

The Lindenleader

Newsletter of the Lindenlea Community Association

December 2022

Happy Holidays!



We had a great year in 2022 and we were able to bring back many in person events and classes. We ran our annual Easter egg hunt, Canada Day breakfast, art in the park, movie in the park, our Halloween haunted house, and our sleigh ride and chili dinner. We are looking forward to running family day activities and adding more in-person classes to the schedule in 2023.

We would like to thank our many volunteers who make all our events and activities possible, our wonderful board of directors, our fitness instructors and everyone who takes part in our classes and activities. We would also like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. We hope you enjoy spending time with your family, friends and neighbours and we wish you all the best in the new year.

If you have news or notices of local interest, contact our team at lindenleacommunitycentre@gmail.com.



The Lindenlea Community Association gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the City of Ottawa.

Chili Dinner & Sleigh Ride

The Lindenlea Community Association held its annual chilli dinner and sleigh ride on December 4th, 2022. Over 100 people attended this year's event, which marked the association's first in-person dinner since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The evening began with a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the beautiful streets of Lindenlea. Santa and his elves were on hand to help collect donations from the community to support both toy mountain and the Rideau Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre.



Attendees were then treated to delicious chilli dinner, prepared by a team of volunteers from the community. We also served up chili dogs, rice and some great desserts to go with the meal!

The success of this year's event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the association's volunteers. The association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success. A special thanks to Taylor, Alexandra, Justin, Paul and Nathan, Inge, Kim, Doug, Jeff and Anne, Angela, Frances, Jacquie and James, Zahra, Julie, Tanya and Neil, Martina, Renaude,



Ophelia, Vincent, Sandeep and Juliana and everyone who brought something sweet for the treat table.

Overall, the annual chilli dinner and sleigh ride was a wonderful way for the community to come together, enjoy each other's company, and support a worthy cause. We look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come.

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Volunteer of the Year

At our AGM in October, we announced our volunteer of the year, Pierre Bédard. I am sure you have seen Pierre doing some gardening around the community. Over the past few years, he has really worked hard to add some colour to Lindenlea. Pierre first got the gardening bug while living in Winnipeg and when he moved to Ottawa twelve years ago, he continued with his passion. He started gardening at the Unitarian Church in Westboro and from there, he got a job at Université St-Paul where he took care of the plantings on campus. When Pierre moved to Lindenlea he decided he wanted to add some colour to his own yard and then decided to expand and take on some of our public green spaces, where nothing but grass grew. These plants have added colour and cheer to our community, and most have come from Pierre's own garden.



Pierre first planted daylilies near the tennis courts and added some scilla bulbs for the spring. He was then given more daylilies and planted them on the corner of Lindenlea Road and Ridgeway. This is the perfect place for a bit of extra greenery and Pierre put in plants that were maintenance-free and resistant to pests and climate challenges. He added some New England asters as well – which are great for our pollinators. This fall Pierre also planted 100 crocus bulbs in the traffic island near the community centre. We are looking forward to seeing these flowers this spring and summer! We are so thankful to Pierre for taking on this task and wanted to recognize his community initiative!

AGM Recap

The Lindenlea Community Association held its annual general meeting virtually on October 20, 2022. This year's meeting was attended by over 20 members of the Lindenlea community, who were able to participate from the comfort of their own homes.

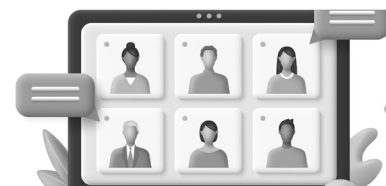
The meeting began with a welcome from the association's president, Tanya Allem, who highlighted the accomplishments of the past year and thanked the members for their continued support.

One of the topics of discussion at this year's meeting was our upcoming projects which include plans for a couple of new community initiatives, such as upgrading the backyard area of the community centre and repairing and repainting our tennis courts.

The meeting also featured updates on what activities have happened at the community centre during the past year. We also shared plans for upcoming community social gatherings.

We thanked Ralph Hess, who is stepping down from the board, for all of his hard work and dedication over the last three years. We were also pleased to welcome Martina Sulikova to our board of directors. Our new board of directors list can be found on the last page of the Lindenleader.

Overall, the annual general meeting was a successful and engaging event that allowed the members of the Lindenlea community to come together and discuss important issues affecting their community. The association looks forward to continuing to serve the community in the coming year and beyond.



From Councillor King's Desk

I acknowledge that I live and work on unceded Algonquin territory; I am committed to reconciliation efforts.

Beechwood Avenue is the only business improvement area within the urban core which has not undertaken a mainstreet reconstruction in the last 20 years. For this reason, I will continue to advocate for a complete rebuild of Beechwood Avenue. Under current policy, the City does not have dedicated capital budgets for major streetscaping and public realm interventions to be completed as standalone projects. The current mechanism to fund this type of work is to include it as part of larger reconstruction projects, also known as “integrated road, water, sewer” projects. While Beechwood Avenue has an obvious above-ground infrastructure deficit in terms of pavement and sidewalk quality and non-contiguous active transportation, the street’s below-ground infrastructure will not require upgrades for decades.

Since Council does not currently have the policy tools for comprehensive rebuilds without underlying infrastructure work, I am pleased that City staff under my direction is exploring a new policy through the new Transportation Master Plan Update, which would provide new opportunities to implement complete street reconfigurations to support intensification before underground infrastructure requires renewal. The funding implications of this initiative – including impacts to existing programs – will be examined as part of the next phase of the Transportation Master Plan Update, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2024.

Depending on the results of this exercise, specific complete street projects may eventually be identified and funded within the next stage of the Transportation Master Plan. Over the past Council Term, both Councillor Fleury and I have been very supportive of this proposed staff recommendation, regarding its ultimate potential for Beechwood Avenue.

In the new Council Term, I will continue to pursue this policy change, along with other policy tools, including a new Secondary Plan process for the Beechwood

Avenue/Hemlock Road corridor. Seventy-five percent of the time span for the current Community Design Plan has elapsed, and many of the then-recommended improvements have not been achieved as they are tied to the staccato pace of development on the street. It is evident that our community requires a strong, proactive policy that can address the Beechwood corridor in its entirety. A new proposed Secondary Plan will determine how the City’s new Official Plan will be applied to neighbourhoods on the corridor.


As always, you can contact my office by calling 613-280-2483, or by email rideaurockcliffeward@ottawa.ca or at www.rideau-rockcliffe.ca.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!


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From Parliament Hill

Showing Community Spirit this Holiday Season

Dear Lindenlea Residents,

You've likely seen donation boxes in stores, collecting proceeds towards giving residents a memorable Christmas and holiday season. This can be a financially challenging time for families, further amplified by the cost of living and global inflation.

Demand on local food banks has noticeably increased. Food banks are struggling to address rising food insecurity experienced by members of our community.

By giving what you can, you contribute to the work they're doing to get the vulnerable members of our community the help they need. You can donate gift cards, cash, or non-perishable items—everything helps.

To support a food bank serving the Lindenlea area, you can donate to the Rideau-Rockcliffe Emergency Food Bank through the Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre by calling 613-745-0073 or visiting www.crcrr.org.

Food banks, and the people relying on them, need our help. Let's ensure everyone in our community enjoys a festive holiday season.

*Joyeux Noël et joyeuses fêtes!
Merry Christmas and happy holidays!*

Hon. Mona Fortier
Member of Parliament, Ottawa-Vanier

From Queen's Park

Since elected to represent all Ottawa-Vanier residents, I feel a responsibility to help connect neighbourhoods by making everyone aware of each other's needs and to promote mutual aid and solidarity.

As the daily temperatures drop and the colours of autumn begin to fade, we are reminded to prepare for winter and the holidays. For an increasing number of us, holidays raise concerns about having enough food and being able to give little extras to our kids. Due to the rising costs of food, more people in our riding are using food banks.

That is why I would like to encourage everyone to support the mission of our charities, including food banks, to help those in need. Your donations can make a difference for a neighbour near you, whom you may meet from time to time on the street without knowing the precariousness of their situation.

Organizations in our neighbourhoods can certainly benefit from your generosity if you can afford it.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, which coincided with my election, I have had the opportunity to witness on many occasions the values of mutual aid and solidarity that already characterize our community. Currently, when generosity is even more important, I join you in trying to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable. This is undoubtedly one of the best ways to get into the holiday spirit, and to ensure it is filled with happy moments for as many of us as possible.

Happy Holidays!

Hon. Lucille Collard
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Books on Beechwood Top 10 Books of 2022

It's always so hard to pick our favourite books of the year, but we've given it our best shot here. Covering a wide range of subjects, here is a top ten list of books that have delighted our staff over the past year.

Non-Fiction

Ice War Diplomat by Gary Smith

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Canada-Russia summit series, this book couldn't be more timely! A really riveting read and a wonderful historical account for all Canadians, whether they're diehard hockey fans or not.

Montreal to Moscow: 1972 Summit Series in Cartoons and Anecdotes by Terry Mosher

The perfect companion to Gary Smith's book, this collection of cartoons really transports readers into the past. These images not only capture the political and social unrest at the time, but also some of the most beautiful moments in Canadian hockey history.

Front Page Ottawa by Bruce Deachman

The Ottawa Citizen's senior writer has mined their archives of the last 50 years and created a wonderful look back at our city's highlights and lowlights. Providing articles and photographs from the archives, Deachman fleshes out each story with context and extra details to make for a delightful read.

Great Scoops by Marlene Hayley

From the kitchens of local ice creamery, The Merry Dairy, these recipes are straightforward, nut and allergen-free, and incredibly delicious!

Fiction & Mystery

Lessons by Ian McEwan

A general and humane portrait of one man's journey through life in the 21st century - his loves, losses and inevitable mistakes. Ian McEwan's writing is superb.

Almost Visible by (our very own) Michelle Sinclair

This is an exquisitely written story about human connection. Lyrical, profound, beautiful and haunting,

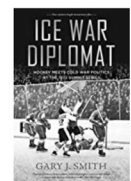
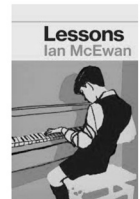
this is a work not to be missed. Each character is well drawn and not a word is wasted. History, mystery, and friendship all have a place in this excellent read.

Still Life by Sarah Winman

This novel begins in 1944 Tuscany with a chance meeting between 64 year old art historian Evelyn and 24 year old British soldier Ulysses. It is a beautiful meditation on the power of friendship. There is heartbreak, grief and much loss, but also love, joy, art, music, food, and unforgettable characters.

The Cold Edge of Heaven by Whit Fraser

A thrilling mystery set in the Arctic and penned by the Right Honourable Whit Fraser! Full of murder, mystery, and love, this is the perfect read for the mystery lover in your life!



Kids and Teens

Ghostlight by Kenneth Oppel (ages 10+)

Set on Toronto Island, this newest offering from one of our favourite Canadian authors is a real treat! Spooky, thrilling, and historical, this rollicking adventure is great fun!

The Three Canadian Pigs by Jocelyn Watkinson (ages 5-8)

A funny Canadian twist on The Three Little Pigs. When Wolf and his friends come calling, these three Pigs decide to settle things the Canadian way – with a game of shinny!

Hosers Needed!

As the temperature drops and the snow accumulates, we anticipate one of our favourite pastimes: skating in Lindenlea Park. Did you know that our rink is kept in beautiful condition by a dedicated group of volunteer hosers? People generally volunteer to flood one night a week. A team of two or three people each night is ideal. No experience is necessary – we will provide training for new hosers. If you'd like to join (or rejoin) the hosers, please contact Seanna at lindenleacommunitycentre@gmail.com.



Winter Programming

We are excited to offer a wide variety of programming both in person and online starting early January. Some of our popular fitness classes for adults include Pilates, Chair Yoga, Balance and Stability, Barre Strength, Fitness Fusion, HIIT and more.

We are also pleased to offer Tae Kwon Do classes on Saturday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Our Tae Kwon Do program has been running for thirty years under the direction of Master Haas and we now have 60 black belts in our community. This program is suitable for anyone aged 7 and up. Kids can start younger if a parent or caregiver joins with them.

We will also be bringing back our popular kids dance program in January and adding in a few new classes as we go along!

You can see our full class list on our website and register online. If you have any questions, please email lindenleacommunitycentre@gmail.com.

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Upcoming meeting dates:

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