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Luc and Martha Deslauriers, inset, have turned their Fallingbrook front yard into one of the most popular Hallowe'en attractions in Ottawa. FRED SHERWIN PHOTO

Fallingbrook home a mecca for trick-or-treaters

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

The Deslauriers home on Deancourt Crescent in Fallingbrook has been a mecca for trick or treaters in Orléans for the past 30 years.

Luc and Martha Deslauriers started decorating their front yard in 1994 when their oldest daughter was just three.

Luc, who is in construction, saw a castle in a shopping mall in Trois-Rivières that was made entirely out of Styrofoam. He used the same material to make some tombstones and created a spooky graveyard.

Since then, the couple has continuously added to their Hallowe'en menagerie to the point where it has become a featured location on a map of the 10 spookiest houses in Ottawa.

The notoriety has resulted in hundreds of visitors dropping by their property every year, with some people coming from as far away as Cornwall.

The couple begins setting up their display at the end of September. Most of the work is done on the weekends when they are joined by their two daughters, Maryse and Sophie, who are all grown now, and Luc's sister and brother-in-law.

"It went from something that was fun to do, to being something for the whole community," says Luc.

The walk-through display includes a Pirates of the Caribbean section featuring a large pirate ship, a section dedicated to zombies, a witch's homestead, a creepy corridor, a pumpkin inferno and other surprises.

New this year is a towering 20-foot skeleton that lights up and flashes.

When visitors started offering them money several years ago, the Deslauriers decided to turn their Hallowe'en attraction into a fundraiser for CHEO where one of daughters

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What happens to him if something happens to you?



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Nominations still open for Outstanding Youth Awards

ORLÉANS – Nominations are still being accepted for the 2023 Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards, which recognize the outstanding achievements of youth aged five to 18. Unlike other awards which are divided into categories, the Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards are designed to recognize youth who are outstanding in a variety of areas. For instance, they may excel in a specific sport or an artistic discipline, while maintaining excellent grades and contributing to the community through volunteering, mentoring or tutoring. The deadline for nominations which can be sent by email to OYA@orleansstar.ca is Wednesday, Oct. 31. Visit orleansonline.ca/OYA for more info.

Annual Poppy Campaign to kick off this Friday

ORLÉANS – The 2023 Poppy Campaign will kick off this Friday with a ceremony at the Orléans Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. As in the past, the poppies will be available at a number of locations throughout Orléans. Poppy kiosks manned by volunteers from the Orléans Legion and the Rotary Club of Orléans will be located at the Canadian Tire store on Innes Road, both east end Costco stores, Walmart, Metro Convent Glen, the Great Canadian Superstore on Innes Road, Home Depot and Place d'Orléans. Last year, the local poppy campaign raised nearly \$123,000 which benefited a number of Poppy Fund initiatives.

Fallingbrook attraction a mecca for trick-or-treaters

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works. During the past three years they have managed to raise over \$15,000, including more than \$5,700 last year alone when visitors could scan a QR code near the entrance of the display to make a donation.

In order to accommodate the sheer number of people who want to visit the attraction, the Deslauriers plan to have it ready for this weekend, when all five members of the family will be dressed in costume to greet the visitors, many of whom who've been coming to see the display for years and years.

The Deslauriers plan to keep setting up the display for trick or treaters as long as they live in the house. Until now, they've had to do the set-up and decorating while doing their regular jobs, but Luc and Martha both plan to retire in November, which means they will have even more time to add to the attraction.

"We have a retirement fund and a Hallowe'en fund," jokes Martha.

During their interview with the *Orléans Star* on Oct. 20, the couple still had quite a bit of work to do to finish setting up the display and rain was in the forecast for the weekend. No matter. Luc promises it will be finished by this Friday no matter what.

"We have no choice," says Luc. "Hallowe'en is on Oct. 31 and we'll be open on Oct. 27."

The Deslauriers' Fallingbrook home is just one of two residences in Orléans that go all out for Hallowe'en. The other is on Pintail Terrace in Orléans Wood where the father and son duo of Brian and Patrick Albert have been entertaining trick-or-treaters and other passersby with their massive display since 1999.

Like the Deslauriers, the Alberts use the attraction to help raise money for CHEO. Last year they raised over \$5,000.



Royal Canadian Legion
Orléans Branch 632

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 632 - ORLÉANS Poppy Trust Fund Branch Status Report January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds as of Jan. 1, 2023	\$179,619.14
Income from all other sources in 2023	\$20,580.21
Sub Total	\$181,255.08
Campaign Expenses & Youth Education Program	\$26,785.42
Donations from Fund	\$122,836.60
Total Expenses & Donations	\$149,622.02
Closing Balance as of September 30, 2023	\$50,577.33

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Orléans loses yet another pillar of the community

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

Before there was an Avalon, or a Bradley Estates, or a Cardinal Creek Village, there was an Orléans that was small in stature but had a number of residents who enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves and contributed countless hours to help make the community what it is today.

People like Roger Senechal, André Lacroix, Al Tweedle and Gerry Poulin.

Not all those original community builders are around any more and there's fewer and fewer around every year. Roch Chatelain, who could count himself among those original community builders, recently passed away at the age of 84.

Among other things he was an entrepreneur, a president, an advisor, a volunteer, an athlete and an exemplary citizen for which he earned the Citizen of the Year Award in 1980. But above all, he was an exceptional and caring husband and father.

Chatelain helped start the Orléans Minor Hockey League and the first softball/slow pitch league in the community. He was instrumental in making sure the 1976 Olympic Torch Relay went through Orléans which at that time was less than 25,000 people and he planned and managed the local Winter Carnival during the 1970s. He also played a key role in getting the Orléans Recreation Centre built on Youville Drive.

For years and years and right up until Ottawa amalgamated in 2002, Chatelain fought tooth and nail to somehow eliminate the border between the former municipalities of Gloucester and Cumberland which divided Orléans in half. The dividing line was especially detrimental when it came to sports, separating neighbour from neighbour.

Chatelain moved to Orléans in 1960 and started out as a plumber before eventually getting his real estate license. For years, he worked as a real

estate agent for Century 21 and he was a member of both the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce and the Business Club d'Orléans.

In passing, Roch Chatelain leaves behind his beloved wife Gilberte of 62 years, his children: Lucie (Michel), Frank, Jacinthe (Emmanuel), and Roxanne (Brian) as well as grandchildren Julie (Mitch), Amélie (JP), Patrick (Britt), Joshua, Jacob, Rébecca, Zacharie and great grandchildren Loic, Arielle, Justin, Acacia, Philémon and Mila.

His family also wanted to acknowledge and thank his caregivers Joanne and Maria who were a godsend during the later years of his life.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Héritage Funeral Complex 1250 Trim Rd. for those who wish to offer their condolences. The memorial service will be held at 12 noon the same day followed by a reception.



Roch Chatelain

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Service clubs present a perfect opportunity for ordinary citizens to serve their community in a selfless manner while also providing an opportunity to meet other like-minded people.

Orléans is blessed with a number of excellent service clubs which are more than happy to welcome new members. The Rotary Club of Orléans, the Optimist Club, Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est and Lions Club chapters in Orléans, North Gloucester, Navan and Cumberland, all have a longer history of serving their community.

The Rotary Club of Orléans is part of Rotary International which is a worldwide organization made up of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Among their many initiatives and activities are the Ottawa Rotary Youth Forest, the Orléans Rotary Youth Awards and the semi-annual Fallingbrook Park Cleanup. They also organize a number of fundraising events to help raise money for Rotary programs such as the International Student Exchange program.

As the name suggests, Kiwanis East Ottawa Est is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time.

Among their many initiatives and activities are the O Canada celebration on Petrie Island and the sKreamers haunted attraction at the Proulx Farm. They are also the founders and custodians of the Kiwanis Adventure Playground at Millennium Park and they are the founding partner of the World Trivia Night event which benefits the Children’s Aid Society of Ottawa.

One of the main purposes of the area Lions Clubs is to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. The clubs are involved in a number of fundraising activities in the various communities they serve such as the Navan Fair, the Canada Day Seniors Bingo, the A4 District Memorial Forest, and the Blind Anglers Tournament. Among the initiatives they support are the Eye Glass Recycling Program, Camp Banting, and service dog training.

Although not as large in numbers as the other area service clubs, the Optimists International has chapters in Orléans, Blackburn Hamlet, Beacon Hill and Carlsbad Springs and like the Kiwanis Club they mainly support and organize youth initiatives.

So, as you can see, there are a number of clubs you can join to both help support your community and expand your connections and friendships. Just do a little research and pick the one you feel most comfortable in joining.

— Fred Sherwin, editor

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CITY OF OTTAWA'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM HITS HALLOWEEN HARD



Local MPP continues to push for new school funding in Orléans

Orléans is not only one of the fastest-growing communities in Ottawa, but in the entire province and deserves quality education for our children. However, many schools in Orléans are facing challenges such as overcrowding, aging infrastructure, lack of resources and programs and insufficient funding.

These issues affect the learning outcomes and well-being of students, teachers, and families. That is why it has been a top priority for me to advocate for more funding for schools in Orléans from the Ford government.

Simply put, the Ford government has been underfunding education in Ontario, resulting in larger class sizes, fewer teachers and support staff, a \$17 billion school repair backlog, and underfunding the school transportation system.

Since first being elected as MPP in 2020, I have continued to work with all four Ottawa school boards to ensure their concerns are being heard and properly funded by the Ministry of Education.

Thus far, we have successfully secured over \$12 million for a new addition to Collège Catholique Mer Bleue, which will provide 16 more classrooms and accommodate 343 additional student spaces for students in Grades 7-12.

We have also secured \$10.7 million for a new French public elementary school and \$10.55 million for a new French Catholic elementary school, both in South Orléans. Both schools are currently awaiting municipal approvals. It is imperative the City makes these approvals quickly, so we can avoid needing to ask for more money for schools that are already funded.

Residents may have also seen the construction of the new sports dome at Garneau High School. While controversial, the dome will provide students at Garneau and athletes from across Orléans the opportunity to participate in high intensity and highly competitive sports and pursue their dreams of mixing academics and athletics together.

I recently met with all four school boards to get an update on their capital priorities and have already reached out to the Minister of Education to ensure that Orléans is not left behind in the Ministry’s growth planning for the future. Subscribe to my newsletter for more details on this.

Education is not an expense; it is an investment, and children growing up in Orléans deserve the best quality education to help them fulfill their future potential. This is why I will continue fighting for more funding for schools in our community.



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Stephen Blais

What happens when you're less smart than your phone

One of the things I love about living in Ottawa are the many places we can go to enjoy the fall foliage every year. This year I decided to seek out the autumn colours further afield by taking a motorcycle trip through New Hampshire while taking advantage of the minor heat wave we had a couple of weeks ago.

The scenery was spectacular as was the weather. In fact, it was so nice I decided to take a side trip to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. After spending a couple of hours soaking up a few rays, I packed up my things, climbed back on my bike and started the trip back north.

After about 20 minutes I stopped to fill the gas tank and went to check my messages. It was then that I discovered that my phone was gone, which is to say it was not on my person, or my bike for that matter.

With my mind racing, I rode back to where I had parked in Hampton Beach and looked all around, but to no avail. It was at this point that I figured I had placed it somewhere on my bike before I left the first time and it had somehow fallen off while I was riding, which is to say I had not placed it in one of my saddle bags.

As I retraced my route back to where I had gassed up, I couldn't find it anywhere.



Resigned to the very real possibility that it was lost forever, I rode the rest of the way back to Ottawa, mentally kicking myself for losing yet another phone.

You see, I have a history of either losing phones or destroying them. In fact, I only had the phone I presumed I had lost in Hampton Beach for less than two months. It replaced the Galaxy S22 which was destroyed in a near accident with a scooter I had rented during my trip to the Greece islands in August.

I had placed my helmet upside down in a clip in front of me on the scooter – there are no helmet laws in Greece – and inside the helmet was my phone which I was recharging with a portable battery pack.

At some point I hit a bump in the road which caused the scooter to swerve violently.

Some how, some way, I managed to keep the scooter upright, but the helmet was separated from the clip and it flew into the road along with my phone and the charger.

Myself, the helmet and the charger escaped relatively unscathed, but the screen on my phone did not, which made it inoperable.

I had to wait three weeks before I could get it replaced with the S23 that I had taken to New Hampshire with me.

The incident in Greece was only the third time I had lost a phone while on a bike. The first time happened in the spring of 2022.

I was riding eastbound down Montreal Road with my phone in the breast pocket of my jacket when I hit a pothole just east of St. Laurent Blvd. The phone flew high into the air over my left shoulder and landed somewhere in the middle of the road. By the time I was able to make a U-turn to retrieve it, my phone had been run over at least once, if not more than once. The screen was shattered into a million pieces and it was beyond repair.

Skip ahead a few months when I was riding back to Ottawa from Westport along Hwy. 7 with my phone in the hip pocket of my jacket connected to my ear buds.

I'm not sure what song I was listening to, but about five minutes east of Carleton Place

the music soundly stopped. When I reached down to check my pocket I realized that I had forgotten to zip it up and the phone must have fallen out while I was doing 100 km/hr ever to be seen again. That was phone number three. The phone that got destroyed while I was riding down Montreal Road was phone number two.

Phone number one died while I was in Mexico with my son Dylan in February 2022. For some inexplicable reason, I jumped into the pool at the hostel we were staying at with my phone in the pocket of my swimming trunks. In my defence, I didn't actually know my phone was in my pocket until after I had jumped into the pool.

So to recap, phone number one died in a pool in Mexico. Phone number two died when it flew out of my pocket riding down Hwy. 7 at 120 km/hr. Phone number three died when it flew out of my pocket riding down Montreal Road, and phone number four died when it flew out of my upside-down helmet in Greece.

As for phone number five, a wonderful person actually found it in Hampton Beach relatively undamaged and sent it back to me via UPS. How much longer phone number five will survive is anybody's guess, but given my track record, not very.

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As our community continues to grow, traffic volumes have increased, and we must ensure roads are safe for all users, from children to seniors.

Recently, I had the opportunity to take Ottawa Police Chief Eric Stubbs on a tour of our ward to showcase the need for enhanced safety measures and proactive speed enforcement. Ottawa Police Service (OPS) has been receptive to my concerns, and I'm looking forward to the stabilization of its traffic enforcement team and returning to a "district model", which aims to ensure a stronger presence in our community.

Year after year, my office diligently tracks all speeding complaints and works with the City's traffic assessment professionals to

implement new measures where they will have the greatest impact.

I have always invested my entire discretionary traffic calming budget, and this year is no exception.

While the need remains great, my office has already started compiling a list of locations to suggest for new measures to implement in the spring.

This is an ongoing effort, and I am thankful for the support and collaboration from both OPS and residents that continue to provide me with feedback.

As we transition from fall to the winter season, you will soon notice the removal of flex stakes from local roads. This is an annual, routine part of our winter road operations. Clearing them leaves room for snowplows, salt trucks, and other maintenance vehicles to keep our roads safe and accessible in the winter months.

Road safety is a shared responsibility, so let's all slow down and play a collective role in preventing dangerous driving in our amazing community.



**Catherine
Kitts**

Orléans South-Navan

Affordable daycare should be universal for all families

The provincial and federal governments almost broke their collective arms patting themselves on the back announcing the "new" \$25/daycare system, making it sound like this program will be universal and transformative for all families in Ontario.

Ministers at the federal level continue to tout this program as a complete success. So why can't you find an affordable daycare in Orléans?

21,000 families in Ottawa are benefiting from the program – and that is commendable, but there are approximately 60,000 families in Ottawa in need of childcare, so that means only one-third of families are benefiting.

There are spaces available in Orléans, however these spaces are unfunded by the program, meaning you can have two neighbours living side by side with one family paying \$25/day and the other paying \$50-75/day. Adding insult to injury, it is the income tax of the family paying more that is subsidizing the neighbour paying less.

I am not saying that we should not work to lift up families struggling, of course we

should, but we cannot continue to accept the narrative that this is a universal and transformative program when this is simply not the case.



**Matt
Luloff**

Orléans East-Cumberland

As it is with most policy, eligibility criteria make the biggest difference in who can access a program. The lack of sufficient funding from the feds has led to overly restrictive and prescriptive

eligibility criteria coming from the province, leading to regional disparities, and stifling the growth of this program.

Having access to affordable childcare is liberating for families and allows more women, primarily, to re-enter the workforce with confidence following maternity leave.

By not properly funding this program, the federal government has forced the province to make very difficult decisions as to whom is eligible for affordable daycare, while everyone pays for it. The biggest problem is, those who need it are left paying for it twice while they sit on a waiting list. If this program isn't for everyone, the feds should at least be honest about it.

Vanlifers decide to spend a few months close to home

By **Tori Dark**
Special to the **Orléans Star**

(Tori Dark and Kevin Nault have embarked on a trip across Canada aboard their newly converted camper van. In doing so, they are joining hundreds of other people who have taken up what is referred to in the culture as “VanLife”. During their trip, the Orléans Star will publish a series of diary pieces from Tori allowing readers to follow the couple’s journey. This is the latest installment in that series.)

Many people were surprised to hear that we are continuing to live in the van while staying in Ottawa for the next few months. I guess they assumed we would move in with family and park the van for the time being.

We could enjoy the free showers, beds, and space to walk around without knocking my head on the overhead cabinets every other day. Sounds tempting, but there are a lot of benefits to being nomadic in this city. In a way, it has encouraged us to become tourists in our hometown.

Since being back, we have taken up “residency” in numerous neighbourhoods that we otherwise wouldn’t have because

our house goes wherever we go. Having friends in Gatineau means movie nights can go longer without the long drive back to the east end. Just a quick 20-second walk down the driveway and bingo – you’re home!

This became extremely convenient when we attended weddings this summer. Kev and I closed out the reception on the dance floor at 1 a.m. without having to worry about calling an Uber or catching the shuttle back to a hotel. We took the free floral arrangement, and a bottle of whiskey and danced our way back home – all 100 metres to the van.

A few other places we have enjoyed exploring further include Wakefield, the Mer Bleue Conservation Area, Gatineau Park and my sister-in-law’s driveway.

Meech Lake provided a much-needed relief from the humid Ottawa heat. We have also been introduced to the mountain biking community at Camp Fortune. Only as a spectator for our friend Chris, because there is no chance I’d make it out alive biking down those forest trails!

I’m also looking forward to planning little weekend trips outside of Ottawa as a way to take full advantage of vanlife this



Tori checks out the fall foliage during a recent van-cation trip to Camp Fortune in the Gatineaus. PHOTO SUPPLIED

fall. First on my list is downtown Montreal for a concert at the MTELUS Theatre next week, hiking in Tremblant for my birthday in November and hopefully a trip down to Lake Placid before the snow falls.

We often park outside family and friends’ homes and they always offer us a

spot inside, but we are more than happy to snuggle up in our cozy van apartment.

Until next time. Happy trails.
(You can follow Tori and Kevin at www.instagram.com/vanxiety_life/. Tori and Kevin are both former students at Cairine Wilson Secondary School, Class of 2012.)





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Avoid the rush and switch your tires sooner rather than later

STAR STAFF – It happens every year. Canadian car owners wait until the first forecast of snow before they finally decide to switch their all-season tires to all-weather tires or even snow tires. Invariably, they end up having to wait in line with all the other last-minute car owners before getting the job done and in the meantime the snow has already fallen and driving has become precarious.

The best way to beat the rush is to get your tires changed early. Then once the snow starts to fall, your vehicle is already equipped with the proper tires to keep your family safe.

Which brings us to the actual tires. Most people think that “all-season” are designed to be used in “all” seasons. The truth is that all-season tires are designed to offer optimal performance during spring, summer, and fall. Some manufacturers have even started to rename their all-season tires as “3-season tires”.

Unfortunately, all-season tires are not designed for sub-zero, snowy winter conditions like we have in Ottawa. These tires tend to lose grip at temperatures below seven degrees Celsius.

All-season tires are recognized by Transport Canada as safe to use in areas which have mild winters that include heavy rain and light snowfall.

While all-season tires can be used throughout the year, thus avoiding the need to change to snow tires and vice versa every fall and spring, the downside is that they generally don't last as long as all season tires. This is why you will see shorter tread warranties for all-season.

Of course, for the ultimate in winter performance it is best to use actual snow tires which provide the maximum grip and stopping ability in snowy conditions.

The folks at Precision Automotive on Vantage Drive in Orléans are more than happy to explain the benefits of both all weather and snow tires and help you decide which is best for your particular situation.

This is also the perfect time to undergo a seasonal vehicle inspection and avoid any potential surprises down the road. There is no greater potential for disaster than an unforeseen breakdown in the dead of winter – not only is it inconvenient and usually results in an expensive towing bill – it can be extremely dangerous.



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Navan featured on Hockey Night in Canada after arena canteen gets Quaker makeover

STAR STAFF – The town of Navan has finally taken its place on the national hockey map. In 2010 the town entered the Kraft Hockeyville contest and ultimately fell short in trying to make the list of 10 finalists.

Fast forward 13 years and Navan is being featured in a Quaker Oats commercial and the canteen in the local arena has been turned into a Quaker Breakfast Bar.

News of the town’s selection for the Quaker campaign first came to light in August when a casting call was posted on the Navan Community Association website looking for local residents to appear in a commercial to be shot in Navan on Sept. 7.

The commercial was aired on Hockey Night in Canada during the Ottawa Senators home opener on Oct. 14 along with a feature on NHL veteran and former Navan Grad, Claude Giroux who was honoured during the game for scoring 1,000 career points.

In the feature, Giroux is reunited with former Grads coach Mark Grady and drops in on a Grads’ practice after which he invites the players out to the lobby to witness the unveiling of the Quaker Breakfast Bar.



FACEBOOK PHOTO

Several people associated with the Navan Grads also attended the unveiling including the volunteers who man the canteen during Grads games as well as Orléans South-Navan city councillor Catherine Kitts.

Besides the canteen, Quaker Oats also had a mural painted on the arena’s Wall of Fame featuring Giroux playing in his Navan Grads #9 jersey.

In the Quaker Oats commercial, a mother

is shown enjoying a bowl of Quaker Oats with her son and daughter, both of who are wearing property of the Navan Grad hoodies. It also shows the zamboni preparing the ice and a player wearing a Grads uniform skating around shooting the puck.

Both the Hockey Night in Canada feature on Claude Giroux and the Quaker Oats commercial can be viewed on the Navan Grads website at navangrads.com.



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Hi Orléans and Cumberland!

The arrival of autumn brings a refreshing change to our daily lives. The cooler temperatures are the perfect excuse to enjoy long walks in our parks or along the Ottawa River Pathway, watch the leaves change colours and savour the seasonal flavours of pumpkin spice and apple cider.

For many of us, autumn has also brought a sense of busyness back into our lives, with kids back in school and a number of community events filling our calendars.

So far this fall, I have been thankful to participate in a number of great events, including a community clean-up in Cardinal Creek, a fundraiser in Cumberland Village



for the Fouchard family, and of course regular visits to the fresh markets in our community.

Are you hosting an event? A fundraiser?

Please send me the details at matt.luloff@ottawa.ca and I'd love to join you!



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Please sign up for our newsletter at www.matthewluloff.ca.

...AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

My team and I are always ready to serve you. Best way to reach us? Simply send an email to matt.luloff@ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2471.



Bringing investments to Orléans East-Cumberland

I work tirelessly to attract investments into our community. We've had more wins recently and I want to share them with you:

- Resurfacing is complete on St. Georges, Wayside, Jeanne d'Arc, Innes, Canaan, Jonquille, and Arbuste! I have a long list of roads that need the same love and I will continue to work with staff to ensure they are prioritized.
- Roundabout construction is well underway at Portobello and Valin. This addition will not only ease traffic flow but, more importantly, will enhance safety for all road users, especially our kids as they make their way to school.
- Upgrades have been made to the Wilfred Murray rink in Cumberland just in time for the winter season!

BUDGET 2024



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Your voice matters now more than ever as we navigate the challenges posed by the increased cost of living and the need for essential infrastructure investment in our city.

To connect with you and get your feedback, I've set up two joint budget consultations this fall:

Consultation 1:

- East-end budget consultation hosted by myself and my colleagues Catherine Kitts, Laura Dudas and Tim Tierney.
- *Date:* Saturday November 18th from 12:30pm to 2pm
- *Location:* Ray Friel Complex in the Fallingbrook Room

Consultation 2:

- Rural budget consultation hosted by myself and my colleagues Catherine Kitts, David Brown and George Darouze.
- *Date:* Wednesday November 22nd at 7pm
- *Location:* Ben Franklin Place or Virtual

Each consultation will include a budget presentation made by senior City staff, followed by an opportunity for residents to ask questions and share feedback.

Councillor, Ward 1 Orléans East-Cumberland
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Long-time friends to play in world ringette tournament together

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

Morgan Forrest, Geneviève Robichaud and Maya Howard have played ringette together for most of their young lives.

The three girls, who were all born in 2006, began learning how to skate and play ringette when they were three or four – no one knows exactly which year they all started – as part of the Gloucester Ringette Association (GRA).

They came up through the GRA's competitive program and have played on a number of provincial championship teams together. More recently, they've played up an age group, including last season when they were part of the GRA's U19AA team that won a bronze medal at provincials and competed in the Canadian championships in Regina.

It was during those championships that the girls were selected to take part in a selection camp for the Eastern Canada team that will be competing in the U18 Development Festival at the World Championships in Calgary from Oct. 29 to Nov. 4.

The international tournament features competition at three different levels – U21 Junior, Senior and U18.

The U21 championship will pit the junior national teams from Canada and Finland against each other in a series of four games.

In the senior competition, the national teams from Sweden, the United States and Czechia will play a round robin series in the President's Pool for the President's Pool World Championship and trophy.

The national senior teams from Canada and Finland will not be competing at this year's World Championships. Their rivalry will likely continue in 2025.

That leaves the U18 Development Festival which Howard, Forrest and Robichaud will be taking part in. The competition will involve the two teams from Canada as well as a U18 team from Finland. The three teams will not only play against each other, but they will play in several intra-squad games as well in which the rosters will be mixed up.

Of the 24 players selected to play on the Eastern Canada team, only five are from Ontario and Howard, Forrest and Robichaud, who all hail from Orléans, are three of them.

For all three girls, playing at the World Championships is a goal they've been aiming towards for years. The tournament provides a step towards their ultimate goal of one day playing on the national junior team.

"I'm super excited. It's been a goal of mine to play at the highest level and the world championships is it," says Forrest who is a Grade 12 student at St. Matthew High



(L to r) Geneviève Robichaud, Maya Howard and Morgan Forrest will be playing in the World Ringette Championships together as part of the U18 Eastern Canada team. PHOTO SUPPLIED

School.

Howard and Robichaud both go to École secondaire catholique Garneau and are also in Grade 12. Like Forrest, they are extremely excited at the prospect of getting to play against other teams from other countries. And they get to experience it together.

"I'm really pumped," says Robichaud.

"This has been my dream my whole life and to do it side by side with Morgan and Maya makes it even more special."

The girls were to leave for Calgary on Oct. 26 where they will take part in a two day mini-camp. The tournament itself gets underway on Saturday, Oct. 28 with the two Canadian teams playing each other.



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Orléans Lions Club: 'We Serve'

(NC) Lions International, is an international non-political service organization established in 1916 in Chicago, Illinois and in Canada in 1917.

The club fosters and promotes good citizenship and good government, by encouraging members to serve their local communities without personal gain while building bonds of friendship, good fellowship and high ethical standards.

Lions Clubs International are the global leader in humanitarian service with over 1.4 million members in 200 countries around the world.

The five causes that each club includes in their objectives are: Diabetes; Vision; Environment; Hunger; and Children's Cancer.

These causes form the basis of local, Canadian and Lions International fundraising events.

Among recent recipients of Lions International Foundation and the Orléans club funding are: Ottawa tornado relief; emergency relief for victims of the Ukrainian war; CHEO childhood cancer; the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre and food bank, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for measles vaccinations.

Millions of people around the world have benefited through grants, which have totaled more than US\$1 billion.

Members of the Orléans Lion Club take part in a number of local fundraising initiatives, including an annual spaghetti dinner, selling Christmas cakes, an annual fish dinner, an antique car rally, and the local MP's senior strawberry social and annual BBQ and Corn Roast on Petrie Island. In addition, they sponsor a free monthly bingo at a seniors' residence.

The Orléans Lions gather eye-wear for shipping to the Canadian Lions Eyeglass Recycle Centre in Calgary for shipments around the world. Orléans Lions help send children with diabetes to Camp Banting, and sell guide dog calendars to raise money to help train guide dogs.

Another important initiative of the area Lions Clubs, including the Orléans Lions Club, is the A4 District Memorial Forest and gardens on Russell Road. The forest, which more closely resembles an arboretum, is located on the Innovative Community Support Services (ICSS) vocational farm.

Club members can have trees planted in the garden to memorialize their loved ones. One garden is dedicated to the late Jonathan Pitre, the butterfly boy of Orléans.

The Orléans Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of



Orléans Lions Sylvie Blanchette and Claude Betrand present a donation of \$2,000 to the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre. The funds are intended to assist the more than 600 women who are victims of violence or abuse in Orléans and Gloucester. PHOTO SUPPLIED

every month at the Roy Hobbs Community Centre. The meeting starts with dinner followed by a discussion of whatever initiatives happen to be on the agenda.

The next meeting will take place on Nov. 6. To attend a meeting or for more information about Orléans Lions Club write to orleanslions@gmail.com.



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Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est: 'In the service of children'

(NC) Kiwanis International is a global community of service clubs dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time.

In 1988, Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est was granted its charter from Kiwanis International and has been an active service club chapter in the eastern Ottawa and Orléans area since. You may know them from some of the events they organize such as the O Canada Orléans Canada Day celebration on Petrie Island and the sKreamers haunted attraction at Proulx Farm in the weeks leading up to Halloween.

MISSION – The Kiwanis mission is to help kids around the world. Whether rolling up their sleeves or collaborating with their peers, Kiwanians make transformative changes through its more than 19 million hours of cumulative service every year.

Local clubs like Kiwanis Eastern

Ottawa Est organize and support local initiatives while the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty.

EVENTS – Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est is responsible for organizing a number of community events including O Canada Orléans and sKreamers.

The service club is also responsible for the construction of the children's playground at Millennium Park, supplying helmets to youth across Ottawa as part of its collaboration with Helping With Bikes, and providing computers to children and families in need to help bridge the digital divide.

The Club also organized the first-ever World Trivia Night in 1993 and eventually handed the event over to the Children's Aid Society, which has turned it into its biggest fundraising event of the year.

MEMBERSHIP – Members of Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est are an eclectic mix of ages, genders, occupations, backgrounds and interests. They are all passionate about making their community and the world a better place for children so they can thrive.

Unlike most traditional service clubs, Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est does not require you to pay for a membership. Instead, they ask for your most valuable resource – time. In lieu of dues, membership is earned through 25 hours of community service annually.

By becoming a Kiwanian, you get the opportunity to give back to your community and build fellowship with people who share your values. Membership also gives you the opportunity to attend all of the club's social events and initiatives.

COMMITMENT – By becoming



Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est members earn their membership by providing 25 hours of volunteer service through a variety of community events. PHOTO SUPPLIED

ing a member of Kiwanis Eastern Ottawa Est, you get a golden opportunity to give back to your community and become part of

the Club's tradition of service. The Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit www.keoe.ca.

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The 2023 Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards



The Arts – Academics – Sports
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Do you know someone in your community under the age of 18 whose talents and abilities set them apart during the past year? If so, why not consider nominating them for the Orléans Outstanding Youth Awards? Nominees must be 17 years old or younger as of Sept. 1, 2023, and reside within the City of Ottawa east of Blair Road. Nominees will be judged on their accomplishments between Oct. 1, 2022 and Sept. 30, 2023. All submissions must include the name, address and phone number of both the nominee and the nominator as well as a resume of the nominee's accomplishments. There are no categories *per se* – those nominated will be judged on their accomplishments in any one area, or a combination of areas. Nominations can be submitted by e-mail to OYA@orleansstar.ca or regular mail to The Orléans Star c/o 745 Farmbrook Cres., Orléans ON, K4A 2C1. The deadline for entries is Oct. 31. For additional information visit www.orleansonline.ca/OYA, or call Fred Sherwin at 613-447-2829.

Rotary Club of Orléans: 'Service Above Self'

(NC) Rotary stands as a global network of 1.4 million friends, leaders and problem-solvers. Together, we envision a world where people unite and take action to create enduring change – across the globe, resonating in our communities and transforming ourselves in the process.

The Rotary Club of Orléans stands among 46,000+ clubs globally. Committed to being people of action, we spearhead programs dedicated to bolstering both our local and international communities.

Locally, our impactful projects include supporting the food bank, distributing Christmas food hampers to families in need, recognizing high school students for their "Service above Self"; sponsoring international study opportunities, supplying dictionaries to Grade 3 students at a local school, planting 1000 trees for a greener environment and adopting/maintaining parks.

We are also instrumental in establishing the accessible Miracle League Park in Navan, assisting the "Ottawa Rotary Home"

in providing respite programs for individuals with physical disabilities or complex medical needs, and actively championing the Legion's Poppy Campaign.

These are just a few ways we are dedicated to making a meaningful impact in our community.

Join us in our mission for positive change!

On the global stage, our efforts extend to providing international high school students with the enriching opportunity to study in Canada. Additionally, we offer scholarships to music teachers in Jamaica, conduct vital training for special needs teachers and healthcare professionals in Dominica, particularly in the field of autism.

We have also provided learning resources and established a library at a special needs school in Dominica, now utilized by teachers across the entire island. We are currently leading a project that provides a distance learning platform for the Dominica State College; partnering with the Carpenters Centre Local 2041 in providing training to Dominican students on the distance learning



Rotary Club of Orléans members share a common bond of fellowship and the desire to place 'Service Above Self'. PHOTO SUPPLIED

platform being developed; and supporting emergency relief efforts following disasters, etc.

Becoming a part of the Rotary Club presents an opportunity to contribute positively to our local and global communities while forming meaningful connections. If you're curious to learn more about Rotary, consider joining

us at one of our meetings or exploring our website for further insights.

Rotary Club meetings convene every Wednesday morning at 7:30 am at Portobello Manor, situated at 691 Valin Street, Orleans. For more details, feel free to visit <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4921> or reach out to us via email at rotaryorleans2022@gmail.com.

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- Catch up with friends and meet new ones.

The Rotary Club of Orléans is currently accepting new members. Do you want to join other like-minded people in make our community a better place to live, work and play? Then why not consider joining the Rotary Club? For more information e-mail rotaryorleans2022@gmail.com or call 613-824-8819.



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STRAY DOG BREWING COMPANY presents the ultimate 90s cover band Numbers Station live in the taproom from 8:30 p.m. The Stray Dog Brewing Company is located at 501 Lacolle Way in the Taylor Creek Business Park.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 28

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

HALLOWEEN HIJINKS at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum in Cumberland Village both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for hijinks galore as we explore illusions, embrace our inner pranksters, and celebrate all the weird and wonderful spectacles of the season with family-friendly activities and demonstrations. Halloween costumes are encouraged. Advance registration required. Visit <https://register.ottawa.ca/>.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

HALLOWEEN MARKET in the public area outside the front entrance of the Shenkman Arts Centre with local vendors conjuring up a frightfully delightful array of Halloween-themed treats and treasures.

Dress up your kids and canine companions and take part in two thrilling costume contests for both kids and dogs (\$5 entry fee for the contest).

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

CRAFT FAIR hosted by the Catholic Women's League of Good Shepherd Parish, 3092 Innes Rd. at the Blackburn bypass. Doors open at 9 a.m. Crafters will be displaying their wares. Bake table to tempt you as well as a "Café" to provide sustenance while you sit and take a break. Homemade soup with a bun lunch will be available. We look forward to seeing you there!

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