



# NEWS LETTER

Autumn  
2025



## JOIN US

The WCA board of Directors meets in person or virtually every third Thursday of the month.

All Woodpark Members and Residents are welcome to join us!

2026 Meetings:

- Jan. 15
- Feb. 19
- Mar. 19
- Apr. 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- Sept. 17
- Oct. 15
- Nov. 19

Meetings usually begin at 6:45pm and will run for about 90 minutes.

To attend our board meeting please send us an email at [woodpark@woodpark.ca](mailto:woodpark@woodpark.ca) so we can provide you with the agenda, Zoom link, meeting location, etc.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

It is exciting to see the New Orchard and Lincoln Fields LRT stations take shape and watch the installation of the tracks and overhead cables. One day soon we will be able to take the LRT downtown and other places. Woodparkers have been very patient throughout the construction but we will need to endure a bit more disruption next year when Bryon is dug up, repaired, and our neighbourhood is put back together.

At the same time, another major transformation is taking place across the city. New zoning bylaws are expected to be approved by City Council in early 2026 which will enable the intensification of neighbourhoods such as ours. The 3rd draft and final draft bylaw will be deliberated by the Planning and Housing Committee in December.

One concern that we have been hearing from Woodpark residents in the context of the new zoning bylaws and recent proposals for new developments is the lack of required parking for new residents and the resulting parking problems on our narrow, ditch-lined streets. Street parking is an issue which the city will actually address on a street by street basis based on the views of residents. We would like to start a community-wide conversation about parking on our streets. We urge you to read the article in this newsletter about parking and start talking to your neighbours about possible solutions.

Despite all of the disruption we have endured in recent years, the Woodpark community has kept its community spirit. We are so pleased to see that the community rallies together to provide gifts each December to local long term care residents and seniors in need; that parents help clean up New Orchard park each spring and fall; and that community members come to our mural painting event and movie night. We are also grateful for our sponsors and our volunteers that help make these events happen. If there are other events that you would like to happen in Woodpark please drop us a line at [woodpark@woodpark.ca](mailto:woodpark@woodpark.ca).

All the best to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday season.

**Sue Milburn-Hopwood, President**  
**Jody Proctor, Vice-President**

*Season's Greetings*



# WOODPARK PARKING

This is the first in a series of articles about parking in Woodpark designed to get us all thinking about how parking should be managed in our community. The Woodpark Community Association has been hearing an increasing number of concerns about parking in our neighbourhood. Concerns such as vehicles parked across from each other making our narrow streets de facto one ways and blocking larger service trucks; parked vehicles making it difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to move within a community that has no sidewalks; vehicles parked in the same place for days on end; and construction vehicles clustered randomly around new developments. And now, two LRT stations located about 2 kms apart (Lincoln Fields and New Orchard) are slated to open in 2027 which will likely make at least some of our streets attractive as unofficial park and ride locations. In addition, the elimination of parking requirements for new developments by the city will just add to the on-street congestion. And then there's winter - need we say more.

Like many communities, parking in the City of Ottawa is regulated through bylaws. From no parking zones to permit parking to parking allowed only at certain times of the day for a specified period of time or only at certain times of the year, the bylaws help maintain some sort of parking order. And did you know that even if a street in Ottawa has no parking restriction signs, on-street parking is still restricted between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm to 3 hours on weekdays and 6 hours on weekends and statutory holidays. So, people can't just legally leave a vehicle on a street with no signed restrictions for multiple days.

Woodpark does have signed parking restrictions on some streets, but are they enough? The community association believes that it is time to engage the community (and the city) in a conversation about parking to try to develop an overall parking strategy for the community. Perhaps you might want to check what restrictions exist, if any, on your street. Perhaps talk to your neighbours about parking issues. Have you tried calling 311 about a parking issue? It's time to start the conversation. The next article will give a detailed description of the existing parking restrictions in the neighbourhood and options for the future.

Stay tuned.



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Woodpark Community Garden celebrates another successful harvest as the gardening season of 2025 comes to an end.

We would like to thank Celeste Mackenzie, Alice Hutton, Jan Georgy and Amber Ikkers for all of their efforts on behalf of the Woodpark Common Ground Community Garden over the years.

A new Committee is currently being formed and details will be forthcoming in the near future. One of the priorities of the new Committee will be to find a coordinator for the Food Bank gardens next year as Wilfred Gilchrest and Jan Georgy move to advisory roles.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Woodpark Community Garden please reach out to [woodparkcgcg@gmail.com](mailto:woodparkcgcg@gmail.com).



## MY DOG LIFE

by Mar Preston, WCA Director



I came really close to killing your dog the other night driving down Lawn Avenue after dark. I could see you, but your dog was on a leash, at your feet a meter or so away from you. Then, as dogs do, he took a notion to dart onto the street for a sniff. I just didn't see him, and screeched to a halt, scaring the wits out of all of us. Not that I was speeding.

Yet the whole world around us has speeded up, and the roadways in the neighbourhood aren't getting any wider or safer. I'm thinking ahead to winter when snowbanks on both sides of the street narrow the roadways even farther, not to mention trash pick up day. We hear there are plans for sidewalks in Woodpark, but the City Planning Department keep the details close, along with any announcement of which side of the street, or when the project will begin.

Edgeworth is a major entryway into the neighbourhood and ditch work on one side and construction on the other can make an after dark dog walk precarious. Sidewalks won't help drivers speeding down Lawn Avenue without regard for packs of teenagers walking down the middle of the street, the old person inching along in a walker, or a young mother pushing a stroller. Not to mention coming up the hill on Ancaster.

One of those glow-in-the dark collars on your dog helps when you're both in a pool of darkness between streetlights. Or a flashlight illuminating the ground at your feet. The shorter, darker days of winter area coming.

**Sigh. Keep yourself and your dog safe!**

### Volunteers Needed!

Many hands make for light work. Please consider volunteering to help your community. Send and email to [woodpark@woodpark.ca](mailto:woodpark@woodpark.ca) and let us know how you can help!

# STAGE - 2 LRT UPDATE

by Stage 2 - LRT Community Relations

This fall, active works along Richmond Road will continue, installing underground utilities and managing traffic flips to open workspace. The goal is to have bi-directional traffic back on Richmond Road between McEwen and just west of Woodroffe by the end of the year.

Crews will also aim to complete streetlighting installation and the south sidewalk between McEwen and Richardson. Crews will be performing two more weekend closures of the Kichi Zibi Mikan, as we work towards our goal of having two lanes open in each direction by the end of 2025.

At Lincoln Fields, concrete and paving works will continue and at Carling Avenue work will advance along the north sidewalk and in the median. For 2026, the main focus will be advancing train testing and stations testing and commissioning in the west segment. Richmond Road Complete Streets works will continue through 2026, switching focus from Richmond to Byron at some point in 2026.

Updates on upcoming work will become available as staging plans are clarified.



## COMMUNITY GIVING TREE

Did you know that the Community Giving Tree started as a Woodpark initiative in 2020 in response to the isolation faced by long term care residents during the height of the COVID pandemic?

At that time the Woodpark Community Association reached out to the Whitehaven Community Association and together our two communities provided gifts to residents at one of the nearby homes that provide services to seniors and younger adults with disabilities.

Since then the program has evolved to provide customized gifts for LTC residents and seniors in need of a gift. Carlingwood and Queensway Terrace North Community Associations have also joined the project enabling us to provide gifts to at least 150 individuals each year. Local sponsors such as Horizons Dental Care and Dymon Storage also contribute to this project along with Woodpark residents that offer their porches as drop off locations for gifts.

During this sixth year of the program we urge Woodpark residents to look through the list of requests and sign up to give a gift. Details are found in the poster on the right.



Giving Grows in Our Communities

Join the Community Giving Tree as we mark six years of giving by granting a holiday wish for a senior in our community!

The Woodpark, Whitehaven, Carlingwood, and Queensway Terrace North Community Associations have joined together to organize gifts for the residents of New Orchard Lodge and the clients of Olde Forge Community Centre.

Granting A Wish is Easy!



- Starting Nov. 12 visit <https://tinyurl.com/CommunityGivingTree-2025> or use QR code above to explore gift requests and choose your recipient(s).
- Purchase your gift(s) within the price range of \$25 to \$50. **(Please no food items).**
- Place your unwrapped gift(s) in a gift bag and attach a label indicating the recipient. Feel free to be creative by adding any personal touches you desire, such as a card, drawing, or note.
- Drop off the gift bag at any of the designated drop off points (listed on the website) in the community between **December 1st and 8th.**



# WOODPARK STATISTICS

Have you ever wondered who makes up Woodpark? Below is some of the information we have discovered about our members and residents

AGES	PERCENTAGE	
0-4	4.2%	Living at home with parents
5-9	4.5%	
15-19	3.6%	
20-34	3.1%	Either Single or young family
35-49	18.4%	
50-64	20.3%	Early retirement or late working life
65-79	20.8%	Likely Retired
80	8.2%	Elderly



DWELLING TYPE	PERCENTAGE
SEMI	9.1%
DUPLEX	2.3%
ROW HOUSE	4.2%
APARTMENT	2.4%
MULTIFLOOR APARTMENT	57.6%
SINGLE	24.5%

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION	PERCENTAGE
SINGLE FAMILY	46.4%
MULTI-FAMILY	0.3%
SINGLE PERSON	48.2%
MULTI PERSON	5%

AVERAGE INCOME	
INDIVIDUAL	\$59 000.00
FAMILY	\$124 000.00

OWNERS	RENTERS
54.4%	45.6%

EDUCATION	
> HIGH SCHOOL	12%
<HIGH SCHOOL	21.8%
TRADE CERTIFICATE	4.9%
COLLEGE CERTIFICATE	21.2%
UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATE	2.4%
BACHELOR DEGREE	25%
POST GRAD DEGREE	12.2%

HOW WOODPARK PEOPLE GET TO WORK	
TRANSIT	15.3%
FOOT	11%
CAR	65.8%
OTHER	7.8%

LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
ENGLISH	68%
FRENCH	0.5%
BILINGUAL	29.3%
OTHER (INCLUDES ARIBIC, RUSSIAN, SPANISH, IRANIAN, TAGALOG, ITALIAN)	1.9%

Sourced from Relator.ca and based upon 2021 census

# THE HISTORY OF WOODPARK

Woodpark has a story to tell—one that lives in the memories of its residents, the streets we walk every day, and the photos tucked away in family albums. We're excited to launch a new community project to document and celebrate the history of Woodpark, and we need your help!

Our goal is to preserve the rich history of the Woodpark neighbourhood—from its post-war beginnings to the vibrant, evolving community we know today. With your support, we'll build a shared archive of stories, images, and memorabilia that future generations can explore and learn from.

Over the coming months, we'll be organizing a variety of activities to gather and document Woodpark's history, including:

- Oral History Interviews: We'll be sitting down with long-time residents to record personal stories about life in Woodpark over the decades.
- Community Photo & Memory Drive: We're collecting old photographs, letters, documents, and artifacts—anything that reflects Woodpark life, past and present.
- Digital Archive & Online Exhibit: Everything we collect will be digitized and preserved in an accessible, community-run archive and website.

We're looking for volunteers to help with:

- Interviewing and transcribing stories
- Scanning and organizing materials
- Planning events and outreach
- Designing the digital archive

To contribute or volunteer, please contact us at [history@woodpark.ca](mailto:history@woodpark.ca) or reach out via the Woodpark Community Association website and Facebook group.

Let's work together to preserve the stories, memories, and identity of Woodpark

## **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](http://www.woodpark.ca/membership) and fill out the form.
- Send an email to [membership@woodpark.ca](mailto:membership@woodpark.ca) with your contact information.