

NewsNotes

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CCOC Goes Green! **CCOC Vert le Futur!**

For the past year, CCOC staff, tenants and volunteers have been involved in the Go Green project. Here are some highlights, by the numbers:

- the average carbon footprint of a Green Team member dropped by 7% during the project.
- there are tenant Green Team members at 14 properties providing ideas and leadership to make earth-friendly changes at their buildings.
- over 20% of CCOC households have been directly involved in Go Green workshops, events and initiatives.
- 4 buildings have started composting organic waste.
- 90 draft proofing kits were handed out to tenants in electrically heated buildings.
- At the beginning of the project, 30% of survey respondents believed that their neighbours weren't interested in making earth-friendly changes. At the end of the project, over 50% of respondents noted change in their neighbours' habits.
- All staff received 2 days of sustainability training, and a Staff Green Team has been created to provide ideas and leadership to green CCOC operations.

AGM Keynote Presentation: CCOC Green Initiatives

Join us on Thursday, May 21 at 7:15 pm in Jean Pigott Hall at City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue, to hear Dennis Carr, CCOC's Development Coordinator, and Meg McCallum, CCOC's Membership & Communications Coordinator, talk about CCOC's green initiatives with tenants, staff and buildings.

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Please recycle this newsletter!

CCOC AGM • Thursday, May 21 • 7:15 pm

in Jean Pigott Hall • Ottawa City Hall • 110 Laurier Avenue West

Memberships (\$3) available at 7 p.m.



Candidates for CCOC's 2009 - 2011 Board of Directors

CCOC's Board of Directors is made up of 14 members who are elected for a 2 year term by the membership. To ensure continuity, each year 7 of the 14 positions come up for election. Below is the list of candidates who have submitted biographies to date for the 7 positions available this year. Other candidates may come forward before the AGM. The names of the 7 mid-term board members are also listed. To vote for the Board you must purchase a CCOC membership before the meeting starts.

Glenn Allen

Glenn has been a CCOC tenant and volunteer for over 30 years and has been our Maintenance Coordinator since 1992. He'd likely agree with you if you told him he must know a lot more about buildings now that he did when he started, but he might add that there are a few things he wishes we didn't have to know about, most of them involving water. He's convinced that knowing how something falls apart is as important as knowing how it was built and spends a bit of time during Board meetings trying to explain both, occasionally with some success. Glenn believes in housing as a utility and not a commodity and wishes it was better designed and constructed, which means he's looking forward to Beaver Barracks site visits over the next couple of years. He'd also like to report that his cherry tree was good for 2 pies last year – 12 inches no less!!

Kerry Beckett

Kerry has been a CCOC tenant for 11 years and has been a Board member for 9 of those years. She is also a member of the Rental Committee. Kerry has been active in the community for 32 years and believes you need to be involved in your community and where you live. If you think of CCOC as your home and have pride in it, you will watch over it and help makes things safer and more comfortable not just for you but your neighbours too. It has taken Kerry a few years to learn enough about social housing and CCOC to start making informed decisions as a board member, and she feels she has more to do in that respect.

Pam Christie

Pam has reached her decade of service to the Board, all of those as Treasurer and wants to make it an even dozen. She's also been a tenant and a Centretown resident for 8 years, before leaving downtown for Barrhaven for larger housing for her and her daughters, Julie (6) and Leslee (3). Pam sits on the Finance, Executive, and Personnel Committees. When not attending CCOC meetings, her day job is at Indian and Northern Affairs where she puts her economics and statistics background to work as Senior Advisor. She has also taught statistics, economics and ethics in the MBA program at Athabasca University. While Pam originally came to CCOC as a tenant, she stayed to continue making a contribution and to help make Centretown a viable community.

Cynara Desbarats

Cynara has been a tenant of CCOC for 9 years, first at 264 Lisgar and then at 258 Lisgar. She has just completed a Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in communication and has worked as an Early Childhood Educator for the past two decades. In addition to being on the Rental Committee, she is also on 2 communication committees, for the Canadian Centre for International Justice and St. John the Evangelist Church. She has volunteered for most of her life, feeling that giving back to her community is important, and has an interest in social justice issues. She meditates, likes to knit, and adores her grand-doggie Linus! Cynara works at Wellington Ward Childcare Centre and Nanny Goat Hill Nursery School supply teaching. She loves anything maple flavoured, fudge, syrup, ice cream, cookies etc. and her son Jesse.

Jessica Mankowski

If Jessica looks familiar, it may be because she spent a summer dumpster diving as a summer student for CCOC's recycling project a few years ago. While the work was messy, recognizing how important CCOC was for the Ottawa community was a wonderful experience, and the dedication and positive approach of the people she met left a lasting impression. She went on to complete a Masters in Environmental Studies in Halifax and has joyfully returned to Ottawa to work for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Her work involves supporting municipalities to develop sustainably and she recognizes that affordable housing is an extremely important piece of that development. Jessica has volunteered with a number of non-profit groups including the Sierra Club, Katimavik, and the Pembina Institute and chaired the Environmental Studies Society at Dalhousie University. She would be thrilled to bring her commitment to environmental justice and sustainable development to CCOC in a non-dumpster related capacity, but could be convinced to do a dive for old time's sake if necessary.

Tyler Meredith

Tyler Meredith is a consultant with KPMG LLP's public sector advisory services group where, among other things, he has been involved with a longitudinal evaluation of the City's social housing program and is currently assisting the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre and the Youth Services Bureau in the creation of a new primary-health clinic serving street-involved youth. As a board member with the Social Planning Council of Ottawa and the Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization, Tyler is deeply interested in issues of social inclusion, poverty reduction, and community development. In 2008-2009 he served as a member of the Finance Committee. Tyler is a life-long resident of Westboro.

Luke Pelot

Luke is currently the President of CCOC's Board. He was a CCOC tenant from 1996-99 until he left for Halifax. He

did a term on the CCOC board of directors and chaired the Political Research and Action Committee (1997-99). He reconnected with CCOC when he returned to Ottawa in 2004 (Finance Committee, Property Management Committee, and the Board of Directors since 2005). He has done volunteer work for many organizations over the years, in environmental education and advocacy, international cooperation, and local, provincial and federal politics - but he loves CCOC the best! Not only does it do good work, it's also a smart, well run organization. His day job is survey manager for Stats Can. He's learning to play the guitar – very slowly. Several people have suggested he practice a bit more...

Aron Spector

Aron works on disability issues for the Policy and Research Directorate at Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. He is the President of the Board of CAHDCO, CCOC's sister organization which is finding ways to finance and build affordable ownership housing. Aron has been a CCOC Board member for 17 years; as Vice-President for 5 years and Treasurer for 8 years. Aron has worked and volunteered in the area of providing decent shelter for low and moderate income households for more than 30 years.

Midterm Board Members

Nathan Benson

Erica Braun

Calinda Brown

Jane Dickinson

Andrew McNeill

Bill Rooney

Doris Zastre

Biographies for these directors will be available with the candidate information at the AGM.

Please note:

CCOC's office will be closed

Victoria Day, Monday, May 18

Rare & Unusual Plant Sale presented by Friends of the Experimental Farm

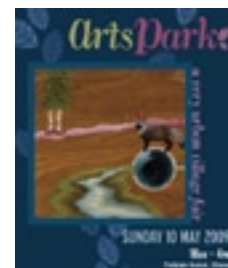
Date & Time: Sunday, May 10 . 9 am to 1 pm
Place: parking lot of K. W. Building, 960 Carling Avenue, Central Experimental Farm
Admission: Donation to Food Bank or \$5.00.



Find just what you need for your garden or balcony as you visit specialty growers and nurseries gathered for the sale. Master Gardeners are available to answer your questions.

Hintonburg ArtsPark

Date & Time: Sunday, May 10, 10 am to 4 pm
Place: Parkdale Park on Armstrong Street, right beside the Market
Admission: free



This event features work from professional artists who live or work in Hintonburg. Also enjoy live music, food tastings and theatre performances for young audiences.

Family Music Fair 2009 presented by the Ottawa Chamber Music Society & the University of Ottawa Department of Music

Date & Time: Sunday, May 24, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm
Place: University of Ottawa, Perez Building, 610 Cumberland
Admission: free
Information: 613-234-8008



This is a day for families, the adventurous and the curious of all ages. Participants are encouraged to move around from room to room and explore the grounds to take in as much activity as possible. Join us on this musical journey! Children and music lovers of all ages will have the opportunity to: experience over 100 short concerts, meet musicians and ask questions, participate in a musical games and try instruments of every description.

Book your table at the... Minto Park Yard Sale

Date & Time: Saturday, June 13 8 am - 2 pm
Place: Minto Park at Elgin and Gilmour
Admission: free
Table Rentals: \$10 Proceeds go to the Cambridge St. Public School play structure fund.
Email: MintoParkYardSale@ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2484.



CCOC Committee Meeting Schedule

STANDING COMMITTEES	MAY	JUNE	TIME (PM)
Membership & Communications	May 13*	June 3	7:00
Development Committee	May 12	June 9	7:00
Finance Committee	May 13	June 10	7:00
Rental Committee	no meeting	June 16	7:00
Property Management Committee	May 14	June 18	7:00
Board	May 27	June 24	7:30

* in the meeting room at 151 Parkdale

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

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