

We hope you enjoyed our first Community Newsletter. Our goal is to publish the newsletter free of charge six times per year: January, March, May, July, September, and November, in each case one month after we publish *The Mainstreeter*.

Please note: Issue #1 of *The Mainstreeter's* Community Newsletter contained one small but important error. The price of our Community Calendar, entitled *Artists of Old Ottawa East 2025/26*, which is now on sale through pre-order reservations, is stated to be \$29.95. This is incorrect. The correct price for the Community Calendar is only \$24.99. So, if you wish to pre-order one or more copies of *Artists of Old Ottawa East 2025/26*, our small error just saved you a little under \$5 per calendar!

Welcome to The Mainstreeter's Community Newsletter

September 2024 - Issue #1

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In case you missed our August issue

Our August issue is a 44-page blockbuster stuffed with stories and photos covering every corner of Old Ottawa East and beyond. Among the must-read items is a special report on crime in our community that features two eye-witness accounts of brazen auto thefts recently reported in OOE. It's the stuff of Netflix! Our Food & Drink Editor Jill Wherrett drops in on five local eateries to taste-test local croissants, and we report on the opening of a new bubble tea destination in our neighbourhood that had line-ups snaking around the corner of Main Street on opening day. Our chief reporter John Dance leaves no stone unturned, covering all of the new and breaking stories in his Community Update column. It's all in the August issue, and so much more!

To read *The Mainstreeter's* August issue cover-to-cover, [click here](#).

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Crazy for Croissants
Food & drink editor Jill Wherrett taste tests the best of local croissants.
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Public to get a say on Rideau Canal Bridge replacement
After months of delay by the Ministry of Transport, residents can now comment on proposed 90-week Canal traffic detour.
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Growth spurt for girls' hockey
Dianne Wing checks in with the local organizers for competitive and house league girls hockey.
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A first peek at Regional's "Forecourt Collection"

Up for grabs: Final phase of Greystone Village now under active review

JOHN DANCE

The plan for the fourth and final phase of Greystone Village is now under review and, while largely conforming to current zoning, the proposed 30 units differ significantly in form from what was originally proposed in 2015.

The Regional Group proposes to build eight clusters with a total of 30 dwelling units, some semi-detached and some townhomes, on the semi-circular property between the planned Forecourt Park and the new Grande Allée Park. Regional is already advertising the new phase and describes it as "The Forecourt Collection, an exclusive enclave of townhomes and semi-townhomes in the heart of Greystone Village located in Old Ottawa East."

In the original concept plan, Regional had proposed continuous row housing on each side of the Grande Allée but

Regional now says this would require underground parking which, according to Regional, is not economically viable. Instead of underground parking, surface parking will be created, with single-car garages in 22 of the units and double-car garages with the other eight.

The Old Ottawa East Community Association Planning Committee objects to one aspect of the plan. A key concern raised by the Planning Committee at the initial consultation in November was the protection of the two heritage trees that are in line with the other trees of the recently opened Grande Allée Park. In response to this concern, which was also expressed by City staff, the units near the trees have been moved further away so that the "critical root zones" will not be affected.



THE REGIONAL GROUP/HOBIN ARCHITECTS IMAGES

The Regional Group proposes to build four clusters of townhomes on each side of the Grande Allée and in front of the planned Forecourt Park. These images show the architectural rendering of the four clusters, with the new Spencer and Terraces buildings and the Deschâtelets Building in the background.

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News and features from our August Issue



New women's pro team is helping to fuel local growth of girls hockey

About 400 girls ranging in age from five to 18 are now taking to the ice in central Ottawa each season to play competitive and house league hockey on teams operated by the Ottawa Girls Hockey Association.

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Crime in the community: A special report on our auto theft epidemic

Two Old Ottawa East residents provide us with their eyewitness accounts of brazen late-night car theft attempts - one of them successful, and one of them thwarted to the delight of the Ottawa Police.

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From our Food & Drink pages



Oo-la-la: We sample our community's top croissants

It's a tough job - but someone has to do it! Our Food Editor Jill Wherrett samples the croissants at five of our neighbourhood's popular eateries and learns the secret to baking these delectable delights from Ottawa's Cordon Bleu pastry chef.

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A truly grand opening for Xing Fu Tang Bubble Tea

Did you miss the parade on Main Street last month? Not one with bands and floats, but rather with a mountain of balloons and long line-ups of thirsty patrons. The occasion was the July grand opening of OOE's new bubble tea destination.

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From our Art Beat pages



Tim Hunt's Old Ottawa East sketchbook

Our resident sketch artist Tim Hunt popped over to the new home of the Main Farmer's Market on the Grand Allée a few Saturday's back. In his homespun style, Tim tells how his latest Old Ottawa East sketch came to be.

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Louise Elliott's images of our community

Louise Elliott's artwork of everyday scenes in and around Old Ottawa East graces the pages of *The Mainstreeter* once again. Louise's community artwork will be featured on exhibit during the 5th annual *A Walk of Art 2024* outdoor art tour on Saturday, September 28th .

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Order the 2025/26 OOE Community Calendar today!



Our 3rd annual Old Ottawa East Community Calendar, entitled *Artists of Old Ottawa East 2025/26*, is undergoing preparation and we are accepting pre-orders now! Once again, the 13-month calendar will feature well-known scenes from our community created by our best-known local artists, including *The Mainstreeter's* resident sketch artist Tim Hunt. This year's edition will also showcase paintings and photographs by several other talented local artists, such as Louise Rachlis and Claude Latour.

Like our prior year's calendars, the *Artists of Old Ottawa East 2025/26* is certain to be a sell-out, so place your order now and avoid disappointment. A proven Christmas stocking stuffer, the OOE community calendar has delighted local readers and shoppers over the past two years, and again this year, we have held the price steady at \$24.99 plus tax.

To order the *Artists of Old Ottawa East 2025/26* calendar now please email editor@mainstreeter.ca. Please include the number of calendars you wish to purchase and your delivery address. You will receive a confirmation email in reply along with payment details. Delivery will begin in October.

A Walk of Art 2024

Saturday, September 28th

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Rain date - September 29th, same times)

The Mainstreeter proudly presents A Walk of Art 2024, Old Ottawa East's 5th Annual Outdoor Art Tour. It's the most beautiful outdoor walk of the year, as residents and visitors stroll the streets of our community, admiring the artwork of more than 40 of Old Ottawa East's most talented adult and child artists, sculptors, ceramicists and photographers. The map below showing the street addresses and locations of the exhibiting artists, including young artists displaying at the Children's Garden on Main Street and Clegg Street, will help you plan your walkaround. Mark the date - Saturday, September 28th - and come out and meet and support our talented local artists.



"A Walk of Art"
OLD OTTAWA EAST ART TOUR
 Saturday, September 28th
 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

A Louise Rachlis 7A Graham Ave.	B Victoria Sutherland 7A Graham Ave.	C Louise Elliott 7A Rosemead Ave.	D Jordan Craig 182 Concord St.	E Marilyn Best Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	F Sheila Blanes Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	G Lynn Dubinsky Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	H Michael Fitzpatrick Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	I Dorothy Hobbs Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	J John Jarrett Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	K Sarah Pooler Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	L Sylvia Spasoff Court yard, 60 Springhurst Ave.	M Steve Pick 170 Drummond St.	N Bob Newfield 170 Drummond St.	O Malene Newfield 170 Drummond St.	P Ian Scott 170 Drummond St.	Q Jujo Cadieux 34 Clegg St.	R Pat Taylor 34 Clegg St.	S Karen McRae 82 Clegg St.	T Cynthia Tremblis 82 Clegg St.	U CHILDREN'S GARDEN Children's Garden, 321 Main	V Maisha Davelianova 333 Main Street	W Rose Bronskill 37 Bower St.	X Lucienne Poole 37 Bower St.	Y Brian Bell 49 Bower St.	Z Carmen Connolly 49 Bower St.	AA Boss Fraser 7 Mason Terrace	AB Peter Fowler 7 Mason Terrace	AC Jessica Duncan 17 Mason Terrace	AD Tim Hunt 17 Mason Terrace	AE Sarah Lucy 17 Mason Terrace	AF Linda Bordage 1857 Rideau Garden Dr.	AG Chris Kingley 1857 Rideau Garden Dr.	AH Rose Marie Roy 1857 Rideau Garden Dr.
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We thank all of the following valued sponsors for their support of our talented local artists, sculptors and photographers exhibiting in A Walk of Art 2024!

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Feeding your OOE neighbours

Food insecurity in Ottawa East continues to be a tough reality for many people, and our Old Ottawa East (OOE) community is no exception. The Centretown Community Food Centre, located at 370 Catherine Street, which services OOE, has helped over 1500 people a month who struggle with food insecurity.

The main annual fundraising event to support the operation of the Centretown Community Food Centre is the annual Walk for the Centre. This year's Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6th. The 2-4km walk is along the picturesque Rideau Canal Western pathway from Confederation Park to the Pretoria Bridge.

We ask for your support of this worthwhile and necessary fundraiser for the Centretown Community Food Centre. Online donations can be made at www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon. Alternatively, donations can be made by cheque (made payable to CCSAC) at the registration desk on October 6th or mailed directly to CCSAC at 507 Bank Street, Ottawa K2P 1Z5. Receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.



WALK FOR THE CENTRE
Supporting Centretown Community Food Centre

Sunday October 6, 2024
1:30 - 4:00 pm

2 OR 4 KM WALK Scenic pathway meeting and ending at Ottawa City Hall

Prizes

Centretown Community Food Centre is a project of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee.



Centretown Community Food Centre

Online donations and full details
www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon

Coming up in our October issue

We are working on some terrific articles for our upcoming issue of *The Mainstreeter*. Here are some of the stories you can look forward to in our October issue:

- *Special Report: Old Ottawa East's fallen heroes of the two World Wars.*
- *How goes it: A snapshot of OOE's elementary and secondary schools.*
- *What's the future of the Bruyere Centre/Greystone Retirement Residence?*
- *Food & Drink: We sample and rate all those meal kits and food services.*

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