

Community Notes

Doors Open Ottawa



113 buildings of architectural, historical or functional significance will be open for visitors to tour.

Dates: June 7 and 8,
Place: throughout Ottawa
Cost: free
Information: 613-580-9674 or <http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/heritage/doorsopen/>

Festival franco-ontarien



Le Festival franco-ontarien invite chaque francophone et chaque francophile à faire partie de la fête

Date: le 12, 13 et 14 juin
Place: la Plaza des Festivals, 110, ave Laurier
Coût: Billet-passeport \$20
Renseignements: 613-321-0102 ou www.ffo.ca/

WestFest



Westboro's festival of music, art and life.

Date: June 11 - 15
Place: on Richmond Road (Golden to McRae)
Cost - free
Information - 613-729-814 or <http://www.westfest.ca/>



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CCOC June 2008

Citywide Give Away Weekend June 7 & 8

One person's trash is another person's treasure. So don't put your unwanted bounty pieces in the garbage. Set them out at the curb on Give Away Weekend. For you treasure hunters, tour your neighbourhood, community and city to find those hidden gems.

Treasures could include:

- Books, CDs and DVDs.
- Old furniture and small appliances.
- Dishes, cutlery, pots and pans.
- Unwanted gifts.
- ...and more



Please consider safety when deciding which items to set out to the curb.

Rules for setting out the treasures

- Place items at the curb.
- Place stickers or signs on items with the word "FREE".
- Ensure any items that you want to keep are away from your setout treasures or tucked away safely in your garage.
- At the end of the day, bring any uncollected gems back to your home.

Commuter Challenge Week June 1 - 7

During Environment Week, join the annual Commuter Challenge – a national program that encourages Canadians to walk, cycle, take transit, carpool or telework instead of driving to work. Don't pollute when you commute!

Why go car-free? There are many health and environmental benefits. Ottawa experiences problems with smog, particularly in Centretown and Ottawa East. By going car-free, we improve our health, and take action to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases

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Please recycle this newsletter!



CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	JUNE	JULY	TIME (PM)
Membership & Communications	June 4	no meeting	7:00
Development Committee	June 10	no meeting	7:00
Rental Committee	June 17	July 15	7:00
Finance Committee	June 10	July 15	7:00 location TBC
Property Management Committee	June 19	July 17	7:00
Board of Directors	June 25	July 30	7:30

Where: Board Room at 415 Gilmour Street (ring 808). Call 234-4065, ext. 0 to confirm.

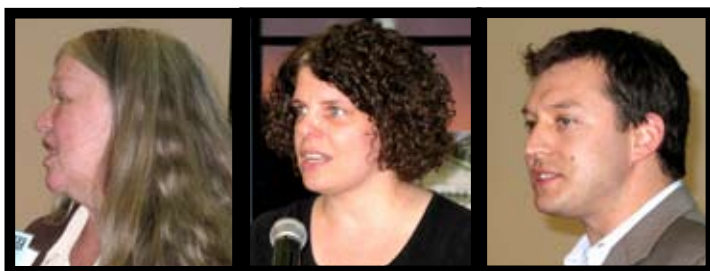
Note: CCOC will pay taxi fare and family care for committee members attending meetings.

Board of Directors 2008 - 2009

CCOC's Annual General Meeting took place on May 24th at Ottawa City Hall with over 60 members in attendance. CCOC's President Luke Pelot, Treasurer Pam Christie and Secretary Andrew McNeill presented reports on the activities of CCOC over the past year. The annual report is available on our website at www.ccochousing.org

Here is a list of board members:

Glenn Allen	Andrew McNeill (Secretary)
Kerry Beckett	Tara Peel
Nathan Benson	Luke Pelot (President)
Erica Braun	Bill Rooney (Vice-President)
Calinda Brown	Aron Spector
Ray Sullivan	Pamela Christie (Treasurer)
Jane Dickinson	Doris Zastre



From left to right: Jane Dickinson, Calinda Brown and Nathan Benson speak at the AGM

Closed for Canada Day

The CCOC office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1st for Canada Day. It will re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2nd.

For information on Canada Day events, contact the National Capital Commission at 613-239-5000 or online at www.canadacapital.gc.ca/canadaday



Doug DesBrisay Good Neighbour Award

Volunteers are very important to CCOC. They keep us running and keep us connected and accountable to tenants and the broader community. There are a lot of tenants who volunteer outside of the committees and the "official" volunteer tasks. They work, often without formal recognition, to make their own buildings better places to live; they work to help their neighbours when needed; they work to build that sense of community that makes CCOC work.

Four years ago we created a special award to thank these good neighbours: The Doug DesBrisay Good Neighbour Award. This year's winner, Doug Campbell, was nominated by a fellow tenant at 110 Nelson for undertaking many small jobs that make a difference for the building and property.

In the words of the nominator, "This winter, Doug cleaned both the front entrance and handicapped ramp access to/from building. You will never see Doug pass on the sidewalk in front of the building without picking up any loose garbage. He may make a few trips to the garbage container and recycling bins while on his way out or in. He also washes out the recycling bins every week and has been doing this for several years.

For years I was unable to get out to my balcony because of the 'step' under the sliding door. Doug made two little ramps, one for inside the apartment and one for the outside and I can now get to and from my balcony with no problem."

On behalf of your neighbours, and on behalf of CCOC, thank you for being a "good neighbour".



Board President Luke Pelot presents Doug Campbell with the Doug DesBrisay Good Neighbour Award

Dr. Albert Rose Bursary Program

Albert Rose bursaries, an Ontario government program, help subsidized tenants pay for university and college tuition. Full bursaries are valued at \$3,000. Short term bursaries are also available (\$500 - \$1,000).

To be eligible, you must:

- be a subsidized tenant
- intend to enroll full-time in a recognized post-secondary institution (1st or 2nd year).

Application forms are available at the CCOC office or on-line at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page5498.aspx



Program de Bourses Dr. Albert Rose

Les bourses Albert Rose, un programme du gouvernement de l'Ontario, aident les locataires subventionnés à payer les frais de scolarité pour les études postsecondaires. Le montant maximum de la bourse est de 3 000\$. Des bourses à court terme sont aussi disponibles (500\$ à 1 000\$). Les critères d'admissibilité sont:

- être locataire subventionné
- avoir l'intention de s'inscrire à un programme d'enseignement postsecondaire à temps plein (1^{ère} ou 2^e année)

Les formulaires de demande sont disponibles au bureau de CCOC (415, rue Gilmour) ou sur l'internet à www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page4691.aspx

Enjoying Balcony Living

Just a few gentle reminders about enjoying your balcony:

- when watering plants on your balcony, please ensure that the neighbours and their balconies below do not get splashed;
- if you have hanging boxes or baskets, make sure that they hang inside the railing. That way if they fall, they won't hurt anyone;
- if you have an air conditioner in your window, place a pail under it to catch the dripping water or run a draining hose into a pail;
- if you are sweeping your balcony, use a dust pan to collect the dirt and put it in your garbage can rather than sweeping it off the balcony and onto neighbours below;
- never toss cigarette butts off the balcony;
- the fire code does not allow the use of gas and charcoal barbecues on balconies or on wooden decks; and
- to keep pigeons from roosting on your balcony, keep it free of clutter, garbage and crumbs.

Rental Opportunity for Ontario Families (ROOF)

The ROOF program is a financial supplement that is given directly to eligible low-income working families to help pay their rent. They will receive \$100 a month from January 2008 for up to five years, as long as they remain eligible. This supplement is only available to market renters paying more than 30% of income toward rent. Tenants receiving rent subsidies do not qualify. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2008. For information visit www.Ontario.ca/roof or call 1-888-544-5101.



Going Away on Vacation?

Don't forget to let us know. If there are emergencies we will need to know who to contact while you are gone. If you have given a key to a friend while you are away, let us know who this person is and give them a letter authorizing them to enter your unit. That way, if they lose the key or lock themselves out, we can let them into your unit. Without a letter from you, we cannot give them entry.