

Community Newsletter

February 2026



The volunteers of the **Hunt Club Park Community Association** are hosting its annual Winter Festival on Saturday, February 21st from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Elizabeth Manley Park (1161 Blohm Drive). Want to be in the loop about what's happening in your neighbourhood and your city? Consider becoming an active member of HPCA.

We are having a true Winter this year! So come out and enjoy the snow! So far, 2026, looks like we will have lots of snow for building snowmen and snow angels. South-

East Ottawa Youth Education Centre has some games and other winter fun planned. Holly Brooke Farms is returning for horse drawn sleigh-rides, and the Canadian Ice Society will be there to transform a block of ice into a magical ice sculpture. We are pleased to announce a special surprise this year! *The Ottawa Police Services Mounted Unit*

will attend our Festival. So be sure to join us to see the police riding their horses!

And just as the chill sets in, you can grab a hot dog served by Kiwan Farms, wander over to the 137th Ottawa Scouts Group's fire pit for s'mores, and sip hot chocolate compliments of John Fraser.

The ticket prices for this year are \$1.50 per ticket. The sleigh ride, hot dogs, and s'mores are 1 ticket each. Half of the proceeds for the s'mores supports the 137th Ottawa Scouts Group, so eat up!

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



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Ottawa Police Service (OPS) launched Community Connect

On January 15, the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) launched CommunityConnect.

CommunityConnect is a new text-message service designed to keep residents informed when they call police for non-emergency assistance (priority 3 and 4 calls), where there is no immediate threat to life or crime in progress. Please note that calls involving sexual assault, intimate partner violence, abduction, bomb threats, alarms, or demonstrations are excluded. Messages will come from 343-803-6032. Calling or texting this number will direct residents to OPS emergency or non-emergency lines.

What residents can expect

- A confirmation text that their call was received
- A case number and information about next steps
- Updates if a response is delayed
- An optional feedback survey (available in both English and French)

No confidential information will ever be shared by text. This new service is part of OPS's modernization efforts to improve communication, transparency, and the overall experience for residents seeking assistance

Distractions Thefts

OPS is also warning residents of a new type of distraction theft targeting seniors across the city. Suspects typically approach victims - usually seniors - from a nearby waiting vehicle under the guise of asking for directions or help, and then offering a "gift". Seniors may be approached while out for daily walks, attending religious services, or in shopping mall parking lots. Some incidents have occurred directly on victims' private property.

After asking for your help, they may beckon you to come closer. Once you are close to them, they shake or kiss your hand or try to place a necklace around your neck as a "thank you gift." In the process of doing these acts, the suspects remove your jewellery. Thieves may also target wallets, phones, and purses.

The OPS has received more than 120 incidents reported since the spring.

Four ways to help protect yourself and others:

- Avoid displaying expensive or sentimental jewellery in public; keep it covered when possible



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- Request info or Educators Kit
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- Request Training (Free 2 hour sessions)

Contact our Hunt Club rep: drugfreeottawa@gmail.com
Contact us on Facebook: [@drugfreeottawa](https://www.facebook.com/drugfreeottawa)

www.drugfreeworld.org

Distractions Thefts con't

- Stay alert to your surroundings, especially in parking lots and less busy areas.
- Do not allow strangers to invade your personal space or touch you — if someone tries to place an object on you, it's a red flag.
- If approached by a stranger under suspicious circumstances, decline politely, walk away and seek help if needed.

If you believe you've been a victim or witness to a distraction theft and the suspect is still nearby, do not attempt to follow them. Instead, call 911 immediately and try to remember as many details as possible, including their physical description, clothing, and any vehicle involved (make, model, licence plate, etc.).

If you have information about these incidents, please contact the OPS at 613-236-1222 ext. 7300 or stay anonymous and call Crime Stoppers toll-free at 1-800-222-8477 or submit a tip online at www.crimestoppers.ca.

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March Break Science Day Camp

Youth will study pathogens that can cause disease, ways that the human body protects itself, and measures that we can take to assist our bodies in fighting pathogens more effectively. In this context, a few key ideas related to nutrition will be explored and youth will be assisted in understanding some of the science behind vaccines. They will also think about the health of the community and plan a project to increase community health.

Date: March 16 - 20
Time: 12:30pm - 5pm
Theme: Health and Well-Being
Location: 22-4 Lorry Greenberg Dr
Eligibility: 10-14 years old
Registration:

<https://www.gncentre.org/march-break>



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If I can ever be of assistance to you, on any federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Si jamais je peux vous aider, n'hésitez pas à contacter mon bureau.

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Hello Hunt Club Park Residents!

Even with the winter chill outside, there's no shortage of energy, connection, and community happening — both locally and at City Hall.

International Women's Day 2026

Residents are invited to celebrate International Women's Day on March 5, 2026, at my annual breakfast. The event will feature guest speaker Caitlin Morrison, Executive Director of Matthew Perry House, who will share insights from more than two decades of leadership in equity and mental health. Attendees will enjoy a continental breakfast and the opportunity to connect with community members and local leaders. Advance RSVP is required to jessica.bradley@ottawa.ca

3145 Conroy Road – Minor Zoning Amendment

The City received an application from Miller Waste for a site plan control and minor zoning amendment at 3145 Conroy Road, proposing heavy equipment and vehicle operations and outdoor storage to support its fleet (no garbage storage on-site).

I know this proposal has raised concerns for nearby residents, and the plan includes measures such as enhanced cycling/pedestrian safety at the entrance and installing a noise wall and cedar hedge to help reduce impacts. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their feedback before the January 14 deadline—your comments are an important part of the City's review. I have met with Miller Waste and City staff to ensure the concerns raised by residents are clearly understood and carefully considered as the application moves forward.

New Steps for Housing in Ottawa

Housing affordability & availability has been top of mind for Gloucester-Southgate residents and last month, Council approved Ottawa's most housing-friendly Zoning By-law to date, marking a major step toward increasing housing supply and affordability.

It introduces clearer standards for mid- and high-rise buildings, supports gentle density, expands options for missing-middle housing and seniors' housing. The changes also support small and home-based businesses, helping strengthen Ottawa's local economy.

Learn more on: engage.ottawa.ca/zoning