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Riverside South Community Association News

Movie in the Park

May 23, 2026

Movie Night in the Park is Back!

Grab your blankets, lawn chairs, and your favourite movie crew—it's time for a cozy night under the stars with the Riverside South Community Association!



Join us on **Saturday, May 23 at 8:30pm** at **Claudette Cain Park (south field)** for a free outdoor screening of **Zootopia 2**.

Come early to snag a good spot, stretch out on the grass, and settle in for a fun, family-friendly evening.

Snacks & drinks available!

The fieldhouse will be open from **7:30-10:00pm** with refreshments for purchase (cash only—time to check those couch cushions!)

Washrooms will also be open in the fieldhouse for your convenience.

Whether you're coming for the movie, the snacks, or just an excuse to be outside on a spring evening, we'd love to see you there.

Who can apply?

- A **Class of 2026 high school graduate**
- **Accepted to or enrolled in** a Canadian college, university, or trade school
- A **Riverside South resident**
- In **good academic standing**

What do you need to do?

Submit a **short essay (max 500 words)** telling us about yourself, your volunteer work, and why the bursary matters to you.

Application deadline: May 15, 2026

(Yes, it's coming up fast—future you will be very glad you didn't wait until May 14 at 11:59 PM.)

Apply here:

<https://riversidesouth.org/student-bursary>

Questions? Email info@riversidesouth.org

South Ottawa Truck Route Study

A new study by the City of Ottawa is reviewing truck routes across the south end to better understand impacts on safety, traffic flow, and daily life. Possible changes to routes in Manotick could also affect traffic through Riverside South—especially along Earl Armstrong Road and over the Vimy Memorial Bridge.



This is where residents come in. A short online survey (10–15 minutes) is open until May 19, and your input will help shape future recommendations.

Have your say and learn more:

engage.ottawa.ca/south-end-truck-route-study

Because when it comes to traffic in our neighbourhoods, local insight matters.

Join the 2026 Canada Day Marketplace

Calling all makers, creators, and local legends! If you've got a side hustle, a craft obsession, or a community group that needs some time in the spotlight, we've got the perfect patch of grass for you.



On **July 1, 2026**, Claudette Cain Park transforms into the ultimate summer hangout, and our **Canada Day Marketplace** is right at the heart of it. It's your chance to get your brand in front of **2,000-3,000 neighbours** who are out for a good time (and maybe a little shopping).

Pricing:

\$40: For vendors selling their awesome inventory on-site.

\$250: For groups joining us for promotion/outreach without direct sales.

Free: If you're a **Silver-level or above Canada Day sponsor**, your spot is on the house!

Pro Tip: Need a table or chairs? Don't sweat it. You can rent those right at checkout so you don't have to play Tetris with your car trunk on Canada Day morning.

A couple quick notes: RSCA holds the Exhibition License, so no additional business license is required, and food sales are not permitted in the marketplace area.

Ready to claim your spot? Head over to the [2026 Marketplace Portal](#) and let's show Riverside South what you've got.

Become a Canada Day 2026 Sponsor

Oh Canada! (And Oh, What a Party We're Planning)

Let's be honest: Riverside South knows how to throw a party.

Canada Day 2026 is fast approaching, and if you thought last year was big, buckle up. We're transforming Claudette Cain Park into a full-blown festival ground where the only thing more abundant than the maple syrup is the sheer amount of stuff to do.

We're talking a "kids-will-sleep-for-twelve-hours-afterward" level of excitement, featuring:

High-Octane Thrills: Rock climbing, laser tag, and obstacle courses.

Classic Whimsy: A miniature train, mini golf, and inflatables.

The "Toddler Zone": A safe haven for the little ones (and a breather for the parents).

The Works: Face painting, balloon artists, and live entertainment that'll have you humming all the way home.

We Need You (Yes, You!)

Pulling off an event of this scale takes more than just good vibes and patriotic spirit—it takes local legends like you. To keep the train running (literally), the RSCA is rolling out our **2026 Tiered Sponsorship Program**.

It's a fantastic way to get your business in front of thousands of neighbours while helping us keep this "signature event" truly spectacular. Whether you're a local shop or a big-time booster, we've got a spot for you.

Ready to be a neighbourhood hero?

Check out the sponsorship details on our [Canada Day Page](#) or send a note to our Business Director, [Andrew](#). He's friendly, we promise!

Let's make 2026 the Canada Day the history books (or at least our Instagram feeds) will never forget.



Community Centre & Library - RSCA Survey Results

Thank you to the 193 people who took time to respond to our survey about the new library &

community centre! The results have been shared with Councillor Desroches and the planning teams.



Happily, nearly all of what the respondents wanted will be included in the plan, either at this site or the new recreation centre further east on Earl Armstrong. You can see the survey results for yourself [here](#).

Future engagement opportunities for the [library & community centre](#) and the [recreation complex](#) will be available on Engage Ottawa.

YOMA

The Youth of Manotick Association (YOMA) is more than just a local organization. It is a youth-driven initiative built on connection, inclusion, and support. Created by youth for youth, YOMA responds to a growing need in Manotick and surrounding rural communities for a safe, accessible, and welcoming space where young people can gather, connect, and feel at home.



At its heart, YOMA is focused on building something meaningful for the future. The long-term goal is to create a dedicated youth centre that would serve as a hub for community programming. This space would offer social and preventative programs, mental health and intervention services, life skills development, and leadership opportunities. It is all about giving youth the tools and support they need to grow with confidence.

One of YOMA's most impactful current initiatives is its **free, in-person mental health counselling program**, offered in partnership with Manotick Counselling. Available to youth ages 12-17, these sessions take place every Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM with registered therapists, providing accessible and professional mental health support in a welcoming environment.

Youth interested in accessing counselling are encouraged to call or text **613-508-0254** in advance to reserve a space. To ensure a safe and respectful setting for everyone, all participants are expected to treat therapists and peers with respect, and any aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

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.

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](#).

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



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