RSCA News!

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Riverside South Community Association News

Riverside South Help Toy Mountain Parade

Saturday, Nov 25, 2023 - 11 am

Join us for the RSCA's 7th annual parade to help build CTV and MOVE 100's Toy Mountain in support of the Salvation Army. If you wish, bring a new, unwrapped toy to help the less fortunate in Ottawa have a Merry Christmas!

Enter a float - Participation is FREE! Are you a business, group, street, or individual interested in participating in the parade? Decorate a car/van/truck, tow a trailer with a Christmas tree, walk/run/skip/cartwheel down the street, or use your imagination (music, singing, dancing optional but encouraged!) to entertain the residents of Riverside South as they help us with toy donations to support the Salvation Army.

To register: please fill in this **form**

Volunteer: We also need volunteers to help man the barricades **Sign up here**.

The parade will make its way from St Jerome Elementary up Spratt to Bernard Grandmaitre Elementary for the enjoyment of all! The jolly man in red will be anchoring the parade.

Please note that Spratt Rd will be closed Nov. 25, 10:30am to 12:30pm from the south end of Shoreline Dr. to the north end of Canyon Walk Dr.

Need more information? Please contact **events@riversidesouth.org**

Sleigh Rides

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023 - 5:00-8:00pm

Evening Sleigh Rides run every 20 minutes from 5:00 - 8:00pm*. Hay wagons depart from the Rideauview Community Centre and tour through the neighbouring streets. Fun for all ages!

The community centre will be open to keep warm and enjoy hot chocolate, cookie decorating, and Christmas carols before heading out on your ride to enjoy the decorated houses.

***Tickets still available!** - there is a nominal cost of $3 per seat (please note, this means that if a child will sit on your lap, they do not require a ticket).*

Holiday Lights Tour & Draw

Have you decorated the exterior of your home for the holiday season? Whether you channelled your inner Clark Griswold, kept it understated like Martha Stewart, or went with something in between, add your address to an **interactive map** so that area residents can plan a tour of the neighbourhood! **Registration** for the map will go live Saturday, December 2.

All registered addresses will be entered in a random draw for the chance to win a gift card. The draw will take place Monday, December 18th, and the cards will be delivered before the 24th.

Outdoor Rink Volunteers

Needed

We need ice crew volunteers for the upcoming Outdoor Rink season! Our local outdoor rinks are run completely by volunteers and without them there would be no local skating surfaces for our community to enjoy.
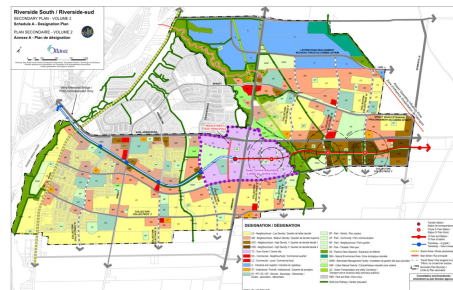

We are in need of a rink crew lead or co-lead(s) at Mountain Meadows puddle rink; the Lead organizes their crew volunteers to ensure that the ice is installed and then cleared and flooded throughout the season as per the City's timelines. Training and guidance provided! If you can help, please contact our Rink Coordinator: **icerinks@riversidesouth.org**

For anyone interested in being a crew volunteer (high school students: this is a great way to accumulate community volunteer hours) please sign up here: **riversidesouth.org/outdoor-rinks**

Riverside South Draft Secondary Plan

On November 1, 2023, the City of Ottawa's Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department held a virtual Open House for the ongoing Riverside South Secondary Plan. You can view the map and presentation **here**:

RSCA AGM Recap

Did you miss our AGM on October 19?
All reports presented are available here: **riversidesouth.org/agm**.

The 2023-24 board of directors:
President: Tamara Lewis
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Riverside South Seniors

Did you know that Riverside South has a Seniors Social Group?

They meet bi-weekly at the Rideauview Community Centre @ 4310 Shoreline Drive - Mondays from 10am - 12 noon.

Join them in your own community and get to know each other - primary focus is ages 60+, but all are welcome!

Enjoy coffee (or tea), cards, conversations and guest speakers presenting relevant information to seniors' interests; and look for new ways and ideas to bring the seniors together.

Website, **Facebook Group**, **Email**

City of Ottawa

Want to know more about what's happening in your City? Sign up **here** to receive City of Ottawa news through your e-mail! Choose from newsletters on courses and events or project and activity bulletins.

Want to weigh in on the projects and initiatives that you care about, at your convenience? Head to **engage.ottawa.ca**.

Want to stay up to speed on Stage 2 LRT construction progress or the Trillium Line specifically? Sign up for updates **here**.

City of Ottawa and 311
Decisions made by City Council have a direct effect on the residents of Ottawa and impact the type, level and variety of municipal services provided to you. Council is the decision-making body responsible for the administration of the City of Ottawa and is responsible for turning community needs into municipal
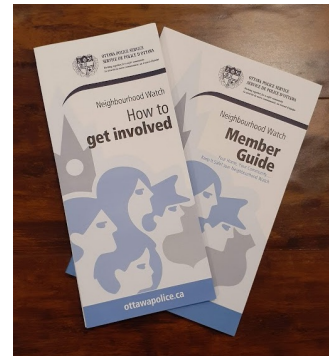
services including policing, water, transit, garbage and recycling, sewers, fire and paramedics.

For service requests or to report issues with parking etc - contact 3-1-1 by phone or **online**.

Ward 22 City Councillor: Have a community issue/need you think needs to be addressed? Contact our Ward Councillor's office: Steve.Desroches@ottawa.ca or 613-580-2751. Subscribe to the councillor's newsletter **here**.

Neighbourhood Watch

Interested in learning more about the Riverside South Neighborhood Watch program? Please contact watch coordinator, **Graham Irvine**

Feedback

The RSCA wants your input! Have ideas for our events and programs? A community issue you think the RSCA should look into? Let us know: **info@riversidesouth.org**