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Riverside South Community Association News

Congrats Student Bursary Recipients!

Local grade 12 graduates Hannah Villeneuve and Sahat Alam submitted impressive applications and have been active volunteers in Riverside South for many years and are the 2021 recipients of the RSCA student bursaries. Hannah, a St FX grad, will be studying Computational Biochemistry at Carleton University. Sahat is a graduate of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Colonel By and will be studying Political Science and Public Administration at Ottawa U. Congratulations to you both and best wishes in your future endeavours!



Community Garage Sale

We are hoping to be able to hold the ever popular Riverside South Community Garage Sale in September if public health guidelines allow. Let us know what your preferred date is here: [survey](#)

Whooping Crane Park

Update

From the City of Ottawa's Engage Ottawa portal:

A public consultation for Whooping Crane Park was held from April 8 to 23, 2021. Thank you to everyone that provided their input on the play equipment style options for the park. 68 submissions were received from the online survey.



The project team will be proceeding to develop a final concept plan with a playground design based on the Traditional Nature Theme, which was preferred by most residents.

Additional comments received are summarized as follows:

- Requests for additional amenities including a splash pad, tennis courts, half-court basketball, a shade shelter, a skateboard park or BMX park, outdoor fitness equipment and a pond
- Consideration

to
provide
a
rubberized
surfacing
material
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the
playground

- Request
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a
more
natural
playground
- Request
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a
playground
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The team will review the possibility of adding a shade shelter conditional on the tender results and the ability to accommodate it within the project budget.

A number of the requested amenities are proposed to be provided at Atrium Park, located 500m west of Whooping Crane Park. The proposed amenities at Atrium Park include an outdoor fitness equipment area, splash pad, double pickleball courts and full-court basketball. BenchFit signage is being considered for Whooping Crane Park to encourage the use of park benches for fitness exercises. Existing tennis courts are available at Summerhill Park to serve this area and a district skateboard park is planned to be developed in the future at the Riverside South Core District Park.

With respect to the request for a pond, please note that stormwater management ponds are located on separate land from new park blocks. A pond is not proposed adjacent to Whooping Crane Park. The subdivision is serviced by the Riverside South Stormwater Management Pond 5 located adjacent to the Rideau River.

The playground will be designed and constructed to comply with the CSA standards for children's playgrounds and equipment that are accessible to

persons with disabilities. Engineered wood fibre is proposed to be used for the accessible safety surfacing material; rubberized surfacing cannot be afforded within the park development budget.

In response to the request for a natural playground, the City's parks operations staff prefer the installation of playground equipment with plastic and metal materials rather than wood to reduce maintenance requirements. A nature theme is proposed for the playground equipment. Wood elements including log posts at the sand play area and a rumble bridge at the playground pathway loop are proposed to complement the nature theme.

Trillium Line Extension Construction Acceleration

As part of the Stage 2 O-Train South Extension project, TransitNEXT will be increasing work hours and days at various locations across the project to maximize the 2021 construction season.

Over the summer and into the fall Limebank Station will see double shifts (7am to 3am) and the Earl Armstrong and Bowesville rail bridges will have weekend work.

Community Clean Up

Unfortunately due to restrictions in place in April the RSCA had to cancel our planned Spring Community Clean Up. We would like to express our appreciation to the community members who took the time to clean up our parks and green areas this past spring on their own initiative!



Support Our Local Businesses!

We ask that you continue to support our local businesses! If you own or would like to recommend a local business, please add them to **this list** on the RSCA Facebook page. You can also see a **directory** of our local businesses or add a listing here: riversidesouth.org/sign-up

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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:

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