

CARLETON SQUARE

# News & Views

APRIL 2022

## Spring is here and our thoughts have turned to gardening!

### Here's an update from your dedicated Garden Group:

In the fall the Garden Group did a lot of work removing invasive species, pruning, adding compost, and preparing the beds for planting. Now it is time to start gardening.

#### Plans for 2022

- Updating all the beds, dividing, and relocating plants where we can.
- Creating a pollinator garden in the bed on East Orkney.
- Removing rogue saplings and general pruning.
- Monitoring Buckthorn and other invasive species. Several areas of Buckthorn were removed in the fall but there may be more.
- Pruning lilacs along Meadowlands and Fisher.

Several people have asked about having a condo plant exchange. If there is enough interest, we can organize one.

This is a community activity. We encourage all residents to join in. No experience or regular time commitment is necessary and gardening times are very flexible.

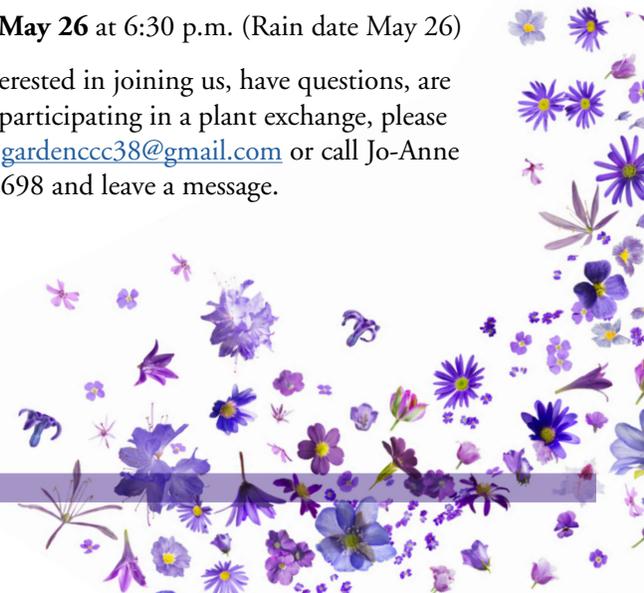
If you are available for a couple of hours or if you want to make a longer-term commitment, we are happy to have your help.

We will start gardening as soon as we can work the soil. We send out emails to let gardeners know where and when we will be working and please contact us to be added to the email list.

*There will be two info sessions at the courtyard by the pool:*

- **Saturday April 23** at 3 p.m. (Rain date April 24)
- **Thursday May 26** at 6:30 p.m. (Rain date May 26)

If you are interested in joining us, have questions, are interested in participating in a plant exchange, please contact us at [gardenccc38@gmail.com](mailto:gardenccc38@gmail.com) or call Jo-Anne at 613-226-7698 and leave a message.



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## Announcing the Big Event

After a few years of staying inside during a pandemic (and maybe accumulating more things), it's finally time to sort through your possessions and find your no-longer-wanted treasures and share them with the world at:



**Saturday June 11  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Location:**

Common area between  
sidewalks on Meadowlands Drive

**Rain date:**

Sunday June 12, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Your very own Pop-Up Store (blanket or table) can be set up on the common element along Meadowlands Drive (grassy space between Carleton Square's sidewalk and the city sidewalk). Please maintain safe distances between your stores and have fun meeting your neighbours and hunting for treasures!

*\*Attic, Basement, Closet and Z space (the Z space is that place you put the things you don't want to forget about and then promptly forgot about).*

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### Good news about the community member who was the victim of a hit-and-run on Meadowlands Drive and Orkney Private.

The 13-year-old girl who lives in Carleton Square has made remarkable progress in her recovery! She is now at home and working on rehabilitating. Thank you for your concern and donations to support her recovery.

### Road, parking and sidewalk sweeping/cleaning

The landscape contractors, Peter Smit & Sons, will be sweeping the sidewalks this week and will also sweep the parking spots **if they are empty**. If you are unable to move your car when the landscapers are on site, **please sweep the dirt from your parking spot** into the road before the road sweepers pass, or put it in your green bin at any time. We are each responsible for ensuring our parking spots are free of debris.

## Winter holiday decorations

Winter is over for another year. This year's holiday decorations were fantastic and we had fun with the Holiday Decoration Contest! As wonderful as they were, it's time to put them away until next winter. Please unplug any colorful lights and pack away holiday decorations in the common areas. We look forward to seeing them next winter!

## Pests



Rats are still an issue in our community and it is essential that the whole community is kept clean at all times. **Clean up any cat or dog poop promptly and DO NOT throw poop bags under the garbage sheds!** This is a continuing issue and if it persists, we will require extra security to prevent this—*at a cost to the whole community and reflected in our condo fees.*

Each of us can help reduce pest issues here by making sure that there is no garbage, dog poop, cat poop, or access to any garbage in our yards or common areas. **Bring all pet poop home and dispose of it.** Your garbage containers must be secured—with lids that are locked at all times. When we conduct spring yard inspections, we will review the state of the yards and take measures to address any issues. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Board news

### Property management company

We are very pleased with our new property manager and property management company. Anne Burgoon of Eastern Ontario Property Management Group has over 20 years of property management experience and is helping the board to plan community expenses more rigorously. We will be setting up a Zoom meeting for owners to meet her in the near future and please stay tuned for this invitation in your email boxes and mailboxes (if not yet signed up for electronic communications).

Anne is assisted by Dean Burgoon, who is also a Registered Condominium Manager and co-manager of the Eastern Ontario Property Management Group (EOPMG).

In addition, they are assisted by Dan Milne, Property and Facilities Support Specialist, EOPMG. Although EOPMG's head office is located in Brockville, there

is an Ottawa office and they manage many condominiums in Ottawa, from Ottawa.

Dean Burgoon is generally onsite at Carleton Square every Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. **If an owner would like to schedule a time to meet, please contact Dean via email at [dean@eopmg.com](mailto:dean@eopmg.com) to book an appointment.** If you are unable to email, you may also phone EOPMG office: **613-918-0145 at ext. 512 for general inquiries.**

### Cladding project update

In fall 2021 the Board contracted Buchan Lawton Parent Ltd. (BLP) Consulting Engineers to develop and implement repair and/or replacement solutions for the stucco and siding areas of the court and town homes at Carleton Square. The Board is working with BLP on determining siding and stucco options and we may need to go to all owners for approval if a new stucco replacement material is selected.



## Swimming pool update

The **good news** is that the pool will open in mid-June.

The **great news** is that the COVID protocols of the past two years are no longer required. Before the opening date we will be providing all residents and owners with everything you need to know about how to enjoy our pool in summer 2022!

## Board of Directors

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Portfolio</i>
<b>Richard Provost</b>	President	Landscaping/Snow Removal, Policies, Volunteer Coordination
<b>Jennifer Harju</b>	Vice President	Newsletter, Contracts, Policies
<b>David Wituluk</b>	Treasurer	Pool, Volunteer Coordination
<b>Matthew Symonds</b>	Secretary	Contracts
<b>Monica McGahey</b>	Director at Large	Landscaping/Snow Removal, Pool, Newsletter
<b>Lori Moore</b>	Director at Large	Policy, Landscaping/Snow Removal
<b>Beth Rintoul</b>	Director at Large	Newsletter, Contracts, Pool

## Skill testing questions

**Are you smarter than an XYZ\* grader?**  
*(\*that is for you to decide)*



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| 1. How does the ocean say hi?                       | 6. What kind of math do birds love?   |
| 2. Name the kind of tree you can hold in your hand? | 7. What kind of shoes do frogs love?  |
| 3. Where did the music teacher leave her keys?      | 8. Why do ducks always pay with cash? |
| 4. Which superhero hits home runs?                  | 9. Where do most horses live?         |
| 5. Why did the bird get in trouble at school?       | 10. Which planet loves to sing?       |
- Answers below*



1. It waves
2. A palm tree
3. In the piano
4. Batman
5. For tweeting on a test
6. Owl-gebra
7. Open-TOAD
8. Because they always have bills
9. In NEIGH-bourhoods
10. Nep-TUNE

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# Contact and general information

## How do residents communicate with the Board?

- **Through our property management:**

**Anne Burgoon**, Senior Property Manager and General Licensee, Eastern Ontario Property Management Group (EOPMG), assisted by Dan Milne, Property and Facilities Support Specialist

**During office hours:** 613-918-0145 ext. 501 (or ext. 512 for general inquiries)

**After-hours emergency:** 613-918-0145 ext. 1

**Cell:** 613-803-4595

**Toll free:** 1-888-606-8715

**Email:** [anne@eopmg.com](mailto:anne@eopmg.com) or [dan@eopmg.com](mailto:dan@eopmg.com)

- **By mail:** Residents may drop off a letter at the Administration Building (515 Orkney Private) for consideration by the Board outlining any suggestions or concerns.
- **By attending a Board meeting:** Residents of Carleton Square are welcome to attend a monthly Board meeting, which are usually held the fourth Thursday every month. Board meetings are being held virtually. **How:** Residents may raise a concern at the meeting between 6:30 and 7 p.m. and are asked to make their concern known to the Board *in writing* no later than the Monday preceding the meeting. A short letter outlining the issue should be emailed or dropped off at the Administration Building in advance.

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## Important phone numbers

### Police

Crime in progress or life-threatening emergency: **Call 911**

All other police issues: **613-236-1222 ext. 7502** for dispatch; **ext. 7300** for call centre.

### City of Ottawa

**311** for noise violations or bylaw questions.

### Visitor parking for Carleton Square

**613-720-5021.** You MUST REGISTER your visitor vehicles with Carleton Parking by phone or online at [carletonparking.com](http://carletonparking.com). The tickets issued for non-registration of overnight visitor parking are from the City of Ottawa and cannot be cancelled by Carleton Square CCC38.

### Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Dave Dore: **613-723-7500.**

Contact Dave by email to sign up for the Neighbourhood Watch update emails: [dorvid@rogers.com](mailto:dorvid@rogers.com).



### Contributions to the newsletter are welcome!

If you have something you would like to see covered, please email the Editors at [carletonsquare38@gmail.com](mailto:carletonsquare38@gmail.com) or leave a note at the Administration Building (515 Orkney Private).

*Special thank you to Sandra Hamel for making this newsletter beautiful with her design skills!*