



Carlington Hampton News

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Welcome to summer!

Thanks to all of the Friends of Hampton Park and Friends of Carlington Woods volunteers for their hard work this spring. We controlled invasive insects, knotweed and dog strangling vine, and started regenerating some areas by planting native species. We are making a difference!

In early July, Friends of Hampton Park will launch its Facebook and Instagram accounts so that we can share more photos, stories, and information about all aspects of sustainable urban forests. Stay tuned!

We hope to start holding public walks and rambles again so look for announcements online and notices in either Hampton or Carlington Parks.

One thing we want to do this year is install markers showing the walking trails through the Hampton Park Woods and a portion of the Carlington Woods. This will help avoid new trails being made, and the impacts that come with them.

Carlington Park and Hampton Park are less than 2 km apart and many people who visit one also visit the other. The two Friends groups operate separately but both Woods have many of the same issues and challenges. We teamed up on the newsletter so that we could have a wider reach and, hopefully, a wider positive impact on these two urban forests. CarlingtonHampton@gmail.com

*Pictured top to bottom: Monarch butterfly on common milkweed;
Black walnut fruiting; Dryad's saddle; Pileated woodpecker.*



A little goes a long way: Cleaning up at “ChatRav”

One of the entrances into the Carlington Woods has long been a magnet for trash. It’s on the doorstep of a light industrial park and tucked out of the way on the rounded corner of Chatelain and Raven Avenues, aka “ChatRav.”

For at least the past three years, volunteers from the Friends of Carlington Woods have adopted this spot, spending hours picking up litter, removing invasive plants, and making the area a lot more inviting!

This year, their work was recognized. City workers removed the heavier trash and erected five new “No Dumping” signs to replace the beat up one that was there.



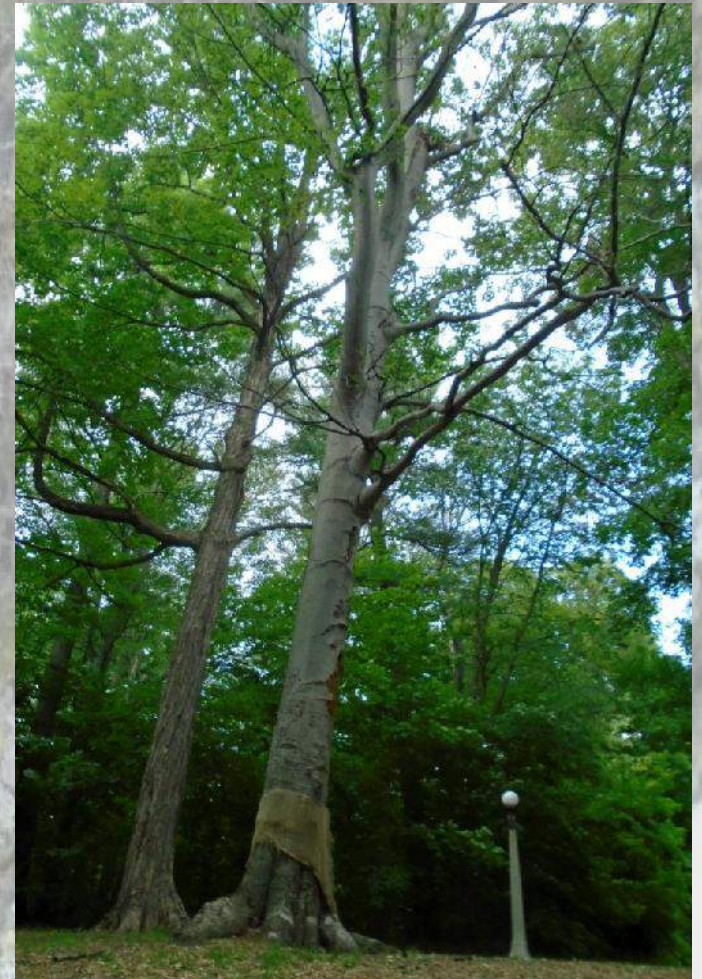
LDD Moth Control

Lymantria dispar dispar, aka gypsy moths, have invaded Ontario. A number of factors have exacerbated their numbers this year and they have been eating their way through many of Hampton Park's trees.

They are not picky eaters. They have defoliated oaks, maples, poplars, beeches, fruit trees, and evergreens. Evergreens are more at risk because all their energy is stored in their needles and once those are gone, these trees may not survive.

Trees in Hampton Park and elsewhere in Ottawa are already under stress from the drought, extreme temperatures and storms, and other invasive insects and fungi.

We began our control program by banding trees with burlap to capture the caterpillars. Caterpillars hide in them for the shade and are collected daily. We will soon start Phase 2 using plastic containers to trap male moths. We are concentrating on the trees in and around the playground area to try and contain the spread into the forest.



Despite our best efforts, this American Beech—identified as a Remarkable Tree by the National Capital Commission—has been defoliated and is suffering from many other stresses.



River Ward Councillor Riley Brockington with Nora Lee at the Open House.

It's taken several months of hard work by Nora Lee and her team but **The Clyde Bee & Butterfly Patch** officially opened on June 26, 2021! Special shout out to Amanda McIntyre and her daughter Sasha for the fabulous new sign, and to Jean our master litter lugger!

Volunteers, invited guests, and curious passersby toured the new garden, and learned more about the native Ontario species planted here, like wild columbine, yarrow, and birdsfoot trefoil, and the native species that were already growing there, such as sumac and asters.

Come for a visit! Clyde Ave near Castle Hill Crescent.
For more information: cccpollinator@gmail.com



Riley Brockington
@RiverWardRiley

River Ward's newest pollinator and bee garden on Clyde Ave at Castle Hill officially opened today. Thank you Nora and Friends of Carlington Woods!

@CarlingtonHill



Wanted: Seed Collectors

Plant #1: Jack in the pulpit

Jack in the pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) is a long-lived perennial (25+ years) that can spread and colonize over time. It's native to Hampton Park but numbers have been decreasing over the years, mainly due to new paths being made and the vegetation trampled.

At this time of year, be on the look out for the berries, which are first green, then ripen and turn red (see photos).

If the berries are still green, leave them be. If they are ripe and red, use a glove and pick off one or two berries. You can either toss them into the area you found them in, or push the berry into the soil (do not dig).

A more formal seed collection will also be done by trained volunteers and the seeds will be saved for germination next spring.





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Plant #2: False Solomon's Seal

False Solomon's Seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*) is native to Hampton Park but its numbers are dwindling due to human impacts.

At this time of year, be on the look out for the berries, which are first a sort of mottled pink, then ripen and turn red (see photos).

If the berries are still pink, leave them be.

If they are ripe and red, use a glove and pick off one or two berries. You can either toss them into the area you found them in, or push the berry into the soil (do not dig).

A more formal seed collection will also be done by trained volunteers and the seeds will be saved for germination next spring.

Do not confuse False Solomon's Seal with Solomon's Seal. They are different species. Solomon's Seal is typically larger and produces white or yellow bell-shaped flowers.

Sources & Resources

Ontario Invading Species Awareness Program

<http://www.invadingspecies.com/invasers/forest/ldd-moth/>

NCC Remarkable Trees

<https://ncc-ccn.gc.ca/remarkable-trees>

LDD caterpillar control

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWDAI8G7JTl>

LDD moth control

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D02_42GtcU8&t=193s

Friends of Carlington Woods

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1105428122826947/>

Ottawa-Field Naturalists Club

<https://ofnc.ca/>

Hampton-Iona Community Group

<https://hamptoniona.wordpress.com/>

Carlington Community Association

<https://www.carlingtoncommunity.org/>