

The / L

Echo

LE JOURNAL
COMMUNAUTAIRE
DE LA BASSEVILLE

THE LOWERTOWN
COMMUNITY
NEWSPAPER

FIRST EDITION OF YOUR LOCAL PAPER

Lowertown Winter Carnival

- Saturday **January 30th** from 11:30am to 3pm @ Bingham Park
- Sleigh rides, hot chocolate, games and much more
- Hockey game starts at 12pm
- **Contact:**
michael.kirkpatrick@rbc.com



Bingham park outdoor rink

Lowertown is at the centre of our nation's Capital and lives in the shadow of Parliament. It has a long, proud and sometimes gripping history.

We have schools, community centres, churches, a synagogue, beautiful parks, two rivers, theatres, bars, restaurants, Ottawa's most famous market and much more. But even with all this, we still don't have a community paper to showcase the life and times of this fantastic community.

This newsletter is the prelude for a modest project by your Lowertown Community

Association. Over the next few months, we will be working on our first complete issue of the **Echo** to come out in the spring. It will be a labour of love for our community and we hope you will receive it with the same excitement as we draw on to produce it.

The Editorial Team

Support the paper

If you would like to contribute to this effort, as a writer, fundraiser or to deliver our paper, be sure to contact us!

thelowertownecho@gmail.com



Notre-Dame Cathedral

What is Lowertown?

Lowertown is the area north of Rideau Street, east of the Rideau Canal, south of the Ottawa River and west of the Rideau River.

If you live in these boundaries, the Lowertown Community Association is your community association.



THE BINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY RINK:

The Rink is open!

The Lowertown Community Association has embarked on the ambitious task of operating an outdoor rink in Bingham Park. We are looking forward to an activity filled winter on the ice, and with your help we can make it a great season.

Hours of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 5pm to 9pm

Sat-Sun: 10am to 9pm

* weather permitting

Rink volunteers needed

Think about it... Do you care about our community rink? Do you want to get involved in your community? Are you a student who needs to get your volunteer hours? Then here's your chance!

To volunteer or for any questions about the outdoor rink, please contact:

Michael Kirkpatrick at:

613-566-7280

michael.kirkpatrick@rbc.com

ABOUT THE LOWERTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

LCA meetings are held at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Routhier Community Centre 172 Guigues Ave and Cumberland.

The Lowertown Community Association provides a forum for residents of one of Ottawa's most historic neighbourhoods.

We encourage everyone with an interest in the heritage, development and environment of Lowertown to join us at our monthly meetings.

By participating, you will be able to find out about the issues currently facing your community, voice your opinions, and bring any concerns you may have to the attention of people who share your interest in Lowertown, its past, its present and its future.

Contact the Lowertown Community Association to Volunteer:
info@lowertown-basseville.ca

www.lowertown-basseville.ca

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this newsletter by the Lowertown Community Association.

With this newsletter, we hope to keep you informed of the major issues and events affecting historic Lowertown. We hope as well to inspire you to get involved in your community.

L'Association de la Basseville offre un forum d'échange pour les résidents

d'un des importants quartiers historiques de la ville d'Ottawa.

Nous encourageons tous les résidents ayant un intérêt dans des questions relatives à notre héritage, au développement urbain ou à l'environnement de se joindre à nous pour nos rencontres mensuelles.

We look forward to meeting you, whether at one of our monthly meetings, at our

Winter Festival in Bingham Park on January 30, or helping out at the rink.

Je vous offre mon meilleurs vœux de santé, de Bonheur, et de la prospérité pour la Nouvelle Année.

Angela Rickman is president of the Lowertown Community Association.

Angela Rickman est présidente de l'Association communautaire de la Basseville.



Sussex 1917

AT ISSUE: ECOLOGY STUDY

On December 8, 2009, Ecology Ottawa released its annual report card on the environmental performance of Ottawa's mayor and city councillors. In this year's report, seven council members scored D or lower – including Mayor O'Brien, who received a failing grade. Yet Georges Bedard received an A in 2009. We applaud and encourage Councillor Bedard to continue to advance environmental initiatives, and work with his fellow councillors to forge environmental leadership at City Hall in 2010, as we prepare for municipal elections later in the year.

The report can be found at: www.ottawacouncilwatch.ca

KING EDWARD AVENUE TASK FORCE

This past year, the King Edward Task Force fought for a crosswalk at Cathcart Street, an end to STO transit parking abuses, installation of speed cameras, and implementation of a study on reducing traffic lanes and adding bike lanes. It also continues to lobby for a new bridge, the diversion of truck and commuter traffic out of the area, and monitoring and consulting on the redevelopment currently underway on the avenue.

Meetings are the first Thursday of every month. For questions, or to be added to the Task Force email distribution list, send an email to Marc Aubin at:

m_s_aubin_esc@hotmail.com



Then: King Edward Ave 1938



Now: King Edward Ave 2007

LIKE WHAT YOU READ? GET INVOLVED!

- The Editorial team is looking for **writers/journalists** for the Echo: if you have something to say please feel free to submit your article or comment by emailing our editors at:
- Volunteers are also needed to help **deliver** the Lowertown Echo to our neighbours.

thelowertownecho@gmail.com

* Nous cherchons particulièrement des soumission en français

Our bilingualism policy: We publish articles in the language of submission.

Notre politique de bilinguisme : nous publions les articles dans la langue de leur soumission.

"In this year's report, seven council members scored D or lower"

** Ecology Ottawa Report Card*