



NEWS LETTER

Summer
2024



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Street Mural Painting

August 24th



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

At our Annual Meeting in May, the members elected a wonderful new Board with a good mix of talented new and returning Directors. We couldn't be happier as we need a strong team to help us with all of the challenges and opportunities facing our neighbourhood.

LRT construction in Woodpark is finally coming to an end and work is now underway to rebuild Richmond Road. The first step of this project has involved redirecting traffic to Bryon Avenue and this has not gone smoothly. On July 23rd we spent an hour with Councillor Kavanagh and representatives from the City's Stage 2 office walking along Bryon, discussing the solutions. It was apparent that better road painting and signage was needed and these are being put in place. City staff are developing options to address concerns about cut through traffic. We will host a virtual meeting August 15th for Woodparkers to comment. Watch for details to follow in the coming days.

Exciting plans for the restoration of the Bryon Linear Park, Lincoln Fields and the Parkette at Lawn and Edgeworth are now available. The WCA is organizing a public meeting on Wednesday September 25 for residents to find out more about these plans. Meeting details will be made available closer to the date. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we hope to see many of you at the mural painting on Saturday Aug 24.

Sue Milburn-Hopwood, President & David Levesque, Vice President

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 24 - Street Mural Painting - Register here woodpark.ca/street-mural-2024
- September 14 - Movie Night in New Orchard Park - Time tbd
- September 25, 7pm - Woodpark-specific Stage 2 LRT Update



A NEW RESIDENT'S VIEW OF WOODPARK BY JANE TAYLOR

It was mid-November, 2023 when we moved to an 'unplanned' neighbourhood, Woodpark. We had no idea what we were getting into. The vendors of our 'new' home had told us Woodpark was a wonderful place to live. We had already lived in two wonderful places, real walkable neighbourhoods, so we were cautiously optimistic. Woodpark is not really walkable. There are no sidewalks. There are no coffee shops. There is no destination within its boundaries.

What makes it so great? Simple, the people.

Not long after we moved in, our neighbours introduced themselves, welcomed us, shared phone numbers and offered to clear our snow. Two gentlemen walking by, borrowed our shovels and cleared the mounting white drifts. We witnessed a daily procession of people on foot, children and dogs in tow, going past our front windows. Whether using a walker, a scooter, a cane or a leash, people and animals get out every day in their neighbourhood. Woodparkers care for their community. Some who grew up here have come back because it is such a special place. Why do you love Woodpark? Send an email to woodpark@woodpark.ca and tell us.

BYRON/RICHMOND AT WOODROFFE NORTH

An information session to present and discuss possible solutions to the traffic problems will be held on August 15th.

We are asking everyone to be patient, observant of traffic and to obey all traffic signs. This rerouting of traffic will be with us for about 1.5 years. We are working hard to get the right solutions in place as soon as possible.

TREES IN WOODPARK

The Tree Team launched an initiative to encourage the planting of 100 new trees in Woodpark. Nineteen new trees have been planted. Twelve households signed up to have the City plant one or more trees on their lawn via the Trees in Trust Program and six households planted trees on their own. A big thanks to all who planted trees and to our resident arborist Barbara Hemming for all of her tree advice.

If you are interested in getting a free tree from the City just request one by contacting 311. If you do have a tree planted on your lawn please let us know by sending an email to treeteam@woodpark.ca.



LINCOLN FIELDS SECONDARY PLAN UPDATE

The long awaited Lincoln Fields Secondary Plan is scheduled to be released by the end of July and approved by the City of Ottawa's Planning and Housing Committee in late September. While the plan is expected to provide much needed housing for 10,000 new residents in the area, it will also change the character of Woodpark with high rise developments along Carling Ave and on the west side of Edgeworth. We will want to let the Planning and Housing Committee know what we think about the plan. Please watch for a Blog Post on our website in early August to hear about the plan and provide your thoughts on the plan.

2025 PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The City of Ottawa is proposing a major update to its zoning bylaw. The goal is to allow for denser housing developments, especially near public transit stations.

Here's a breakdown of the key changes:

- The new system classifies areas based on maximum building height and density.
- Woodpark will see a significant increase in density, especially along Carling and Woodroffe. Most areas will be zoned to allow buildings up to 11 meters high with a target density of 12 units per standard lot.
- Car sharing will be allowed in all residential zones.
- New provisions encourage building design that preserves mature trees.
- Emergency shelters and group homes will be permitted in neighbourhood zones.
- Mid- and high-rise buildings will need to dedicate a portion of units to families.



For more information read our blog post at <https://www.woodpark.ca/post/2025-ottawa-zoning-bylaw-changes>. Additionally, you can find more information and participate in public consultations through the City of Ottawa website (engage.ottawa.ca/zoning). The public comment period is open until fall 2024.

BECOME A MEMBER

Join Our Association

The Woodpark Community Association was established in 1991 to represent the residents of Woodpark in a number of forums.

Our Goals are protecting and enhancing the quality of life, helping develop and foster community spirit in Woodpark.



Why Should I Join?

- Meet your neighbours in Woodpark.
- Present your thoughts and concerns about Woodpark to the Association board.
- Receive regular updates about what is going on in Woodpark.
- Find out about community events, such as picnics, movie nights, garage sales, and more.

How To Join

- Go to www.woodpark.ca/membership and fill out the form.
- Send an email to membership@woodpark.ca with your contact information.

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Woodpark Residents

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- David Levesque

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