

Hunt Club: My Community



**Safety comes one step at a time.
Safety is for everyone.**

John Sankey

Hunt Club is one of the safest areas of one of the safest cities in one of the safest countries in our world. But we're not perfect. Here are questions you should ask yourself as you walk or cycle around your home:

- Do I feel safe here? if not, why not? Trust your feelings. Would I feel safe if alone? with young children? if elderly or disabled?
- Is the lighting bright enough day, dusk and night? Are there places where glare restricts vision?
- Is the signage sufficient to tell me where I am and where I want to go? Can I easily see where I want to go? Are there places people could be hidden close to where I have to go?
- Does the area feel isolated? Would someone be able to see me, or hear my call for help? How easy would it be to stay away from, or get away from, someone I mistrust?
- Can I see what is at the other end of a passageway? Are there areas where I would be hidden from view?
- Are there places I could trip, slip, or otherwise be injured? Is it safe for children? for disabled?
- Is there speeding traffic where children play? Is visibility blocked where pedestrians cross? Are cars driven without regard for pedestrian safety?
- Are dogs and other animals that could hurt me on leashes and under control?

Does your neighbourhood fail? Then come to our community association monthly meetings so we can work together to fix it. We can make this a safe neighbourhood for us to live in!

In the meantime, make the right call:

- 911 for life threatening emergencies or crime in progress;
- 613-230-6211 for other emergencies;
- Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) with information (it's guaranteed anonymous).

UPCOMING EVENTS

A meet&greet all candidates event for the upcoming provincial election is planned the week of 14 May 7-9pm at our community center. A formal debate will be at Hillcrest High School 29 May 7-9pm.

Free community events are planned for Saturdays May 12, June 2 and August 25 in Paul Landry Park.

Please watch for updated info on bulletin boards at our community center and on our Facebook page.

Neighbourhood Art Club
Dianne Nahal



Our Art Club in the Community Center is bustling with creative, enthusiastic, independent adults creating works like this one in progress by Jagdeep Ahluwalia.

We only have room for 12 adults so don't miss out! Come and give us a try. You'll find us in the room just past Councillor Riley Brockington's office.

Join us or just drop in to see what we are all about.

Adults of many ages have been meeting every Tuesday morning from 9:30-noon for a year and a half now and the Art Club is growing steadily. Try different mediums such as charcoal, pencil, pastel, coloured pencils, acrylic paint, mixed medium, creating with leaves; all is encouraged. Be inspired, use your imagination and special talents to create and remember to bring your own supplies.

The 2018 winter session runs until May 22, with no class on March 13 due to March Break.

The Art Club drop in fee is only \$2. It's a non teaching creative group of healthy, vibrant, energized people collaborating on ideas.

Contact me at D.arts@bell.net or just drop in any Tuesday morning.

4th ANNUAL "HUNT CLUB CARES" GARAGE SALE

Saturday June 9, 2018, 8am to 12pm Rain or Shine
\$10 fee covers free signage, media exposure, virtual map of your address & helps benefit underprivileged children enjoy summer programs at the Southeast Ottawa Community Health Centre. It's a WIN WIN for the community so let's all get involved!
To register, call Linda King: 613-260-7897
or email huntclubcares@gmail.com

The "Local" Lowdown

Cindy Missen Ross

There are five local "locals" in our neighbourhood and it's about time someone took on the mantle to check them out for the greater good. I am that brave soul this time; taking one for the team, as it were.

What's a "local"? In many places, especially in villages, the local pub is the focal point of the community. It is a meeting place within walking distance of home where neighbours gather to chat, laugh, watch sports matches, eat unpretentious food and share a few "pints".

Saturday last, I ventured in to one such establishment in our neighbourhood: Moose McGuire's. I had passed it a thousand times and knew it enjoyed serving a regular population of locals and, on Saturday, I came to discover why.

We were promptly met and shown to our table with a relaxed friendliness, as if we had been there a thousand times before. I chose a local craft beer from a long list of "on-tap" selections and settled in to peruse the menu which, to my relief, was not presented on an 8-paneled accordion sized novel but included a neat set of options with something for everyone. A separate single card offered the "winter menu" full of comfort foods that hit all the buttons.

Menu options were reasonably priced and of the regular "pub-fare" but the quality was something else again. My partner had the club sandwich, and if the kitchen staff had known the level of "Club Sandwich aficionado" that they were serving, they would have been quaking in their boots. This person knows their Club Sandwiches and will wistfully recall "that one I had back in 1992..."

I am happy to report that it was up there amongst the best and he had, at the ready, a list of restaurants who could take a leaf out of MM's booklet when it came to construction of the perfect Club Sandwich. I had the steak sandwich and the steak was perfectly grilled.

Now, the chips...they were excellent! Chip wagon worthy and there were the two mandatory vinegars in the condiment tool caddy which one looks for when a menu offers fish and chips. There was also HP Sauce and three house hot sauces in bottles with adorable labels; House Hot Sauce (sweet and comfortably hot), Wasabi Cat and Ghost Cat).

Although it was my first time there, it will not be my last! Especially when the server handed me a lunch punch card which rewards me with a free lunch after 6 meals!

Moose McGuire's is definitely an establishment worth a visit and a revisit, in my estimation.

Sowing Seeds

Matthew Page

John Kingston had watched the mercury in his thermometer yo-yo over the past several weeks, as spring worked to wriggle free of winter's icy grasp. Finally his weather app had only positive numbers in the forecast and, more reliably, John could feel it in his joints that winter had at last yielded its hold. He went to the garage to gather his things.

On a warmish day in late-March, John, shovel in hand, had ventured outside to lay the foundation for his project. Well, their project. Today, along with his neighbour-turned-friend, Carol, John would, for the first time in his life, take to the soil to grow his own crop of vegetables. It wouldn't be anything extravagant - John was not an extravagant man, a fact which was not about to change as he neared 76 years of age - but it was another one of those things that he had always talked of doing and never found the time to do.

Carol was waiting for him at the side of the house with a box containing a number of creased seed packets, a few potted plants that John silently guessed were tomatoes, two pairs of gloves, and a thermos filled with hot coffee. Carol considered herself a bit of a green thumb, and John could tell by her beaming smile that she was excited to get going.

"We're burning daylight", she joked.

"Then we better get to it", John smiled back.

The two passed through the wood gate and set up camp at the near end of the bed. Carol began unpacking the contents of the box while John knelt in the cool grass. She passed him a pair of gloves but John set them aside. Instead, he ran his hands over the dirt, feeling the soil crumbs roll and bump and jostle against each other under the palm of his hand. It was magic.

And then the pair got to work. Carol was, at once, his coach and his mentor and his friend. Together they poked holes for the carrots, installed trellises for the green beans, transplanted the tomatoes (John chuffed that he had been right), and buried the potatoes. As they toiled they joked, they laughed, they shared stories, and they even cried a little. Then they stepped back to admire their work.

It didn't look like much but John hadn't felt such a sense of pride in a long time.

"Would you like to come over for some lemonade, John?" Carol asked.

"I'd like that", John replied.

(You can read more of Matt's work at frontpageinc.net)

Canadian Moments in Our Community

Christine Johnson

Imagine exiting the Second Cup at Hunt Club Marketplace one cold December night past and happening upon two thirty-somethings in the parking lot, one at the wheel, the other standing outside of a van, next to the driver's door, belting out Gord Downie's 'Ahead By a Century' at the top of their lungs, while listening to the radio track turned up to maximum. So infectious was the scene, that I joined in, scream-singing... "You are ahead by a century!"...over and over. Three perfect strangers, a van, great big sparkling snowflakes whirling all around us, and Gord Downie: it was...a Canadian moment.

Two weeks later, sitting at one of the many long rectangular tables in the gym at our Hunt Club-Riverside Park community centre. I realized, that except for one person at the far end of the table, I knew everyone: people of Moroccan, Irish, Lebanese, French, Jamaican, Persian, Colombian heritages. And that was just our table! I thought to myself...how wonderful to know so many neighbours right here in my community. It was...a heartfelt...Canadian moment.

The -25C temperature proved not to be a deterrent for a great turnout at Councillor Brockington's December 29th Fireworks Gala at our community center. My volunteer post was outdoors at the horse-drawn sleigh ride, which, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, went around McCarthy Park, loaded with twenty plus revellers each time: toddlers accompanied by their parents, teens together, laughing and boisterous, older and other adults gleefully partaking in the fun. The cold wasn't even an issue, especially with the hot chocolate and popcorn waiting for us indoors, along with a spirited number of tunes performed by the RCMP Pipe Band and all kinds of games for the children. This closing celebration to Canada's 150th year, was...a great...Canadian moment.

The sun was shining, when the thermometer indicated another brisk wintry day of -17C on Saturday, January 13. A few dozen locals stood admiring the striking 'Harmony in Cultures' mural on the East and South facades of our community centre, at its inaugural celebration. Once ushered inside for hot beverages and cookies, we were all treated to a performance by three Inuit throat singers, greetings from the Arts Ottawa East Arts Council executive director, Councillor Brockington and MPP John Fraser. Local artist Claudia Salguero, who led the whole mural production, shared how the whole process of creating this mural was truly one of harmony in cultures, given the many volunteers within our community from such varied backgrounds who worked on it. A slide show concluded the celebration. I confess to having had to really control myself to not burst into a rendition of 'O, Canada' right there on the spot. It was...a pride-filled... Canadian moment.

For all of these Canadian moments, I feel privileged to live here in our Hunt Club community.

2018 Strategic Priorities

Brian Wade

Why do we have a community association? What do they do? Why should I care? In response, you get several answers: they build and develop community, they host various events and they advocate on behalf of the community. To answer these questions, the Hunt Club Community Organization (HCCO) held a brainstorming session and consultations with members, and developed our 2018 Strategic Priorities. Under the acronym "O.U.R. P.A.R.K.S":

O - Outreach

We would like to engage the community. We value our communities' diversity and want to provide opportunities that are inclusive and open to all.

U - Utilize

We would like to fully utilize all resources available to us, including physical resources, i.e. our community centre, the outdoor ice rinks; and monetary resources, i.e. grants and other funding sources.

R - Revenue

We would like to investigate ways that we could increase our revenue.

P - Partnerships

We want to increase, grow and strengthen our partnerships with like-minded groups.

A - Alignment

We want to ensure that all activities, projects and actions of the association are in alignment with these themes.

R - Recruitment

We want to increase our membership and increase the number of individuals who volunteer with one or more of the associations projects or activities.

K - Knowledge

We want to capture and share the knowledge that exists within our community.

S - Social

We want to provide opportunities for people to meet and get to know their neighbours. We want everything to have a social aspect to it. We want to have fun!

Priorities in the works include hosting events in Paul Laundry Park, the annual Fall Festival at McCarthy Park, a planned community garden at Cahill Park, a communications strategy and a community needs assessment.

So how can you help? We are always looking for volunteers and new members. Membership is \$10/person and valid for one year. Members receive a 20% discount from the City of Ottawa towards fitness programs offered at any of the 23 recreation facilities. Purchasing a membership shows your commitment to building a strong community.

One Stitch at a Time
Open to All, Male or Female

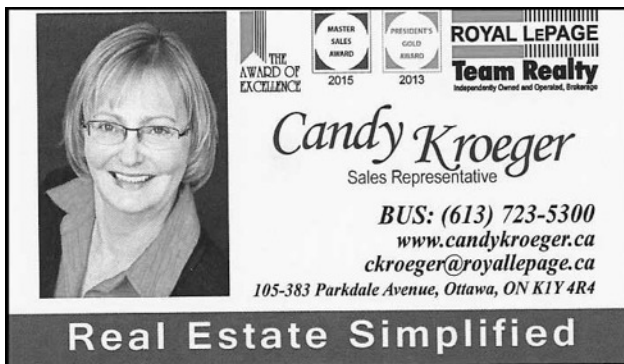
A Knitters' Group meets every Wednesday at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre from 9:30 am to 12 noon. All welcome to join and it's not just for knitters! Other crafters are welcome to crochet, do needle work, or do needlepoint on canvas! This involves drawing a design on paper (in this case, 3-D buildings), using various yarns and stitches to colour in the figure and then assembling it. Louise is making a whole miniature village, including a school house with a daycare centre, a house with grandparents, a church, a community centre, and a school with a playground. Even the inside of the buildings is detailed: the church has an office, a sacristy, a rectory, the sanctuary, along with the doors and windows. Once completed (40 hours of work just for one of these models) the village will be set up on a 18"x22" platform and exhibited at Holy Cross Church (685 Walkley Rd at Springland Dr) as early as this March. This miniature village is one of Louise's contributions to the church's 50th anniversary celebration in 2019. This is an environmentally friendly project as Louise is using left over yarn to make her village. Pictures of parts of Louise's village are posted on the HCCO Facebook page.

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