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## Councillor's Community Update & Safety Newsletter, May 2020

### MESSAGE FROM CITY COUNCILLOR RILEY BROCKINGTON

Dear Central Park residents,

We live in interesting times.

I trust you are well. If there is anything you need during the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact my office. We are open and my staff are working from home, every day, to serve you and our community.

As Spring is now before us, it is an opportune time to share a number of safety tips with you to ensure we all do our part to reduce crime in Central Park. Property crime continues to be a concern. Please ensure you lock the door to your home and car even when you are home, to not leave yard equipment or bicycles out unattended, and if you do plan to travel this summer, to ensure your home is looked after by a trusted friend or relative.

A few residents have reported rats in the neighbourhood. We need to address this right away. There are some helpful hints in this bulletin on how to maintain your property to ensure that we are not 'welcoming' these rodents to our community. Please take note and do your part. If you notice a residence that is not well maintained, excessive garbage and/or debris in the yard, overgrown grass/shrubs, food of any kind, please call 3-1-1 to report and Ottawa Bylaw will inspect and may issue a mandatory remediation notice.

As families spend a significant amount of time together during the COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to remind you that services exist in the event you are in a domestic situation that is putting your safety at risk. **Unsafe at Home Ottawa** is a new text and chat support line for women. Counsellors can provide emotional support, practical advice, and referrals. Text 613-704-5535 or chat online at [unsafeathomeottawa.ca](https://unsafeathomeottawa.ca). Men can reach out to the Canadian Centre for Men and Families at <https://menandfamilies.org/ottawa-about/>. For youths who need to talk, a free phone or video counselling session is a click away at [www.counsellingconnect.org](https://www.counsellingconnect.org). If you are concerned about the safety or well-being of a child or youth, please contact the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa at 613-747-7800 or visit [www.casott.on.ca](https://www.casott.on.ca).

Because so many of us are spending time closer to home, I urge all road users to be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists. Please share the road and use caution within our residential community. With traffic volumes down significantly on the main roads in Ottawa, the Ottawa Police Service has launched a special campaign to crack down on excessive speeding that is taking place. Drive safe and take care – for all of us.

I want to close by alerting you to recent development proposals that have come to my attention, that are listed in the bulletin. If you have specific questions,



please contact me.

To our Muslim friends and neighbours, we wish you a blessed Eid.

Enjoy the sunshine, enjoy the outdoors, stay safe and hope to see you in person soon.

Sincerely yours,  
Riley Brockington  
City Councillor, River Ward

### Plan for New Gazebo at Celebration Park

At the 2019 Central Park Community Association AGM, members in attendance unanimously voted to direct me to move forward with a plan for a second gazebo in Celebration Park to provide more shade and coverage for families.

In April 2020, I authorized the expenditure of \$70,000 from the River Ward Cash-In-Lieu of Parks Account to commence with the design and planning required for a new gazebo. A consultant has been hired and will lead the planning and design stages. I expect to receive a concept plan later this spring. The approved location is south of the existing gazebo between the splash pad and swings.

I plan to share the concept plan for public comment and review in June/July via my website and the Central Park online discussion group.

### Site Plan Application for 130 & 136 Central Park Drive

The City's Planning Department received a Site Plan Control application for 130 & 136 Central Park Drive. The site is located west of Celebration Park, and south of the existing Park Place Retirement Residence. The proposal is to construct an 8-storey and 10-storey seniors' residence, with a 1-storey connection. The proposal is the 2nd phase of the residences completed at 110 and 120 Central Park Drive. The new development proposes 344 rooming units, with 86 parking spaces, creating a total of 132 surface and 167 underground parking spaces.

This application is strictly a Site Plan application. The required zoning approval was finalized in 2008, which allows this development to proceed.

Site Plan applications strictly deal with the finer components of a site development including landscaping, garbage storage, snow storage, lighting, etc.

To view the Site Plan application and all associated documentation and reports, please visit [www.ottawa.ca/devapps](https://www.ottawa.ca/devapps), and enter file number D07-12-20-0036 into the file search tool. Please share your comments via email at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

### 1357 Baseline Road

The City of Ottawa's Planning Department is reviewing a Site Plan Application for the property at 1357 Baseline Road, vacant land at the northeast corner of Baseline Road and Clyde Ave, in the Laurentian Plaza. The proposed development is for a mixed-use building of primarily retirement home use, which consists of a single podium and two towers that disconnect from a u-shape after the fifth storey. Both towers will be 15-storeys, with the westerly tower intended for independent retirement living, and the easterly tower intended for a retirement lifestyle requiring a higher level of personal care and service.

### Development Application for 1356 Clyde Avenue

On May 13, the City of Ottawa received a Zoning By-law Amendment application requesting the City permit the construction of a 24-storey (north building) and 28-storey mixed-use (south) building with 468 residential units, commercial/retail space at grade, and some office space on the lower levels of the building. It is the current location of two single-storey multi-tenant commercial buildings with associated at-grade parking area on the northwest corner of Baseline and Clyde. This site is located in College Ward.

The deadline date for comments is **June 11, 2020**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca).

To see details of the application, please visit [Ottawa.ca/Devapps](https://Ottawa.ca/Devapps) and search '1356 Clyde'.

### MESSAGE FROM OTTAWA CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Dear Central Park residents,

I have been blown away by the kindnesses shown by our neighbours during this difficult time: delivering groceries and other essentials, giving away plants, books and art supplies, posting hopeful messages in windows, practising physical distancing, and being conscientious of one another.

While we haven't been able to gather for our usual events this spring, I'm delighted that residents are still finding ways to connect through our discussion group and Facebook page. If you haven't joined yet, I encourage you to visit us online for the latest updates:

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/OttawaCentralParkCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/OttawaCentralParkCommunity)

**Discussion Group:** <https://ottawacentralpark.groups.io/g/main>

I'd also like to thank Councillor Riley Brockington and his team. When it became clear that it wouldn't be possible to host an in-person safety night, they offered to send this community mailout to all residents instead. I hope you'll find it informative.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Simpkin  
President, OCP  
President@ottawacentralpark.ca

### Rat Prevention and Treatment

The City of Ottawa is aware of concerns in some areas of Ottawa where rats have been more noticeable in the community.

Should you see an increase of activity of these rodents, there are a number of steps you can take immediately to help reduce the likelihood of them staying.

1. Eliminate all food sources on your property (Secure garbage, remove pet food, remove bird feeders, do not feed squirrels)
2. Eliminate hiding and living spaces (Keep lawn cut short, remove clutter, raise wood piles 12" above ground and keep away from home)
3. Protect buildings (repair cracks and any access points)
4. Contact an exterminator

If you continue to see a problem, please contact 311 to report the issue. In some cases, they will send out a property standards officer to assess the situation for signs of obvious attraction. As well, the city can initiate a sewer baiting program in some areas to help reduce the rat population.

There is a helpful guide on the Ottawa Public Health website at [www.OttawaPublicHealth.ca/Rats](https://www.OttawaPublicHealth.ca/Rats).



**Stay informed! Sign up for the River Ward Monthly E-Newsletter.**

Send an email to [Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca](mailto:Riley.Brockington@Ottawa.ca) to get on the list.

Past editions are posted to [www.RileyBrockington.ca](https://www.RileyBrockington.ca)



*Aussi disponible en français.*

**Meet your local  
Community Police Officer  
and the Neighbourhood  
Resource Team**

**Constable Darren Joseph**  
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**Background:**

Born and raised in Ottawa, and a former resident of Carlington, Darren (DJ) is a former CFL, Ottawa U Gee Gee and Ottawa Sooner football player who has returned to his roots to serve his city as a Police Officer with the Ottawa Police Service. Darren has been with the OPS for 15 years now, on Patrol, NRT and as a School Resource Officer. He is your contact with the police service for the Central Park/Carlington area.

**COMMUNITY POLICING**

The Carlington/Caldwell Neighbourhood Resource Team (NRT) is one of three brand new units of the Ottawa Police Service started last November. The NRT consists of a Community Police Officer, a School Resource Officer, Traffic Services officers and Frontline officers who are all dedicated to service in the Carlington/Caldwell community.

The members selected for the NRTs are experienced officers who have been assigned to this fixed service term to ensure they work in the same areas over several years. This will allow them to build long-term relationships and get to know the people and communities they serve.

The neighbourhoods chosen for this initiative were selected due to the volume of crime (including gun, gang and drug related violent street crime), the presence of complex social issues that underpin most crime (housing, employment, education, health, marginalization, discrimination, etc.) and a high number of calls for police service.

The NRTs are designed to increase police presence and address community concerns about crime and social disorder. Residents are encouraged to continue reporting crimes using normal practices - dialing 911 for life threatening emergencies and crimes in progress; and 613-236-1222 for non-emergencies.

Locally in the Carlington/Caldwell community, the NRT is focusing on building a strong relationship with the community. With this comes trust, understanding, and overall, a more confident feeling of safety in your own neighborhood. It will assist the NRT by developing a more dynamic approach to crime reduction, quality of life improvements, and personnel and resource management. Please feel confident when you see them out on foot patrol or on the Police bikes to stop them to say hello and discuss any issues you may have or know of. They are there to help. You can follow them on Instagram @ottawapolicentrt.

The NRTs will be monitored by Carleton University's Dr. Linda Duxbury. Her team will evaluate the efficacy of the NRTs and offer feedback as the program grows. This accountability measure will ensure that goals are set, and met, to improve overall community safety.

For more information, you can visit the Neighbourhood Resource Teams web page at [ottawapolice.ca/NRT](http://ottawapolice.ca/NRT).

**Tips on Keeping Your Home Safe by  
Co-operators Insurance**

- Lock your windows and doors at all times; even when you leave briefly. Consider keeping your valuables in a safe or lockbox when you go out.
- Change your passcodes on electronic locks and garage doors from time to time.
- Keep your windows covered and your garage and vehicle locked, keep valuable items out of sight.
- Consider installing motion sensor lights, deadbolt locks and upgrading patio/sliding glass door locks.
- Trim shrubs and bushes to eliminate hiding spots, and never hide keys outside.
- Do not announce your vacation or trips on social media.
- If you go away for an extended period, ensure your property stays maintained to keep a 'lived in' appearance.
- Always change the locks when you move into a new home or if your keys are lost or stolen.
- If you live in an apartment or condo, close the door behind you when entering or exiting the building. Report any security concerns to your property manager.

**Facts and Fiction  
about wearing a  
Non-Medical Mask**



- Medical masks and N95 respirators are reserved for health care workers
- 'Non-medical masks' includes those made from cloth; those with pockets to insert filters; and those that are used to cover other masks or respirators to prolong their use
- Wearing a non-medical mask is NOT a replacement for physical distancing, hand washing, and monitoring your health.
- Wearing non-medical masks may offer additional protection especially when physical distancing is hard to maintain (e.g. in a grocery store, on the bus).
- Non-medical masks may help protect others around you.
- To protect yourself from COVID-19, follow public health recommendations: stay home, wash your hands often, and don't touch your face.
- Wearing a non-medical mask can increase your risk of infection if you touch your face more frequently: readjusting it or if you do not wash your hands before putting it on and taking it off.

For more information about non-medical masks, and how to make your own, visit Health Canada's website at <https://tinyurl.com/CanadaMasks>.

**Pedestrian Safety Tips**

**Be Seen**

- Walk facing traffic
- Wear bright colours
- Wear reflectors
- Carry a flashlight

**Be Smart**

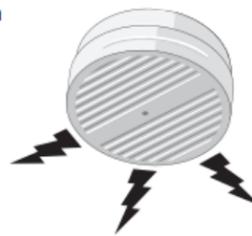
- Watch for drivers turning
- Always cross at crosswalks
- Make eye contact with drivers
- Don't cross on a red or yellow light
- Remove headphones
- Stay off your phone

**Home fire safety tips and guide**

The Ottawa Fire Services (OFS) provided the following fire safety tips for us to share with you through this newsletter. You can learn more about fire safety and outreach at [www.ottawa.ca/en/health-and-public-safety/ottawa-fire-services/](http://www.ottawa.ca/en/health-and-public-safety/ottawa-fire-services/)

**IN CASE OF FIRE**

If a fire breaks out in your home, remain calm, follow your escape plan and get out of the building.



- Don't stop to investigate the fire or to collect valuables or pets.
- Use your escape route to get everyone out and meet at your safe meeting place.
- Close any doors that are open, and only open the doors you need to go through. This will help prevent fire and smoke from spreading.
- Check doors for heat with your hand. If a door is warm, don't open it – fire or hot smoke is on the other side.
- If there is a lot of smoke, crawl low. Under the smoke the air will be clearer.
- If your clothing is on fire - **stop**, don't run; **drop** or lower yourself to the floor; **roll** back and forth, with your hands covering your face until the fire is extinguished.
- Once you have everyone out of the building, use a mobile phone or a neighbour's phone to call 9-1-1.
- Give Ottawa Fire Services as much information as possible about the fire and the building.
- Don't go back into the building for anything. If there is still someone inside, tell Ottawa Fire Services when they arrive. They'll be able to find the people and pets quicker and safer than you can.

**SMOKE ALARMS**

Only a working smoke alarm can save your life.

- Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas.

**CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**

A working carbon monoxide alarm is required in every home in Ontario if there is a fuel fired appliance, fireplace or attached garage. The alarm must be installed adjacent to each sleeping area in the home.

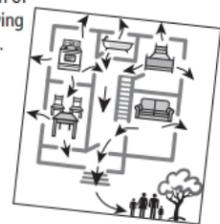
If your CO alarm sounds, and no one is suffering from symptoms of CO poisoning, check to see if the battery needs replacing, or the alarm has reached its "end-of-life" before calling 9-1-1.

**Responsibilities**

- It is the homeowner's responsibility to install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. In a rental unit, it is the landlord's responsibility to comply with the law.
- It is against the law to disable a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm.
- A tenant of a rental unit must notify the landlord if a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm is impaired or not operating.
- Test your alarms monthly by pushing the test button.
- To make sure your batteries are always fresh, change them when you change your clock in the spring and fall.
- Replace your alarms if they are older than 10 years or as required by the manufacturer.

**DEVELOP A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN**

- 1 Draw a floor plan of your home showing all possible exits.
- 2 Where possible, plan a main exit route and an alternate exit route.
- 3 Establish a safe meeting place outside your home where everyone can meet.
- 4 Make certain everyone understands if they hear an alarm or someone shouting, "fire" they should immediately evacuate the home.
- 5 Discuss your escape plan and practise fire drills with everyone in your household. This is the best way to prevent panic, especially among children. Be sure every family member knows what to do.



\*\*If you live in an apartment building, you and your family should know where your exits are and your nearest fire alarm pull station.

In an emergency, hallway and exit lights may be out. Make sure you can follow your escape plan in the dark.



Since we are all spending more time at home these days, please be mindful of your neighbours during the pandemic.

Some may be trying to work from home during the day, others may work the night shift and need some peace and quiet at home.

With many more people home during the day, we may be inadvertently disrupting each other without any intention.

Let's do our best to be mindful of others.

**Don't expect someone else to pick up your waste.**

**Be part of the solution and dispose of gloves and masks properly.**



Have any comments or questions regarding safety in our community?  
Reach out to your **Ottawa Central Park Community Association:**

Visit our website at <https://OttawaCentralPark.ca>  
or send an email to: [president@ottawacentralpark.ca](mailto:president@ottawacentralpark.ca)

Join us online at <https://OttawaCentralPark.ca> to find out about community events, join our discussion group and much more.