

# The Independent COMMUNITY

## Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School food extravaganza

As Ron Eade, Citizen Food Editor, told me, "Did you see the plates? As good as any high end restaurants!" No kidding, Ron. Not only did all seven courses look fantastic; the menu was extravagant and the servings all delicious. Chef Kent Dyck does an amazing job at LDHSS and the kids have learned so much about food of course but so much more as well like value, and quantity, quality, health and service. Trustee Donna Blackburn and I certainly did L-O-V-E the service and the food, excellent job everyone!

Speaking of food, at the table next door to ours was the crew from South Nepean Rotary and here's a heads up for their signature event...A Taste of Barrhaven. Mark your calendars for May 28th!

### Outdoor skating rinks

Whether you have a rink in your backyard or enjoy the community outdoor one, you may have noticed that it is a tough job keeping the ice in good shape given the miserable weather. Many say we would be better off with several feet of snow instead of the freezing rain. Please offer your help to your community association to get the rinks back into shape. And don't forget if your high school student needs volunteer hours I have lots of ideas for them, give me a call at 613 580-2473 or email jan.harder@ottawa.ca.

### Teen Tech Week video contest

The Ottawa Public Library (OPL) will celebrate technology and teens during Teen Tech Week (TTW), from March 4-10. TTW is an initiative aimed at teens who are interested in the library's non-print resources. During this week, OPL wants to raise awareness about all its digital offerings, including e-Books, audio-books, OPL blogs and the OPL app, by launching its second annual video contest.

**Contest Details:**  
Teens 13 to 18 - Create a one-minute video on YouTube about your favourite book. It can be a book trailer, a parody, a review, a dramatization of your favourite scene, or anything related to your book of choice.

Submissions will be accepted from March 4 to March 31. The grand prize winner will be awarded an Apple iPad!

For more information including rules and regulations please visit [www.bibliottawalibrary.ca](http://www.bibliottawalibrary.ca)



LET'S TALK  
BARRHAVEN

by Jan Harder

### bibliottawalibrary.ca City's March Break Camps: Kid-size adventures start here!

School's out for a week of fun, and across the city there are over 100 action-packed March Break camps in sports, arts, water fun and more!

Take to the ice with hockey, skating and curling camps. Try horseback riding, indoor soccer or rock climbing. Wow family and friends with talents developed in computer, magic or movie camps. Star on stage in acting, singing and dance camps. Get messy with clay, paints and glue. Work on your leadership skills and make new friends.

Ottawa's largest selection of camps comes with enthusiastic and trained leaders. Our programs offer top value and quality you can trust.

Find your neighbourhood adventure and register online at [ottawa.ca/marchbreak](http://ottawa.ca/marchbreak)

To use the city's online registration system, available at <https://apps102.ottawa.ca/MyAccount> you need a family PIN and individual barcodes for each family member. To get a PIN visit a local recreation facility, Client Service Centre, or call the touch-tone registration system at 613-580-2588 (Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

If you have previously provided Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services with your email address, we can email your account details to you. Our new PIN and barcode lookup tool, which you can access by clicking on 'You have forgotten your bar code or PIN?' link at <https://apps102.ottawa.ca/MyAccount>, will help you retrieve the information.

### City Seeks Young Artists: Young at Art 2012 Applications Now Available

The City of Ottawa invites young artists to enter Young at Art 2012, the citywide artist-juried exhibition for youth. Applications are now available for young Ottawa artists between 12 and 19 years of age.

Young at Art provides creative and talented youth an opportunity to showcase and celebrate their artistry in a citywide event. Works selected for Young at Art 2012 will be

displayed in Ottawa community galleries and recognized for outstanding work at awards presentations in the east, west and central areas of the city.

Application forms and guidelines are available online at [ottawa.ca/youngatart](http://ottawa.ca/youngatart). Forms are also available at community centres, Ottawa Public Library branches and by contacting Mike Taylor, Young at Art Coordinator at 613-580-2424, ext. 29288 or [miketaylor@ottawa.ca](mailto:miketaylor@ottawa.ca).

The deadline for Young at Art 2012 submissions is Friday, March 4, 2012 at 4 p.m.

### Nominations sought for Bruce Timmermans Awards

The City of Ottawa is seeking nominations for the annual Bruce Timmermans Awards for individuals and organizations who demonstrate a genuine commitment to cycling in our community.

Nominations can be submitted by e-mail to [travelwise@ottawa.ca](mailto:travelwise@ottawa.ca) and must be received by February 17.

The Bruce Timmermans Cycling Awards program was created by the City of Ottawa in honour of Bruce Timmermans, a long-time cycling educator and advocate, an active member of the Ottawa Bicycle Club and a founding member of Citizens for Safe Cycling. Bruce worked tirelessly to promote cycling and safety for cyclists.

Two awards are presented each year at the end of May recognizing outstanding contributions in the encouragement of cycling. One award is presented to an individual and the second to an organization.

More information is available at [ottawa.ca/bta](http://ottawa.ca/bta)

### Hydro work at Greenbank and Food Basics Mall

Thanks to some residents who brought it to my attention, I have recently learned that work is being conducted by Hydro Ottawa within the existing substation yard, located at 905 Greenbank Rd.

Notifications failed to be submitted to residents prior to commencement of construction, however Hydro Ottawa has been in contact with a few neighbouring residents in an attempt to schedule a meeting soon.

Hydro Ottawa explained the meeting is required to discuss the construction duration, type, etc. and the final landscape plan of the hydro Ottawa owned

property. The work being conducted includes new foundations for MV electrical equipment, decommissioning and demolition of existing foundations and new electrical connections. The project is required in order to add additional capacity to the Barrhaven region creating operational flexibility as well as increase reliability.

A communication letter will also be drafted and delivered to the affected residents of Barrhaven. Minimal power outages will be required for this work, if any. However I have alerted the management at the Walter Baker Sports Centre who have already been impacted by an outage. I don't want you inconvenienced and I certainly don't want to lose revenue.

The project is scheduled to extend into September. However does not expect the noise experienced by some residents over the last few weeks will not be present for the length of the project.

### Thank you Edna Ullett

Last week community members, friends, elected officials and more gathered at Carleton Lodge to

say thank you and farewell to Edna Ullett.

Edna Ullett contributed 30 years of outstanding service as both a dedicated volunteer and President of the Auxiliary at Carleton Lodge. Her kindness and dedication will be missed - Thank You Edna!

### Vines, Volunteers and Victory

Many of you backing onto the Cedarview or Jockvale Roads corridor know the headaches you have had due to vandalism/crime by so called graffiti artists. Unfortunately the fences being covered in graffiti are on resident's private property. The graffiti by-law, not only outlines where graffiti is illegal (on all city property not designated a legal graffiti wall) but it requires that property owners remove graffiti from their own property within a minimum of seven days after receiving notice from the city.

As clean up during the winter is particularly difficult, I am organizing a spring community clean-up event that I hope you will consider attending, whether or not you are one those residents who

have graffiti on their property (through no fault of their own) as it will be a great community building event.



The clean-up will not only include cleaning of the current graffiti but prevention measures as well, like planting shrubs or ivy along the wall. These types of initiatives, which have been successfully piloted in other areas like Greenboro, not only prevent graffiti but beautify the area for everyone.

Hopefully with your help we'll claim victory over neighbourhood graffiti. Of course my FIRST choice will always be that the Ottawa Police Services capture and punish those who commit this property damaging crime. For more information on the larger issue you can also visit <http://ottawa.ca/graffiti> or my website [www.janharder.com](http://www.janharder.com) as well.

### ServiceOttawa- get online, not in line!

Speaking of websites, if you've visited Ottawa.ca this week you will have noticed it has gotten a new look and a lot of enhancements including the new ServiceOttawa gateway.

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*Councillor Jan Harder, Councillor Steve Desroches  
and the Barrhaven Legion Branch 641  
invite you to a special evening to say*

# Hail to the Chief!

An evening for the Barrhaven Community  
to say thank you to Chief Vern White

**Sunday, February 19th**  
**Cocktails 5:30pm**  
**Dinner 6:00pm**  
**Barrhaven Legion Branch 641**  
**3500 Fallowfield Rd., Nepean**



*In recognition of Chief Vern White's exemplary leadership of the Ottawa Police Service and in celebration of his recent appointment to the Senate of Canada, please join with us to thank him for all he has done for Ottawa and to wish him well in his new role.*

**Tickets \$50 each**  
**Available at the Barrhaven Legion Branch 641.**  
**Limited seating available.**

Proceeds from the event will go to **Project s.t.e.p.** to support school-based addictions treatment, education, and prevention.  
[www.project-step.ca](http://www.project-step.ca)

*Unable to attend?  
Donations to **project s.t.e.p.** can be made at the Barrhaven Legion Branch 641 in advance of the event.*

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