporation has undertaken a project to ensure that all valves in each condo suite are in good working order. The expenses for this project will be financed by the corporation's operating budget. Main valves are an OCSCC 769 responsibility, whereas all other valves, such as sinks and toilets, are an owner's responsibility. Owners will be apprised of findings for their suite, and the onus is on owners to effect required work for their suite's valves.

Repair of Leaking Taps

If you are an original owner of a condo unit at Rivergate, you can get parts at no cost should one of your cold or hot water taps leak. I did this 6 years ago for one tap and again just recently.

The Company is Masco Canada, located in Ontario and can be reached at 1-800-345-3358.

The ceramic Stem Assembly part No. is RP42216. You might also want to replace the associated Ceramic Seats and Springs, part No. RP10700

A diagram of the valve assembly is posted on the bulletin boards for easy reference.

This information was recently provided to me by our very helpful Superintendent, Yves Paulin.

Should you require help, Yves is the person to go to.

submitted by Larry Boisvert.





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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

HAPPY HOUR



Valentines Happy Hour: It is not often that attendees get a glimpse at how inviting the setup is for our Happy Hours. This is the work of volunteers on our Social Committee. Pictured here are some of those volunteers. Their work and enthusiasm are appreciated and enjoyed by their guests.
Social Committee volunteer members. From left, Karen Spilling, Irene Martin, Margaret Ann Code, Sheila Levy, Peter Mitchell and Nancy Hrischenko.



Photos: Dianne McDonald

WINTERLUDE
BAL DE NEIGE

This was a colder and longer winter than the past few years and it was an excellent year for our city's Winterlude. Here are a few pictures of a successful Winterlude, of the Ice Sculptures throughout our great city, and a young family enjoying a sunny day on our Rideau Canal.







Photo Courtesy of Grand-Maman Seguin'

Condo Living Considerations

Most of us know that sound travels in all corners of our condominium building. If owners inform the Property Manager of upcoming renovations in their units, consider giving the office a heads-up regarding the dates if the work entails excessive noise.