

Community Newsletter

February 2025



WINTER FESTIVAL 2025

Looks like Winter has arrived in Ottawa! The Winter Festival is returning on Saturday, February 22 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm at Elizabeth Manley Park (1161 Blohm Drive). This annual event is organized by a dedicated group of volunteers from the Hunt Club Park Community Association.





Come and see your neighbours and have fun participating in the

different games planned. We hope this year's weather gives us the outdoor rink for hockey and skating. Come for a horse drawn sleigh-ride and watch as a block of ice transforms into a magical ice sculpture. And just as the chill sets in, come by the fire pit for hot chocolate, hot dogs, and s'mores served by the 137th Ottawa Scouts Group.

The ticket prices for this year's event are \$1.50 per ticket or \$5.00 for four tickets (which is \$1.25 per ticket). The sleigh ride, food and drinks are 1 ticket each.

Mark your calendars and save the date. We hope to see you and your family and friends. EVERYONE is welcome!

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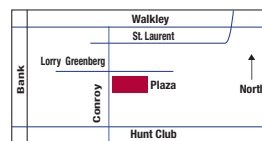
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Welcome to Hunt Club Park



We learned that Blossom Montessori provides a unique bilingual education and a quality francophone program for children aged 18 months-old to 12 years-old. The basis for the Montessori curriculum is to inspire a lifelong love of learning. All their teachers hold AMI diplomas (Association Montessori Internationale).

We discussed the different programs at the school. There is a Toddler Program (18 months to 3 years), a Casa Program (3-6 years), and Elementary Program (6-12 years). These programs combine the advanced academic rigor of the Montessori method with interdisciplinary learning in history, fostering curiosity and critical thinking.

You may have seen the signs when driving down Conroy Road towards Walkely Road for Blossom Montessori School!

The Hunt Club Park Community Association recently had the opportunity to tour the Blossom Montessori School. We met with Djamila Sahouli, the Head of the School and the Founder, and Muriel Chavarroche, Assistant to the Head of School. They showed us the large, bright classrooms, a large gymnasium, a beautiful greenhouse, a kitchen for culinary sessions, a school bus for excursions, and an outdoor space for play.





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We enjoyed watching the children in their classroom environments. The toddlers were having their afternoon naps in tiny little beds. Adorable! The children in the Casa Program were curious to see us and had smiles and waves for us. The Elementary Children were focused and engaged in their activities.

All children are encouraged to take charge of their learning and even plan their outside learning activities, including transportation and budgeting. Impressive! For more information,

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Hello Hunt Club Park Residents!

Winter weather may be here, but we're still keeping busy both in the community and City Hall.

Zoning Amendment Application: VAW Housing Initiative Update

A Zoning Amendment application has been submitted for the vacant lot for the proposed Violence Against Women Housing Initiative (VAW) in Hunt Club Park. The proposal is for a new transitional housing facility that would provide a safe, supportive home for Inuit women and children. To facilitate the project, two zoning changes are being proposed by the applicant:

- a site-specific exception to permit a Residential Care Facility
- an increase in the maximum building height (from 10.7 to 11.5 metres)

The application will be considered by the City's Planning and Housing Committee on February 19, 2025. For more information, please visit <https://devapps.ottawa.ca/> – application no.: D02-02-24-0082.

Upcoming Event: International Women's Day Breakfast

I will once again be hosting my annual **International Women's Day Breakfast** to help celebrate and recognize the amazing contributions of women in our community. This popular event has been a long-standing tradition and a great opportunity for neighbours and friends to come together. If you would like to be invited to this year's event, please email my office at Jessica.Bradley@ottawa.ca.

Traffic Calming in Our Community

Traffic safety is one of my top priorities for our community, and my team and I work hard to address ongoing concerns. This year, we have launched a Traffic Calming Survey to evaluate the temporary measures that have been installed in 2024 on streets across the community. To take the survey, please visit www.gloucestersouthgate.ca. The deadline is February 15, 2025.

A reminder, Johnston Rd between Ewing Dr and Blohm Dr, has been selected for a Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Study, which includes the installation of permanent traffic calming measures. More details and opportunities for input to be announced soon.



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