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**Have news
to share?**

Please send articles and event notices to events@theocns.com.

A Message from the OVCA President...



Welcome to Fall! Another summer in the Village has come and gone. We have gone through some great Events this summer, and a dramatic election in Osgoode ward. Welcome to Councillor George Darouze, and best wishes to outgoing Councillor Doug Thompson who has been a long serving champion of our rural lifestyle!

We at the OVCA are looking forward to our Remembrance Day and Christmas Events, and our Annual AGM in January. Because of recent events, I believe Remembrance Day will be much more poignant than normal this year. Please try to take some time to attend one of the events.

We look forward to another year of working with all levels of Government to enhance the activities and well being of the Village. As well as promoting our local businesses and Community groups.

We are also redefining our Mission statement in hopes of working more closely with all community groups and agencies, to assist where we can, and hopefully recruit some new volunteers to help "Carry the Load" for all.

2015 is going to be another exciting year, and we look for your input as to where we should direct our focus.

In closing, best wishes to all of you and your families, and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

"It Takes a Village"

Rob Brewster, President OVCA

Are you having an event or activity that you would like the community to know about?

Advertise on our website or in our newsletter. Help support Osgoode Village Community Association events and activities and promote your business at the same time. For the website contact Gayle Freeburn at 613-601-2156 or harold.freeburn@sympatico.ca and it will be added to our website events and our calendar. Please allow a few days to get it posted.

For newsletter advertising contact Cheri Nixon at events@theocns.com.

Community Announcements

Coming Events • Community Services • Community Groups

St. Paul's Anglican Church

5462 Main Street, Osgoode

Regular services: Sundays 10:30 am with Sunday School. Everyone is welcome!

St. Paul's Church hall may be rented for music lessons, bridge or euchre clubs, book clubs, dance groups, anniversaries, parties, day care or meetings. Cost: \$25/hour without kitchen and \$30/hour with use of kitchen.

For inquiries please call the Rev. Carolyn 613-489-2658 or email: cdpollock@xplornet.com. www.stpaulsosgoode.org

Trinity Bible Church

4101 Stagecoach Road, Osgoode
613-826-2444

Regular Sunday worship: 10:15 am on Sundays. Small groups and programs for all ages during the week. Programs and courses for all—adults and children.

For more information or to register, go to Courses and Small Groups at www.trinitybiblechurch.ca.

Dec 5 & 6 - 6 to 8:30 pm. Trinity Bible Church presents Bethlehem Live: Well over 3000 people have come out in the last five years, and make the trek to Osgoode to see actors perform the Christmas Story. With more than 90 actors and live animals, it covers about 2 acres of the church property. Dress warm as this happens inside and outside. Rain, darkness, or snow...the show goes on.

Osgoode Winter Carnival

The Osgoode Lions will be hosting the annual Osgoode Winter Carnival starting on **January 31, 2015**. There will be lots of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy, including a hockey game at the arena featuring the Ottawa Sens Alumni. Watch for dates to be announced.

Royal Canadian Legion, Osgoode Branch

3284 Sunstrum Street, Osgoode

General Meeting – every 3rd Monday 8:00 pm
Ladies Auxiliary – every 2nd Monday 7:30 pm

The Osgoode Legion hosts a Bingo every **Thursday evening at 6:30 pm**. Come out for a chance to win prizes and have a lot of fun. For information, please contact Gail Burgess at 613-821-4409 or 613-998-7573 or email Gail at g.burgess@sympatico.ca.

St. James United Church

5540 Osgoode Main Street, Osgoode
613-826-2444

Our regular Sunday worship services and Sunday School for children ages 6-12 and are held at 9:30am. We are happy to see you there!

Osgoode Youth Association

5749 Osgoode Main Street, Osgoode

O-YA promotes a healthy community by providing a safe and comfortable environment for inspiring youth programs, critical mental health resources and fun community events. Community youth benefit from this welcoming gathering space throughout their critical developmental stages. O-YA supports the development of all local 7 - 18 year olds with programs that focus on recreation, education, inspiration, mental health, socialization and FUN!

For a rural community without public transportation or local high schools, O-YA provides much needed local access to:

- Teen Programs
- After School Homework Club

- PD Day, Summer & March Break Camps
- Community events for all ages (the 'Goode Run, Cook-Off, Gingerbread Decorating and more).

December 13, 1-3 pm - Join O-YA for a Gingerbread Decorating House Contest.

Osgoode & District Lions Club

Lions meet the **second and fourth Monday of each month.**

New members are welcome. For information call 613-821-1248.

Support your local Lions and the charities they support by purchasing your Christmas tree right here in the Village at Market Square—right near Foodland.

Osgoode Co-operative Nursery School

5660 Osgoode Main Street, Osgoode
613-826-2528

The Osgoode Co-operative Nursery School, located at the Community Centre, is now accepting registrations for children 2.5 – 4 years of age. Our program provides a fun and safe environment to learn, play and grow. Please call us at 613-826-2528 or visit our website at theocns.com for more information. Registration is always open.

Mark the calendar for the OCNS's Breakfast with Santa fundraiser, **Sat., Dec. 6 from 7 am - 11 am** at the Osgoode Community Centre.

Osgoode Public Library

5630 Osgoode Main Street, Osgoode

In addition to internet services, and book check out, there are several regular programs at the library :

- **Every Monday at 10 am:** Family Story time. This is a drop-in program open to all ages.
- The Osgoode Book Club meets on the **first Monday of each month.** December's meeting will discuss, "The Truth About Luck" by Iain Reid
- **Tuesday, Nov. 25, - 6:15 pm:** Mystery Writing Workshop with Barbara Fradkin (register online)

Check the website for upcoming programs (<http://bibliooottawalibrary.ca/>)

Playgroup

The Early Years playgroup meets every Wednesday and Friday from 9-11 at O-YA. This is a free drop-in program for all ages.

Greely Players

Greely Players are hosting auditions for Peter Pan the musical **Nov. 15 and 16** by app't. Children 7+, teens, adults required. Info meeting **Nov. 9, 2pm;** Greely Community Centre, 1448 Meadow Dr. Go to www.greelyplayers.ca for info, or call Joan (613-821-1756)

Remembrance Day Services

Royal Canadian Legion Osgoode Branch #589 Remembrance Day Services:

- **Sun., Nov 9th** - Kenmore 9:30 am
- **Sun., Nov 9th** - Osgoode 1:30 pm
- **Tues., Nov. 11th** - Metcalfe 10:45 am

Isle in the River Theatre

"Steel Magnolia's"

Osgoode's Isle in the River Theatre Company presents "Steel Magnolias" at the Osgoode Community Centre, 5660 Osgoode Main St.

- Evenings **Nov. 14 & 21**
- Dinner theatre **Nov. 15 & 22**
- Matinees **Nov. 16 & 23.**

For times, prices and tickets, call 613-860-1291 or go to www.itrtheatre.com.

St. Andrew's Kars

Tartan Bazaar and Café

Sat., Nov 15, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. -Kars RA Hall. Lunch includes soups, sandwiches, desserts, and pies. There will be crafts, candies, pickles, preserves and home baking.



Metcalfe & Osgoode
FAMILY DENTAL CENTRES

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

The Food Bank needs your help

Those of us lucky enough to be able to shop whenever we need food sometimes forget that there are others in need. Due to the economic climate, the Osgoode Food Cupboard and other neighbouring food banks, have had to purchase canned goods to pass out to those who visit. It is well noted that people tend to forget the food bank during the summer, and remember it at Christmas or Thanksgiving. The fact is, the need is year round!

This year, we are challenging the residents of Osgoode Village and surrounding areas to help us fill our food truck during the Christmas Parade on December 6 (even though items are accepted at Foodland for the OSGOODE EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD at any time of the year).

Please bring your donation of a non-perishable food item (or your cash donation) to the parade and help us fill the truck. If there's nothing in your cupboard, you can purchase an item right here in the Village at Foodland, or at Raymond's. New this year, Cooper Physio is collecting Turkey Bucks, which will be donated to the Food Cupboard.

Help the Osgoode Food Cupboard to deliver a truck full of goods to the Food Bank. **No donation is too small.** Thank You !!!



Follow OVCA on social media



We've gone social. Want to know what's going on in your village and with your community association? Stay up to date on all the community events and issues.

- Check out our website at www.osgoodevillage.com
- Follow us on Twitter: **@OsgoodeVillage**
- Like us on Facebook: **Osgoode Village Community Association**

Have a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season

The Christmas season is a very busy and hectic time of year. Sometimes priorities may shift and people may neglect to brush, floss and eat properly. It is times when we are stressed and overwhelmed while planning for the holidays that people's oral health and overall health may be most vulnerable. It is very important that everyone stay focused on maintaining good oral health during this time of year.

The holidays are a time to eat, drink and be merry, but moderation is the key! Maintaining good oral health habits throughout the year can see you through occasional indulgences during special occasions.

Dr. Fung & Dr. Harris and their Osgoode & Metcalfe dental teams would like to take this opportunity to thank all their patients for their years of dedication and trust. They wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, health and happiness for 2014.



A message from Santa

Dear boys and girls of Osgoode.

Yes, I am coming to Osgoode Village again this year.

The Osgoode Co-operative Nursery School invited me to join you for breakfast, and the Osgoode Village Community Association sent me an invitation to take part in the parade.

I am very excited about both of these events. I am also looking forward to having my picture taken with you at the "Breakfast with Santa". I love pancakes and sausages.

Frosty and Mrs. Claus will be there and have asked me to say hello to all you good boys and girls.

After breakfast, I'm going to lead the parade down Main Street. See you all there.

Very best wishes,
Santa

Osgoode Vet Corner: Winter Safety for your pets

Winter and the holidays are quickly approaching. Below is a list of things that can and do occur every year to many pets and all are preventable.

- Holiday ornaments and packaging may seem to be good toys but turn into possible intestinal blockages if ingested and often require surgery.
- Electrical cords are not tasty treats and can cause oral burns and electrocution.
- Winter salt and antifreeze should not be ingested. Both are toxic.
- Some holiday plants can be toxic if ingested.
- Try and keep walks and feeding times as regular as possible to reduce the stress of extra people and schedule changes during the holidays.
- Make sure to give your pet social time as well to prevent behavioural problems and anxiety issues.
- Candles are pretty but be careful of swishing tails.
- If putting up a Christmas tree, make sure it is very secure as some pets like to climb and over the tree can go!
- No chocolate or alcohol ingestion.
- No fatty or rich foods should be given. Attempt to keep the diet stable. Too much change can affect some animals to have diarrhea or vomiting issues.
- If spending a lot of time outside, make sure to have enough water for your animal as well as proper shelter from the elements depending on the type of animal you have. Hypothermia is an unfortunate common problem.
- Tap on the hood of your vehicle before starting it up. The engine heat is a wonderful spot for a cat to curl up for a nap and can lead to trauma.
- To lower stress for both yourself and your pet please take a moment to check your environment to make sure it is safe.

If any questions arise from this article or if you have other safety questions in general for your pet, please contact your veterinary care team for help.

Andrew M. Sparling, DVM

Osgoode Veterinary Services is running a pet food drive through December. Help feed out four legged friends by dropping a donation off at our office.

OVCA AGM

O.V.C.A.'s Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 to be held in the upstairs hall of the Stuart Holmes Arena at 7:00 pm. We will have guest speakers and hold our executive elections. We will have vacant positions on our Executive and are looking for volunteers.

For more information please contact Rob Brewster: rob.brewster@rogers.com.

Canada Day

The Canada Day Committee has been busy planning already and could use more volunteers. Please e-mail



OsgoodeCanadaDay@gmail.com to lend a hand. Plans so far include all Osgoode traditional Canada Day events and will again be presenting "Osgoode Has Talent" brought to us by the Gallaghers. A special thanks to the City of Ottawa and Heritage Canada for our grants towards this event and our local Corporate Sponsors. Without all of your contributions including those collected door-to-door a week before Canada Day we would not be able to continue to have such an amazing, admission-free, event! Corporate Sponsors to be listed in next issue.

Are you a business in town?

Are you listed on our website? The OVCA website receives an average of 700 visitors a month and it continues to grow. It is free to list your business in the business directory on our website. If you would like a write up about your business it is \$25.00 for 2 years. To advertise with a logo on our home page the cost is \$250.00 per year. WHAT A BARGAIN! If you would like to add your business contact Gayle Freeburn at harold.freeburn@sympatico.ca or 613-601-2156.



Christmas in the Village

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Come experience "Village Charm - Community Spirit".
A welcoming, fun place to start the holiday season!

Events...

7—11am Breakfast with Santa and Silent Auction
Osgoode Community Centre,
5660 Osgoode Main Street

Get your picture taken with Santa, enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast and shop our exciting Silent Auction.

Tickets are available at the door. This event is a fundraiser for the Osgoode Co-operative Nursery School.

Information: 613-826-2528 or visit www.theocns.com

11:30 am Santa Claus Parade
Osgoode Main Street

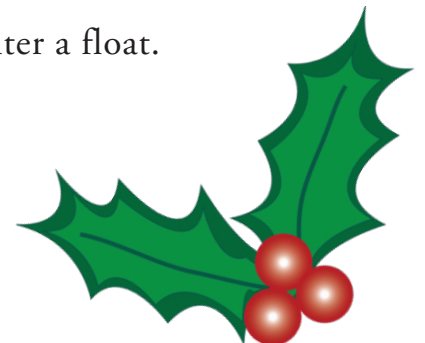
Find a seat along Main Street for Osgoode Village's Annual Santa Claus Parade. During the parade, Santa's helpers will collect "Letters to Santa" and drop them off at Canada Post on behalf of all girls and boys.

Don't forget to bring your change for the Firefight Boot Drive and your canned goods for the "Fill a Truck Challenge".

Frosty the Snowman will participate and Stay Puff Marshmallow Ghostbusters will also join the parade.

Parade starts at Nixon and Main and ends in the Foodland parking lot.

Contact: Greg Thurlow at 613 826 4695 to enter a float.



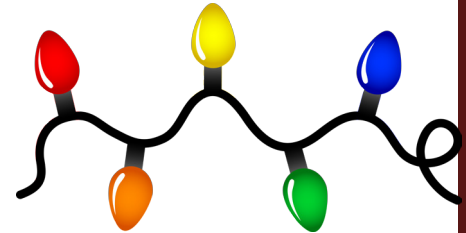
10—2pm **Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Sale**

St. James United Church

St. James United Church will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar and Cookie

Sale. Items for sale include baked goods, crafts and homemade Christmas cookies. A light luncheon will also be served.

Please stop by St. James United Church located at 5540 Osgoode Main Street, Osgoode.



All Day Fill a Truck Challenge

Along the parade route and at Foodland

Give from the heart this Christmas. Help support our community by sponsoring a family through the hamper program run by our local food bank (by donating the cost of a food hamper). This program helps make Christmas more festive for local families who may otherwise do without things we all take for granted. Your help goes a long way in providing for local residents in need. Whether you are able to sponsor a whole family (by providing food and gifts) or by just donating one or more non-perishable food items during the Santa Clause Parade's food drive, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Donations will be collected by the 1st Osgoode Scouting Troup.

This year all Osgoode residents are challenged to donate and help fill a truck with non-perishable food items. If you can't join us on December 6, please remember that Osgoode Foodland accepts donations all year round.

No donation is too small, every little bit helps. Here is a list of articles needed to successfully run the food bank, and, of course, cash is always welcomed:

Canned tuna/Canned meat; Cheese; Fruits/Pudding/Apple sauce for kid's snacks; Juice boxes for kids; Peanut butter/Pasta/Sauces/Soups; Canned fruits and vegetables/ Fruit and vegetable juices; Oatmeal/Cereal; Ketchup/Mustard/Relish/Mayonnaise; Pet food; and Toiletry Articles – soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sanitary napkins, deodorant, shampoo, etc.



After the activities, purchase your Christmas tree here in Osgoode Village and support the local **OSGOODE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB.**

Visit Market Square outside Foodland

Community Calendar

- **Mondays, 9:30-10:30** - Walking Club upstairs at Stuart Holmes Arena
- **Mondays, 10 - 10:30** - Storytime at Library
- **Wednesdays/Fridays, 9:00-11** - Playgroup at O-YA
- **2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1:30-4:30** - Coffee and Jam upstairs at Stuart Holmes Arena
- **Thursdays 6:30** - Bingo at Osgoode Legion
- **Thursdays 6:30-7:30** - Life Tree Cafe at Trinity Bible Church
- **Until December** - Osgoode Veterinary Services - Pet Food Drive
- **Until December** - Cooper Physio is collecting Foodland Turkey Bucks for the Osgoode Food Cupboard

November

- **Nov 9, 2 pm**- Info Meeting for Greely Players auditions for Peter Pan. Auditions to be held **Nov 15 & 16**.
- **Nov 10, 20 & 24 - 2pm** - Fibre Club at Osgoode Library
- **Nov 14-16 & 21-23** - Isle in the River Theatre presents Steel Magnolias. For times, prices and tickets, www.itrtheatre.com.
- **Nov 15, 11-1:30**- Tartan Bazaar and Café at Kars RA Centre
- **Nov 16, 7 pm** - Fill Your Soul with Music at St. James United Church
- **Nov 25, 6:15 pm** - Mystery Writing Workshop at Osgoode Library

December

- **Dec 1, 2 pm**- Osgoode Book Club at Osgoode Library
- **Dec 5 & 6, 6 to 8:30 pm** - Trinity Bible Church presents Bethlehem Live.
- **Dec 6** - Christmas in the Village: Breakfast with Santa, Santa Claus Parade and more
- **Dec 8 & 18 - 2pm** - Fibre Club at Osgoode Library
- **Dec 13, 1- 3pm** - Gingerbread Decorating at O-YA

January

- **Jan 22, 7 pm** - OVCA AGM upstairs at the Stuart Holmes Arena
- **Jan 31** - Osgoode Lions Winter Carnival begins

Community Policing

Let's continue to report and make those calls. You can now make those reports right from the Ottawa Police mobile app you can download for free on your phone! Register for the Osgoode Village Neighborhood Watch program through our website osgoodevillage.com.

- 613.236.1222 ext. 7300 (Report Vandalism, Theft from Vehicles)
- 9-1-1 (Crime in Progress / Life Threatening)
- 613.230.6211 (Dispatcher for All Other Emergencies)
- 613.236.1222 ext. 3700 (Leitrim Information Desk)
- 613.236.1222 (Cst. Stephanie Lemieux: LemieuxS@ottawapolice.ca)

A message from our Community Policing Officer

Greetings,

I am writing to inform you that my time as your Community Police Officer has come to an end. There is a certain amount of time one is permitted to occupy the position & that ends for me November 7th. I will be assigned to our Professional Development Centre (Algonquin College) as a Use of Force Instructor.

Cst Stephanie Lemieux will be starting in the Greely office during the week of November 10th. She brings a great deal of experience with her & has spent the last 3 years as a School Resource Officer. Please reach out to her & welcome her aboard as she starts her new career. Her email is LemieuxS@ottawapolice.ca

I want to thank you for embracing my role as your CPC officer. I really have felt a part of your Community. It has been one of the most rewarding jobs in Policing. Many times as Police Officers we are faced with some horrific things & have seen people at their absolute worst. Community Policing has left me feeling restored, grateful & valued. For this I say thank you.

I am around until November 7th.

I wish you all the best & if you ever need me I am an email away!

Warmest Regards,

Nicole