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President's Message

Dear neighbours,

Putting pen to paper for my first message as President of the Cardinal Creek Community Association (CCCA), thoughts of NBA superstar Shaquille O'Neal spring to mind. Why? Shaq is a giant of a man, standing at 7 ft 1 in. tall and size 23 footwear to boot. As I prepare to follow in the footsteps of our outgoing founding president Sean Crossan, I realize Shaq's got nuthin' on our Sean...big shoes to fill, indeed!

Sean has been the driving force behind our community association since its inception. Under his inspired and oft-inspiring leadership, both our neighbourhood and our spirit of community have grown by leaps and bounds. Thank you, Sean, for your dedication, perseverance and your unparalleled work ethic. You've been a model president, one yours truly has only the faintest hope of emulating.

Of course, Sean would be the first to pipe up that our Association's success is due in no small part to the efforts of all Board members and volunteers who have pitched in over the years. I look forward to your continued support and to working with all of you in the weeks and months ahead as we embark on yet another year of community activities.

On the heels of our May 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM), allow me to introduce you to our team for 2008-2009. Joining me on the Executive Committee are our new Vice-President, Bruce Hollands, who will also do double-duty as Director of Environmental Affairs; our returning Treasurer, Momeo Herwi; and Michèle Jodouin is staying on as Secretary. New to the Board of Directors this year are Jason Storm, Director of Parks and Recreation; Youth Director Catherine Pitre; and Martin d'Anjou, Webmaster. Olu Saul returns as Director of Communications.

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Mot du président

Chers voisins,

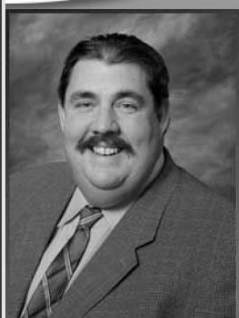
À l'écriture de mon premier Mot du Président de l'Association communautaire de Cardinal Creek (l'ACCC), je songe à Shaquille O'Neal. Pourquoi? Shaq est un athlète de 7 pieds 1 pouce chaussant une pointure de 23. Alors que je me prépare à suivre les pas du président fondateur sortant Sean Crossan, je réalise que Sean n'a rien à envier à ce géant... j'aurai des chaussures bien grandes à chausser pour suivre ses pas!

Sean a été une force dans la communauté depuis ses tout débuts. Son leadership et l'inspiration qu'il suscite, ont fait croître le sens de la communauté dans nos quartiers par bonds et par lieues. Merci Sean pour ton engagement, ta persévérance et ton sens de l'éthique inégalé. Tu as été un président exemplaire que peu ont espoir d'égaliser.

Certainement, Sean sera le premier à affirmer que le succès de l'association est dû en grande partie aux directeurs de l'association et aux nombreux bénévoles qui, année après année, appuient l'association. Je compte sur vous et votre support continu dans les semaines et mois à venir alors que nous entreprenons une nouvelle année d'activités communautaires.

Dans la foulée de l'assemblée générale annuelle (AGA) du 1er mai, permettez-moi de vous présenter l'équipe 2008-2009. À l'exécutif, notre nouveau Vice-président Bruce Hollands occupe un poste double avec celui de Directeur aux affaires environnementales; Momeo Herwi est de retour à la trésorerie; et Michèle Jodouin demeure au secrétariat. Les nouveaux membres du conseil de direction sont Jason Storm aux Parcs et Loisirs; Catherine Pitre à la Jeunesse; et Martin d'Anjou au poste de webmestre. Olu Saul est de retour aux communications.

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About the Cardinal Creek Community Association

The CCCA represents the interests of all residents in the neighbourhoods along the Trim Road corridor. We are a not-for-profit organization of community volunteers who are interested in making our growing community a better place to live. For more information, please visit www.cardinalcreek.org.

Au sujet de l'Association communautaire de Cardinal Creek

L'ACCC représente les intérêts des résidents des quartiers longeant le chemin Trim. L'association, à but non lucratif, est constituée de bénévoles qui ont l'objectif commun d'améliorer la qualité de vie dans leur communauté. Pour plus de renseignements, visitez le www.cardinalcreek.org.

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Our AGM was also an occasion to salute our Volunteer of the Year, Dale Porter, for his outstanding development work on our website, www.cardinalcreek.org. We also presented a "Community Builder Award" to Sean Crossan, as well as Certificates of Appreciation to a number of volunteers who braved the elements during this near record-breaking winter to ensure the smooth operation of the Cassia Park ice rink.

The top five issues identified as part of our AGM priority-setting exercise for the forthcoming year were Public Transit, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Development, Transportation (Traffic), and the Environment. To share your views on these priority areas, send me an e-mail at president@cardinalcreek.org.

On the latter priority, I'm quite excited about three upcoming environmental initiatives between now and Father's Day Weekend. I invite you to read on in our newsletter pages for details on our largest ever Tree Planting Day, our rain barrel promotional sale, and the Cardinal Creek Stream Watch program.

In closing, I'm reminded of the saying, "many hands make for light work." So please sign-up in great numbers to participate in our upcoming activities, and don't delay in sending in your application for one of the vacant positions on our Board. Our next public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008.

Wishing you and yours a safe, happy summer holiday season. I remain yours in community service,

Jean-François Claude

President, Cardinal Creek Community Association

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Notre AGA fut l'occasion d'honorer le bénévole de l'année, Dale Porter, pour son travail exceptionnel à l'établissement de notre présence sur internet par notre site web, cardinalcreek.org. Nous avons aussi remis à Sean Crossan la récompense « Bâtitteur de la Communauté », ainsi que remis des « Certificats de Reconnaissance » à de nombreux bénévoles qui ont bravé les rigueurs exceptionnelles de l'hiver dernier pour entretenir la patinoire dans le parc Cassia.

Les cinq priorités identifiées pour l'année par l'AGA étaient le Transport Public, les Parcs et Loisirs, la Planification et le Développement, le Transport (circulation), et l'Environnement. N'hésitez pas à m'écrire pour me faire part de vos idées sur ces priorités à president@cardinalcreek.org.

Je suis particulièrement enthousiasmé par les initiatives en ce qui a trait à l'environnement et je vous invite à inscrire celles-ci à votre calendrier d'ici à la Fête des Pères. Consultez les pages de la Tribune pour les détails concernant nos activités de reboisement, notre programme de revalorisation d'eau de pluie et le programme de surveillance des cours d'eau.

En conclusion, je vous invite à mettre la main à la pâte en participant en grand nombre à nos activités et n'hésitez pas à postuler aux postes vacants sur le conseil de direction. Notre prochaine rencontre publique aura lieu jeudi le jeudi 11 septembre 2008.

Je vous souhaite une heureuse période estivale qui se déroule en tout sécurité. Ainsi je demeure à votre service,

Jean-François Claude

Président, Association communautaire de Cardinal Creek



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Save a "barrel" on your water bills!

The *Cardinal Creek Community Association (CCCA)* and *Queenswood Heights Community Association (QHCA)* have teamed up to offer residents within our boundaries **quality rain barrels** at a significantly reduced price to encourage the recycling and re-use of residential rainwater.

With the purchase of a rain barrel, residents will be able to collect natural soft rainwater for use on plants, lawns and gardens. Rain barrels also help protect the environment - and aquatic life in particular - by limiting the amount of phosphates and run-off that flow into our communities' rivers, creeks and streams.

This initiative is made possible thanks to a \$3,000 *City of Ottawa* Community Environmental Projects grant and a generous sponsorship by *Arbour Environmental Shoppe* (www.arbourshop.com).

The *Arbour* rain barrels, manufactured in Canada, are made from food-grade, heavy-duty plastic. This 190-to-230-litre rain barrel comes with a leaf and debris screen, a childproof lid, an overflow elbow and a brass hose tap.

The barrels, retailing at \$99, are being offered to *CCCA* and *QHCA* residents for the low promotional price of \$42.72 (offer valid until May 31st, 2008).

There are a limited number of rain barrels available. Interested residents are encouraged to order early by contacting *CCCA* Secretary Michèle Jodouin at 613-837-8357 or via email at secretary@cardinalcreek.org. Purchasers will need to pre-pay their barrels and arrange for pick up at *Arbour Environmental Shoppe*, 800 Bank St, Ottawa, on a date to be determined in June or July 2008. A limit of two barrels per household applies.

Volunteer stream watchers needed!

The Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) will be conducting a study of Cardinal Creek this summer and requires volunteers to accompany their resource technician on each outing. Their representative will be coming to our neighbourhood to offer a **special training program for adult and teenage volunteers** on Saturday June 14.

The Stream Watch Training Session will take place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the bridge on Watters Road east. In the afternoon, our visiting technician will hold a 60 minute **interactive session for school age children** to explain the importance of protecting our ecosystem. To register for both programs (adults and children), please contact Sean Crossan pastpresident@cardinalcreek.org or Julia Sutton, City Stream Watch Coordinator at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca.

The study itself will take place between June and October 2008. The amount of time each volunteer devotes to this activity is yours to decide but a minimum of 3 hours would be appreciated. For more information on the program, please contact the City Stream Watch Coordinator at citystreamwatch@rvca.ca

Please confirm if you plan to attend the training session on June 14th!

Interprovincial bridge meeting

The next **public meeting of the Interprovincial Bridge Environmental Assessment Study** will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Ottawa City Hall. The meeting will present the final criteria (up to 40 indicators) that will be used in the selection process of the bridge and to release some key statistics on truck traffic, transportation traffic, environmental factors and noise.

This is a key meeting as this is the last time Orleans residents will have an opportunity to make their voices heard as the selection of 2 bridge crossing sites will be announced in September 2008.

Please come and support a Kettle Island bridge crossing and save Petrie Island, the jewel of Orleans.

Volunteers needed to plant 560 trees in Spring Ridge and Oakridge Gate

We will be undertaking our largest ever **Tree Planting Day on May 31st**, thanks to partnership with the City of Ottawa and the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority.

We are calling on all residents, families, students, scouts and girl guides to volunteer to be a part of our community's effort to improve biodiversity and help fight global warming.

Under the City's Community TREE Planting Grant Program, 360 native small potted trees will be planted to improve and enhance existing forest cover along the ravine behind Mondavi Street, in the Oakridge Gate subdivision. An additional 200 trees have been donated by the RVCA under the City Stream Watch program, to help rehabilitate and reduce erosion along the banks of Cardinal Creek.

Volunteers may participate in one or both planting events:

- *Oakridge Gate subdivision, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.* - Participants to meet at the corner of Valin and 2301 Mondavi Street, across from Valin Park.
- *Spring Ridge subdivision, 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.* - Participants to meet at the Cardinal Creek Trailhead on Springridge Crescent, between Heatherstone and Caprihani.

Long sleeve shirts, pants, hats, along with gardening gloves and hiking or work boots are recommended. If possible bring a clearly labelled bucket and shovel.

Pizza lunch and drinks will be provided courtesy of Councillor Bob Monette's office and Sobey's Orleans.

Volunteers are asked to register before May 24, 2008 by e-mailing environment@cardinalcreek.org with your name, phone number and number of volunteers in your group.

3rd annual community garage sale set for June 7

On Saturday, June 7, join your neighbours and participate in the 3rd Annual Cardinal Creek **Community Garage Sale** (rain date: Sunday, June 8). Set up a table and sell your wares. Tour your community. Find that special treasure you've been searching for. We invite you to donate a portion of your proceeds to our community association to help offset our garage sale advertising costs and other activities in the works.



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