

Carlington Hampton News

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Pictured: wild geraniums in the Hampton meadow spotted this May. These were planted in 2022. Clearly, planting efforts are paying off!





Lots of planting!

A before and after shot of some ferns planted near the Buell Entrance in Hampton. The sticks provide the dual purpose of marking the area to protect the new plants, while also encouraging users to stay on the trail to prevent further widening.



Hampton Park received some native wildflower plants from Ecology Ottawa, which were planted in the meadow at Hampton in May.



We're in maintenance mode in Carlington!

Volunteers are keeping the Clyde Bee & Butterfly Patch and the Staircase Garden tidy, weed-free, and well watered. Many plants are now starting to bloom. *Many thanks to teacher Erin Anderson and the students at Revel Academy for keeping the Staircase Garden watered during this dry period!*



On Earth Day, we joined Councillor Riley Brockington and a number of other local groups for an e-waste depot in Carlington. We handed out more than 100 native seed envelopes that were prepared by the students at St. Elizabeth Elementary and Evergreen Life Learning.



TREE & SHRUB UPDATE! We are thrilled to report that the two trees and 43 shrubs planted last year survived their first winter, despite some hungry rabbits and piles of snow. Pictured left: Black cherry (*Prunus serotina*); right: Butternut (*Junglans cinerea*)

Check out our YouTube channel to see the new trees.

[youtube.com/@friendsofcarlingtonhampton](https://www.youtube.com/@friendsofcarlingtonhampton)





Knotweed: the battle continues

First, the bad news: A small collection of knotweed plants were observed springing up in the North Woods at Hampton (where the mountain bike trail are).

But you can help! There is now a garbage can placed along the creek path, close to the largest colony, for you to place any knotweed you may rip up on your walk through the park. Please, **ONLY KNOTWEED** in the garbage can.



For some good news, five NCC staff cleared and tarped the knotweed colony along the creek bed. Work will continue on Wednesday, July 5th. Stay tuned for more details!

Young (L) and mature (R) knotweed plant, just in case a reminder is needed!

ODDS & ENDS

The Brennan Garden (a small patch of grass beside the Brennan entrance) was finally planted in early June. A large portion of the work, from starting seeds to planting young plants, was completed by Nepean High School students.

Hampton Park now has a rain barrel! It's located by the Island park entrance, and will certainly come in handy during planting in the future.



Hi, my name's Béatrice, the editor of this issue! Just wanted to introduce myself 😊 I first met Sharon in the winter of 2021 while doing some research on Hampton Park for a school paper, and have been helping out in Hampton Park since. Looking forward to putting together more newsletters for you in the future, and maybe meeting some of you in the Woods!





Upcoming events

Tours of Hampton Park's meadow and woods and Carlington Park's Clyde bee and butterfly patch will be happening in July, brought to you by Wild Pollinator Partners.

To learn more about these tours, as well as other garden tours, follow this link:

<https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/activities/>



There may be some other activities/events planned throughout the summer, so keep your eyes on your inbox for any updates!



Local Contacts & Resources

If you'd like to get out into the Woods this summer but don't want to go alone, get in touch! We'll help tailor a walk to suit any group, age, ability or interest, and you can also book us for guided walks.

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Hampton-Iona Community Group
<https://hamptoniona.wordpress.com/>

Carlington Community Association
www.carlingtoncommunity.org/

Smoky skies got you feeling sad about climate change?

Action is a good antidote to any negative feelings! Fridays for Future Ottawa is planning a march on September 15th, so mark your calendars!

<https://www.fridaysforfutureottawa.org/2023/05/28/climate-strike-september-2023/>

Learn how you can take part in non-violent, direct action for climate justice here:

<https://on2ottawa.ca/>