

Pre-election Forum Oct 14: Hear the Candidates Speak!

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GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 20, 7 pm

St. Bartholomew's Church
Special Meeting to vote on proposed changes
to the NECA Bylaws.

All New Edinburgh residents welcome.

The New Edinburgh Halloween Howl

Sunday, October 24
3:00pm - 5:30pm
Stanley Park Fieldhouse
Ages 0-7



Pumpkin Parade

Monday, November 1
Stanley Park Fieldhouse
Save your jack-o-lantern!



Changing Landscape, Crichton St. 2010

Sketch by Martha Markowsky

Candidates' Forum in Rockcliffe, Oct 14 Public Will Hear from Mayoral and Local Ward Hopefuls

By David Sacks

In advance of the Ottawa municipal elections on October 25, a public forum—presenting some of the candidates for mayor and for local ward Councillor—will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 14**, at 7 pm, in Queen Juliana Hall at Rockcliffe Park Public School, 350 Buena Vista Road. The event is being sponsored by a coalition of the Rockcliffe Park, Manor Park, and Lindenlea community associations, alongside our own New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA).

Three candidates for mayor and approximately six candidates for Rideau-Rockcliffe Councillor are expected to speak. The mayoral candidates expected at the forum are Clive Doucet, Larry O'Brien, and Jim Watson. (Andrew Haydon declined due to a scheduling conflict.)

The forum's expected Rideau-Rockcliffe candidates are Corry Burke, Peter Clark, Harley Collison, Rawlson King, Sheila Perry, and Bruce Poulin. (Also invited: Richard Cannings, who at press time had not yet replied.)

Due to the remarkable numbers of candidates for the two seats—20 for mayor and 10 for Rideau-Rockcliffe—the forum's organizers have had to limit the forum speakers' invitations to those candidates whose campaigns have shown reasonable chance of success.

The decision to cap the number of speakers has seemed absolutely essential for the efficient working of the forum and as a courtesy to the audience.

The forum will not be a debate. Candidates will address the audience but not each other. Each speaker will be given a time limit, perhaps 12 minutes, in which to make a short presentation and answer questions; these will include questions from the audience as well as a few set questions provided to each candidate in advance. The bilingual mod-

erator of the proceedings will be Chantal Marchese, president of Lindenlea's community association.

The evening will be divided into two sessions: mayoral and ward. For a more detailed schedule of speakers, please check the New Edinburgh website, www.newedinburgh.ca, closer to the event date.

This is our chance to hear from our candidates and get a "score card" on the players. A large turnout is expected, so please plan to arrive in good time!

MacKay United Church Manse Project Update

By the MacKay Manse Team

Following meetings held with the NECA Heritage and Development Committee and the surrounding neighbourhood residents in June, the MacKay United Manse Team has continued its efforts to promote responsible development of the manse site beside the church. Discussions were held with two different developers. Both have substantial experience and a proven track record in undertaking projects that combine heritage restoration with new construction. In each case, the financial objectives of the church would potentially be met, but the church's qualitative and neighbourhood-related goals less so. Accordingly, the Manse Team is recommending

that a wider proposal call be undertaken during the autumn in order to expand the range of creative alternatives for the site. The goal is to arrive at a proposal that satisfies the church's objectives and which also addresses neighbourhood and immediate neighbours' interests.

The immediate neighbours and the New Edinburgh Heritage and Development Committee will be kept informed of changes in the situation, and a second neighbourhood meeting will be held when a specific proposal for the site is ready. You can find notes from the NECA and neighbourhood meetings in June on the MacKay United Website: www.mackayunited-church.com.

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NECA President Joan Mason Reports

I am delighted to be the newly elected NECA president, and have found the first few months to be a time of great activity and enjoyment. Living in New Edinburgh can have its challenges, but the rewards outweigh them mightily, and I think we all know that. Ours is a remarkable community.

This month our ward residents will elect a new Councillor, and the NECA board has taken this very seriously. During late summer, we invited all ward candidates to hour-long individual interviews. We also asked them to answer a questionnaire about their interest in and knowledge of built-heritage issues. (For the questionnaire results, please visit www.newedinburgh.ca.)

NECA held eight such interviews, and as a result a majority of the board concluded that one candidate was outstanding. Please see the "Ward Candidates" article on Page 21 in our Election Guide pull-out.

In Stanley Park, the section under management of the **National Capital Commission (NCC)** has been restored and (in the main) improved, and we applaud both the work done and the patience of those residents who managed to navigate the snow-fencing all summer. Also, we are pleased to

hear that individual fences will soon be installed along those Stanley Avenue properties that back on the park, to the mutual satisfaction of residents and the NCC.

NECA's **Friends of the Park Committee** has done a "park assessment" with City staff, pointing out areas that need City attention, such as the tennis courts, the river wall, and the problem of puddles on the walkways. There will be a fall cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 am to 1pm with staging at the Fieldhouse.

Our **Traffic Committee** is continuing the petition to have the speed limit reduced to 40 kph on certain streets. Please contact board member **Roslyn Butler** if you can help circulate the petition. Our thanks to resident (and ward candidate) **Corry Burke**, who took around the petition while knocking on doors in New Edinburgh.

NECA's **Heritage and Development Committee** has produced a very fine *Heritage Walking Trail* brochure, which we will distribute to every household in New Edinburgh. We thank local businesses and the City for contributing funds to help address NECA's production costs.

New Edinburgh's redesigned website at www.newedinburgh.ca is nearing its completion. We are moving to a Drupal-based system, which will allow faster information updates. We are adding a feature which will allow NECA or other users to conduct polls via the website. Also, Facebook and Twitter are now included. Our sincere thanks to interim Webmaster **Cindy Parkanyi** and to NECA's new-media maestro **Keenan Wellar** for working with website designer Michael Brown on this long overdue project.

Note: We apologize for the website being down frequently over the summer. This was due entirely to our host server's own difficulties. Currently, we are changing our subscription to a new server.

All NECA meetings this fall will be held in St. Bartholomew's Church Hall, at 125 MacKay Street, and we wish to thank them for their generosity.

As a final note: The Lansdowne Park issue is of great concern to NECA, as being an alarming model of what might as easily happen in New Edinburgh or any other neighbourhood. Particularly worrisome is the disregard shown for built heritage, in both the plan and the decision process. Consequently the

NECA board has taken a stand alongside the citywide coalition Friends of Lansdowne Park (www.friendsoflansdownepark.ca) in opposition to the existing development plan.

Furthermore, one way in which we *all* can express our opposition is in our choices

this month for mayor and ward Councillor, insofar as some candidates have come out publicly against the present Lansdowne plan. In our choice of mayor, as well as of ward Councillor, we need to send a strong message to the City in this election. Please vote.

Congratulations to BRICK Award Winners!

One of the highlights of last June's NECA AGM was the inaugural ceremony for the B.R.I.C.K. awards, also known as the Burgh Renovation, Improvement, and Construction Kudos awards. The BRICK is our community's unique way of acknowledging sympathetic projects that add to the appearance and character of the neighbourhood.

Candidate projects, completed during the preceding year, were drawn from across New Edinburgh and ranged from porches and garages to large new additions. Final selection was made by the New Edinburgh Heritage & Development Committee.

Each winner received an impressive framed certificate, a \$100 gift certificate for a local business of their choice and, of course, a genuine antique brick, complete with an engraved plaque. The award ceremony itself was great fun, with an enthusiastic audience, the long walk up to receive the prizes, the speeches, and even a paparazzo – photos of the ceremony have been published on the community website.

The award in the category "Renovation & Restoration" was won by Joanne and Guy Legault of 87 Union Street. The citation notes the major restoration work undertaken on the roof, walls, and porch, with modern materials being replaced where feasible by

cedar shingles, handmade copper vents, wood crown mouldings, and reclaimed brick.

The award in the category "Additions & New Construction" was won by Patrice Corriveau & Agnès Chaudron of 137 Crichton Street. The citation acknowledges the well-designed two-storey addition. In natural wood, it is finely-detailed, distinctive, and complements the character of the original Victorian building.

The third award, identified as the "Special BRICK Award", celebrated the fine projects that have enhanced our community in recent years before we introduced the BRICK. The winner was Gail McEachern of 48 Crichton Street. The citation notes this project involved careful renovation of the unique original dwelling and sensitive conversion of the garage into an addition. The end-result respects the character of the original building and enhances the local streetscape.

With the success of the 2010 BRICK awards, we look forward to seeing this established as an annual event. Changes in the timing of the NECA AGM – the next one will not be until the fall of 2011 – mean we shall have a slightly longer qualifying period, with the deadline for nominations not until September. Full details of the 2011 competition will be published early next year.

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NECA MEETINGS: All Welcome

NECA meets ten times a year, traditionally on the **third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm**. No meetings in July, August, or December.

Our October and November board meetings will be held at **St. Bartholomew's Church at 125 MacKay Street**, by kind permission of the church board and warden. Also, NECA will hold a special General Meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 pm, at **St. Bartholomew's**, for the purpose of asking members to vote on certain proposed changes to NECA's By-law.

Thus our next meetings, all to be held at St. Bartholomew's, are:

Board meeting: Monday, Oct. 18th, 7:30 pm

Special General Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 20th, 7 pm

Board meeting: Monday, Nov. 15th, 7:30 pm

NECA board meetings and general meetings are open to all New Edinburgh residents.



Heritage and Development Committee - Comité Patrimoine et Développement

What's New with Heritage?

Paul McConnell,
Co-Chair, NE Heritage & Development Committee

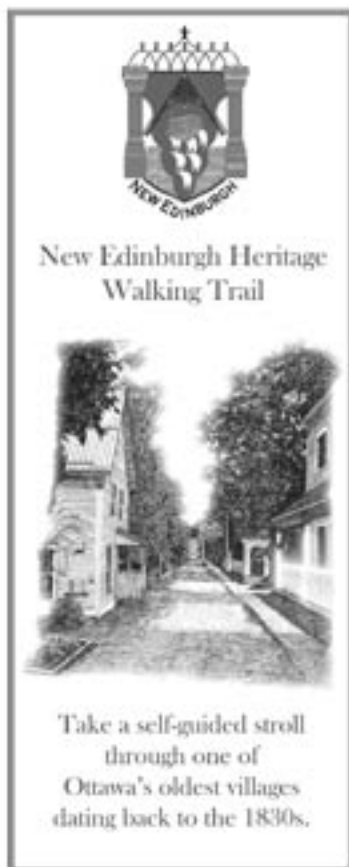
New Edinburgh is one of the most historic parts of Ottawa. As its current residents, we have a shared responsibility to protect and promote its special character so that this heritage resource can be enjoyed by us and by subsequent generations.

While each part of New Edinburgh has its treasures, there is one large section – bound by Sussex, MacKay, Dufferin and Stanley – that has been specifically recognized because of its significant number of historic houses, churches, other structures, its back lanes, plus impressive “streetscapes”. Through the determined collaborative effort of residents and City staff, this area became officially designated by the City and the Province as a formal Heritage Conservation District (HCD), conferring special protection upon it.

This heritage designation was awarded in 2001, which means we shall have an excuse to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the HCD throughout 2011. A series of activities is anticipated, with details to be announced in upcoming issues of *NEN*.

New Heritage Walking Trail

Meanwhile, NECA has already started preparing the ground by publishing an illustrated brochure that highlights New Edinburgh's heritage credentials by means of a self-guid-



ed walking trail. It connects together all 17 of the individually-designated heritage buildings in the neighbourhood, 16 of which are located within the HCD. Some readers may remember an earlier version of the trail was published in the *NEN* two years ago. It has now been amended and reformatting as a more convenient and durable brochure, available in English and in French.

Preparation of the brochure was a major undertaking involving several wonderfully competent volunteers, and I'm delighted to acknowledge them here. The photographs were taken by **Louise Imbeault**, the fine ink sketches were drawn by **John Farmer**, and the two maps were prepared by **Clare Robertson**. Translation was undertaken by **Anne-Sophie Belzile**, production was coordinated by **Cindy Parkanyi**, and **Katherine Arkay** worked on sponsorship, distribution, and a whole lot more.

The actual cost of printing was covered by funds from NECA,

a grant from the City of Ottawa, a contribution by an informal group known as Friends of New Edinburgh Heritage, and sponsorship by ten local businesses: Books on **Beechwood**, **Clocktower Brew Pub**, **Dale Smith Gallery**, **Epicuria**, **Fraser Café**, **Lester's**, **New Edinburgh B&B**, **New Edinburgh Pharmacy**, **New Edinburgh Pub**, and the **Sconewitch**.

The heritage brochure is already proudly on display at the Rideau Hall Visitor Centre, and will be distributed throughout the neighbourhood and beyond.

A New Heritage Property?

Publication of the brochure almost got derailed by the emergence of a potential new addition to the list of designated heritage properties – 22 Rideau Terrace, at Noel. In July, this detached, red brick dwelling was simultaneously the subject of an application by City staff for heritage designation, and an application by a developer for its demolition and replacement by a large, modern, rectangular apartment building. NECA and neighbours supported the heritage designation, and City Council voted overwhelmingly in favour of it.

The building merits recognition for both its architectural value as a good example of Edwardian Classicism, and its historical value for its association with Lawrence J. Burpee, a multi-talented public servant who lived at the house from its construction in 1908 until his death in 1946. We are delighted that his granddaughter, Sheila Burpee Duncan, has contributed to this issue of *NEN* an excellent account of his many accomplishments. Unfortunately, there has been a formal objection to Council's decision to designate, so now we must await the outcome of a hearing of the provincial Conservation Review Board. We are optimistic that the heritage designation will stand, and look forward to adding 22 Rideau Terrace to the walking trail.

The article about Lawrence J. Burpee, and another one in April's *NEN* about Robert James Curry, whose farm house still stands at 20 Rideau Terrace, are fascinating examples of how history can be brought alive in this neigh-



Photo: Louise Imbeault

At the Heritage Plaque: (l to r) Louise Imbeault, Katherine Arkay, Lee Farmer, Paul McConnell, Anne-Sophie Belzile and the Lee-Farmer children.

bourhood. If you have a candidate for such an article, please let us know.

New Heritage Plaques

Just in time for the 10th anniversary celebrations, we are pleased to announce that the City has installed two bilin-

gual plaques to publicize the existence of the Heritage Conservation District.

These plaques are located at the corner of Stanley and Thomas, and at Stanley and Dufferin. We encourage you to seek them out.

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Interested in local Heritage & Development?

We always have too many ideas and projects on the go, too much work for too few hands and heads. We'd be happy to hear from people who would like to get involved in some way, or who might be interested in becoming a member of the NE Heritage & Development Committee.

We invite you to contact us at paulmcc@magma.ca.

NECA Special General Meeting October 20

By David Sacks

The New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA) will hold a special general meeting on Wednesday, October 20, at 7 pm, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 125 MacKay Street. All NECA members are invited to attend, as are all community members. If you wish to vote at the meeting, you will need to be a New Edinburgh resident who is enrolled as a NECA member. Enrollment is free and will be available at the door.

The meeting, planned to take perhaps an hour, will invite members to vote on certain proposed changes to the NECA By-law—primarily item 4.4, which defines NECA's fiscal year; item 4.1, relating to the date of the annual general meeting (AGM); and item 2.3, which defines NECA's "membership year". Currently

NECA's fiscal year runs from May 1 to April 30. The proposed change—for which a majority vote of meeting members is required—would change the fiscal year so as to run from July 1 to June 30, starting in July 2011.

The main purpose here would be to bring NECA's fiscal year exactly into line with the July 1 to June 30 fiscal year used by the New Edinburgh News (NEN), of which NECA is the owner and publisher. On the formal advice of chartered accountant (and New Edinburgh resident) Michael Edwards, the NECA board is seeking this change so as to simplify tax reporting, book-keeping, and other administration for NECA and the NEN.

Secondarily, the meeting would request a vote to alter the wording of By-law 4.5, regarding NECA's obligation

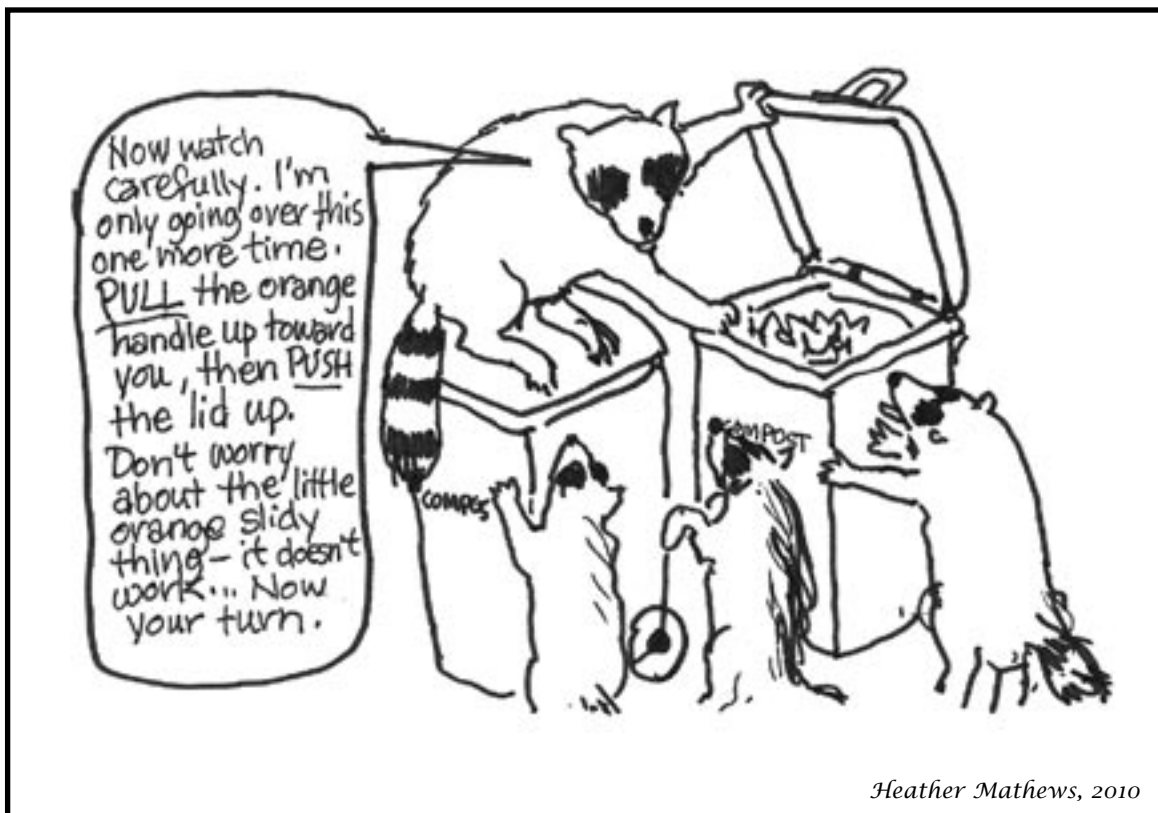
to have its financial accounts professionally examined annually. Aspects of this section—particularly the requirement that accounts be "audited by two persons" (including the specialized term "audit")—have been pointed out by Mr. Edwards as being unrealisti-

cally elaborate.

NECA's By-law is posted on the New Edinburgh website: www.newedinburgh.ca. Any change to the By-law requires a majority vote at a general meeting, with a quorum of at least 25 members.

If voted in, the change to the

fiscal-year dates would have the long-term effect of moving NECA's AGM from late spring to the fall. Traditionally the AGM in June has been a function of NECA's fiscal year having ended previously, on April 30. With the fiscal-year end shifting to June 30, the practical date for the AGM would shift to October or possibly late September, starting in 2011.



Heather Mathews, 2010

Friends of the Park: Summer of 2010

By Vickie Brennan

This summer, we saw the return of full access to the NCC area of the Park, and dogs and Park regulars are very pleased with the results. It is even better than before. Places that were formerly bush have been cleared and seeded providing the dogs with more space to run. There has been an issue with weeds and work was recently done to top up the deficient soil with quality topsoil. A note of thanks to the NCC.

Our next challenge is to get the City to step up to the plate and bring the City area of the Park up to the standards set by NCC. A park assessment is scheduled for September 23rd and we are optimistic that our concerns about the conditions at the Park will be resolved.

You will soon see "smoke-free" signs posted in the children's play area of the park. Ottawa Public Health is promoting a "Play, Live, Be, Tobacco Free" campaign for Ottawa parks with playgrounds and sports fields. Members of the community contacted Joan Mason, who agrees this is an excellent idea, and arrangements have been made for signage. All costs are covered by the City.

Last, but not least, a **Fall Park Cleanup** day has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 2 from 10 am to 1 pm**, rain or shine. Friends of the Park will be partnering with **The Edinburgh Retirement Residence** on the day of the cleanup. The Edinburgh wants to have more community involvement and adopted the

Park under the City's Adopt-A-Park Program. Residents, staff, and friends will be participating. The fall cleanup will be on a smaller scale than in the spring and will not include the banks of the river.

In closing, please remember if you are aware of disturbing activities at the Park, please notify the Police at 613-236-1222 Ext. 7300. Also, if the air around the filtration building is smelly, call the City at 311.

Board member **Carlo Zambri** is looking into ways and means of refurbishing the tennis courts and fence, which are in a terrible state. This issue will be addressed again during the park assessment but we are ready to proceed in alternative ways if necessary and are presently exploring options.

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Jacques Legendre: A Councillor to Count On

By Barbara Benoit

With this issue of the *NEN*, Burghers say goodbye—and thank you—to the Councillor who has represented his ward so ably for the past 19 years.

Jacques Legendre, a physicist by training and a former employee of the National Research Council, was drawn into municipal politics in 1990 when the then councillor of his home community of Carson Grove (now part of Rideau Rockcliffe ward) refused to meet with the Carson Grove community association to find a way to save the area's wetlands and old-growth forest from residential development. The association pushed Jacques to run in the next election to oust the sitting councillor (which he did), and from then on he was hooked on municipal politics. (The forest, by the way, was saved, but not the wetlands.) He took an unpaid leave of absence from his NRC job to serve full-time as councillor, and resigned from the NRC a year into his second term.

His career in politics traversed the turbulent years of municipal amalgamation, when he sat as both a city and a regional councillor.

In his first term in office he succeeded in getting \$9 million in funding for the St-Laurent Complex, a community centre on Coté Road. Initial plans for the Complex had been languishing on the city's wish list for many years, but there had been no significant community consultation on the facilities to be included in the project. Jacques ensured that an extensive consultation process was set up—one that included participation by the Ottawa Public Library board, because the St-Laurent library branch was also in need of renewal. The result was a complex that has been among the city's most successful and intensely used community developments.

For New Edinburgh, the defining issue of Jacques' years in office was undeniably the removal of the proposed Vanier Arterial extension from the city and regional plans and the provincial books. The extension, if built, would have linked Beechwood to the Macdonald Cartier Bridge through Stanley Park. Eliminating the proposal was a decades-long struggle of Byzantine proportions (reaching back into the 1960s), a struggle that drew New Edinburgh together as a community, but made tremendous demands on everyone involved. In the last key decade

of the debate, Jacques was outstanding in following each step of the process through its provincial, municipal and legal byways and keeping the community fully informed and well advised.

He was a rock of support not only on the big challenges, but on the month-by-month issues that arose in this ward. An unfailing presence at community association meetings, he was reliable with on-the-spot information, sound in his advice and generous with his time in resolving problems.

He was one of the key players in getting the municipal funding that ensured the CCCC would have a perpetual interest in the former Crichton School. The inability of the parties to come to a final resolution of the building's status is one of the major disappointments of his time in office.

Transportation is one of Jacques' special interests, and his achievements in resolving transportation issues ran the gamut from tiny to immense. In New Edinburgh, in addition to the Vanier Parkway issue, he got a casual foot track upgraded to a well-drained stone-dust path to give seniors a way into Stanley Park from Crichton, and ensured that a couple of metres of the municipally-owned lot it crossed were severed to ensure public access in perpetuity. Similarly in Overbrook, he restored the neighbourhood's pedestrian/cycle link to St-Laurent Shopping Centre across a Hydro One corridor. He fought for the construction of the pedestrian/cyclist bridge across the Rideau Canal at Somerset, and more recently spearheaded a proposal for a second bridge across the Rideau River to link to Donald Street and establish a valuable, low-traffic cycle route from downtown to the eastern suburbs. That proposal is now at the environmental assessment stage. Last year, when the City was developing its first Pedestrian Master Plan, he fought for the year-round clearing of key pedestrian pathways and better standards of

sidewalk clearing. He was the first elected official to call for a feasibility study for a downtown transit tunnel as the only truly effective way to solve the major bottleneck in the transit

system, and he remains firm in his opposition to the choice of Kettle Island as an interprovincial bridge site.

Rideau-Rockcliffe is a horseshoe-shaped ward running around the former City of Vanier, from New Edinburgh to Overbrook. In addition to some of the city's most expensive housing, it has the highest proportion of public housing of any municipal ward. Deeply concerned with the social, educational, recreational and health services that make our communities good places to live, Jacques was attentive and active in improving the living standards of the less fortunate. A few examples: he ensured that people with drug problems were not housed in buildings with vulnerable seniors; he sought fairness for renters in older buildings through adjustments to the property tax system; and he involved Overbrook teens in the construction of an obstacle course for dirt bikes in an underused park after Hydro One shut down a course

they had built without permission on land carrying high voltage underground cables. Another major achievement was the establishment of Crime Prevention Ottawa. A crime-prevention unit with minimal funding existed pre-amalgamation, but disappeared in the transition period. In 2004,

Jacques brought together an ad hoc group, including representatives of the police, school boards and community NGOs to make a strong case for the reintroduction of the program. CPO now has funding and staff, and a mandate to reduce youth crime and violence against women and to develop effective strategies tailored to specific communities. Ottawa has won awards two years running for its success in reducing drug crime and prostitution in Vanier and Lower Town.

This is an overview: the catalogue of Jacques' involvement could go on—to the implementation of bilingual service delivery, heritage issues, and his passion for improving governance at all levels of the municipal administration. As the election draws near, his knowledge will be put to further use: Radio Canada has engaged him as its commentator on municipal issues for the six weeks leading up to the election.

On Jacques' watch, New Edinburgh, Rideau Rockcliffe ward and the city as a whole have all been well served. In thanking Jacques, we must also add a word of thanks to his wife Yvette, who, despite passing many evenings as a single parent while Jacques was in meetings with his constituents, has always offered him her wholehearted support.

Jacques and Yvette, we consider you honorary Burghers and hope that, in the intervals of visiting your children and grandchildren, you will keep in touch with your friends in the Burgh.



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Ottawa City Councillor Jacques Legendre Reports

Election 2010 and the Choices to be Made

Since announcing that I will not seek re-election this fall I have received many touching messages, written and verbal, from the community. I take this early opportunity to thank everyone who sent along their thoughts.

The messages were frequently accompanied by a wish to know whom I felt was best among the 10 candidates. I am not proposing to become involved in any campaign this year (unless severely provoked!). It does occur to me, however, that I am presented with a unique opportunity, through this column, to outline what I believe constitute the main issues facing the City and this ward in particular.

Too often the main election issue is presented as the level of spending at City Hall and, of course, the rate of taxation and the size of fees supporting that spending. Strident headlines scream at us from our newspapers and our electronic

media. Politicians are only to willing to be seen as the strongest protectors of the public purse. Remember the infamous “zero-means-zero!” line. It has been thoroughly discredited yet we must all remember that it worked at least once! That one issue, and the implication of profligacy and waste that frequently accompanies it, can displace all other discourse at election time. Vigilance on the ‘bottom line’ is laudable but questions of ‘smart spending’ are even more important AND more difficult to convey. Moreover, given the popularity of taxes, we should also all be concerned about ‘equity in taxation’, that is, the tax system should be as fair as we can possibly make it.

Transportation, in all of its modes, has an enormous role to play in how well a city functions. One of the most significant ‘city-transforming’ ‘quality-of-life-enhancing’ proposals yet to be nailed down is the first phase of Ottawa’s Light Rail Transit system (LRT) with

the Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel (DOTT). Yes, it is expensive but, with your federal and provincial tax dollars, is affordable and the DOTT is essential. Another initiative for the future is a safer network of cycle routes, especially in the city core. This, in contrast with the LRT and the DOTT, is very inexpensive. It amounts, for the most part, to making different (and therefore difficult) choices in the way we apportion our rights-of-ways. Other cities have demonstrated the popularity of this mode of transport when the right infrastructure is in place. They include North American cities such as Portland, New York and Montréal. In Copenhagen, even with its modern efficient mass-transit system (modal share 33%), cycling has a higher modal share at 37% because citizens find it easier, more convenient and less costly to cycle to work, school and play.

Quality of life is measured in many ways. An important measure is a feeling of safety in our community. Crime Prevention Ottawa (CPO), in only 5 years, has demonstrated an approach that works very well. It targets ‘root causes’, focuses on what is known to work and builds on partnerships with existing agencies and accompanies this with close program monitoring. ‘Reactive’ agencies (e.g. police, fire), though necessary, are expensive. The old saying that “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure” is still true in our times. Most people know that prevention makes sense yet we often forget about this strategy during electoral debates. Ottawa needs more of this cost-effective approach.

In the next 4 years, this ward will likely see the start of the redevelopment of CFB Rockcliffe. Planning was shelved a few years ago to allow for proper consultation with the Algonquin aboriginal community. I am given to understand that discussions have advanced to a degree that will allow CFB Rockcliffe’s redevelopment to move ahead. I expect this to be announced in a few months. When plan-

ning was halted, the theme for the redevelopment was ‘sustainability’ and excellent proposals were advanced. I had seldom seen greater community acceptance for such a large redevelopment project. Since then, the federal government as well as the senior management at Canada Lands have changed. You should be asking candidates how they would approach the redevelopment of the largest site within the City, some fifteen minutes from parliament hill.

Finally, on the question of tax fairness, I draw your attention to the inequity of taxing renters in the ‘multi-residential’ class (older buildings with more than 6 units) at a rate 1.7 times that charged single family home owners. We have made slow progress in the last 10 years (the rate used to be more than 2.3 times!) but it is still unfair. Moreover, it is unfair to a segment of the population whose average household income is only 42.6% that of homeowners (2006 census). Even the province’s “range of fairness” tax ratios assign a range of 1.0 to 1.1 to this tax class. Nonetheless, this City continues to charge those least able to pay a higher share of the tax burden.

I have put forward what I believe are some of the topics that might be discussed in the coming debates. There are many others, of course (e.g. bridges, school closures, fees at community facilities, affordable housing, shelters, etc.). The list is long and the many challenges they represent make the work of a Councillor so very interesting and important. Hence, the importance of your vote.

I will be following the debates with more than usual interest.

What is happening at 245 Crichton?

Work this year has largely involved performing a Designated Substance Survey, Mould Assessment and removal of asbestos-containing materials and lead-containing painted surfaces. As well, floors and walls damaged by water infiltration and the old fur-

nace that had ceased to function were removed. This work allowed a better opportunity to assess the best way forward.

In March, an engineer’s report appeared to conclude that the best option was complete demolition and reconstruction rather than renovation. This report has only recently been brought to my attention. In the meantime, 5 months in the prime construction season has been lost. I have since reviewed the state of the interior of the building with city staff and with someone knowledgeable in the business of restoring older buildings. The results of that examination did not support the conclusions of the engineer’s report.

Ottawa Community Housing now owns the property. They are currently assessing whether they will proceed with the initial plan to renovate the structure in partnership with the Ottawa Congress Centre and its trade unions.

A last word

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to represent New Edinburgh since 1994, first as your representative on the RMOC’s Council and then at the Council of amalgamated Ottawa since its creation in 2001.

New Edinburgh is fortunate to have, in NECA, one the most active and knowledgeable community associations anywhere in the City. As representative for the area, I was one of the beneficiaries of the experience, wisdom and dedication present at NECA’s monthly meetings. The task of a political representative is wide-ranging (for me, one of its appealing features). It is a role much in need of thoughtful input and a breadth of perspectives when addressing either questions of community concern or larger city-wide issues.

This community has every interest in maintaining its involvement in NECA and thereby sustaining the organization. Your next representative will also wish to benefit from the community’s voice I am certain. Keep up the good work! Au revoir.

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A Warm Welcome to David and Sharon Johnston, the New Occupants of Rideau Hall

By Jane Heintzman

As our readers are well aware, New Edinburgh is a unique community in a great many respects. Not least among these is the fact that Rideau Hall, the historic home of Canadian Governors General for close to 150 years, is right here in our midst, and over the years, we have been pleased to count its distinguished occupants as our near neighbours. On October 1st this year, we will acquire new vice-regal neighbours when **David Johnston C.C.** is officially installed as Canada's 28th Governor General. We warmly welcome Mr. Johnston (about to be His Excellency!) and his wife **Sharon** to our community.

Our new Governor General has extraordinarily impressive credentials for this important role. Mr. Johnston has a stellar background as a legal scholar, prominent university administrator and widely respected advisor to governments at both the federal and provincial levels. His academic achievements include an A.B. from Harvard, an LL.B. from Cambridge University, U.K. and an LL.B. from Queen's University, Kingston. Far from being purely an academic "egghead", Mr. Johnston was also an outstanding athlete, and in his years at Harvard, was captain of the varsity hockey team and twice selected for the All-American Team. In 1988, he was inducted into Harvard's prestigious Athletic Hall of Fame, and it seems safe to say, is the first of our Governors General to have attained this distinction!

Highlights of Mr. Johnston's

professional career include his 15 years of service as Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University during the 1980's and early '90's, and more recently, his decade-long tenure as President of the University of Waterloo. Over the years, he has served on numerous federal and provin-



Photo: KW Local News
David Johnston will be installed as the new Governor General on Oct 1.

cial task forces and committees, and was the founding Chair of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy. In 2007, he was appointed advisor to Prime Minister Stephen Harper with responsibility for drafting Terms of Reference for the Oliphant Inquiry into the business dealings of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Karl Heinz Schreiber.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the university community and to Canadian public life, Mr. Johnston has been awarded

honorary doctorates from over a dozen universities, and was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1997.

As the Governor General's closest neighbours, we are keenly aware that the vice-regal appointee does not assume this demanding role alone. Mr. Johnston's energetic and accomplished wife Sharon will undoubtedly be a vitally important member of the team at Rideau Hall, and like her husband, brings an impressive background to the task. Sharon's academic achievements include a BSc, an MSc and a PhD in Rehabilitation Science from McGill University, and she is the author of a number of scientific articles on respiratory mechanics. In addition to her scholarly endeavours, Sharon is an avid rider, and has been operating a horse training centre from the Johnston Farm in southwestern Ontario. She also has a novel-in-progress in the post-graduate program at the Humber School for Writers, and we fervently hope that her new vice-regal duties don't interfere with its completion!

The Johnstons have five adult daughters, **Deborah, Alexandra, Jenifer, Sharon and Catherine**, and we have no doubt that Rideau Hall will be hopping when the girls and their families—which now include seven grandchildren—gather for family reunions!

As we welcome the Johnstons, we bid farewell to **Michaëlle Jean** and her family, and wish her well in her new and demanding role as UNESCO's Special Envoy in Haiti.

NCC: Park Has Reopened

The NCC wishes to thank the NECA members and the community at large for their ongoing collaboration throughout the Stanley Avenue Park Rehabilitation process.

While we have had tremendous weather over the last few months, the seeded areas are not quite yet fully established. The contractor has removed the perimeter fencing, providing public access to the park. We are continuing to work with the community residents with regards to the fencing along the residential properties of Stanley Avenue Park and expect to award the fence contract within the next few weeks.

On another matter, the NCC has assessed the usage of the stonedust path in Stanley Avenue Park and will be installing signage informing the public that bicycles are not permitted on the pathway.

The NECA members and the community will be informed when the contractor will begin installation of fences on site as well as the signage installation on the stonedust path.

Should you require further information regarding the Stanley Avenue Park Remediation Plan, you may consult the NCC website at www.canadascapital.gc.ca.



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Solar Panel Q&A with NE Resident Rick Findlay

An Inside Story on Hot Water Heating via the Sun



By Sarah Anson-Cartwright, New Edinburgh Committee on the Environment (NecoE)

Rick Findlay has a confession: he is more impressed than he expected to be with his new solar panels for hot-water heating. Rick and Ida Findlay live in New Edinburgh and have been making changes to increase their home's energy efficiency over recent years. It turns out that solar panels may be at the higher end of investment required for energy

efficiency improvements. But they are truly tops in reducing environmental impact.

When Findlay learned that their home energy consumption for hot-water heating exceeded that of space heating, it was a revelation. Read the following interview to learn why Findlay went "solar" and what has impressed him so far about their new no-impact hot-water heating system.

Q. You seem to have an energy efficient house already. What

was the trigger that made you look at adding solar panels?

Yes, our house was built in the 1980s so it is reasonably efficient, well insulated and pretty tight. However, since the first home inspection we had under the EnerGuide program back in 2004, we have taken a number of measures and continue to pay particular attention to increasing its efficiency.

Partly, it is my personal interest in the question of energy efficiency. My whole career has been in the area of environmental protection and energy efficiency is a natural personal concern.

And it is also a personal challenge when it's your own investment.

Q. Many people may put off significant investments costing a few thousand dollars, like solar panels, even though there may be a long-term benefit. Was there any particular rationale that made you decide to make the investment?

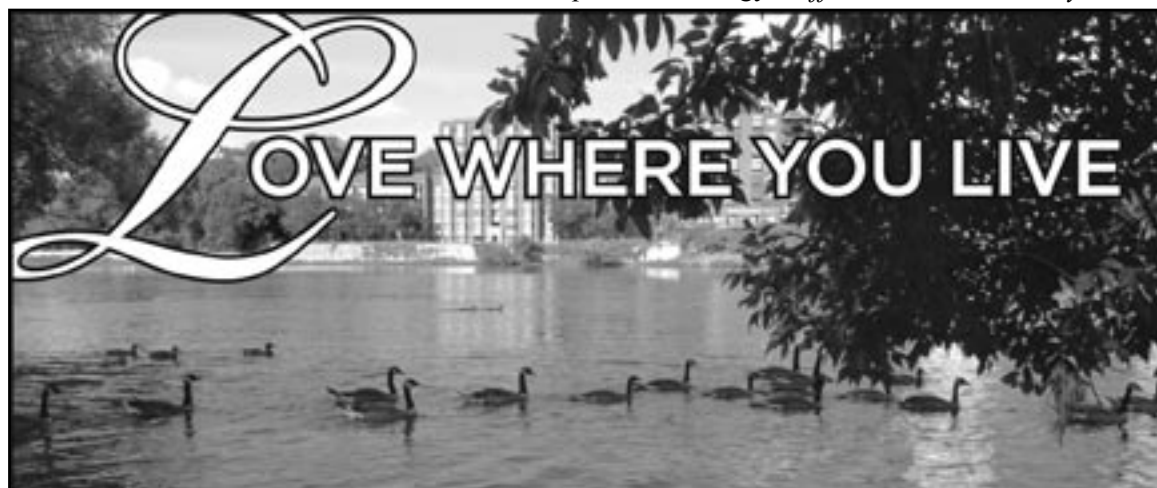
Government programs at the federal, provincial and city levels have proven to be stimulating that way. You get your house tested and you learn things about where the leaks are, and what options and incentives are out there. The government programs have definitely made a difference

in bringing us to take action. In spite of this encouragement, it does raise the question of whether the actions we take are "cost effective."

For the solar panels, it was also a challenge from a friend who reminded me that I spend money in other ways and on other things that are truly not "cost effective" investments, so why not just spend a bit of money this way, on improving your home's energy efficiency and set aside the question whether it is "cost effective" in a traditional return on investment way. For example, I love to travel which is not great for greenhouse gases. But I do it and enjoy it and do not look for a "return in investment" there, so why not just "do it" when considering the efficiency of our home.

I was looking for a bit of balance. What can I do, I asked, to contribute to lowering emissions? So I was more interested in making my house more energy efficient, rather than seeking any economic payback.

The energy assessment showed that with steps we had already taken to improve the space heating system (with an ultra high efficiency furnace) in our house we actually have higher energy consumption for hot water use than for space heating. That was one of the few "aha's" from the assess-



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Hot water in the Findlay household is no problem with their new roof-mounted solar thermal panels.

ment. And one of the things that steered us towards a hot water system overhaul.

Q. The MirocFIT program offers a chance for home-owners to sell back excess energy from their photovoltaic solar panels that generate electricity. Did you look at that program?

Actually that program and its use of solar cells did not fit our house from a physical point of view, given the kind of roof we have.

Q. Let's shift to aesthetics. How do the solar panels look on your roof? Is there any impact to how your house looks from the street?

I'd characterize the appearance as fairly neutral. I think the solar panels look a bit like a large skylight. The design of the panels has really improved. They are now flat plate collectors and there are no tubes.

The installation was easy. We were able to have the pipes carrying the hot water run down through our old chimney (which is not in use).

Q. What about practical considerations of solar panels? Are there any changes at all in the availability of hot water or how quickly you have access to it?

No, not really. It takes just a few seconds longer for the water to come up to the tap because it has a couple more metres to travel. My only concern is that the hot water is really hot – I have to warn people! We sometimes see hot water temperatures in the 80 degree centigrade range.

Q. Have you been able to start comparing our heating bills yet to see if the solar panels are reducing your charges yet?

We had the solar panels installed a few months ago,

and we also put in a tankless water heater to replace our old conventional gas-heated water tank. The tankless heater has not kicked in (as a backup source of hot water) during the summer; perhaps it will kick in during the winter. So far, we have not paid for energy for hot water since it was installed.

I am more impressed than I expected by solar hot water heating.

Q. What advice would you give a home-owner who might be wondering about adding solar panels?

Take a look at it. First get a green home inspection. I do think it was the trigger to determining what changes to make. The leak test shows you all the hidden secrets (in your home energy use). And it provides some practical suggestions that will save energy and save money – and some will “pay back” and some will not. But you should not let the “cost effectiveness” factor be your only investment criterion. Some other things are priceless, like our environment. While we have the government grants available though, it's a challenge to see what we can get done.

The Findlays' system was installed under a Bullfrog program which is available in Ontario, primarily to Enbridge Gas Distribution customers for a limited time.

Since the Findlays had an ecoENERGY audit before March 31, 2010, they can apply for the federal incentive under the ecoENERGY retrofit program.

The Ontario Home Energy Savings Program Incentive is also available.

Solar panel installation programs

Here is a sample of the pricing and incentives, as indicated on Bullfrog Power's website:

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At time of writing, Bullfrog's program was available only to the end of 2010 (although it is always checking to see if it is extended). If you are interested, the first step is to request a free site evaluation (call 1-866-775-8808).

Source: www.bullfrogpower.com

Web Resources

Bullfrog's solar water heating program:

- www.bullfrogpower.com

The microFIT program, allowing homeowners with solar PV systems to receive a guaranteed price for their excess energy:

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- By Jane Heintzman -

New Edinburgh Art Gallery

We wish a warm welcome to the New Edinburgh Art Gallery, the newest arrival in Beechwood Village, which opened its doors in the former Royal Bank building at **25 Beechwood** (most recently home of **Thyme and Times Past**) on August 4. Many readers may already have ventured

throughout our community and from the wider Ottawa area.

For several years, Joel ran **Gallery four seven nine** on Sussex Drive, specializing in the field of contemporary Canadian art. In his new incarnation at the New Edinburgh Art Gallery, however, he is expanding his horizons to include many of the Canadian

bles as Henri Masson, Stanley Cosgrove, Goodridge Roberts, Edwin Holgate, Sid Mooney, Jean Paul Riopelle, Armand Tatossian, Bruno Côté and Fernand Labelle. Joel points out that many of these pieces, which may have been on sale individually at leading auction houses in various locations, have now been brought together under one roof on Beechwood for possible purchase by art lovers and collectors in the community.

Owner of the new Gallery and the prodigious collector who amassed this 2000 work collection over a period of five decades is New Edinburgh resident Raymond De Celles. A large number of the pieces in his collection are the work of friend and colleague, Fernand Labelle, a Quebec landscape painter who left a career as a university professor to devote himself to painting on a full time basis. Labelle's paintings, many of which feature impressionistic landscape scenes from the Laurentians, have been exhibited in major cities throughout Canada and France, and he was among the illustrators of the classic Quebec novel *Maria Chapdelaine* displayed in a 2002 exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada. Joel is looking forward to having M. Labelle visit the new Gallery to discuss his work with interested members of the community.

If you haven't yet had an



Barbara Lachaine of Bright Beginnings Day Care.

opportunity to drop in, the Gallery is open Monday to Wednesday from 12 pm - 6 pm; Thursdays and Fridays from 12 pm - 8 pm; Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 am - 4 pm. Joel is also available to meet by appointment, should you be interested in the purchase of one of these remarkable works. He can be reached at **613-742-2288**.

Bright Beginnings Day Care

Back in March of this year, former New Edinburgh resident **Barbara Lachaine** launched Bright Beginnings Day Care in her comfortable new home in Manor Park. Bright Beginnings is Barbara's second foray into the world of home daycare, the first having coincided with the early childhood of her own daughter in the 1980's, when she ran a small home-based operation in the Glebe. Since then, Barbara has spent nearly two decades as a busy Marketing Executive, but when an illness obliged her to take time out, she re-examined her priorities and took the sensible decision to return to the work she found most joyful and fulfilling: providing small

children with the emotional, intellectual and physical foundations of a successful school life.

Much as she and her husband loved living in New Edinburgh, finding suitable—and affordable—accommodation for a successful daycare business proved to be impossible. Luckily, however, the move to their current Manor Park condo, with its ready access to parks, splash pools, children's play areas and—last but not least—the endlessly fascinating RCMP stables, has proven to be a happy alternative. During the week, her small charges occupy the whole first floor of the condo with access to a common outdoor play area which is invariably buzzing with other children. Drawing on her courses of study in Early Childhood Education, Barbara has developed a program of activities geared to the specific ages and stages of her charges, and featuring a daily theme around which the activities are focused.

Barbara can accommodate up to five full time participants ranging in age from 8 months to 4 years. Bright Beginnings starts each week day at 7 am



Photo: Louise Imbeault

Joel Pleet, Director of the New Edinburgh Art Gallery will also be featured in *Capital Style* magazine in October.

into the gallery to get a closer look at its alluring collection of Canadian art which features many, indeed most, of Canada's leading artists of the past century. Gallery Director **Joel Pleet** is enthusiastic about the quality and range of the collection, and looks forward to introducing it to art lovers

masters of the early decades of the last century. The list of artists represented in this extraordinary collection is virtually a who's-who of the Canadian art world, ranging from members of the legendary Group of Seven such as A.Y. Jackson, Arthur Lismer and Fred Varley to such nota-

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Ion Aimers (2nd from left) and his staff at The Works are focusing their charitable endeavours on children.

and runs until 5 pm, with the possibility of periodic before-and after-hours care at an additional charge. The daily routine begins with free play until 8:30 am when the children sit down for their morning snack. From 9-10 am, the program includes crafts and other learning activities, followed by outdoor explorations to parks, nature walks and expeditions to various places of interest (weather permitting) from 10-11 am. (On bad weather days, the hour is devoted to indoor physical exercise where the children can let off steam and work up an appetite for lunch.)

Following the morning's outdoor excursion, there is free play until lunchtime, which in turn is followed by story time. The early afternoon (1-3 pm) is devoted to nap time for the wee ones and quiet time for the older children, and at 3 the action starts up again with the afternoon snack. From 3:30-4:30 pm, the children can engage in crafts and other learning activities, with free play following in the half hour before pick up time. Barbara

takes great pains to ensure a healthy and nutritionally menu for her charges, which parents can review in detail in the comprehensive information package which she provides to her clients.

Due to Barbara's concern to respond to the needs and interests of parents, as well as to those of the small children in her charge, she has introduced a special "Parents' Day" which occurs about every three months. On these days parents are offered the option of leaving their little one(s) at Bright Beginnings for an extra couple of hours while they indulge in a much-needed "date", be it a dinner out, a shopping expedition or another activity for which time in their normal daily routine is limited. The kids meanwhile have a relaxing supper, and bring their pyjamas so they can settle down before Mum and Dad collect them at 7:30 pm. This summer's schedule included an Exceptional Parents' Day on June 16 and a Parents' Summer Terrace Date on August 18, while coming up later this fall is a Seasonal

Shopping Fiesta on November 24.

If you are in search of a close, reliable and home-like setting for your little one this fall, give Barbara a call at **613-220-4269** and check out the full details of all that she is able to offer in the way of a stimulating and nurturing environment for your pre-school child.

The Works: Still Growing and Giving

In the course of the eight years since The Works gourmet hamburger chain launched its first modest outlet at Putman and Beechwood (now home to **Zazaza Pizza**), owner **Ion Aimers** and his team have worked hard not merely to serve their burgeoning clientele, but also to make a serious contribution to charitable endeavours in their community. As many of us know from firsthand experience, The Works has been a generous donor to school, community and social causes of all descriptions, to the point that in 2009, its charitable donations and gifts in kind reached a remarkable peak of \$500,000.

Last spring Ion and his management team took time to reassess The Works' approach to charitable giving, recognizing the reality while they remained strongly committed to continuing their support to those most in need in the community, the sheer volume of requests had become overwhelming, and as "the pit was not bottomless", some refocusing of their efforts was required. The result was a reformulation of The Works' Fundraising Mission announced earlier this year, the effect of which is to limit their charitable contributions exclusively to local (as opposed to international) Children's Charities and Child-Based

Community Growth Projects. Ion is quick to point out that many of their pet projects, such as their ongoing support for the community skating rink in Manor Park, will also benefit adults, but the central focus of their efforts will remain child-related.

If you happen to have a school or other child-centred project for which you are in search of support, you can send your request to the Works' Head Office, "Burger Central", by e-mail at burgercentral@worksburger.com or by fax at 613-232-9738. They do their level best to respond to all requests within a month of receipt.

Meanwhile, restaurateur par excellence Ion is enjoying the fruits of his marketing and managerial genius, as his newest venture **Zazaza Pizza** acquires increasing popularity with a rapidly expanding and devoted clientele at Putman and Beechwood; **Fraser Café** continues to occupy the top echelons of the Ottawa culinary circuit, serving consistently packed houses at lunch and dinner; and his original chain of Works gourmet burger establishments is poised on the brink of a major franchise agreement which will result in the opening of a whole new Works' frontier in Toronto and Southwestern Ontario by Christmas 2010. When you've got a winning formula, the sky

really is the limit!

Books on Beechwood: The Book Club is Back For Year Three!

This fall, our local Books on Beechwood Book Club begins its third year of operations under the capable leadership of its founder **Jill Moll**, a long-time member of the B on B team. The inspiration for the Book Club grew out of Jill's original proposal that the store introduce a Book of the Month, offering a 20% discount on sales of the book in question. This plan swiftly led to the creation of a regular but informal Book Club discussion of the monthly feature, with meetings open to anyone interested who had read the book, regardless

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Photo: Louise Imbeault
Jill Moll, Book Club Leader, with her new 10-week-old puppy. Tilly is a Bernedoodle (Bernese-poodle mix) and a regular at the store...



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of whether they chose to sign on for further sessions.

In the early days, the small group of Book Club pioneers met for their discussions on the premises at Books on Beechwood, but as the number of interested participants steadily expanded to its current complement of about 20 signed on regulars, 11 to 14 of whom are generally present at each session, more spacious facilities were required. The management of **New Edinburgh Square**, several of whose residents are now keen Book Club members, swiftly accommodated, offering their second floor lounge, complete with fireplace, comfortable couches and a refreshment table of tea, coffee and cookies, as the venue for the monthly discussions.

Book Club sessions generally take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 7:30-9:00 pm. The exception this fall is the month of September, when the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, and Tom King's entertaining novel *Green Grass Running Water* kicked off the season as the first in a succession of books addressing the broad theme of "Indigenous Cultures and Ancient Worlds." On **Wednesday, October 27**, the topic of discussion will

be Wade Davis' work *The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World*, a collection of the CBC Massey Lectures of 2009 which examines the disappearance of a variety of rich, ancient cultures. On **Wednesday, November 24**, Joseph Boyden's novel *Through Black Spruce*, the continuing saga of the Cree-Canadian Bird family first introduced in his earlier novel *Three Day Road*, will be the focus of the evening's discussion. After a break for Christmas in December, Jill's plan is to unveil the roster for the New Year.

To Jill's great satisfaction, all of the participants in the Book Club have engaged with enthusiasm in the evaluation of the books on the Club's agenda, many of which have sparked an especially lively debate. While she normally begins the sessions with a brief introduction, the bulk of the meeting is devoted to a free exchange of ideas and opinions about the work in question. The discussion of Erik Larson's thriller *The Devil in the White City*, based on the Chicago World's Fair of 1893, was such a success that Jill was inspired to organize a trip to Chicago for a first-hand look at the setting. While regrettably the expedition did not take place this time due to too few subscribers, she is hoping that another excursion may be possible in the year ahead.

Among the other topics of lively discussion in previous meetings were Alex Von



James Pickard, RMT, has joined the team at Celadon Salon and Spa.

Tunzelmann's *Indian Summer: The Secret History of the End of An Empire*; Margaret Macmillan's *The Uses and Abuses of History*; Markus Zusak's *The Book Thief*; Maryanne Wolf's *Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain*; and Salman Rushdie's 2008 novel *The Enchantress of Florence*, which proved to be a particularly controversial pick.

If you are an avid reader interested in an exchange of ideas with other bibliophiles from the community, you may want to keep an eye out for the Book of the Month and drop in on one the Book Club's fall sessions. There's no requirement to sign up for an ongoing commitment, so simply come when you can, and take part in debate and discussion on the book of the hour—just make sure you read it first!

Celadon Salon and Spa

Celadon Spa owner **Morna Paterson** has plenty of news about recent comings and goings at the spa, as well as

some interesting new services and products. Celadon is delighted to welcome **James Pickard**, a Registered Massage Therapist with more than 25 years experience in a clinical setting, and expertise in all aspects of massage therapy from Swedish and pre-natal to deep tissue and sports massage. At the same time, the spa has said a regretful farewell to hairstylist **Rayanne** who has moved on to another assignment, and they are actively searching for a replacement. (Any readers who may know of a licensed hairstylist looking for a fresh assignment are welcome to refer him or her to Morna and her associates at Celadon). After a trip home to South Korea to visit her family, **Patty** is now back on the job, and will be available to her clients on Tuesday afternoons, Thursday evenings and all day Saturday.

Morna is happy to announce that there are two new spa treatments on offer at Celadon: the **oxy-peel facial** which combines peeling with a special oxy-therapy treatment to improve the skin's oxygen absorption and thus promote the renewal of the epidermis, skin detoxification and a reduction of both wrinkles and dark spots; and **radiance treatment** which she describes as "an energy boost to the skin" which takes place in a brisk 30 minutes.

New additions to Celadon's product line include **Bio Sculpture gel nails**, a quick drying, dust- and fume-free option which allows your own nails to breathe and grow, while retaining a natural, flexible appearance; and a new "Superglue" for the application of Misencil eyelash extensions which is reportedly safe, fast drying and Canadian made! Readers who have followed the remarkable success story of Ottawa's **Andi Marcus**, whose innovative **Mistura 6-in-1 Beauty Solution** was an instant hit on the CBC's popu-

lar **Dragon's Den** show last fall, will be pleased to know that the **Mistura** product is now available at Celadon. Indeed, Morna is a committed user of the new formula, and confesses that since she has little time or taste for fussing over elaborate makeup, she has found this all-in-one product a godsend.

Two new Canadian products which were launched at the spa in an Open House on Monday, September 27, are **Niko cosmetics**, a mineral-based makeup line, on offer in only one other Ottawa spa; and a new natural bath and body product line from Vancouver-based **Deserving Thyme**. The only other spa in Ontario to carry this exclusive line is the renowned Langdon Hall in Cambridge, ON, and Morna notes that these products are among her personal favourites.

Bryson Farms: Fresh, Certified Organic Veggies at Your Doorstep All Year Long

Over the years Bryson Farms has featured regularly in this column, and needs no introduction to the majority of our readers. Its dizzying harvest of tasty, certified organic, heirloom vegetables and greens, (up to 2000 different varieties, with more than 200 kinds of tomatoes alone!), is now legendary in the Ottawa area, and its produce figures prominently on the menus of the community's finest restaurants, as well as on the tables of such august national institutions as **Rideau Hall**. Its extensive greenhouse operation now enables the farm to operate on a year round basis, and in the dead of winter, its fresh, baby leaf greens and tasty root vegetables are still available to **Home Delivery** and commercial clients, including our own **Epicuria** where they are a familiar daily staple.

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The full Bryson Farms 2010 crew.

this year, the farm has built a large commercial kitchen and is currently in the process of freezing a variety of its summer vegetables, including sweet corn, French filet green beans, broccoli and mixed veggies, for winter consumption. Should you be sceptical about the effects of the freezing process on fresh produce, Stuart is emphatic that the Individual Quick Freeze (IQF) method in use at the farm, which is the latest technology in blast freezing, manages to effectively remove the “mush” factor from frozen veggies while retaining the fresh taste. Indeed, Bryson’s “tasters” are at work testing the

frozen product, and have found that IQF vegetables are virtually indistinguishable from fresh ones. Also in preparation in the new kitchen are products such as heirloom tomato sauce, pasta sauce, heirloom tomato soup and tomato paste, and a new chef has recently been hired to take command of the operation and to develop still more new recipes. For the first time in the farm’s history, organic beef has been added to its prodigious roster of products. While Bryson’s has always had a Charolais herd, (and indeed, co-owner **Terry Stewart** is an experienced and knowledgeable cattle man), it

has only recently completed the process of bringing it up to Canadian organic standards, and offering meat to their clientele. At the moment, the beef is available to Home Delivery clients on a bulk basis several times a year, but future plans include the development of a weekly menu from which customers can order beef “add ons” to their regular delivery of fresh produce. While I write, the pleasing prospect of several more weeks of abundant fall harvest still lies ahead, the sobering reality is that it won’t be long before the winter winds blow and local fresh produce will become a distant summer memory. You can, however, help to keep your household supplied with fresh organic greens and veggies throughout the winter by signing on to Bryson’s Home Delivery service, which brings the products of its greenhouse and IQF freezing operations, supplemented in winter by some high quality imported produce, right to your front door. You can find all the details of the service on the Bryson’s website at www.brysonfarms.com. In our community, weekly deliveries take place each Tuesday, but as the website

indicates, you need not be at home to receive your order as long as you leave a large (48 quart size) hard plastic cooler at your front door. In the cold weather, you are even spared the need to leave ice packs with the cooler, though apparently some resourceful clients bank their coolers in the snow for added insulation. An added benefit of becoming a Home Delivery client is that you will have access to Bryson’s Customer Blog which is replete with tips, recipes and inventive suggestions about how to prepare your bounty from the farm. If there are meat lovers in your household, you can also opt to receive the “Organic Beef Newsletter” which outlines the regular offerings of Bryson’s new Certified Organic Beef. **Nest European Toys** About a year ago, we introduced Nest European Toys, a new venture launched at **204 Dalhousie Street** by New Edinburgh residents **Lisa Di Lorenzo** and **John-Paul Gouett**. The store, which specializes in wooden toys and organic textiles, was originally inspired by Lisa’s experience during her years as a student in Germany and elsewhere in Europe, when she acquired a lasting passion for hand-made

German toys and other high quality articles to add comfort and beauty to any household. In the year since its opening, Nest has acquired a loyal regular clientele, as well as a continuing influx of new customers who are often word-of-mouth referrals from like-minded parents who appreciate its distinctive merchandise, much of it hand-made. In fact, business has been so good that Nest is on the point of opening a new kiosk at the Ottawa International Airport, directly opposite the Porter and Air Canada Lounges in the post-security zone. They will soon be in need of a new addition to the sales team to operate the airport location, so interested readers may want to give them a call at 613-241-7333. If you haven’t yet dropped in to the store, a quick look at the splendid Nest website is very likely to lure you in the next time you’re in search of a gift or treat for the young people in your life. Check out www.nestfamily.ca to view their collection of intriguing toys and household articles. Among the new arrivals is a colourful collection of wooden tops, many of them Austrian made, but some hand made here in the

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Ottawa Valley by local craftsman **André Turbide**. André discovered the store while strolling through the market one day, and since then has supplied Nest with a variety of beautifully crafted articles such as doll cradles, wagons, doll strollers, walker wagons, and doll beds in pine, oak and other hardwoods. There are also superb little dolls' kitchens, two of them on display at the store, along with children's Swedish tea towels in colour-grown (dye free) cotton.

Nest is acquiring a steadily growing collection of games and other items for older children. One that immediately caught my eye as the mother of an inveterate builder was a German-made toy called Leonardo's Bridge. It consists simply of flat pieces of wood which the young engineer weaves together in an effort to create a free-standing structure. Because there is some skill involved here, and per-

haps also an intuitive grasp of some principles of physics, the toy is best suited to older kids, and I would venture to guess, even adults!

Lovers of natural textiles will want to check out Nest's clothing line, which includes cozy underwear for all ages from infant to adult, as well as colour-grown cotton clothing for children and blankets for babies.

We wish Lisa and John-Paul the best of luck with their new Airport location, and continuing success in their charming Byward Market headquarters.

Joah Bates: Biodynamic Osteopathy

Long-time *NEN* advertiser **Joah Bates** is no stranger to many in the community who have sought out his assistance in the treatment of a variety of painful and debilitating conditions from headaches to sinus problems, backaches, leg and foot pain, knees injuries, arthritis, concussion, stomach ailments and the after effects

of car accidents. Joah has been a practicing osteopath for more than 25 years, initially in his native England in the early 80's, and later in his own practice here in Ottawa where he moved in 1999. About a decade ago, he made the transition from what he describes as "nuts and bolts osteopathy" to cranio-sacral therapy and then ultimately to biodynamic osteopathy, the approach on which his current practice is based.

According to Joah, these three approaches are all part of a single osteopathic continuum, addressing precisely the same conditions but adopting distinctly different treatment methods, ranging from some joint and muscle manipulation in the case of the nuts and bolts variety, to much gentler work on membranes and tissues in cranio-sacral treatment, and finally to minimal or no "hands on" work at all in Joah's specialty, biodynamic osteopathy.

Joah describes the biodynamic option as the most "subtle and non-intrusive" approach to osteopathic treatment, and in his experience, by far the quickest and deepest method of relieving the patient's symptoms by creating the conditions for self-healing. The therapy is so profoundly relaxing that the majority of his clients actually fall asleep in the process as the stresses which exacerbate their symptoms and act as a barrier to healing fall away. While his clients are of all ages from infant to late 80's, and from all walks of life, from the military, to professionals to yoga practitioners, all are committed to this gentle, non-invasive approach to addressing their aches and pains.

In a typical first session, Joah starts by taking a case history, followed by a standing and then lying down structural



Roufa Thierrin specializes in language and speech coaching.

examination. This in turn is followed by the beginning of a therapeutic process to bring about a fundamental structural realignment, focused in particular on pelvic alignment and the introduction of postures which will hold this alignment in place and produce long-lasting relief from the symptoms in question. Joah also instructs his clients in a variety of exercises to support the realignment process.

One of the greatest advantages of the biodynamic approach in osteopathy is the rapidity with which it can bring about major improvement in a painful or chronic condition. According to Joah, a typical course of treatment is no more than about six sessions, with significant changes expected to occur after the first three. Once the client is "rebalanced" through the therapy, or in effect achieves a proper pelvic and skeletal alignment, which "hardens" or becomes secure and lasting after about three weeks of treatment, spinal problems gradually resolve and aches and pains mercifully disappear.

If you have a nagging affliction which needs attention but not the overkill of strong medi-

cation or (God forbid!) painful surgery, you may want to give Joah a call at **613-742-0011** to further explore the potential benefits of biodynamic osteopathy. His clinic is conveniently located on **St. Laurent Boulevard** not far south of Hemlock, so it's no more than a five minute drive from our community.

Roufa Thierrin: French Language Instruction for Groups and Individuals

NEN advertiser Roufa (formerly Raphael) Thierrin is a fluently bilingual communications consultant, now operating his own company **InfoShaper** which specializes in Language and Speech Coaching, as well as bilingual editing and a variety of other web-related services. Roufa is a trained facilitator with experience in the effective management of group sessions, and has honed his skills as a communicator through extensive Toastmasters' training with its legendary emphasis on public and impromptu speaking, and leadership and management skills.

Roufa has been a language coach for eight years, and has taught both federal government employees preparing for their B and C levels of French language competence, and private individuals seeking to improve their facility in French through one-on-one coaching. He is currently working on a new model for group coaching, and is hoping to build up this side of his practice. In his coaching sessions, Roufa typically draws on topics of interest to his clients, and relevance to their work, often using newspapers and other current articles as a basis for working on pronunciation, grammar and expansion of vocabulary. His pedagogic devices may also



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include role-playing situations and question/answer exercises to develop his clients' fluency in French, but in all cases, he tailors his approach and method to suit the strengths, weaknesses and objectives of the specific client(s).

Due to his own facility in both official languages, Roufa prides himself on being able to swiftly discern what a client may be attempting to express in very literal (and perhaps butchered) French, and to help him or her to rephrase their thought in more idiomatic and elegant language. In his teaching, Roufa likes to emphasize the similarities between English and French as opposed to their differences, focusing on their common Anglo-Norman roots and extensive shared vocabulary.

In addition to his work as a language coach, Roufa has specialized in a variety of other communications skills, including bilingual editing and the management of political media campaigns. In fact, he has himself been a political candidate several times, running three times as the Green Party nominee in Ottawa Vanier. While he has no immediate plans to run again, he is currently acting as Media Advisor to local Green Party candidate Sylvie Lemieux.

In building up his company InfoShaper, Roufa is placing increasing emphasis on bilin-

gual Web 2.0 work, which entails the effective use of dynamic websites and tools such as blogs and the social media (facebook, twitter, etc.), and the application of these cyber tools to the task of generating community support for political campaigns, projects or services. His fluency in both French and English gives him the added advantage of being able to pitch a particular message to both anglophone and francophone communities. You can check out the full range of his services on the InfoShaper website at www.infoshaper.ca.

Readers who are keen to hone their skills in the other official language, whether for professional or personal reasons, or to explore the benefits of his other communications skills, can reach Roufa at 613-262-6127.

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Congratulations to **Steve McIlroy** and **Sandy Comeau**,

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Congratulations to Marla Tonon and André Cloutier.

Wedding Bells for Beechwood Couple!

Congratulations to **Marla Tonon**, pharmacy technician at the New Edinburgh Pharmacy (and daughter of pharmacist **Frank Tonon**) and **André Cloutier**, owner/operator of Arturo's Market at Springfield and Beechwood. After a long engagement, the pair was married on August 28, and we wish them health and happiness as they begin their new lives together.

42 Crichton Fine Foods: Happy First Anniversary

In mid-September, **Susan Jessup** and her team at 42 Crichton Fine Foods celebrated the first anniversary of their thriving prepared foods business at the corner of Crichton

and Union Streets. We wish them continuing success serving the community with their distinctive gourmet fare, featuring seasonal and locally grown ingredients.

BMO Bank of Montreal, Beechwood Branch

Branch Manager **Adam Kane** is pleased to welcome mortgage specialist **Eugeniya Tsetlin** to his team on Beechwood. Eugeniya has recently transferred from Montreal where she was a leading specialist in BMO Bank of Montreal's direct banking group. With her extensive credit knowledge and fluency in English, French and Russian, Adam is confident that Eugeniya will be a tremendous asset to the branch, and to our community.

Gordon Harrison Gallery Moves to a New Home at 495 Sussex Drive

In the course of the summer, the Gordon Harrison Gallery made the move from its original home base on Murray Street to a new location at **495 Sussex Drive** in the Byward Market. The official Gala Opening celebration for the new gallery will take place this month on **Friday, October 22, from 6 to 9 pm**. Over the course of that weekend, you'll have a chance to meet all of the Gallery Artists who will be on site for the Friday reception, and between 11 am and 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday, **October 23 and 24**. The list

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Chris Schlesak (left) and John Kealey (right) of The General at 292 MacKay Street held a neighbourhood open house in their studio on Thursday, September 23.

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of artists is of course topped by **Gordon Harrison** himself, and also includes **Peter Colbert**, **Cesan d'Ornellas Levine**, **Patricia Kirby**, and **Catherine Vamvakas Lay**.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays from 11 am - 6 pm; Thursdays and Fridays from 11 am - 8 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am - 5 pm. You can check on the many ongoing events and activities at the gallery website, www.gordonhar-

risongallery.com, or give them a call at **613-746-6853**.

Quartier Vanier BIA Celebrates 25th Anniversary
At its 25th Anniversary celebrations, Quartier Vanier (QV) announced the 2010 winners of its annual Business Awards for Excellence, with laurels going to **Da Bombe** (*Up and Coming Award*); **Farbs Kitchen and Wine Bar** and **Monson Deluxe Cleaners** (*Talk of the Town Awards*); and a second to **Monson's** which received the

Cummings Longevity Award. Kudos to our own remarkable Editor **Cindy Parkanyi** who, along with *Manor Park Chronicle* Editor **Sharleen Tattersfield**, received the *Great Media Support Award* for coverage of QV activities.

Clocktower Brew Pub:**Calling All Lobster Lovers**

In case you didn't get your crustacean fill on a trip down east this summer, you can mark **Wednesday, October 13** on your calendar, when the Clocktower Brew Pub at Mackay and Beechwood will be hosting its annual **Lobsterfest** from 6 pm until supplies run out. The Pub will also be capturing the harvest/hallowe'en spirit throughout October and November when its legendary Pumpkin Ale will be on tap.

Farewell to Rockcliffe Bistro

After many years in business at 319 St. Laurent (at Hemlock), one of our local Italian dining spots, The Rockcliffe Bistro, closed its doors this summer, and a new restaurant featuring Central and West African cuisine, **Grillade Lafirenzé**, has recently opened up in the Bistro's former location. We say farewell and best wishes to long-time *NEN* advertiser **Tony Skaf**, owner/operator of The Rockcliffe Bistro, and look forward to introducing readers to its successor restaurant in a future issue.



MPP Ottawa-Vanier Madeleine Meilleur Reports

Ontario Improving it's Graduated Licensing System and Getting Tougher on Drinking Drivers

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Furthermore, novice drivers

who violate their graduated license conditions, or are convicted of any Highway Traffic Act offence with four or more demerit points, will face tougher penalties ranging from a 30-day licence suspension to the cancellation of their licence.

And Starting Aug. 3, we are making changes that will help stop first-time impaired drivers from becoming repeat impaired drivers. Eligible drivers convicted of an impaired driving offence for the first time will have the chance to reduce their suspension – but only if they install an ignition interlock device in their car.

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We all have a responsibility to make our roads safer. Together with our police services and our road safety partners in communities across the province, the McGuinty government is working to keep all drivers safe.

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By **Caroline Matt** and **Catherine McConkey**

Gee it's September already and that can only mean the New Edinburgh Garage Sale!! But first let me re-cap our many activities over the summer. In May, due to the marathon route changes, the **New Edinburgh Cheering Station** had to change its location to Mackay from in front of the Fieldhouse. Despite the change, residents of New Edinburgh helped us place No. 1 again and we received a cheque from race organizers for all our efforts. Thank you again to everyone who came out!

For a change, our **Annual New Edinburgh Picnic** took place on July 11 this year and the weather certainly could not have been better. Parents looked on as their children got their faces painted, played games, and cooled off in the sprinklers. Special guest **Monkey Rock** played a concert that delighted children and adults alike. And then there were the races. Our young athletes excelled in such disciplines as the three-legged race, the potato sack race and the water balloon toss. The competition was fierce but the following children could claim victory (or second or third place) in their respective age groups: **Washington Dorneval, Marc Chedore, Sebastian Matt, Jordan Duddek, Bria Ryan, Camryn Brosseau, William Adams, Duncan Hunter,**

Jaida Wilson, Matteo, Harvard Matt, Declan Ryan, Jessica Duddek, Josephine Latifpour, Jacob, Isabella, Chantel Duddek, Wim Howson Creutzberg, Nicholas, Sage Nakamoto, Maya, Joseph, Matthis, Lee and Bridget. A special thank you to our awesome volunteers who among other things cooked hundreds of hot dogs, wrangled excited children during races, and cleaned up the place in 15 minutes flat so that all of us could be home in time for the World Cup Final: the lovely **Gittens** clan (**Carole, Simon, Alex and Bianca**), **Jeannie Hunter** and husband **Chris Neale, Brian Torrie, Joseph Cull, Cathy McConkey, Nabanita Giri, Helene Cohen, Tamara Sorger, Stephanie Monteith, and Debra Conner.**

It has been a busy summer at



The annual community picnic was full of fun and games.

the Stanley Park Fieldhouse. With the help of a Canada Summer Jobs grant, the CCC was able to hire a summer student and open the building and the snack bar for 30 hours every week. Local resident **Alexandre Gittens** proved to be a great choice as Fieldhouse Manager. Alex quickly established a rapport with local kids and could always be counted on for a game or a freezie. Fieldhouse activities were offered a couple of times a week and it was no surprise that World Cup Wednesdays

were most popular with the young footballers in the neighbourhood. We would like to thank Alex for all of his hard work and wish him a successful first year at the University of Ottawa.

And finally the **New Edinburgh Garage Sale**; Council would like to thank all those who donated 10% of their proceeds. The Garage Sale is a key fundraiser for us so please drop off your donation envelope at either 137 Stanley Avenue or 369 McKay Street or contact Cathy at 613-746-0303 to arrange a pick up.

For the fall season we have two events coming up in October. First is our **Halloween Howl** which will

be held **Sunday, October 24** from 3 to 5:30 pm, for ages 0 to 7 years, at the Fieldhouse. Bring your little ones dressed for the occasion and celebrate with games, crafts and a parade too! Secondly and new this year, we will be hosting an event called the **Pumpkin Parade**. Residents of New Edinburgh are asked to drop off their carved pumpkins at the Fieldhouse before dusk on **November 1st**. We are going to reuse them in a 'parade' before we compost them. We want as many pumpkins as we can to make a beautifully lit trail that can be walked through. Big or small, we want all your pumpkins!! More details will follow.

At this time, we are putting out a call for **Hosers**. Yes, it's that time of year to start thinking about ice. If you are interested in becoming part of our elite group of icemakers, please contact Brian Torrie at btorrie@hotmail.com or 613-747-7951 to sign up and get scheduled in.

Council meets every 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 pm at the Fieldhouse. If you are interested in joining or volunteering please drop in or call 613-746-0303 for more information.. We meet again on the October 20. The Fieldhouse is available for rent for your next event. Please contact Jill Hardy at 613-746-1323.



New Edinburgh Cheering Station organizers: (l to r) Kathy Godding, Caroline Matt, Caitlyn and Melodie Slater, Liz Kane, Joseph Cull and Cathy McConkey.

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House Proud: 22 Rideau Terrace Becomes Burpee House

By Sheila Burpee Duncan

I must admit that my first reaction to Elizabeth May's article in the *Ottawa Citizen*, supporting heritage designation for 22 Rideau Terrace ("Serendipity House deserves to be protected", August 2, 2010) was: As if "Burpee" isn't a bad enough name for a house. My second reaction was: Hey, don't go trying to rename Burpee House. For me, a strange mix of embarrassment and pride has always been engrained in the name Burpee.

The embarrassment comes, of course, from the onomatopoeic nature of the name and the way in which it lends itself to immature ridicule, especially during roll call on the first day of class in a new school. (In my case, that was Grade 6 at St. Brigid on Springfield Road).

The pride comes, in no small measure, from the achievements of my grandfather, Lawrence J. Burpee, the original resident of 22 Rideau Terrace. One of his many ambitions was to popularize Canadian history and, through his efforts, he became a part of it.

Lawrence J. Burpee (hereafter referred to as LJB) lived at 22 Rideau Terrace from 1908 until his death in 1946, along with his wife, Maud, and their children, Ruth, Lawrence, Peggy, Ted (though I call him Dad) and Arthur. When Maud and LJB moved into Rideau Terrace with their 3 oldest children, he was already midway through his 1905 to 1912 tenure as Ottawa's first chief librarian. In that role, he not only witnessed the 1906 opening of Ottawa's first public library

(funded in part by American industrialist Andrew Carnegie and located at the current Metcalfe and Laurier site) but he also advocated actively and vocally for a National Library. Unfortunately, he wouldn't be around to witness the 1953 Act of Parliament that eventually established the National Library of Canada.

"The commissioners have not approached these questions as two distinct groups of national representatives, each jockeying for advantage for its own side, but rather as members of a single tribunal, anxious to harmonise differences between the two countries, and to render decisions which would be substantial justice to all legiti-



Photo Courtesy of Sheila Burpee Duncan
Lawrence J. Burpee lived at 22 Rideau Terrace from 1908 until his death in 1946.

After shepherding the city's library through its early years, LJB was then appointed the first Canadian Secretary of the International Joint Commission (IJC), a post he occupied for the rest of his life. The IJC was founded in 1912 to investigate, resolve and prevent boundary water disputes between the United States and Canada, countries that share 2000 miles of water comprising forty percent of their boundary. In describing the commission's dispute resolution methods, LJB noted:

mate interests on both sides of the boundary, and particularly those of the common people." In other words, behaving, as he more succinctly described in the title of his 1940 article, as "Good Neighbours". (W. L. MacKenzie King, Canada's Prime Minister at that time, referred to LJB's *Good Neighbours* article as "a work of real national service".)

To focus only on LJB's employment history during his residency at 22 Rideau Terrace would be missing out on many of his contributions

to Canadian history. LJB was a prolific author and recognized authority on the exploration of Canada. As Ian Darragh of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society explains: "Generations before Pierre Berton and Peter C. Newman sounded the same theme, Burpee wrote that academic historians had committed the crime of making Canadian history dull. He tried to make it come alive by focusing on the exploits of the early explorers in books such as *The Search for the Western Sea* (1907), which tells the stories of Samuel Hearne, the La Vérendrye family, Peter Pond, Alexander Mackenzie and David Thompson. He also wrote a biography of Sir Sanford Fleming."

The March 19, 1927 edition of *Saturday Night* noted that, after releasing the biography on Sir Sanford Fleming in 1915 (the year in which he also greeted the birth of his youngest child, Arthur), the next ten years of LJB's writing career were focused on magazine articles and contributions to *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and other reference publications. During those years, he also found time to be president of the Canadian Historical Association (from 1922-1925, Sir Robert L. Borden later held the same post from 1930-1931) and president of the Canadian Author's Association (from 1924-1925).

By 1927, he was back in the saddle, with six books being released by five different publishers. Included among these were: *On the Old Athabaska Trail*, a story of the fur trade route, inspired by his own travels in the area; *Journals of La Verendrye*, celebrating the exploits of this native born Canadian explorer; and a *Historical Atlas of Canada*, covering every phase of Canada's political, social and economic history.

In 1930, LJB became the *Canadian Geographical Journal's* founding editor, and held that position until 1936. In 1931, he was awarded the Tyrrell Medal from the RSC (originally founded as the Royal Society of Canada and

now known as The Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada) for "meritorious historical work", noting that "Mr. Burpee has added works of great merit to our national library of history." He also received the Medaille de Vermeil award from the Académie Française for his work in Canadian history. But, he wouldn't stay Mr. Burpee for long. In 1936, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto. He was also elected president of the RSC that year.

LJB is said to be best-known for his work *The Search for the Western Sea: The Story of the Exploration of North-western America* (originally published in 1907 with a new and revised 2-volume edition released in 1935). An October 1936 review describes it as a "gripping and informative tale" (not bad for a book on Canadian history!) and refers to LJB as "one of the best known of Canadian litterateurs." [Note: Perhaps I don't have to explain to you that a litterateur is defined as a "literary person; especially a professional writer". But, I will admit that I am grateful to that reviewer for bringing a new word into my vocabulary.]

At 71, LJB was still fixated on Canada's history. In an April, 1944, letter, he noted: "I've been sweating over the deadly dull job of making an index for *The Discovery of Canada*". But, he persevered and the copy that I have of that, his final book, is lovingly inscribed to: "Bob [his pet name for Maud] with her husband's love, June 1945." He died the next year.

Justice John E. Read, Judge of the International Court of Justice (the only Canadian judge elected to the International Court of Justice), wrote: "There are few men who have made a more lasting imprint upon our day and generation than Lawrence Burpee. His writings will endure as long as Canadians are interested in our storied past."

And now, his home at 22 Rideau Terrace, will also endure.



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Protecting our Heritage

By Elizabeth May

Newspaper coverage of the heritage designation of my home in Ottawa left some people with questions. Back in July, at the Calgary Stampede, I found myself, somewhat incongruously, explaining the heritage designation to Laureen Harper who was upset to think the house might be torn down. She seemed to think I had already sold the house to a developer. I couldn't be happier the house will be protected and that a lovely family will be joining the neighbourhood. I know that **Cezary and Margaret Fudali** will be as welcomed in our neighbourhood and love it as much as I have. I love New Edinburgh and am so pleased that I have found a small apartment on Langevin for my frequent visits. And, of course, I am hoping the visits will become more frequent with the anticipated breakthrough of serving as a Green Party Member of Parliament representing Saanich Gulf Islands.

We moved in to 22 Rideau Terrace when my daughter was two. Seventeen years later, we have sold it as part of my move last year to British Columbia. I owe that house a lot. It has been a fabulous home for raising children. Hallways and passages were transformed into Hogwarts for birthday parties, rooms made scary at Halloween and joyous at Christmas. In spring, the whole house and large yard are ringed with branches heavy with lilac blossoms. How could I ever want to see it demolished?

Over the years, through complete serendipity, I found that I had known friends of the owners going back to the 1940s. Through sheer coincidence, I traced the lineage of the house right back to the point when the first owners sold it. I have often thought it should be called Serendipity House. When the previous owner, **Robin Boys**, showed me through the house back in 1993, she told me that the **Hon. John Fraser**, former Speaker of the House, had rented the house. John and Cate Fraser are old friends so I enjoyed being able to tell them I was moving in to their old place. Another friend remembered the **Lovejoys** who had lived in the house in the 1960s and 70s and given her many happy afternoons making crafts in the kitchen. The Lovejoys, they told me, were also activists and active in the effort to help young men from south of the border make their way to Canada to avoid

the War in Vietnam. A friend from St. Bartholomew's, Carol Burroughs, knew the little girls who lived in the house in the 40's and 50's. In 1948, the family of **J. Francois (Frank) Delaute** moved in during the summer. Frank and Alison had four daughters, Valerie, Judy, Elizabeth and Suzanne. Carol and Val are still close friends.

One of my campaigners at Sierra Club, Martin von Mirbach, had built forts in the backyard with other friends in his youth. A friend who summers in Cape Breton whom I had known for years as a Montrealer had lived in the house as a child, and it was his dad, **Stig Harvor**, who had rented to John and Cate Fraser. Harvor was a well-known architect and it was he who created a wonderful ground floor apartment on the Noel Street side of the house.

I sometimes felt positively dizzy from the number of connections my house had to old and new friends.

The first owners are the source of the heritage designation. The home was owned by **Lawrence J. Burpee** from approximately 1908 to 1946. Lawrence Burpee was a prominent Canadian who campaigned for the National Library. He was private secretary to three successive Ministers of Justice and was the first secretary to the International Joint Commission in 1912. He held that position, playing a key role in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River issues, until his death in 1946.

Beyond the fact that I love the house, I could never oppose a heritage designation. I have campaigned to protect heritage houses for decades. When I was practicing law in Halifax, I represented the local heritage group on a pro bono basis to protect Victorian row housing along the Public Gardens. In the worst pyrrhic victory of my legal career, I raced to the houses, clutching an emergency injunction to stop the demolition, and found the bulldozers on top of the rubble.

Far more painful was losing my family business and the Canadian heritage it represented, to expropriation by the Nova Scotia government. From 1973 to 2003, my family operated a restaurant on board an old fishing schooner, beached along the banks of the Margaree River on the Cabot Trail on Cape Breton Island. The schooner was the last surviving fishing schooner built in 1918 by the same Lunenburg, Nova Scotia shipyard that

built the *Bluenose*—Smith and Rhuland. We dubbed our place, which included a gift shop and coffee shop, "Schooner Village." We were very fortunate to add the jaunty little schooner that **Farley Mowat** immortalized in *The Boat who Wouldn't Float*. Farley gave us the *Happy Adventure*, and we renovated it to add a viewing window so tourists could see the living quarters below deck. It would be hard to imagine two more iconic representatives of Canada's

wooden boats. So, when the Nova Scotia government told us they planned to expropriate our business to make room for a new concrete bridge, we tried to have the schooners protected. We begged the Lunenburg Schooner Museum, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, and Minister for Heritage Sheila Copps to help protect the schooners. No one had a budget to move them. We asked for any heritage agency to take pieces of the schooners --salvage and save anything.

Heritage mattered so little that the Nova Scotia government had these pieces of our history smashed and taken to the dump. I am not really over the grief of that experience.

When Ottawa city staff informed me my house might be designated heritage, I was thrilled. I just wish people as dedicated as the City of Ottawa heritage staff had been around to protect those schooners in 2003. When we don't value our heritage, we short-change our future.

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In Our Midst

Louise Imbeault



Live Work Play

Welcome back dear readers to this fall edition of the *New Edinburgh News*. The summer was incredibly “tropical” and lasted longer than usual. I hope you enjoyed every minute of the season.

If I said to you: *LIVE WORK PLAY* what would be your first thought? Some of you might answer: *Sounds like a recipe for a balanced lifestyle*; others might answer: *Utopia, all I do is work, work, work—I haven’t played much since my youth*.

Both answers are true. We strive to achieve happiness in our daily commitments and activities hoping to start living before retirement knocks at the door.

This edition’s profile is a bit unique. It features **Keenan Wellar** (our newest NECA board member) but equally his spouse Julie Kingstone. Together they form a dynamic team, the Yin and Yang, two sides of one coin, soul mates, as they forge ahead united by the same goals—preparing and promoting a better place for people born with intellectual disabilities to live, encouraging them to thrive and achieve their full potential.

In 1997 they founded a charitable organization with a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation called “Special Needs Network”. They both

have extensive experience working with marginalized youth and those economically disadvantaged. Keenan has tutored children with ADD (attention deficit disorder) and Julie worked a decade at Christie Lake Camp. Their common dream has grown and they are proud to have a permanent name for their “baby” calling it: **LIVEWORKPLAY** (in a brand new location at 1155 Lola Street). Please visit the website at: www.liveworkplay.ca for more info.

The day I interviewed Keenan, I quickly realized the powerful influence his wife of nine years holds. These two have been joined at the hip since their university days. Julie keeps things in check, balancing for both a healthy rhythm and working pace, prompting me to re-write the old saying: “behind every great man”... to read “BESIDE every great man there’s an equally great woman!”

I wanted to know more about Keenan and asked about his very unique and original name.



Photo: Louise Imbeault
Keenan Wellar and Julie Kingstone.

He explained that it is the family name of his father’s school principal (Mr. Fred Keenan) in his hometown of Latchford Ontario. His father was a professor and Keenan followed in his footsteps, entering Teacher’s college in 1993. He was a special education teacher’s assistant for a few years and tutored students from his home.

A career change happened while in university where his interest in information technology landed him a job with Ingenia Communications, a software engineering company run by the students at Carleton U. During this time, Keenan achieved a Masters degree in applied language studies (linguistics), specifically identifying literacy barriers. He recently received a certificate in non-profit marketing from the Sprott School of Business.

A passionate person, Keenan finds time to volunteer by sharing his technological expertise on the NECA board as a consultant to help revamp and promote the community’s social media and website strategy. Earlier this year, he was presented with the pres-

tigious “Community Builder Award” from United Way’s Director of Inclusion, Mr. Richard Plummer adding yet another notch to his long list of achievements.

At this point, I just had to ask him: “When do you find time to play?” He smiled and said: “Julie and I try to balance our lives each day with some down-time.” They both love relaxing over a chilled G&T cocktail (Beefeater preferred) while grilling their rib steaks on the BBQ. Both very athletic, after dinner they enjoy rollerblading in their new surroundings

(they moved to Archive Square on Stanley in August 2009) and taking candid photos of the wonderful green spaces in our area. They both enjoy music and take part in local festivals, such as Bluesfest.

Each fall, they are off on an annual pilgrimage to New York City for the US Open Tennis tournament. This month they are going to Whistler B.C. for a conference, adding a few days of relaxation and touring on the west coast. Next month, the two will be flying to the romantic Caribbean island destination of Turks and Caicos for well deserved time alone to rekindle and commune with each other and hopefully make room for new creative endeavours they will implement upon their return.

I thank you both, Keenan and Julie, for agreeing to give us an overview into your very busy, productive and passionate lives and I’m sure our readers will enjoy meeting you both in our midst.

Welcome to the Burgh. We wish you continued success in all your projects and a wonderful vacation by the sea!



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Ottawa Municipal Elections - October 25

NECA Executive Interviews 8 of 10 Ward 13 Candidates

The Board of the New Edinburgh Community Alliance (NECA) has taken a close interest in the slate of candidates for Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward 13. Due to the large number of candidates—many of them relatively unknown to most residents—we felt it imperative to meet them all and assess their strengths. Our criteria for assessment were:

- Understanding of our community and its issues;
- Experience working with City Hall and getting things done;
- Personal qualities—someone who demonstrates a

collaborative approach and with whom we feel we can work closely;

- Stance on larger issues such as Kettle Island Bridge, LRT, Lansdowne Park, etc.

The NECA Board invited each candidate to join us for an hour-long individual interview. Eight of the ten candidates accepted the invitation. In this way we engaged them in conversation on political issues and on personal aspirations. It was a useful and revealing process.

In the final analysis, a clear favourite emerged, **Sheila Perry**. We believe she has

the experience, track record, and the attributes to make a fine Councillor for Rideau Rockcliffe. We encourage you to visit her website www.sheilaperry.ca for additional information.

The Board was also impressed by **Corry Burke**. He is a resident of New Edinburgh and a fine Candidate. We are proud to have him as a member of our community.

The other Candidates showed various strengths and seemed to share a personal commitment to public service; we wish them well. (Mr. Maheu and Mr. Parker did not respond to our invitation.) But the NECA Board believes the above-mentioned candidates demonstrated priorities and approaches that were most in line with the concerns of this community.

We encourage New Edinburgh to get out and vote on October 25; that is the primary objective.

Information for Voters

Ottawa's municipal election will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010, from 10 am to 8 pm. Eligible voters will be casting ballots for the following offices:

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- **City Councillor**
- **School Board Trustee**

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The City of Ottawa's voters' list is compiled from information received from Ontario's Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and will be available for review at the City's Elections Office and Client Service Centres until Monday, October 25, 2010, during normal business hours. If you are not on the voters' list, you will be required to complete an application to add your name to the voters' list.

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Online Search Tools Will Make Voting Easier in October's Election

Ottawa - With the first advance voting day in this fall's municipal election just weeks away, the City has launched two new web applications to allow the public to find their voting location and learn whether they are on the 2010 Voters' List.

Finding your voting place will now be as easy as entering your property address. Voting locations for all three voting days will be displayed, as well as voting hours, accessible entrances, closest intersections and bus route information. An additional link will show the voting location on Google Maps.

A second resource, a voter search tool, allows the public to determine whether they are on the 2010 Voters' List by entering name, date of birth and property address. Depending on the answer, there are corresponding applications to have their name added or changed to the list or to have their name removed.

For more information, visit ottawa.ca/vote. Residents without access to ottawa.ca/vote are still encouraged to phone the Elections Office **613-580-2660** (TTY: 613-580-2401) or 3-1-1 with any election-related questions.

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The Local Lineup of Candidates

Ottawa Carleton District School Board Trustee (Zone 6)

- Mohamoud Abdulle
- Bronwyn Funicello
- John Marshall

Ottawa Catholic School Board Trustee (Zone 10)

- Megan Crowe
- Tom Duggan
- Thérèse Maloney Cousineau

Ward 13 – Rideau-Rockcliffe

- Corry Burke
- Richard Cannings
- Peter Clark
- Harley Collison
- Rawlson King
- Maurice Lamirande
- Pierre Maheu
- James Parker
- Sheila Perry
- Bruce Poulin

Voting by Proxy Ballot

Ottawa residents who are qualified voters but not able to vote on October 25 (or advance voting days) may appoint a friend or family member—called a voting proxy—to vote on their behalf.

To do so they must complete an *Appointment of Voting Proxy* form (available from the Elections Office or any of the City's Client Service Centres). The person voting on the resident's behalf must

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Corry Burke



When you cast a ballot for councillor on October 25th, I would like you to consider voting for a candidate who has the energy, integrity and shared values to represent our community. I am asking for your support because this job is a 24 hour per day commitment, seven days a week, and you deserve no less.

I don't need to tell you how much we pay to live here, and it's important we get a return of service. I am a candidate who will work with other councillors to ensure that investments come back into our neighbourhood. The first thing I will do if elected is to bring the various communities in our great ward together forming an advisory committee to identify the top priorities for the coming years. That will be our mandate and my responsibility to deliver.

As your councillor I will ensure we have the means to properly deliver on basic services you rely on while making our community a better place to work, live and play. I will treat your tax dollars with the respect I do my own small business and young family. On October 25th, vote for our community, vote for Corry Burke.

Richard Cannings

As an Ottawa businessman and long term resident of Manor Park, former city councillor Richard Cannings worked passionately to preserve the architectural history of Ottawa. He was instrumental in having the ByWard Market area designated as an architectural conservation zone, preserving the Cattle Castle and Central Chambers; and he fought the Kettle Island Bridge proposal.

Moved by people who were unhappy with the indifference of City Council to the concerns of residents in our ward and our city, Richard has chosen to return to politics.



A case in point is Lansdowne Park. Council ignored the pleas of everyone in the Glebe to reconsider a massive high-rise redevelopment next to a UNESCO heritage site. Richard believes the voices of our community are being stifled. No one is listening to the tax payers of the downtown core.

Richard will ally himself with suburban and rural councillors to address the issues and concerns of our urban community. Our voices need to be respected and listened to if we are to make any progress in Ottawa. He will dedicate his efforts to ensure his constituents are getting the services they want and value for their tax dollars.

Peter Clark



Many people will remember Peter as the Regional Chairman for the Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton or as the Mayor of Cumberland.

After leaving municipal politics, Peter served as the Executive Director of the Standards Council of Canada (1999 – 2008).

In 2007, Peter moved to Rideau/Rockcliffe to be close to his family and grandchildren. He also re-engaged his interest in the comings and goings of community life in the City of Ottawa.

Peter became especially concerned about the state of the City's finances. As Regional Chair, the Councils Peter led had only 1 tax increase, Reserve Funds were doubled from \$225 million to \$500 million and debt was reduced by \$100 million. It is imperative that fiscal balance and economic growth be a priority for the next City Council. Peter has a proven record for restoring municipal balance sheets.

Peter has always believed in prudent government today to allow for a future of providing City services and building an infrastructure for the longer term for safe, locally empowered and vibrant neighborhoods.

Peter has a strong belief in the role of municipal government as the best hope to develop a community and city that reflects the values of Rideau/Rockcliffe residents.

Harley Collison

Transit, Taxation, and Transparency

We must continue to pressure the Federal, Quebec Provincial and Ontario Provincial Governments to reassess Kettle Island. A tunnel exiting the Macdonald Cartier Bridge to a small Queensway extension at the on ramp above the University of Ottawa solves this issue. There is absolutely no need for a downtown tunnel. See the Transit site of Calgary, Alberta to see a light rail system I have ridden and view the video. OC Transpo will be run and the public better served if management is selected from members of the rank and file rather than an incompetent City Staff.



Using the latest technologies we can focus wasted tax dollars on important core functions, i.e.: affordable sports for our children. We will provide an analysis of all departmental spending to lessen the tax burden.

I have promised supporters a transparency portal free of charge to our community and City where every red cent of City expenditures is posted. It includes all salaries, all contractual obligations, the names of Corporation lobbies, and the how and why of outside contracts awarded. It can also be used as a referendum portal for public input on major decisions affecting us all.

The New Edinburgh News invited Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward candidates to submit a 200-word statement identifying the top three priorities that the candidate would pursue if elected. At press time no submissions had been received from James Parker and Pierre Maheu.



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Rawlson King



Rawlson King is running for Ottawa City Council in Ward 13, Rideau-Rockcliffe, because he believes we need more ordinary residents involved in municipal politics who will foster consensus, exercise good fiscal management, and create the right conditions for greater economic and social vitality. I believe we only strengthen our city if we consider the needs of all of its residents and attempt to build a mutuality of interests that downplays narrow ward perspectives, partisan and ideological viewpoints and crass political calculations. Instead, we need to emphasize improving our overall quality-of-life. Fiscal restraint and prudence are necessary to achieve quality-of-life improvements, but they should only be considered a means to enable effective and affordable investments in our community. These investments include: an efficient, rapid transportation system that considers cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users, repairs to our city's ageing infrastructure, making our environment cleaner, creating a diversified business environment that fosters more economic growth, renewed investments in social housing and the arts, and strengthening our governance structure so that residents are treated with respect and have an opportunity to meaningfully participate in public life. This is my vision for our city. If you share it, on election day, vote for Rawlson King.

Maurice Lamirande

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I seek to represent the citizens of Rideau-Rockcliffe as your councillor at the upcoming Ottawa municipal elections.

As you may well know, after 19 years of service to his community and his city, Councillor Jacques Legendre will be retiring from office at the end of his term. I would like to sincerely thank Mr. Legendre for his service and recognize him for the hard work, dedication and uncompromised principles that he has brought to the table and to wish him good luck in all his future projects.



This makes this municipal election more important than ever. Our city is undergoing constant transformation and growth. As a result, we need councillors who display the insight, leadership and responsibility needed to implement the projects that will bring our city closer to its full potential. It is for this reason that I am asking for your support on October 25th by electing me as your representative with these specific goals in mind; we can work together today for a better tomorrow.

I thank you in advance for your kind consideration and would like to assure you that your support will make all the difference.

Sheila Perry

Why did I decide to join the election race this year?

My interest in community has always been a sincere desire to make a difference. Building a strong community together in Ottawa is my chief objective. Safe, healthy, environmentally friendly and sustainable communities are the result of strong leadership, good policy and sound planning.



What are the major issues in the Ward?

Rideau-Rockcliffe has great history, diversity and many strengths. However, major issues during this next term will need to be addressed:

- Building healthy, environmentally friendly, safe and sustainable communities that Respect Heritage and reasonable development in Ward 13.
- Transportation issues including challenging a Provincial bridge crossing at Kettle Island. A better solution must be found that will support all vehicles—including trucks, crossing the Ottawa River. Homeowners and communities must be respected in this decision making. Commuting choices should include cycling, pedestrian, roadway and transit routes that support the residential communities in Ottawa.
- Fiscal prudence and a review of city management in a culture of change.

Email: info@sheilaperry.ca

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Bruce Poulin



Rideau-Rockcliffe is a linguistically, economically and culturally diverse ward with some fifteen different communities. Finding consensus then is not always easy. To do this, the skill set of our councillor must be tailored for this unique ward.

Among the registered candidates, one stands out with the most appropriate qualifications: More than 25 years of experience as a community volunteer; bilingual resident in the ward and who understands the complexities of our communities. Someone who has taken an appropriate stand on large-scale issues that matter to the entire ward (the interprovincial bridge, transit and urban renewal) and ready to find solutions to the individual problems that plague us and ensure that no community is left behind.

As your Councillor, my three top priorities will be to continue to advocate for an environmentally sustainable city by, among other things, reducing traffic congestion, moving heavy trucks out of residential areas and promoting the city-wide bike network. I will continue to oppose the Kettle Island Bridge option and my approach to fiscal management at city hall will be to judge that which is "fair and reasonable" between tax-weary ratepayers and the City services these funds are intended to provide.



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Managing Change: A Transition Year at CCCC

2010 has been, and continues to be, a year marked by major changes at the CCCC, changes affecting both our internal operations, and our external environment as the political landscape is refashioned by the civic election later this month.

The CCCC began the year with the implementation of its first ever staffing change when our long-time Community Coordinator **Joanne Hughes** moved on to new professional challenges. Since their arrival in January, our new Director of Programming, **Susan Ashbrook** and Administrative Officer **Kiki Cliff** have been working hard to learn the ropes in their respective spheres, and, within the constraints of their part-time schedules, to meet the myriad needs and demands of an active community centre run by a volunteer Board of Directors, many of whom have themselves been juggling busy professional lives and hectic travel schedules.

While each one of us would be grateful to have more hours in the day to devote to the smooth operation of the Centre, we have continued to make steady progress in diversifying our programs, broadening our engagement with the artistic community, and recasting our signature *Lumière* Festival to more closely reflect the CCCC mandate.

Among the most important changes in our internal modus operandi this year has been the creation of Committees to take on the substantive leg work in a variety of areas, including Programming, Operations, Fundraising, Finance and Communications. We are delighted that a good many (though never enough!) volunteers from the community have joined these Committees to lend their energy and expertise in support of the efforts of the CCCC Board and staff.

Our Programming Committee, chaired by **Ellen Goodman** and **Gillian Campbell**, has been particularly active in generating new ideas and initiatives, and this fall, our Director of Programming **Susan Ashbrook** has put together a broad-ranging menu of activities for all ages from infant to Adult retirees. Programming Committee member and popular CCCC fitness instructor **Sharon Collins** is currently working on a survey of programming needs and interests in the community, an initiative which we hope will soon be launched as a basis for focusing our future program development efforts.

Top Priority: After 4 Program, Begins Jan 2011

One key initiative which we plan to have up and running by January 2011 (with Registration taking place in November 2010) is an After 4 Program for school-aged children. Susan and the Programming Committee are currently working on the design of the program to best respond to the needs of families in the community, and we encourage any interested parents to contact the Office at 613-745-2742 or email communitycentre@rogers.com if you would like to be included in a planning meeting in the coming weeks, to address such issues as cost, start and stop times, transportation and programming content.

Fundraising: We Mean Business!

Another vitally important project in the hopper at the CCCC is the completion of a professionally developed Business Plan to clearly demonstrate that even under extremely conservative assumptions, a CCCC-run operation at 200 Crichton would be financially viable, when/if the building is ultimately acquired for the community. A core group of Board members, led by Treasurer **Anne Thompson** and Fundraising Chair **Colin Goodfellow**, has been hard at work collaborating with representatives of Deloitte Canada to put the finishing touches on the Business Plan, which, as the judicial sale approaches, will be an essential tool both in our dealings with the City, and in our forthcoming capital campaign.

Another New Departure: Lumière 2010

In a separate article in this edition of the *NEN*, Festival organizer **Gertrude Wilkes** provides a detailed account of our "new look" *Lumière* Festival 2010, ably directed by **Scott Florence** of the locally renowned **Company of Fools**. Despite the driving wind and rain that conspired against us to quash the lanterns and generally dampen the proceedings, Scott and his team succeeded in creating many a magic moment at the festival with high quality performances and an irrepressible spirit of celebration.

This year's festival marks the first in what the CCCC intends to adopt as an ongoing "*Lumière Artist-in-Residence*" model, and we are delighted to report that Scott has agreed to continue in that role for the immediate future, (and indeed is already hatching his plans for 2011!) Many thanks to Scott and his team,

and to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this a successful transition year for this signature CCCC event.

Corridor Gallery

The CCCC's Corridor Gallery began the Fall with an engaging display of the photographs emerging from the **After Glow Photo Marathon Challenge**, launched this year as an imaginative new addition to the *Lumière* Festival. There are also ambitious plans afoot for three new exhibitions in the New Year. The Gallery Committee has now posted a call, from which submissions will be selected as the basis for two of the exhibitions, while the third will highlight the work of the graduates from the Ottawa School of Art.

Changes Ahead in the Political Landscape: A Fond Farewell to Councillor Jacques Legendre

Since its inception a decade ago, the CCCC has enjoyed the unfailing support and assistance of our municipal **Councillor Jacques Legendre**. Indeed, Councillor Legendre was instrumental at the outset in helping to secure the funds needed to purchase 200 Crichton from the school board, and in bringing about the original agreement on which the much hoped for TSOD/CCCC partnership was to have been based.

Throughout the struggles of the subsequent decade, from the earliest days leading up to the attempted eviction of the CCCC, and culminating in the lengthy court case which concluded last spring, Councillor Legendre made every effort, despite the odds, to support the interests of the CCCC at the City level, and to secure the place of the community in the building, in keeping with the spirit and intent of the original agreement.

As he leaves his post on City Council later this month, Councillor Legendre looks back with considerable regret on the unfinished business at 200 Crichton. He recalls the immense enthusiasm of the agreement's original architects at the creation of what was to have been a model partnership, successfully preserving a heritage building for community and educational use, and setting the gold standard for other communities with surplus school properties. He laments that "making this partnership work was simply not on the agenda of The School of Dance management" and in hindsight, it is clear that this promising enterprise was doomed from the outset.



As Councillor Legendre departs from the municipal scene, he leaves with a firm conviction about the next steps for 200 Crichton: "The time is fast approaching for the City to take action to secure a permanent place for the community in this building. The Ontario Superior Court has ordered a judicial sale of the building and a formal "divorce" of the two parties. When the sale takes place, the only reasonable course of action is for the City to either purchase 200 Crichton, or to assist the CCCC to make the purchase itself. Failing an intervention of this kind, New Edinburgh could lose the community centre it has fought so long and hard to preserve over the past ten years, and for the first time since its founding in the early 1900's, this historic neighbourhood hub could be lost to the community."

While Councillor Legendre makes clear that this view is expressed in his capacity as our retiring representative on Council, and not as an official spokesman for the City, we are extremely grateful for his commitment to our heroic project, and can only hope that his successor on Council will make every effort to take up the torch, and to ensure that the decade long campaign to "Keep Crichton Public" comes to a successful conclusion with the acquisition of 200 Crichton for ongoing community use.

As you meet with the candidates in the coming weeks, whether on the doorstep or at the All-Candidates Meeting on October 14th, please remember to seek out their views on this issue, and to find out what steps they are prepared to take to ensure that when the sale takes place, the City does its part to help secure a permanent place for the commu-

nity in this beloved building.

On the Agenda: Crichton School Reunion!

Late-breaking news is that our CCCC Fundraising Committee has come up with a plan to host a **School Reunion Fundraising Cocktail Party** for all Crichton School Alumni, along with former participants in the Crichton Day Care program and the Lighthouse Programs which operated out of the school for many years. As always, we also welcome all members of the community to come and join the fun at this memorable and memory-filled event!

While plans are still in the early stages, here are the details so far:

- **Date:** Saturday, Nov 27, 2010
- **Time:** 5:30-8:30 pm
- **Place:** Dufferin Room, 2nd Floor, 200 Crichton Street
- **Tickets:** \$50 each
- **Theme:** A time to celebrate school days at 200 Crichton, share memories of its place in our lives, and help to secure its future as a centre for community life for the generations to come.

If you're an alumnus(a) of Crichton School and/or Daycare, don't miss this chance to reconnect with your old cronies, treat yourself to an evening of great food, old (and new) friends and fine wine, and support the CCCC's ongoing campaign to *Keep Crichton Public*!

Mark your calendars for November 27, and send us your email addresses (and those of your school friends) for our invitation list: communitycentre@rogers.com or 613-745-2742.

Check out www.crichtonccc.ca for more details as plans unfold.

Crichton Cultural Community Centre



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Lumière FESTIVAL 2010

By Gertrude Wilkes

What happens if you hold a lantern festival without lanterns? It may sound like a zen koan, but it was nearly the reality for the Ottawa Lumière Festival this year, as Mother Nature took the festival theme of REBIRTH to heart and howled, and howled! Despite winds that kept many of the lanterns at right angles to the ground and repeatedly



Photo: Gertrude Wilkes
Lumière Preparations begin!

blew out the candles (thanks be for glow sticks and flicker lights!), the thousands of people who came out to visit the Festival's Evening of Light celebration had a great time.

After a month of preparations and festivities, the 2010

Ottawa Lumière Festival produced by the Crichton Cultural Community Centre has come to a beautiful end. This year, in addition to the Evening of Light celebration in Stanley Park on Saturday September 4th, we offered lantern-building workshops, performance workshops, and the exciting **AfterGlow Photo Marathon** to the programming.

The vernissage of the AfterGlow Photo Marathon Challenge was held at the CCCC the evening of September 7th. Challenge participants, friends, family, and the public came together to view the mounted photos from the Challenge. It was fascinating to see the different interpretations of the six themes, and to listen to the participants' war stories about completing the exercise. They all agreed it was great fun and hoped it would become an annual event.

Deborah Evraire took on the challenge to demonstrate to her children the many ways there are to be involved in the community, and to consider every idea as possible- even a photo marathon for an adult who has never taken more than birthday party and picnic photos! Ms Evraire said it was wonderful as an amateur to have the challenge of



Photo: Gertrude Wilkes
Sarah lends a hand.

interpreting and capturing the themes. (Although officially closed, the exhibit of photo marathon results can still be seen in the Corridor Gallery at the Crichton CCC.)

Many thanks to the **City of Ottawa, Heritage Canada, Ottawa Festivals** and the many New Edinburgh businesses who supported the festival again this year. Particular thanks to **Janny and Jeff at Royal LePage**, who have been staunch and unwavering supporters of the Festival throughout the years!

This year's theme of *Rebirth* was no accident. A brand new festival team was in place to put the Lumière Festival together, led by **Scott Florence** (multi-talented Director of *A Company of Fools*), **Richard Cliff**, **Gertrude Wilkes**, **Natalie St-Onge** and **J-M Landry** along with the CCCC's co-coordinators, **Susan Ashbrook** and **Kiki Cliff**. The team spent a lot of time learning the ropes and making discoveries. Our

goal was to keep all the traditions and elements put in place by Lumière founder **Joanne Hughes**, while adding some new flavours of our own.

We were delighted by the success of the AfterGlow Photo Marathon and the enthusiasm it generated, as well as by the performance workshops and animation team, all new this year! We consoled ourselves on Sept. 4th knowing that the weather was out of our control. Despite the fierce winds that prevented us from lighting the park the way we had planned to do, the smiles on the faces around us and the sound of children's laughter overcame any gloomy thoughts and made it all worthwhile.

And there was certainly a lot for the youngsters to do! After they'd been painted and costumed in the Transformation Tent, it was off to the races with the free Plasmacar rides, then Circus Arts workshops led by **Jean Guy Beaudry** (with marvelous demonstrations of Circus Arts by the amazingly talented youngsters of Mini Cirque!), free puppet making workshops, and a trip around the labyrinth and through the Land of Shadows! **Nigel Kilby** of Folk Dancing for Fun brought the child out in adults, as well as engaging the spirit of the children who joined him in dance! **Orleans Young Players** brought a moment of calm and gales of laughter with their perfor-

mance of "Brrring! Brrring!"

What we lacked in light, we more than made up for in performances: with well over a dozen different performance troupes and nearly a hundred performers in total, Stanley Park was alive with activity! **Samba Ottawa** gave a spirited start to the Evening of Light leading a parade of revellers from the Crichton Cultural Community Centre, sponsors of the Lumière Festival, into Stanley Park. The parade was clearly visible from either end of the park thanks to the **Ottawa Stilt Union** who towered above us all!

Odyssey Theatre added their colourful costumes and exquisite masks and performance to the mix, as did **Mala Kala** and the **Blue Dragon** and the **Sri Lankan Youth Dance Group**. For the adults, we had an oasis of calm supplied by **Camellia Teas** and their traditional Japanese Tea Ceremonies, and performances by **A Company of Fools**, **Redux Delux** and the engaging **Megan Jerome**. Crossing the boundaries of age was the **Tine Rufaro Marimba Band**, a favourite of young and old!

Overall, we are pleased to call the Festival a success! Thank you to all our volunteers and to everyone who came out despite the weather to enjoy the culmination of our grass-roots, community-based, month long festival. We

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LEAF's 'Stop the Bridge' Non-Event

By Sophie Oliver

Local Eco-Action Families (LEAF) raised over \$7500 in a recent fundraiser to support Manor Park Community Association (MPCA) as it engages legal representation in its fight against a proposed Interprovincial bridge and truck crossing at Kettle Island. Thank you for all your generous contributions!

The Non-Event (which exhorted community members NOT to attend a party on a Saturday night in June, but to redirect the cost of notional tickets to the fund) was LEAF's first response to what they believe is an urgent need to raise local awareness of the ongoing Interprovincial Crossings project. The new bridge will have a huge impact—both environmentally and otherwise—on our community. It is important that we understand what is happening and why and that our voices are heard in the decision-making process.

In an early phase of the Crossings project, the Province of Ontario opted out of conducting an Environmental Assessment of the bridge's impact. Without such an



Left to right: Evie Gaffen, Thomas Baxter, Sebastian Hayman, Milena Hayman, Daniela Hayman, Jane Wood, Steve Moffat, Ellie Wood and Caitlin Baxter. The kids of LEAF present Manor Park Community Association with a cheque for \$7,850. The money was raised by their Stop the Bridge Non-Event.

assessment the public's ability to input into, and appeal against, the bridge decision is much reduced. In direct response to this, the MPCA has engaged an environmental lawyer whose immediate task will be to ask pointed questions of the Province of Ontario, highlighting the community's concerns. Based on his findings, the lawyer will provide a

formal legal opinion on how to best proceed in order to ensure that our concerns are addressed.

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Kids Helping Kids Through Music

By Nicolas Côté

I would like to invite you and the entire community of New Edinburgh to a fundraising concert in which I will be performing with a team of other accomplished young musicians between the ages of 13 and 17. The concert will be held on **November 7 at 4 pm at MacKay United Church** (corner of Dufferin



Kids Helping Kids performs their 5th fundraising concert November 7 at MacKay United.

and MacKay). All of the proceeds will go to help support the Peaceful Children's Homes in Cambodia.


The young musicians who will be performing at the concert are active participants in other musical ensembles in Ottawa. Several performers are members of the Ottawa Youth Orchestra. Many are also prize winners at the Kiwanis Music Festival. The concert repertoire will include works by Vivaldi, Bach, Mendelssohn, and other classical composers.

This is the fifth fundraising concert organised by Kids Helping Kids. The organization is made up of young musicians from Ottawa who work to support a charity which provides a warm, loving home environment for 166 Cambodian children who are orphaned due to AIDS or by the sex trade. I was fortunate to perform in the previous four concerts, and thanks to the tremendous sup-

port of the community and the greater city of Ottawa, we were able to raise \$4,000 at each event. This money was used to buy rice, seeds and tools: The children grow much of their food themselves.

After the concert, there will be a reception with delicious desserts and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at **Books on Beechwood** and **The Leading Note** (370 Elgin Street). Space permitting, tickets will also be on sale at the church door.

If you have any questions, please send an email to info@khk-es.ca or call 613-730-2712. Either I or another member of Kids Helping Kids will be happy to help you in any way we can. If you are unable to attend the concert but would still like to contribute to this youth initiative, you can also make a donation at www.khk-es.ca.



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Grand Gala Concert at MacKay United Church October 24

By Linda Roininen

Back in June of 2007 **Leah Roseman** approached MacKay United Church after having held her year-end student recital there. She thought with its excellent acoustics, the church deserved a much better piano. She offered to hold a series of fundraising concerts in order to purchase that "better piano". Fast forward to June 2010, and the new **Yamaha C7 Concert Grand Piano** HAS arrived in the sanctuary at MacKay United Church. After a few months of settling into its new home the Yamaha will be put through its paces in a **Gala Fundraising Concert on October 24**. The celebration will feature **Jessica Linnebach**, Associate Concert Master of the NACO, and pianist **Jean Desmarais**. Together they will present the Brahms Sonata No. 1, and Sonatensatz. The core quartet of **Leah Roseman, Mark Friedman, Sally Benson and Leah Wyber** will perform Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat major with Jean Desmarais at the piano.

I asked Leah Roseman some questions to get a idea of how she feels about the piano, the Gala, and the future of Chamber music at MacKay United.

Linda: What was your reaction when you found out that the piano you worked so hard to get was arriving at MacKay at the end of June?

Leah: Although we knew

that the fundraising was going well for the piano, I had no idea that we were so close to our goal!

Linda: When you started the concert series in 2007 did you think that the piano would be in place by June of 2010?



MacKay United Church will unveil their new baby—Grand Piano that is—at the upcoming Gala Concert on Oct 24.

Leah: When we started the fundraising effort in 2007, I thought that five years was a realistic timeframe in which to raise most of the money to buy a grand piano. However, I had no experience with this sort of project.

It was great to have the congregation at MacKay along with the larger community support our concert series.

Linda: Tell us a bit about the Gala Concert and how you managed to get Jean Desmarais and Jessica Linnebach to perform.

Leah: I'm lucky enough to have Jessica and Jean as colleagues, and they are some of the most generous artists in our community. I had performed at another fundraising concert last year that Jean was involved in,

and he knew about the fundraising effort at MacKay, and offered to help.

Jessica has been to hear a couple of our concerts, and I knew that she had performed at a couple of Gala fundraisers in Ottawa. We are really fortunate to have an artist like Jessica in our community. She is one of the finest violinists I've ever heard, and I knew that when asking people to donate their time it is important to ensure that they have the freedom to perform the music that they really want to play. With performers as in demand as Jessica and Jean, the key is asking them early enough! We started to plan this concert last Spring.

Linda: Why have you chosen the Schumann Piano Quintet to premiere the piano in October?

Leah: My husband, Mark Friedman, a violinist who also performs in the MacKay concerts, had suggested the Schumann Piano Quintet for this program. Then I remembered turning pages for Jean in that piece when I first heard him play for the first time many years ago in Quebec city. I was immediately impressed with his flexibility and sensitivity to the string players, and of course his facility negotiating the virtuoso piano score.

Linda: What are your future plans for the Chamber Music Series now that the goal of getting the piano has been reached?

Leah: I hope that now that MacKay has a fine concert piano, that we can find a way to continue to have regular concerts there with my colleagues.

There is so much great repertoire to share that is not heard often enough in Ottawa. I hope that since we have established a regular series, with a wonderfully loyal audience, that the momentum will continue. I first became interested in this project since it is in my neighbourhood, and as the residents of other areas of our city know, it's lovely to be able to walk to a concert with your neighbours. We're lucky that MacKay United Church has such warm acoustics for chamber music and has been so welcoming.

The Gala Fundraising Concert begins at 7:30 pm October 24, 2010. There will be a celebratory reception following the concert where you can mingle with the musicians and make a toast to our wonderful accomplishment. We



Violinist Jessica Linnebach.

couldn't have done it without all the support from the musicians, the congregation and the community. Thank you!

Tickets go on sale September 7 and can be purchased from **Books on Beechwood, The Leading Note**, or the church office (Adults \$30 Seniors \$25 Students \$20). For more information please call MacKay United Church at 613-749-8727 or go to the website at www.mackayunitedchurch.com.

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Another Successful Amazing Book Race Supporting Local Literacy Programs

By Isobel Bisby

On June 5, Stanley Park Fieldhouse again hosted *also's* Annual Amazing Book Race with 72 runners and over 40 volunteers. The race was exciting for everyone with its eclectic and unique mix of activities. At 10 am teams of four to five people prepared to race on foot and by bus to fourteen checkpoints in downtown Ottawa. The runners joined **Louise Hannant** in a race warm-up, after which the eighteen teams hastily planned their routes, and then swarmed along the river bank or along Crichton Street. This year checkpoints included **Books on Beechwood**, and new checkpoints were set up at the **Comic Book Shoppe** and **Parliament Hill**. In order to move to the next checkpoint, each team performed an entertaining literacy activity

such as storytelling or building a sculpture out of newspaper. Prizes were awarded for the first team back, the first family team back, the Fred Adolphe Spirit Award, and a prize to the person who raised the most money. The event ended with a barbecue and award celebration hosted by **Amanda Putz** from CBC radio. Author **Larry McCloskey** provided an inspirational speech about literacy, and lively music was provided by **Jim Kennedy** and **Scott Richie**. We thank them all for participating so enthusiastically and supporting the literacy cause, as did local donors **Pauline Bogue** and **Catherine Lepage**, **Beechwood Village Chiropractic**, and **Mantha Insurance**. This year's Amazing Book Race raised \$10,000 through donations and pledges.

The race is an annual local fundraising event that helps fund Ottawa-based family literacy programs offered by non-profit Alternative Learning Styles and Outlooks (*also*) which is located just over the river at Heartwood House in Lowertown.

The family literacy program provides fun and educational services to over 200 low income local families each year, and relies solely on donations and sponsors. In October 2009 the *also* program was proud to welcome D/deaf and hard of hearing adults and families in Ottawa.

For more information about *also* visit www.also-ottawa.org. If you would like to join the Amazing Book Race next year as a runner or volunteer please call 613-233-8660.



Amazing Book Race teams had to complete fun literacy tasks at each checkpoint. This one was set up at Books on Beechwood.

One Cat's Life: Telling Horatio's Tale

On Sunday, September 19, Baico Publishing celebrated the book launch of *One Cat's Life: Telling Horatio's Tale* by Rockcliffe resident Angela Marcus. Ms. Marcus is an art historian who for many years enjoyed life; researching, writing, lecturing, and teaching art history and art appreciation. She has taught at Algonquin College, Carleton University Learning in Retirement, and the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board in Continuing Education. She has also worked with the art collection at the Canadian War Museum. One day she met a cat, took hold of one of his paws, and he showed her what her life was missing.

While the shelves of bookstores are invariably replete with tales about the life of dogs, ranging from tear-jerking tragedies to engaging comic memoirs, Ms. Marcus' new book will be a welcome breath of fresh air to the many cat lovers in the community. *One Cat's Life* is based on the life and character of a cat who did, in fact, exist. It tells the story of Anne and Bruce Barnaby, a couple who were not aware that they needed a pet, until the afternoon a most unusual cat appeared on their patio and

took over their lives.

The feline protagonist, Horatio, chose the Barnabys as his second family, although he already had a family and a comfortable home in the neighbourhood. Horatio started out as a stray, and the story recounts how he carved out a full life for himself through his looks, character and charm. From the picturesque village of Merrickville to Canada's capital, Ottawa, a band of humans loved and supported Horatio through his relationships with a variety of people, a business venture, illness, modest celebrity, and philanthropic deeds. He even came close to learning the art of typing! Horatio opened up an unexpected world for his second family, whose tale is inseparable from his own.

One Cat's Life is now available at **Books on Beechwood**, **Nicholas Hoare, Collected Works** on Wellington Street and **Perfect Books** on Elgin Street. Angela is also planning to make it available in the Glebe. Cat lovers in the community, from older teens to adults, shouldn't miss this entertaining account of a truly memorable feline character by another of our talented local authors.

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“Read-Cycle” with the 49th Annual Rockcliffe Book Fair

By Melanie Harmon

The **Rockcliffe Book Fair** is now in its 49th year, and just when one starts to wonder how they could possibly improve upon an already amazing event, the book fair committee has come up with what may be the best theme yet.

This year's theme is *Read-Cycle*, and the idea behind it is as easy as going fishing. RPPS students will “release” 100 used books into the “wild”. Each of these books will have a label inside with an individual tracking number. When one of these books turns up, the reader can go to www.bookcrossing.com and register where the book was found and write a brief review of the book.

Each class will fish for two books at the fall Book Fair assembly and send them on their way, tracking their journey on a world map on display at the school. The balance

of the books will be given to parents who are known to travel far and wide, and to Bridgehead. Bridgehead has always been a big supporter of Book Fair and has graciously agreed to allow Book Fair to leave books in their stores.

Book Fair was started to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading. As *Read-Cycle* books pass from hand-to-hand, Book Fair organizers hope countless readers will enjoy these special examples of Canadian literature. In turn, RPPS students will experience sharing their passion for reading on an international scale. Of the 100 books released, fifty will be Canadian adult books and fifty will be children's titles.

As one of Ontario's largest “swap meets” of used books, this annual book fair keeps thousands of used books from ending up in landfills, and

instead puts them in the hands of eager readers in our community—and now with *Read-Cycle*—all around the world.

If you come across a “Read and Release” book, feel free to do just that. Be sure to come fishing for other great treasures at this year's book Fair that takes place from **November 5-7** at Rockcliffe Park Public School, located at 370 Springfield Road. For more information, please visit www.rockcliffebookfair.com.

We will be conducting our annual **Book Drive** to collect books for the Fair on Oct 23.

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St. Charles Church: What Future for Our Village Landmark?

By Marilyn Hart

The Church has closed

On September 26 the last services were held in St. Charles Catholic Church, which rises proudly above our Beechwood Village, and the doors were locked one last time. As with many churches throughout the country and indeed throughout Ottawa, St. Charles is suffering from dwindling congregations and rising maintenance bills. Fortunately the church is not yet to be deconsecrated. The Archbishop, having made the decision to close the church, has asked the Board to 'look at options' for the church and its site, and report back in two years' time. Various options spring to mind.

Many churches, particularly in the Province of Quebec, have been converted into residential condominiums. Churches in Ottawa have added residential development on adjacent church-owned

land, for additional revenue. Other churches have been partially used for secular fee-paying community purposes, and smaller worshipping areas retained. St. Redempteur Catholic Church over in Hull has been converted to a long term care community centre, with a residential care facility being built on adjacent lands. Some churches have been demolished and the property sold; and yet others have found new congregations to take over their buildings.

It is worth noting that the acoustics in St. Charles Church are quite good, and the church Board members are well aware of this. In the past, National Arts Centre Orchestra ensembles have given performances in the church, and many of us have attended Christmas concerts there. The possibility for an increased use of the church as a performing arts centre and concert venue should not be overlooked.

A Village Landmark

Although the Board of St. Charles must think carefully about the specific pastoral and financial requirements of their parishioners and their diocese, the church is without doubt an important visual urban landmark, within the local context of the adjacent New Edinburgh, Lindenlea, Rockcliffe Park, and South of Beechwood/Vanier communities.

This was clearly recognized, and subsequently translated into specific City of Ottawa Official Plan Statements during the recent two year Beechwood Community Design Plan study process.

The Beechwood Community Design Plan (BCDP) was initiated by City of Ottawa staff and worked on with staff, local councillors Legendre and Bedard, and specific representatives from all the above noted communities. General community consultation took place, with meetings actually being held in the basement of St. Charles church. The study dealt with many planning, transportation and urban design issues, particularly looking at modest increases to the re-development potential along both sides of Beechwood Avenue. The comprehensive BCDP was approved by City Council on September 27 2006. Planning policies were adopted and new zoning bylaws approved.

So what did it say about the church?

"St. Charles Church is recognized as the most important landmark building along

Beechwood Avenue. The church steeple, with its high silver roof and neon blue cross at night, make it visible from blocks away."

In general terms, the whole urban design strategy for Beechwood Avenue was focused on the visual dominance of the church. Because the road curves quite significantly, the church appears to be situated in the centre of the "village", from many vantage points.



Photo: Louise Imbeault
St. Charles Church's glowing steeple can be seen from many blocks away.

"The St. Charles Sector is the heart of the village-style development that defines this winding avenue. At the very centre is St. Charles Church."

It would be a great loss to our community, both visually and historically, if the church were to be demolished. Hopefully that may not come to pass. And what of the history of the church?

The Church of the French Catholic Community

Originally, at the end of the Nineteenth and very beginning of the Twentieth Century, the French settled

on the New Edinburgh side of Beechwood, which was known as Clarkstown. The English lived on the south side of Beechwood, known as Janeville. Soon, however, the French community expanded across and into Janeville, and it was in 1908 that the imposing church of St. Charles was built on the corner of Beechwood and St. Charles.

By 1912, the dynamic Father Francois-Xavier Barrette was to take over the church. It was he who founded the 'secret society' of the French Catholics known as the Ordre de Jacques-Cartier. Initial meetings of 17 people with shared concerns were held in the basement of the church, and the Ordre was established in October 1927. Although 'secret', the Ordre grew to play a fundamental role throughout French Canada, during times when solidarity was needed in a predominantly English political and economic environment. Its influence was felt in politics, education, economics (the founding of the Caisse Populaire) the media (Le Devoir) and trade unions. Some members feel it set in motion every positive development in French Canada, even up to the Quiet Revolution.

With the rise of Quebec Nationalism, its influence waned, and it was eventually disbanded in 1965. Remarkably, St. Charles Church on Beechwood Avenue, Ottawa, was where it all began.

Locally, throughout the past century, St. Charles has been the central focus for the French speaking Catholics of Vanier and New Edinburgh, for worship and community festivities, and to celebrate baptisms, marriages and deaths. The large French families are no more. Children have grown up and moved away, although their now-ageing parents often remain. Newcomers of all nationalities and religions have moved into the area. Very few people now worship at the

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church. The Congolese community have recently adopted the church as their place of worship, although they too must now move elsewhere.

Communities change and evolve everywhere, but the importance of this French Catholic church to the former municipality of Vanier, and the immediate neighbourhood, must be recognized. The new Vanier Museoparc, situated in the former Vanier City Hall, has much interesting documentation about the church and the community, but is anxious to collect more, before memories are lost, and artefacts perhaps destroyed.

If anyone has memories or stories about St. Charles, the Project Manager of Museoparc, Ms. Janik Aubin-Robert and her staff will be assembling oral histories, and ensuring that all aspects of the history of the church are properly recorded. She may be reached at 613-580-2424 ext 32001 or at projet@museoparc.ca.

Where do we go from here ?

It is too early in the process to get unduly alarmed. The Church Board are being guided in their explorations by a notable parishioner, Mr. Guy Cousineau, a former Mayor of Vanier. I myself, as an urban design professional, a next



Photo: Louise Imbeault

St. Charles Church “appears to be situated in the centre of the ‘village’, from many vantage points.”

door neighbour, a very-concerned person, and a member of the Beechwood Design team, have already had some preliminary discussions with Mr. Cousineau. It will be important for us all to work together on this once the church members are a little further along the road.

There are many technical points which will come into play, zoning being one of them. The site is now mostly, and deliberately, zoned for public use only (e.g. church use). During the BCDP, it was decided by City staff to create some low rise residential

development opportunity along Barrette Street, and the zoning there has an exception to reflect this. The church might take advantage of this new provision.

With respect to any official heritage designation, which would prevent or delay demolition, unfortunately the former City of Vanier did not undertake a comprehensive heritage study. The church, although of historic significance and undoubtedly a visual landmark, is not designated as heritage.

We must not get into too much technical detail here. The Church Board would pre-

fer to keep the building, with its striking bell tower, as would Heritage Ottawa, and many city staff. Top quality developers have been approached already by the church with two objectives in mind; converting the church, or some of the church, into residences, and creating a much smaller place of worship on the lands.

There are many options, depending on the precise objectives of the church and the diocese. The surrounding community may have ideas too. New congregations may be looking for somewhere to worship. Let the church know. Do we need a concert hall or

a new library? If any of you have any thoughts or ideas on this matter, please contact me, and I will pass on information to Mr. Cousineau. If you attend the church, please speak to the Board. At a later date I am sure all interested persons can form some workable process for helping the church deal with the difficult problems it faces today; and perhaps find a solution which satisfies us all.

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For the Birds



Man-Made Migration Hazard on the Horizon

As I begin this column in early September, the Fall migration is already well underway for many song birds and water fowl, though happily there remain a good many species in the Ottawa area, including numerous late-launching warblers. This year's migration is being particularly closely monitored by North American ornithologists due to the potential risk posed by the massive BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico last April.

The Gulf is a critically important stopover point for large numbers of migrating species from our part of the world, and earlier this summer, observers were seriously concerned at the prospect of an environmental catastrophe if a worst case scenario—an uncontrolled spill combined with severe storm activity—were to have materialized. Had this in fact occurred, at least 100 Canadian species, primarily shorebirds, water birds, water fowl and seabirds, could have been at risk between August 2010 and the spring of 2011.

Fortunately, Bird Studies Canada reports that our migrating bird population appears to have dodged a bullet, at least as far as the risk of direct oiling is concerned. BP managed to cap the well in July before the majority of southbound migrants reached the area, and for the most part, the spill was confined to offshore waters, with relatively limited fouling of the coastline beach and marshy areas which are prime bird habitat. It remains to be seen, however, what the long-term impact of the disaster may be on the birds which ingest oil and/or chemical dispersants through the consumption of tainted fish, invertebrates or other aquatic life.

The Birds of Summer

Perhaps the most pleasant aspect of the October column, which is otherwise a harbinger of many long, cold months to come, is the opportunity to reflect on the abundant bird life of the late spring and summer. While we were in Ottawa for only a few short weeks in late May and June, the incoming warbler population had

already begun to arrive in significant numbers, and on our daily dog walks, we spotted **yellow, yellow-rumped** and **chestnut-sided warblers**, as well as **American redstarts** busily foraging in lilac bushes at Thomas and John Streets. For the third consecutive year, a very vocal **Great crested flycatcher** took up residence at the top of a dead tree along Princess Avenue, regaling passers-by with its distinctive Wheeep call. On a June visit to Mackay Lake, we were lucky enough to spot a brilliant **Baltimore oriole** singing melodically from its perch by the water. Later along the Rideau, we encountered a mother **wood duck** with her 9 fuzzy ducklings in tow (a little too close to the Rideau Falls for comfort!)



Photo: Wade Clare
Magnolia warbler.

To my great delight, a **white-crowned sparrow** flock, which for several years has used our garden as a stopover during the spring and fall migrations, stayed around until late May when it abruptly departed, leaving the coast clear for the noisy **European house sparrows** which had cleared out (mercifully!) during the white crowns' visit.

Georgian Bay: Bird Heaven

As most regular readers know, a good portion of our recent summers has been spent on an island in the Georgian Bay, not far from Parry Sound. The combination of open water, rocky shoreline and heavily wooded islands creates a rich habitat for birds, and my summer journal is replete with a variety of interesting species, some of them familiar (including our resident **osprey** and **common loons**), and others which were new arrivals this year (including a **green-winged teal**, a **blackburnian warbler** and a **whip-poor-will**).

On a single day in late June, I recorded an **osprey hen** on its nest with a single chick, a **common merganser** with

9 ducklings in tow, a **worm-eating warbler**, a **red-eyed vireo**, several **European starlings**, **white-throated** and **song sparrows** in abundance, **cedar waxwings**, an **Eastern phoebe**, an **Eastern kingbird** screeching over a neighbouring island, a **whip-poor-will** calling incessantly throughout the evening, an **alder flycatcher**, **common yellow-throat** (dubbed the "witchety, witchety bird" in our house), **yellow warblers**, an **ovenbird** (the "teacher, teacher bird"), and two immense **Common loons** cruising not far off our dock, exchanging companionable hoots.

This cast of characters remained in evidence through the month of July, and was joined by a number of other regulars such as **hairy** and **downy woodpeckers**, **black-capped chickadees**, **black and white warblers**, **blue and gray jays**, **common grackles**, black ducks in considerable numbers, **Canada geese**, **ring-billed gulls**, **herring gulls**, **common terns**, **double-crested cormorants**, **mallards** and a majestic **great blue heron**, which we watched as it quietly perched on top of a half-built beaver hutch at the water's edge. Seconds later, we actually saw a flustered beaver swimming erratically around his work-in-progress, seemingly equally annoyed with both the human and avian interlopers!

In the duck department, we were delighted to spot a female **green-winged teal** preening its feathers in a leisurely fashion at the front of our island. The green-winged teal is the smallest of the dabbling ducks, at a diminutive 14", and the female is a lovely mottled brown with a bright green speculum and a prominent dark streak through it eye. A female **common merganser** was also a frequent visitor to our bay, where she led her brood of 14 ducklings with no-nonsense military precision across the channel and back again.

Despite our daily excursions to a spot we call wood thrush cove, our melodious **wood thrush family**, whose haunting, flute-like song had been a fixture in the early evenings in recent years, was nowhere to be seen, or rather heard. At last, however, a thrush turned up one evening in late July to cast its musical spell, only to depart again shortly thereafter. The **red-eyed vireo** group that took its place just didn't have the same romantic caché.

Throughout the month of August, the **warbler** population remained surprisingly robust in comparison to some



Photo: Francine Streeting
Mourning dove.

years, when they have tended to depart early. Each evening between about 5 and 7 pm, a mixed flock of **black-capped chickadees**, **red-breasted nuthatches** and various **warblers**, including **black and white, yellow, common yellowthroat, worm-eating, yellow-rumped, pine, ovenbirds, American redstarts, blackpoll** and **blackburnian**, descended on our small island to forage in the pines. The blackburnian was a first for us, and is an enchanting sight with its beautiful orange throat, its distinguishing mark among **North American warblers**. It is reportedly a regular member of foraging flocks of **chickadees, nuthatches** and **kinglets**.

The **red-breasted nuthatch** is not nearly as common in the Ottawa area as its cousin, the **white-breasted** version. It is a curious "munchkin"-like bird with an over-sized beak and feet, and a noisy, mechanical *Ank! Ank!* call. It scoots efficiently up, down and around the trunks and branches of trees as it forages for insect larvae in the furrows of tree bark, and can often be seen hanging precariously upside down from flimsy branch tips. As a keen-eyed opportunist, it frequently follows in the wake of woodpeckers, snapping up the insects left behind when the woodpeckers have moved on.

Another welcome visitor this summer was the **ruby-throated hummingbird** which was much in evidence when the **cardinal flower** crop came into bloom along the shoreline. This extraordinary little creature can fly faster than we should be driving along Crichton Street (up to 43 km/hour), and stays aloft with a warp speed wing beat of 40-80 beats per second. This in turn is powered by an atomic heart rate of up to 1260 beats per minute in flight. After fuelling up on nectar during the day, the hummer allows itself some down time at night, when it conserves energy by slowing its heart and breathing rates

by 90 % and dropping its body temperature to half its daytime average.

Prince Edward Island

In keeping with our family tradition of recent years, we spent the Civic Holiday weekend on a farm near Brackley Beach on the North shore of P.E.I. As always, the bird life was abundant, both on the farm where I encountered **song sparrows, red-breasted nuthatches, red-eyed vireos, red winged blackbirds**, a large group of **American goldfinches** and a **bald eagle pair**, perched in the tree tops in a hayfield, and along the shore where we spotted large numbers of **Black-backed gulls, herring gulls, arctic terns, osprey, great blue herons**, and **double-crested cormorants** (one of them proudly holding an immense flatfish out of the water to suffocate it). We also crossed paths with a skittish group of **semi-palmated plovers** dancing at the water's edge, apparently chasing the encroaching tide.



Photo: Mike Leveillé
Ruby-throated hummingbird on her nest.

In the course of our P.E.I. visit, we joined a day-long excursion off the east coast of the island in a lobster fishing boat. A highlight of our adventures that day was the spectacle of a large group of **Northern Gannets** engaged in their death-defying, kamikaze-style dives from dizzying heights of up to 100 feet. At roughly 3 feet in length, the Northern Gannet is an impressively large seabird with striking all-white plumage, contrasting black wing tips and a readily visible yellow blob on the crown of the head. They feed on schooling fish such as herring and mackerel (which we caught that day!), and their presence is reportedly a sign of the presence of whales in the vicinity, also in pursuit of schools of fish. While there were no whales in evidence that day, seeing the gannets' daring vertical plunge into the ocean was entertainment enough!

Reports from Our Readers

Once again this year, expert birder **Edwin Daudrich** has accumulated a virtual anthology of local bird species in his birding excursions in our area, and during his travels in the Georgian Bay and Manitoba. While the limitations of space permit only a brief summary of his local observations in this column, Mr. Daudrich's complete report to the end of August will be posted on the community website at www.newedinburgh.ca. I recommend it to all true birding enthusiasts as a fascinating catalogue of what is out there to be seen if one has the know-how, the patience and a darned good pair of binoculars!

In his excursions to the **Mud Lake** and **Shirley's Bay** areas during May, June and early July, (excursions which incidentally yielded a tally of between 35 and 50 different species each trip), Mr. Daudrich recorded a litany of **warbler** sightings ranging from the familiar **American redstart** to the **magnolia**, **chestnut-sided**, **blackburnian**, **common yellowthroat**, **black and white**, **bay breasted**, **black-throated blue**, **black-throated green**, and **northern parula**. Other highlights in this area included **spotted sandpiper**, **gray catbird**, **black-crowned night herons**, **warbling vireo**, **Baltimore oriole**, **rose-breasted grosbeak**, **chimney swift**, **green heron**, **scarlet tanager**, **Bonaparte's gull**, **red-necked grebe**, **great crested flycatcher**, **lesser- and greater yellowlegs**, **green- and blue-winged teal**, **least sandpiper**, **northern harrier**, **eastern wood-pewee**, **ruby-throated hummingbird** and an immense flock of about 60 **cedar waxwings**.

Mer Bleu proved to be equally fruitful birding territory. In addition to numerous **warbler** species, including the colourful eastern sub-species of the **palm warbler**, Mr. Daudrich recorded such highlights as **ruby-crowned kinglets**, **yellow-bellied sapsucker**, **pie-billed grebe**, **hermit thrush**, **nesting brown thrashers**, **sandhill cranes**, **wild turkeys**, and **willow-, least-, alder- and great crested flycatchers**.

The area south of the airport was particularly fine **sparrow** country, with **grass-hopper**, **clay-coloured**, **savannah**, **vesper** and **tree sparrows** making an appearance during Mr. Daudrich's

summer visits, along with a wealth of other species such as the **eastern kingbird**, **eastern bluebird**, **northern harrier**, **hermit thrush**, **bobolink**, **eastern meadowlark**, **brown thrasher**, **barn swallow**, **red-tailed hawk**, **eastern phoebe**, **indigo bunting**, **warbling vireo**, **American bittern**, **killdeer**, and numerous **warblers** including the comparatively rare **mourning warbler**.

Mr. Daudrich's finest day in



Spruce grouse.

Photo: Wade Clare

our area took place in late June when he recorded an astonishing 60 species on an excursion to the **Johnwoods Road**, **Carp** and the **Dunrobin** area. Among the highlights of his tally were **veery**, **red-tailed hawk**, **eastern towhee**, **bobolink**, **indigo bunting**, **spotted sandpiper**, **Baltimore oriole**, **osprey**, **Virginia rail**, **American bittern**, **eastern bluebird**, **American kestrel**, **scarlet tanager**, **wood duck** and several **warblers**- to name just a few!!

In the vicinity of the **Bill Mason Conservation area**, Mr. Daudrich encountered his first ever **sora**, a small chicken-like bird of wetland habitat, along with numerous **Virginia rail**, **belted kingfisher**, **American bittern**, **Wilson's snipe**, **eastern meadowlark**, **bobolink**, **purple martin**, **veery**, **hermit thrush** and **brown thrasher**.

Check out the community website for a full resumé of Mr. Daudrich's recorded observations during his trips to **Thornbury** in the Georgian Bay area, and later to Manitoba where he continued his birding activities in the city of Winnipeg and at **Oak Hammock Marsh**, **Duck Mountain Provincial Park**, and **Riding Mountain National Park** where he spotted the first **evening grosbeak** of his birding career.

Peter and Isabel Glasgow

NEN photographer **Peter Glasgow** and his daughter **Isabel** reported a variety of interesting sightings this summer. On a trip to **Algonquin Park**, they spotted a pair of **spruce grouse**, a **hermit**

thrush and numerous **Common Ravens**, while on a later excursion to **Gatineau Park**, they watched 3 **bobolinks** poised on a fence post at the edge of a farmer's field, scanning the territory for insect life.

Peter was delighted to spot a **black-crowned night heron** very nearby on the shore of the Rideau River in Stanley Park. The heron was perched on a fallen tree, surrounded by a group of **mallards**, and reportedly gave a throaty croak as it took note of Peter's presence and flew off across the river to Porter's Island. In another of his evening rambles through the park, Peter observed 2 female **wood ducks** close to the tennis courts.

Isabel had good luck with **warbler** sightings this summer, spotting 5 immature **American redstarts** cavorting near the bike path at Sussex and Stanley Avenue, as well as several **Wilson's warblers**, 3 of them in her own backyard checking out her feeders, and another in the Rockeries where her Mum also caught sight of an **American redstart**. In Stanley Park, Isabel also came across a **red-eyed vireo** opposite Porter's Island.

Vicki Metcalfe

Our peripatetic birding reporter **Vicki Metcalfe** has reported in a separate article on her birding (and other) adventures in Arizona last spring. The record of her bird sightings from that trip will be posted on the community website at www.newedinburgh.ca. A subsequent trip to Vancouver Island yielded a litany of intriguing observations, notably numerous **bald**



Photo: Wade Clare

Black and white warbler.

eagles, a **violet green swallow**, a **rufous hummingbird** and a **chestnut-backed chickadee**.

Closer to home this summer, Vicki had good luck on an excursion to **Shirley's Bay**, where she was given a guided tour by a member of the Ottawa Field Naturalists Club (OFNC). Her sightings that day included 2 **great egrets**, **great blue herons**, **semi-palmated** and **least sandpipers** in significant numbers, **lesser and greater yellowlegs**, **killdeer**, **Baird's sandpiper**, **kingfisher**, **mallards**, **double-crested cormorants**, a **Common loon**, **Northern flicker**, **red-eyed vireo**, **white-breasted nuthatches** and **song sparrows**. On a later golfing expedition, she spotted **purple martins**, **barn swallows**, **red winged blackbirds**, **cedar waxwings** and a **Cooper's hawk** in hot pursuit of an **American goldfinch**.

NEW! Alberta Report from Dave Collyer

Naturalist **Dave Collyer**, for many years a local birding authority in Manor Park, has recently moved to a large property in Central Alberta where he is hard at work creating a wildlife habitat and recording his observations of bird life in the area. At the time of his report, the fall migration

was well underway and he had logged over 35 different species in his immediate neighbourhood alone, including **white- and red-breasted nuthatches**, **rose-breasted grosbeaks**, **pine siskins**, **American goldfinches**, **black-capped chickadees**, **downy and hairy woodpeckers**, **common night hawk**, **western tanagers**, **white pelicans**, **Canada geese**, **sandhill cranes** and **greater white-fronted geese**. This cast of characters is certain to grow in the coming months, as new species are attracted to the large pond which Dave has now installed on the property.

Alexander Street resident **Philip MacAdam** reports that "Phil's Avian Bistro" is hoping these days as the weather cools down. Over the summer he played host to a cast of regulars, including **Northern cardinals**, **American goldfinches**, **black-capped chickadees**, **house finches**, **common grackles** and a delegation of **downy woodpeckers**.

Photographer/naturalist **Francine Ouellette Streetering** has been busy over the summer using her new camera to stunning effect in the capture of innumerable bird close ups, many of them delightfully funny (not least, a great blue heron on a truly appalling Hair Day!!) Birding enthusiasts can check out her photographic record of summer 2010 at www.redbubble.com/people/digitallystill.

Many thanks to **Mike Leveillé** of St. Laurent Academy for his marvellous photo of a mother **ruby-throated hummingbird** on her nest at Macoun Marsh in late August, and to reader **Pierre Cyr** for his lovely shot of a tranquil **mourning dove** visiting his patio on Landry Avenue in June.

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ThunderStruck Photography Exhibition for Breast Cancer

ThunderStruck is the latest offering from New Edinburgh's **Gavin Murphy**, well known for his charity art exhibitions featuring 35mm untouched and uncropped photographs of women. The exhibition runs throughout October and November at **Gallery Farina** in Centretown with a satellite show at Desjardins Credit Union in downtown Ottawa. All proceeds from sales will be donated to Breast Cancer Action Ottawa, a survivor-directed voluntary organization founded in 1992 by a group of women who knew firsthand what breast cancer diagnosis meant to patients and families.

"Breast cancer afflicts women of all ages and ethnic backgrounds," Murphy said. "Women affected by this disease need to be strong and positive like the women portrayed in this exhibition. Viewers will be thunderstruck by their natural beauty."

Murphy's last fundraising initiative was *Posing for the Cause*, a 2010 calendar in support of Osteoporosis Canada-Ottawa Chapter. His two previous exhibitions helped raise funds for CANHAVE, a local charity helping AIDS orphans in Uganda.

ThunderStruck is made possible through the generosity



of ScotiaMcLeod's Renaldo Sailkali, Desjardins Credit Union, Documents Majemta Inc., Proulx Brothers Inc. and two anonymous donors from the photographer's tennis club.

A vernissage is scheduled for **Sunday, October 3 from 4 pm to 6 pm at Gallery Farnia**, 216 Elgin Street (corner of Lisgar Street). A second opening will take place at Desjardins Credit Union, 99 Bank Street (corner of Albert Street), on **Wednesday, Oct 13 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**.

For more details contact Gavin Murphy at posingforthecause@gmail.com or by telephone at 613-769-0771.

Blithe Spirit On Stage This October

By **Carolina McLaughlin**

Last year, when St. Bartholomew's Church agreed to take responsibility for helping to provide weekend meals at Cornerstone—a local shelter for homeless women—no one was sure where the money would come from. "We decided to go ahead anyway," says Canon David Clunie, "and hope for a miracle."

Just about then, Janet Uren—founder of the **Linden House Theatre Company**—came forward to suggest a benefit performance of the 2009 production of *Lettice & Lovage*, on behalf of the church. The resulting revenues just happened to be the amount needed for the Cornerstone project.

"This is very important to me," says Janet. "Community theatre has to make a contribution to the community. I'm very proud of what we did last year. I want to go on building

that alliance, and I am hoping that, with this year's production of *Blithe Spirit*, we will do even better."

Rarely have good causes involved so much fun. "In 2007, when we set out to create a new community theatre company," Janet Uren explains, "we knew exactly the kind of play we wanted to produce — ones that are funny, wonderfully written and intellectually stimulating, either through the play of ideas or wit. And we wanted to focus on the very best playwrights. Noel Coward is certainly one of those."

The company has been planning this production for over a year now, but it had to wait for a New York company to relinquish the license. "Angela Lansbury and Rupert Everett were appearing in the play on Broadway in 2009," Janet explains. "Apparently they were afraid we would consti-

tute unfair competition! Isn't that funny?"

Once again, the Linden House play will be directed by George Stonyk. As well as being a founding member of Linden House, he currently serves as chairman of the board of the Third Wall Theatre Co. The name "Linden House" refers to a grand old linden tree—the last of its kind in the neighbourhood of Lindenlea—that shades his house.

Blithe Spirit will be staged in the Elmwood Theatre at 261 Buena Vista from **October 21-23, 27-30 at 7:30 pm**, with a **Sunday matinee on October 24 at 3 pm**.

Tickets are available by calling 613-842-4913 or from Books on Beechwood. Ticket prices: \$25; \$15 student. Venue: Elmwood Theatre, 261 Buena Vista Road, Rockcliffe Park. Free parking.

Supporting Women and Girls: Local group raises funds and awareness for Indian NGO

In 2001, local yoga instructor **Barbara Young** traveled to India for a month of classes at the Iyengar Yoga Institute in Pune, one of India's fastest-growing cities. Like so many Western visitors, she was struck by the coexistence of vibrancy and colour, oppression and squalour.

A short walk near her apartment revealed

- a dead rat on the sidewalk outside the internet café
- a stunningly beautiful girl with radiant skin and glossy black hair emerging from the tiny cinderblock, tin-roofed hut that was her home.
- a young sari-clad woman in the sunshine by the sidewalk forming fresh dung patties with her bare hands to dry and sell for fuel.

Barbara was determined to give back to this place that was home to a discipline that had given her so much. By happy coincidence, she met a remarkable local woman during that first visit, Jayashree Kale, Director of Jagruti Seva Sanstha.

Jagruti Seva Sanstha is an Indian NGO run mainly by women. It is located in Janawadi slum, home to 300,000 people in the heart of Pune. Its mission is to break down cycles of poverty, hunger, disease and abuse by educating girls and women, giving them a way to earn a living, and bringing

health care to the community.

Jagruti's frontline worker is Mangala Patil, who comes from Janawadi and enjoys the implicit trust of the local community. Her extraordinary efforts with women and girls earned her India's prestigious Neerja Bhanot Trust Award. It is granted annually to a woman who faces injustice with cour-



Janakibai, a construction worker who helped build the Jagruti facility.

age and helps others in their social struggles.

Jaya, Mangala and many others have dedicated themselves to providing health and education support for the women and children of Janawadi slum.

Barbara has since visited Pune twice and, back in Canada, founded *Friends of Jagruti* along with Sharon Pickle and Theresa Redmond of Ottawa and Josette Lefavre of Montreal. A Canadian not-for-profit organization, its goal is to raise awareness and funds for Jagruti Seva Sanstha. *Friends of Jagruti* has

few administrative costs and almost every penny raised is sent straight to its partner NGO in India.

The group's Canadian efforts were first limited to an email fundraising campaign targeting friends and family. That expanded last spring in May, when *Friends of Jagruti* held its first fundraising event in New Edinburgh.

The **Crichton Cultural Community Centre** generously donated its beautiful Dufferin Room as a venue. Volunteers cooked a four-course Indian banquet for over 70 donors, supplemented by generous donations from local restaurants. Indian dance troupe Cultural Horizons and vibrant Bollywood dancer Shilpa Vidyarthi gave of their talents and created a rich tapestry of light, sound and movement to entertain the guests.

Friends of Jagruti is planning another fundraising event at the Crichton Cultural Community Centre **Sunday, October 24, from 1-5:30 pm**. The afternoon will include yoga, kirtan and a silent auction, and welcomes participants from New Edinburgh and beyond.

For more on *Friends of Jagruti* or to make a donation, visit the website at www.friendsofjagruti.org. Questions about the upcoming fundraiser can be answered by emailing info@friendsofjagruti.org or by calling Barbara at 613-728-8647.



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By Michael Histed

Sadly summer is over once again, the leaves are falling and we need to turn our attention once again to securing our home for the winter months. This time of year presents us with many activities such as checking the weather-stripping, hanging the Christmas lights before the snow flies, cleaning the garden, etc.

It is also perhaps worthwhile taking a closer look at what you can do to secure your home as we prepare for the cold weather just around the corner:

- Check your windows. Do they close properly and do the locks work. A window is a common point of entry for burglars

- Check your front and back doors. Do you have a deadbolt on each door that locks into a solid door frame. Burglars often try to kick in the door. A regular handle lock usually presents little or no resistance.

- Check the batteries on your alarm system. Because we live in older homes, many of us have wireless door, window and motion detectors. They last a long time, so very easy to forget. Check with your alarm company for a maintenance schedule.

- Vacuum your smoke, carbon monoxide and motion detectors. Dust gets into them occasionally causing false alarms (remember if the police turns up for a false alarm, you may get charged a fee)

- Check bulbs in outside lights. Easy to miss during the summer when its light outside.

- Check exterior motion detectors are still working. You might also want to check the settings so that they come on for the right amount of time and activate at the right distance.

- Check any timers, both inside and out. you may have reset them for summer hours. now is the time to start read-

justing the timing, particularly when we transition to winter hours.

- Lastly, stay vigilant. The cover of darker nights provides for excellent cover for the potential burglar

Having said all of this, we nonetheless remain one of safest neighbourhoods in Ottawa. I have had little cause to contact the neighbourhood watch block captains over the past year or two due to extremely low number of incidents. In my mind this has a great deal to do with the volunteers that have made up neighbourhood watch over the years. New Edinburgh owes a great deal of gratitude to the over 60 Block Captains that have watched over our neighbourhood since its inception nearly ten years ago.

Due to my work pressures, I have lost contact with many of the captains, who I am sure have either moved or who have had to resign due to their work pressures. It is time therefore to breathe new life into the program. I would like to encourage anyone with an interest in volunteering for the safety of your neighbourhood to give me a call at 613-741-1660. The main role is to pass along information to your neighbours (approximately 10 homes per captain) about safety and policing.

Have a great fall and I look forward to your calls.

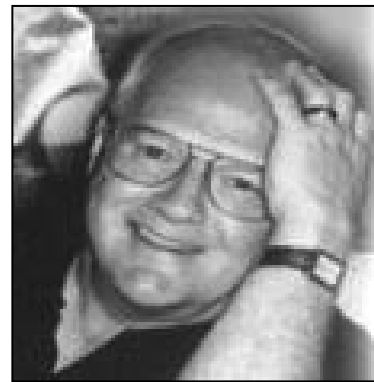
By Jane Heintzman

Several decades ago, long before the majority of our readers had set foot in this community, or indeed, in some cases, were even born, New Edinburgh was home to a small cluster of federal public servants who formed the core of the Priorities and Planning Secretariat of the Privy Council Office, serving then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in the tumultuous era of Constitutional repatriation, birth of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and introduction of the infamous National Energy Program.

Former Crichton Street resident **David Ablett** was a key player in this group, along with former CBC President **Bob Rabinovitch**, then a resident of Ivy Crescent. I too was a part of the "P&P" cabal here in the Burgh, working in a more modest capacity as a green young policy analyst, and living on Charles Street directly around the corner from David, with whom I regularly trekked to the Langevin Block on the Number 3 bus. To my great sorrow, David died of lung cancer in late July, and I will sorely miss his lively mind, his boundless curiosity, his zany and irreverent wit, and his loyal friendship.

David's career as a consummate journalist began in his high school days when he worked as a part-time sports reporter for the New Westminster Columbian. After graduating from U.B.C. in Economics and

Political Science, he attended the Columbia University School of Journalism on a scholarship from *The Vancouver Sun*, graduating with the top history award and a Pulitzer Traveling Fellowship. In the late 60's, following his return from Europe where he had covered the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia for Radio Free Europe, David resumed his post with *The Vancouver Sun*, serving as Bureau Chief in Washington and later in Ottawa.



He was recruited by the Privy Council Office in the late 70's and swiftly made his mark as a Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on a range of critically important issues, notably Patriation of the Constitution, introduction of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and implementation of the "6 and 5 Program" to contain the inflationary impact of public sector wage increases. I worked closely with David throughout these heady years, and will always remember with affection and admiration his steady-

ness and calm under pressure, his extraordinarily quick and well furnished mind, his irrepressible wit and good spirits, and his lightning speed on his old-fashioned Olivetti type writer!

After leaving the Privy Council Office in 1983, David went on to work with the Macdonald Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada, and later brought his strategic and communications skills to jobs on Bay Street with two of the leading Banks, and ultimately the Toronto Stock Exchange prior to his retirement in 2007.

When I last met with David several months before his death, he was hoping, despite his illness, to tackle a memoir of those years in the Privy Council Office, and to set the record straight with respect to a variety of events on which he felt that Trudeau's recent biographers had gone astray. Sadly that story will remain untold, but I will cherish the memories of our shared experiences in the pressure cooker of the PCO, and our years as friends and neighbours at Crichton and Charles Streets. My deepest sympathies are with David's wonderful children **Jonathan** and **Elizabeth** who grew up here in the Burgh, and with his wife **Colleen**, his stepchildren **Krista**, **Kelly** and **Kevin**, his 12 grandchildren, and all the members of his extended family.

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Adventures From the Land of Stray Dogs, Donkeys and Goats

By Emilie Tobin

It's starting to get hot. Really hot. And I am so happy for it. I arrived in Maun in Northern Botswana in early April, and was greeted with beautiful weather. It was hot, not too dusty with a few showers here and there to keep the grass green. And then winter hit. You can imagine my surprise and disappointment when the cold front arrived. When I left Canada, there was still snow on the ground. I looked forward to skirt and t-shirt weather all year-round in my adopted country. Sure, friends who live in Botswana told me to bring long johns and big sweaters. I assumed those would only be necessary on camping trips in the bush. Boy was I wrong.

Winter in Maun arrived in May and I was not prepared. I had the clothing, the socks, the tuque and mittens, but I was not prepared for an African winter to be so cold. The days are what many would call perfect weather. Between 15 and 20 degrees, light sweater weather is what I would call it. But the nights are a whole other story. It can reach zero degrees. Which doesn't sound so terrible after surviving a freezing Ottawa winter, but the houses here lack heating and insulation, so

it got cold. So cold in fact that for three months, I slept in my long johns covered in three blankets.

A Brand New Life

As I walk through the dusty streets of Maun, sand blowing in my face, stray dogs, donkeys and cows by my side, watching women struggle as their heels sink in the sand that makes up the roads, and children in school uniforms run up to me asking for money, it's clear that much more than the weather has changed in my life over the last six months.

Gone are the 9-to-5 weekdays in my air-conditioned cubicle, the lovely paycheque, the 45-minute bus ride to work, Tuesday nights at the movies with my best friend, 90s night at Barrymore's and weekends spent sitting at cafes and dancing the night away. They have been replaced with four jobs to juggle, a living allowance, a five minute cab ride to work, six dogs, belly dancing and spinning classes, 11 pm bar closings and weekends volunteering at an orphanage and heading to the bush to see lions, cheetahs and wild dogs.

I am in Botswana as a volunteer with the Unitera program, a joint initiative of World

University Services Canada and the Centre for International Studies and Cooperation. The goal of this initiative is to work in partnership with local organizations to build their capacity in various fields. In Botswana, Unitera partners with organizations working in the HIV and AIDS sector, as the disease has reached pandemic level in this country.

A Terrifying Statistic

The national HIV rate in Botswana is 17.6%, the second highest in the world, behind neighbouring Swaziland. Women have been the most affected by the disease with an infection rate of 50% for women aged 30-34. It is a terrifying statistic, especially as I will soon be entering this age bracket. It is nearly impossible to find someone who hasn't been affected by HIV and AIDS in this country. Either you know someone who is infected or has lost a parent, friend or relative to the disease, or your work is directly or indirectly related to HIV.

Over the next two years, I will work as a Communication Advisor for four NGOs, each somehow doing their part to ease the burden of HIV in Botswana. The Botswana Predator Conservation Trust is a wildlife conservation organization which runs a social development program which uses soccer skills and drills to teach children about the importance of protecting their environment. In order for kids to care about the future of wildlife and their habitat, they have to care about their own future, one which hopefully is HIV-free.



Photo: Emilie Tobin

During a recent trip to Chobe National Park, we followed a herd of elephants as they walked along the Chobe River, including the cutest three-week old baby elephant!

Maun Counselling Centre is an HIV testing and counselling centre which also provides services such as pre- and post-tests, clubs, and advocacy for orphans and vulnerable children. The Centre mobilizes the community to achieve greater equality between women and men, addressing such issues as fidelity to one partner, grief and bereavement. It also runs a daycare centre for children aged 2 to 6 who have been affected by HIV.

The Ngamiland Council of NGOs helps build capacity for all member organizations, and lobbies government on their behalf. The Kuru Development Trust is the first NGO in Botswana that is devoted to a strategy of affirmative action towards the San, otherwise known as the Bushmen.

The Adventure Continues

My time in Botswana so far has had its ups and downs. I have spent numerous days in the bush sleeping in tents as hyenas, elephants and lions walk by. I rollerbladed for the first time in my life at an NHL-sized concrete rink called Mukwa Leaf Gardens (I'm trying to rename it The Senators' Palladium). I helped organize

a major event attended by Prince William and Joe Jonas. I attended a World Cup game (Go Spain!) I have gone from never having a pet to living with seven animals (and loving it!). I have learned to work in a very difficult environment, and gained a newfound respect for people living with and affected by HIV.

So spring has arrived and summer is fast approaching. Soon, it will be 45 degrees every day and I will be melting away. And I'm certain I will complain, but I'm going to try really hard to refrain from whining and remember how awful it feels to sleep in your long johns, covered in three blankets and a sleeping bag and still shiver throughout the night. At least in summer, we have air conditioning!

Editor's Note: Emilie Tobin grew up on Ivy Crescent in New Edinburgh where her parents, Marie and David, continue to live. She is a graduate of the Carleton School of Journalism, and is currently beginning a two year assignment in Botswana. We look forward to Emilie's updates on her Botswana adventures in future issues of the NEN.

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115 Reasons To Be...

By Rev Joel Crouse

When the church council at Saint John Lutheran church sat down this spring to figure out how to celebrate the **115th anniversary** of Crichton Street's congregation, they knew they wanted to do something big—bigger than a new stained glass window. When your building is more than a century old, there's always work to be done, but a commemorative renovation didn't fit with our outward-looking mission.

record—200 school kits, raised by its youth and members at the annual New Edinburgh Garage Sale last year.

Even though we are a small church, we've never been shy about thinking big. Our focus is making a difference in the world—that's what inspires people.

Back in 1895, when Saint John first became a German Lutheran congregation, serving mostly newcomers to Canada, the church sat in the middle of farmer's fields. Now it's

and this year, offering space for a new local youth choir with a focus on global music. The church also serves its community - providing year-round support to the Partage Vanier food bank, visitation and a Christmas morning service at the Gary J. Armstrong Center for seniors, as well as ecumenical and inter-faith activities.

St. John has also looked beyond Canada for places to help. In the last eight years, the church has sponsored four refugees from Liberia, a large and costly commitment for a congregation of about 140 people. And it has raised the money to build a well providing public access in a neighborhood in Liberia where water is chronically short. This kind of global focus teaches our youth an important lesson about being citizens of the world. They've learned that their work here, whether it's handling the cash at the garage sale, making Christmas cards, or selling herbs on Mother's Day, can make big differences in the lives of others.

For the last few years, the youth at church have been using the proceeds from selling donated items at New Edinburgh's garage sale to buy school kits—the supplies are then purchased and assembled into kits on Sunday morning. This year was no different, with the young people kicking

off their fundraising efforts at the garage sale. The project is expected to take the entire year and many Sunday mornings - to say nothing of thousands of pencils and notebooks. Their work requires the success of wider partnerships, including an agreement between CLWR and Home Hardware, which covers the cost of shipping the supplies to a central location in Canada, and funding from the Canadian International Development Agency.

"We wanted a project that everyone at church could get enthusiastic about," says Bob Pierce, chair of church council. "And it had to be work that would fit with our mandate—to be in mission for others."

But, work aside, what would an anniversary be without a

party? This October, in true German tradition, St. John is also hosting an **Oktoberfest celebration** open to the community, complete with a traditional band that promises to get everyone doing the chicken dance.

Tickets to the **October 30 Oktoberfest** celebration are available at 613-749-6953 or visit stjohnlutheran.ca.

Youth Community Choir

The youth community choir, for interested singers between the ages of 7 and 12, meets at St. John Lutheran Church on Wednesdays at 6 pm. No auditions, everyone welcome.

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We Care Project

So they came up with the idea of school supplies for students in Africa—ten kits for every year that St John has been around. That works out to 1,150 kits, the largest project ever taken on by a single church for Canadian Lutheran World Relief, an aid organization providing assistance to people around the world. And as it turns out Saint John was trouncing its own previous

surrounded by family homes and condos, in a thriving community close to Ottawa's downtown. The face of the church has changed with it: its members now speak more than a dozen languages, and have roots around the world.

The church continues to open its doors to its neighbors: welcoming a community playgroup and lively Christmas party, providing a home to the MacDonald-Cartier Academy,



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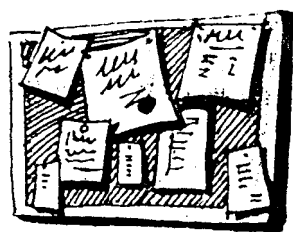






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Thursday, Oct 14, 7 pm
PRE-ELECTION FORUM at Rockcliffe Park Public School. (See article on Page 1 for more details.)

Monday, Oct 18, 7:30 pm
NECA BOARD MEETING at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Wednesday, Oct 20, 7 pm
NECA GENERAL MEETING at St. Bartholomew's Church. (See article on Page 4 for more details.)

Friday, Oct 22, 6 - 9 pm
GALA OPENING at Gordon Harrison Gallery. (See writeup on Page 15 for more details.)

Saturday, Oct 23, 9 am - 1 pm
BOOK DRIVE - we will pick up your donations for the Rockcliffe Book Fair. 613-749-7128.

Saturday, Oct 23, 5:30 pm
CANHAVE Children's Centre Annual Fundraising Dinner, Cathedral Hall, 420 Sparks Street. \$45 per person or Table of 8 for \$300. 613-565-6214 www.canhave.org.

Sunday, Oct 24, 3 - 5:30 pm
HALLOWEEN HOWL at Stanley Park. (See article on Page 17 for more details.)

Sunday, Oct 24, 7:30 pm
GALA CONCERT at MacKay United Church. (See article on Page 31 for more details.)

Sunday, October 24, 1 - 5:30 pm
FRIENDS OF JAGRUTI fundraising event including yoga, kirtan and a silent auction at the Crichton Cultural Community Centre.

Monday, Oct 25, 10 am - 8 pm
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (See Election guide on Pages 21-23 for more details.)

Saturday, Oct 30
OKTOBERFEST at St. John Lutheran Church. 613-749-6953 or stjohnlutheran.ca.

Ongoing in October

LINDEN HOUSE THEATRE Company presents *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward.

October 21-23, 27-30 at 7:30 pm. Matinee Sunday, **October 24 at 3 pm.** Elmwood Theatre. 613-842-4913.

November Events

Monday, Nov 1
PUMPKIN PARADE at Stanley Park.

BOOK FAIR at Rockcliffe Park School. **Nov 5, 6 & 7.** www.rockcliffebookfair.com.

Saturday, Nov 6, 1 - 4:30 pm
ANNUAL BAZAAR & TEA at St. Bartholomew's Church. Home baking, gifts, jams and preserves, attic treasures, Christmas items, books, CDs, DVDs, toys, and more. Free admission, barrier free access. 613-745-7834.

NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BAZAAR **Saturday, Nov 6, 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday, Nov 7, 9 am - 2 pm.** Baking, books, crafts, knitting, treasures, knick-

knacks, tea room, white elephant. 613-241-7496.

HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2010 - House Tour & Boutique for The Hospice at May Court. **Nov 12, 13 & 14, 10 am - 4 pm.** Tickets and tour information: www.hospicemay-court.com or call 613-260-2906 ext. 232.

Sunday, Nov 7, 4 pm
KIDS HELPING KIDS CONCERT at MacKay United Church. (See article on Page 30 for more details.)

Sunday, Nov 21
PIANO SHOWCASE celebrating the new Yamaha C7 grand piano at MacKay United Church 135th Anniversary. All proceeds go to the piano fund. 613-749-8727.

Friday, Nov 26, 4:30 - 8:30 pm
STARLIGHT BAZAAR at MacKay United Church. Baking, Preserves, Deli, Jewellery and Accessories, Children's Corner, Silent Auction, Trim a Tree and more. Chili and soup supper, dessert, tea and coffee. 613-749-8727.

Saturday, Nov 27, 5:30 pm
CRICHTON SCHOOL REUNION (See article on Page 25 for more details.)

Sunday, November 28, 4 pm
OTTAWA BRAHMS CHOIR *Christmas Favourites*, with the Polished Brass Quintet, St. Thomas the Apostle Anglican Church. New members welcome. Rehearsals Mondays 7-9 pm at Southminster United Church at Aylmer/Bank, starting September 13, 2010; contact Leo 613-749-2391; www.OttawaBrahmsChoir.ca.

Ongoing

CHANTAL GERVAIS EXHIBITION will be presented at Centre d'artistes Voix Visuelle, until October 26.

LADIES WALKS - I would like to invite any ladies who are interested in meeting twice a week for an afternoon walk around the neighbourhood. Perhaps you are a mum and have time before the kids come home from school, new to the neighbourhood and would like to meet new people, or the health aspect appeals to you? Whatever your reasons, I am hoping to start up a social afternoon walk and would love to hear from you. Noreen Watson 613-741-9951.

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FOUND a nice children's bicycle in New Edinburgh park on Sunday, Sept 12. findlayrick@hotmail.com.

LIVE-IN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT – Professional Ottawa couple will care for Snowbird house or apartment December – April (dates flexible). References available. Terms negotiable. 613-299-0200.

AUTUMN HATHA YOGA CLASSES Sundays 6:30 - 8pm, Crichton Cultural Community Centre. Sept. 19 - Nov. 28. \$10 Drop-in Class. No class Thanksgiving weekend. Contact robynbozek@hotmail.com.

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HOSERS WANTED!!. Yes, it's that time of year to start thinking about ice. If you are interested in becoming part of our elite group of ice-makers, please contact Brian Torrie at (brian.torrie@rogers.com or 613-747-7951) to sign up and get scheduled in.



Residents and staff from The Edinburgh Retirement Residence and students, teachers and family members from Fern Hill School came together on Friday, June 11, to support the "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" National Walk.

Gallery Rising

By Joseph Cull

Hard to imagine, but Dale Smith Gallery will soon be celebrating seven years of showcasing some of Canada's exciting emerging artists, several of whom are from Ottawa and the surrounding area.

Smith's goal, seven years ago, was to introduce established and new collectors to a gallery experience that was neither elitist nor exclusionary. She wanted viewers to feel relaxed and welcome as they enjoyed the fine art that graced the gallery walls. Smith maintains that art is integral to the experience of being human and should be available and accessible to all.

A wide range of exhibitions



Photo: Joseph Cull

Dale Smith.

have been shown in the last 7 years, some mainstream and some more controversial. A believer that art should provoke thought and conversation, Smith welcomes all questions and discussions. The Gallery has also showcased local educational arts programs

by presenting young artists from Canterbury High School Visual Arts Programs. Giving these young students hands-on Gallery experience, with her gentle and unobtrusive style, Dale continues to inspire and enrich the artistic journey for our youth.

Dale and her husband Bruce moved to New Edinburgh shortly after the Gallery opened because of their strong sense of community and to allow them the opportunity to embrace our community and all that it has to offer.

Congratulations to you, Dale, and your staff!! Thank You for enriching the texture and fabric of New Edinburgh. In another seven years, perhaps a bigger space, and my works on display?? Stay tuned!

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Congratulations

Congratulations to **Angela** (née Lang) and **Matthew Ebers** on their marriage in August. Angela grew up on Noel Street, where her parents, **John** and **Madelen Lang**, still live. The newlyweds are now settled in Toronto.

Happy 30th birthday to Burgh native **Christopher Glover**. Following his graduation from the New Edinburgh daycare and U of T law school, Chris deserted the Burgh to hunt for and exploit coal bed methane leases in Ukraine.

Congratulations to **Charles Benoit** (Noel) who graduated from Georgetown Law School in May and is now working for General Electric in Washington.

Heather Matthews (the Sconewitch) celebrated a significant birthday in August on a Friday the 13th. Hmmm...

This summer New Edinburgh resident **Sue O'Sullivan** retired as Deputy Chief of Police and is now the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime. Congratulations Sue!



Sue O'Sullivan's last day on the job began with a police escort.

They came as far away as Australia, British Columbia, Alberta and Southern Ontario, converging in the Burgh to celebrate the first family reunion of the **Hardy Clan** (MacKay) **June Hardy** was pleased to have her four children, twelve grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren all under one roof.

Congratulations on the recent engagement of **Ryan Hardy** (MacKay) to **Sara Bruno** of Ottawa. An August 2012 wedding is in the works.

All the best to **Victoria Bagg** and **Ryan Torrie** (Noel) on the occasion of their engagement.



Richard shows off his new ride.

Richard Brennan (Crichton) has been spotted around the neighbourhood on his latest bike, a **2005 Harley Davidson Deluxe**. His first memory of being on a motorcycle: riding his Dad's 1938 Harley. Richard bought his first bike in 1967 and has been riding ever since. [PHOTO]

Nicholas Galambos (Stanley) completed his 37th marathon in running the Ottawa Marathon on May 31.

Babies

Congratulations to **Rachel Boomgaardt** and **Paul Canning**, on the birth of **Isla Mary Canning** on May 28. Isla is the grand daughter of **Ray** and **Mary Ellen Boomgaardt**.



Isla Mary Canning.

Congratulations to **Ben** and **Rita Sauve** (Ivy Crescent)

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who are great-grandparents for the second time in a year. **Josee** (mother **Suzanne**) and her husband **Ben** welcome **Mateo Jocelyn Formoso** who was born September 17, five weeks early. Both mother and baby are healthy.



Mateo Jocelyn Formoso.

Welcome to the Burgh

Andrew, Jennifer Morrison and sons, **Aiden** (three years) and **Kieran** (five months), and black lab **Duke**, would like to thank neighbours for the warm welcome they were given. They are working on getting settled at 34 Dufferin Road and have already begun renovations to construct a period-appropriate two-story covered porch addition.

Jeff and May Black—along with their little dog **Dixie**—had been in their Putman home only a few weeks but in time to meet a number of neighbours during the community garage sale.

New on Vaughan are **Nneka** (yes, two 'n's), **Chris** and **Brendan** on Vaughan who moved here from a posting in Jamaica.

Welcome also to **Sylvia, Yves, Julien** and **Simone** who are new to Ivy. They arrived here from Montreal via Sandy Hill.

Welcome to 19 Noel, **Irina, Mark** and **Carolina**.

A warm welcome to **John Walker, Judi Tetro** and their 2 children, **Taiga** and **Koan** who arrived from Edmonton, Alberta onto MacKay St. in August with their dog, **Juniper**.

Welcome to Noel St. **Mark** and **Irena** and daughter **Carolina**. They have just arrived from Brussels.

Also new to Noel, from far off Lindenlea are **Paul** and **Rachel Sampson** and their children **Kyle, Nina** and **Luke**.

A welcome also to **Julie, Trevor** and **Sonam** who have also moved onto Noel.

Welcome to **Kate** and **Raphael** who moved from the Glebe to MacKay Street in June.

Marci Surkes and **Dara Lithwick** along with their little dog "**Zoe**" (a one year old Bichon Frise) have just moved into their first home at 14 Crichton. While artist **Karen Bailey** and **Iain Main** are saddened to have them leave the Lowertown area, they are now just down the street from Karen's studio at CCCC, 200 Crichton Street.

Also welcome to **Jean-Francois** and **Mi-Jing** and little puppy **Sarah** to Vaughan.

Comings & Goings

Vaughan St. residents will really miss **Madeleine Guerin** who is presently couch surfing in Rockcliffe while shopping for a new home. Her garden is a beauty and she always helped out her neighbours whose thumbs weren't quite as green.

A big welcome back to Noel St to **Aaron King**.

A very fond farewell to **Hilary Armstrong**, a long-time resident of Noel Street. Hilary retired several years ago and has since invested a good deal of time in making improvements to the marvellous house at Buck Lake where she and her late partner Kathryn Randle spent their summers. Hilary has recently moved to Buck Lake as her permanent home. We thank Hilary for her many years of active engagement in our community, including the Crichton Cultural Community Centre, and wish her well in her new sylvan setting. She'll be greatly missed!

Christopher Redmond (Crichton) just returned from Africa after running another edition of the film school he co-founded there called the Burundi Film Center. You can read his blog here <http://citizenshift.org/blogs/burundi-film-center/>

Miguel and **Carole**—former Vaughan St residents—arrived on the street for a summer visit from Germany. They and their 3 daughters **Sophia, Louisa** and **Mite** moved in with **Mary, Jerry, Daniel** and **Martina**.... It was pretty crowded, so they all went on a camping trip for a week.

Jim and **Meriel Bradford** (late of Ivy Cres) visited with their Yukon twin grandchildren in Stratford Ontario while the Shepherds went north to join their grandchildren in Whitehorse. **Thomas Shepherd** and **Dominic Bradford**, who were class-

mates at Ottawa Montessori Schools on Maple Lane in the 1970s, are glad to be able to get their families together.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to **Bread and Roses Bakery** owner **Chris Green** on the recent death of his father. Chris' dad led a rich and varied life, ranging over the globe from the steppes of Mongolia to Hong Kong, Australia and most recently, Ottawa. He is remembered with admiration and affection by the many people he touched in his long career.

Major-General Elliot Rodgers (Vaughan St) passed away in his 103rd year in September. The General was an amazing Canadian who was stationed in France during WWII and lived a full and long life.

Pets

Much sympathy to all the Stanley Park dog walkers who said goodbye to a beloved 4-legged friend over the summer: **Brian Torrie** and **Gillian Campbell** (**Broda**, the duck toller), **Susan Rodocanachi** (**Octave**, the border collie), **Jeff Smith** (**Boomer**, the Bernese), **Heather Matthews** (**Prior**, the big mutt), **Beth Parish** (**little Mojo**, the petit griffon basset) and **Janet Uren** (handsome black **Jake**).

And welcome to two new Burgh puppies: **Junio, Janet Uren's** three-month-old labrador mastiff (mastador) cross and **Daisy Mango Chesterfield** (Daisy to her pals), **Fran** and **Brian Ward's** new little labradoodle

Thank You!

Raymond and **Joyce Dubuc** (Vaughan) would like to thank the many neighbours who have helped out during Raymond's illness. Numerous dishes and gifts (including a walker) arrived at their door. One day a crew of 12 arrived to re-do their backyard—which was a mess after recent construction!



NEXT DEADLINE: Nov 10