



**COUNCILLOR/CONSEILLER
RILEY BROCKINGTON**



**Riverside Park Community Association Meeting
June 8, 2022**

Dear friends and neighbours of Riverside Park,

Another challenging month is behind us. Many of you were without power for a number of days, at its height, approximately 15,000 River Ward residences, following the May 21 Derecho event.

Every day was a fight to get local news and information from Hydro Ottawa. I was direct and assertive, writing to the CEO and even Chair of the Board, when my assigned contacts were not providing me what you needed – information.

There will be a lot to review about how Hydro Ottawa responded to this latest emergency. I am not critical of the men and women who worked in dangerous conditions to restore our power. My attention will be to provide input on the communications framework, criteria to prioritize power restoration, how to acquire needed resources faster and in greater quantities. We must also better understand how the power grid works, its vulnerabilities, and how investments can be made to strengthen it. Finally, at the very local level, how can we be more organized to serve each other in our times of need. This power outage lasted way too long. People needed help. How can we organize ourselves to serve one another before help arrives.

Stay safe, stay well.

Sincerely,

Riley

Up Coming Events

Our annual Strawberry Social is happening **Tomorrow!** Join us and your neighbours for some entertainment, snacks and fun!

When: June 9, 2022

Where: Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre – 3320 Paul Anka Dr

Time: 1:00 pm



LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

729 Ridgewood Ave – Brigil Developments

Brigil Developments has revised their development plans following a winter walkabout with representatives from the two abutting Condo Boards.

They have modified their development and site plan to reduce the number buildings by one, reduce the building height on the east side, and increase the building height of the tower.

Other modifications include the creation of raised passageways, larger sidewalks, removal of the second parking ramp, removal of parallel parking and enhance landscaping to provide better greenspace will enhance residence and pedestrian experience to the site and the larger community.

This file has no scheduled date at the Planning Committee, at this time.

CITY OF OTTAWA

Outdoor Aquatic and Recreation Programs

With the outdoor summer recreation season approaching, we are providing the information below with details on the City's beach, outdoor pool, wading pool and park programs. The City has extended the summer operating season for wading pools to provide additional outdoor aquatic recreation opportunities for residents.

BEACHES

Site	Location	Contact #	Open-Closed
Mooney's Bay	2926 Riverside Dr	613-248-0863	June 18 to Aug 28
Britannia	2805 Carling Ave	613-820-1211	June 18 to Aug 28
Petrie Island	795 Tweedle Rd	613-824-5704	June 18 to Aug 28

Beaches are supervised everyday, 11 am – 7 pm, from **June 18 to August 28**.

Washroom facilities will open May 21 to September 5 at Mooney's Bay, Britannia Beach and Petrie Island. Washroom hours:

- Monday to Thursday, 10:30 am – 9 pm
- Friday to Sunday 10:30 am – 7 pm

Westboro Beach will be closed for the 2022 season due to a National Capital Commission site improvement project.

For information on water quality at beach locations, contact Public Health: 613-580-2424 ext.13219 or ottawa.ca.

For general information on beaches, please visit: [Swimming | City of Ottawa](#) or email beaches@ottawa.ca

WADING POOLS: FIVE DAY EXTENSION FOR SELECT POOLS AND A RETURN OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Wading pools have four staggered start dates, allowing for the five-day extension:

A1 June 21 to August 22

A2 June 26 to August 22

B1 June 25 to August 25

B2 June 30 to August 25

All wading pools will be open on July 1 and August 1.

Swimming hours (with some exceptions):

Monday and Friday 11 – 6 pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 12 – 7 pm
 Saturday, Sunday and holidays 12 – 5 pm

RIVER WARD POOLS

Park	Park Address	Closed Day	Season Dates	Special Event
Alexander	960 Silver St	Wed	B1	July 15
Bellevue Manor	1520 Caldwell Ave	Thu	B1	July 20
Carleton Heights	1665 Appledoorn Ave	Sat & Sun	A2	July 12
Fran J Licari	1990 Cochrane St	Thu	B2	Aug 3
Meadowvale	1205 Trenton Ave	Sun & Mon	B2	Aug 12
Owl	185 Owl Dr.	Sat & Mon	A2	July 13
Pauline Vanier	1015 Harkness Ave	Sun & Mon	A2	July 27
Raven	1500 Larose Ave	Tue	B2	Aug 5
Rideau View	960 Eiffel Ave	Sun	B1	Aug 9

Special Events: All wading pools will host a free special event this summer. Each event will feature arts and crafts, games and prizes for children.

SPLASH PADS

The City of Ottawa Splash Pads will be in operation from May 21 until September 15 (weather dependent). Splash pad sites are unsupervised.

TENNIS

Public court rentals: Public courts will be available for tennis and pickleball rentals throughout Ottawa, pending easing of public health restrictions. For more information, please contact tennis@ottawa.ca

Outdoor rink slab rentals (ie. ball hockey, lacrosse, etc.): Rentals will be available to groups and individuals, pending public health direction relating to COVID-19 operating restrictions. For more information, please contact: SeasonalRecreation@ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2590.

Wild Parsnip Strategy

The goal is to reduce the growth of wild parsnip in highly infested areas while ensuring that environmentally sensitive areas and public safety are not adversely impacted. In total, Council has approved \$298,000 for this year's strategy.

The 2022 Wild Parsnip Strategy will allow staff to:

- Continue and expand the application of Clearview and Navius FLEX herbicides to highly infested areas;
- Continue mowing operations, adjusting frequency and timing to best coincide with herbicide applications;
- Re-map infestation areas and levels;
- Continue the communication and awareness campaign in collaboration with partners in Ottawa Public Health (OPH), Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), National Capital Commission (NCC), etc;

Wild parsnip spraying in City parklands began on June 6, weather permitting. Approximately 935 lane kilometres of roadsides/pathways and over 200 locations of parkland will be treated this year. Roadside grass cutting will begin early June, and additional herbicide application may be considered again for the fall season.

Replacement of Aged Water Meters

The City of Ottawa has contracted Neptune Technology Group to replace 85,000 aging small water meters with new high-resolution meters. The three-year replacement project began, in August 2021, starting with wards in the downtown core and will slowly spread outward to the suburban wards as the project progresses.

The initial letters were sent out on May 6. In late May of this month Neptune Technology began replacing 5,872 meters in River Ward.

Water meters are the property of the City of Ottawa and require replacing after their lifecycle – which can be up to 25 years. As a condition of service, the City will be replacing these aging water meters to effectively support the delivery of drinking water to households and businesses.

Your new water meter will ensure continued accurate billing and enable enhanced online features through [MyServiceOttawa.ca](https://www.myserviceottawa.ca) including the ability to:

- View usage data right down to the litre – which can help detect even the smallest leaks
- Sign up for advanced leak and usage alerts

Visit [Ottawa.ca/meters](https://www.ottawa.ca/meters) to read more about the program, how to view your usage online and subscribe for leak alerts.

When Neptune Technology Group is ready to commence installations in your neighbourhood, you will receive information by mail that prompts you to book an appointment that is convenient for you, depending on availability – including weekends or evenings.

The installation time for a new meter is approximately 30 to 90 minutes and will require the water to be shut off by the Neptune Technology technician for a brief period of time.

Displaced Persons and Refugees Transit Pass Program

Displaced persons and refugees who have arrived in Ottawa are eligible for six months of free travel on OC Transpo.

The transit pass is a smartcard valid on buses, trains, and Para Transpo. The card is valid for six months from the month of issue. The card is accepted on STO. Para Transpo users are required to register with Para Transpo but will have temporary approval until their application is approved. The transit passes are distributed by the Catholic Centre for Immigrants (CCI) and local settlement agencies.

To be eligible for Displaced Persons and Refugees Transit Pass Program, you must:

- Be an individual / family displaced from your home country, having newly arrived in Canada;
- Not be getting transportation funding from any other source;
- Not be a Government-Assisted Refugee (GAR) or on Ontario Works (OW)

For specific information on eligibility, please call the Catholic Centre for Immigrants at [613-232-9634](tel:613-232-9634). Eligible participants can go in person to the following agencies to collect their pass, see locations here: <https://www.octranspo.com/en/news/article/displaced-persons-and-refugees-transit-pass-program/>

Break and enter prevention tips

As the weather warms up and we look forward to opening our windows and enjoying the fresh air, the Break and Enter Section of the Ottawa Police Services would like to remind you of some safety practices to reduce the risk of a break-in.

- Keep your doors locked, even when you are home, to prevent undetected entry while inside or out in the yard.
- Ensure ground floor windows are closed and locked before leaving the house or going to sleep at night.
- Purses, wallets, and vehicle keys should be stored away from entry doors and windows.
- Keep vehicles locked and garage door openers out of sight.
- Install motion detector exterior lighting.
- Keep garages and sheds locked when not in use.
- Jewellery, passports, and other valuables should be stored in a safe or safety deposit box.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious persons in your neighbourhood and report it to police immediately.

Don't wait to call police, even if you think it's minor.

If you're going away, don't advertise no one's home. Don't announce your vacation plans on social media and delay posting photographs until you are back home.

Tree Planting Operations

Postponed – Trees in Trust, Commemorative Trees, Schoolyard Tree Planting Grant Program, and Park and Streetscape Plantings

Unless planting took place before Saturday May 21, scheduled spring planting as part of the Commemorative Tree Program, Schoolyard Tree Plantings and Park and Streetscape Planting is now prioritized for fall 2022.

Extended – Deadline for Schoolyard Tree Planting Grant Program

We will be extending the application deadline for the Schoolyard Tree Planting Grant Program to October 1 (normal deadline is June 1) for project implementation in spring 2023.

Continuing – Tree Replacement Through Trees in Trust Program

Residents may apply online to have City-owned trees in front of their homes replaced through the Trees in Trust Program. The Trees in Trust Program plants City-owned trees on the right of way in front of residents' homes. We have seen many of these trees impacted by the severe storm. Staff are looking to replace those impacted City-owned trees located on the right of way. Residents may proactively request a replacement tree by completing an online form.

Starting – Tree Replacement in Parks

Parks Maintenance and Forestry staff are taking note of significantly damaged trees in parks and building a list to assess for replanting. Staff will implement those replacement projects in 2023 and beyond.

AROUND RIVER WARD

Let's Bike! Urban Cycling with Councillor Brockington

June 9, 2022, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/urban-cycling-with-councillor-brockington-tickets-328928121867>



Shakespeare in the Park

After two long years, a Company of fools returns with its Torchlight presentation of *The Tempest*, a Shakespeare in the Park Summer production Tour. Bring your friends, family, lawn chairs and even your four legged family members!

Where: Pauline Vanier Park

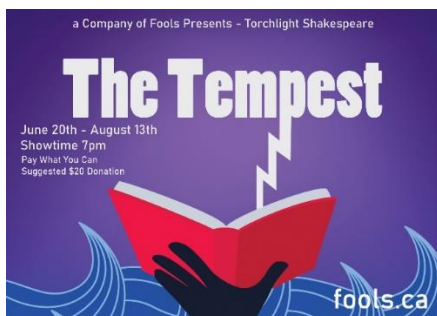
When: June 29, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Owl Park

When: July 27, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm



Brookfield Restaurant – 55 Year Birthday Bash

Brookfield Restaurant and Confectionary is turning 55 years old! A party is being planned for July 9.

Date: July 9

Location: 704 Brookfield Rd

Time: 3:00 pm

RIVER WARD EVENTS

River Ward Spring/Summer Festivals

Below is a list of confirmed festivals in River Ward.

Event Name	Location	Date(s)
Christie Lake for Kids Canoe Race	Mooney's Bay Park	June 4
Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival	Mooney's Bay Park	June 23-26
Canada Day Regatta	Rideau Canoe Club	July 1-2
Ottawa Lebanese Festival	700 Ridgewood Avenue	July 13-17
HOPE Volleyball Festival	Mooney's Bay Park	July 16-17
Capital Ukrainian Festival	952 Green Valley Cres	July 22-24
Canoe Club Qualifiers and Championships	Rideau Canoe Club	July 29-31
Canoe Club Ontario Championships	Rideau Canoe Club	August 13-14
Ottawa Greek Festival	1315 Prince of Wales Drive	August 14-16 & 21-23
LPGA Canadian Pacific	Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club	August 22-28

Parking Restrictions

Temporary parking restrictions will return in the Mooney's Bay neighbourhood, north of Walkley Road commencing June 20. A bulletin will be delivered to all impacted neighbourhoods.

RIVER WARD FESTIVALS



Festivals are Back!

River Ward hosts more festivals and special events than any other ward in Ottawa, outside of the downtown core. We are a vibrant community that is blessed with green space and the Rideau River. It is a natural attraction to many organizations to host their event within our community.

Listed below you will find information regarding **parking restrictions** that will be implemented from (approximately) **June 20 to July 18, 2022***

Parking Restrictions

As in previous years, parking restrictions will occur on the following streets during festival season:

- Blanchard Crescent
- Dupont Street
- Egan Road
- Flannery Drive
- Garner Avenue
- Gavin Street
- Hobson Road
- Lynhurst Avenue
- Malden Court
- Marble Crescent
- Mooney's Bay Place
- Nicholson Avenue
- Norberry Crescent
- Otterson Drive
- Ridgewood Avenue
- Sandhurst Court
- Springland Drive
- Walton Court
- Waterview Court

For more information, visit
www.RileyBrockington.ca

Summer 2022 - Riverside Park Festival Dates

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| June 23 – 26 | Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival
Mooney's Bay Park |
| July 13 – 17 | Ottawa Lebanese Festival
700 Ridgewood Avenue |
| July 16 - 17 | HOPE Volleyball Summerfest
Mooney's Bay Park |

***Please Note:**

Traffic and Pedestrian Volumes are expected to be extremely high on Saturday, July 16.

The extra parking restrictions will remain on Mooney's Bay Place (Riverside to Springland) and Ridgewood Avenue until Labour Day.

Bylaw Services has advised that the special festival parking restrictions will be enforced every day between June 20 and July 18. Traffic from visitors to Mooney's Bay Park this summer is expected to be high again, as Westboro Beach is closed in 2022.

Have an issue to report?

- Parking
- Noise
- Health and Safety
- Animals and Pets

PLEASE CALL 3-1-1



If I can be of assistance, please contact my office.

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