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# A Word from the Mayor,

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We are very enthusiastic about launching our **2025–2030 Strategic Plan!** Through the consultations and the work of the many people involved, we were able to identify the priority issues for Otterburn Park and define clear objectives. These directions are already reflected in our 2025 budget, whose details are available on the City’s website, under the **Budget and Financial Position** tab.

With summer just around the corner, many families are already planning their vacations. This year, we are pleased to announce that our day camp will be managed **internally** by a dedicated and highly motivated team! The return to municipal management will promote better synergy with our other services, such as the swimming pool, and improve our collaboration with local organizations. The camp is a great opportunity to **strengthen the feeling of belonging to our community**, both for the children who attend it and for the young people who work there.

On behalf of the Municipal Council,  
I would like to wish you a wonderful spring!

**MÉLANIE VILLENEUVE**

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# Death of a former mayor of Otterburn Park Pierre Beauregard

Otterburn Park, February 5, 2025 – It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Pierre Beauregard, former mayor of Otterburn Park, on January 30 at the age of 74. A prominent figure in local politics, he dedicated many years of his life to serving citizens and developing our community.

Mr. Beauregard served as a municipal councillor from 1985 to 1989 and then as mayor of Otterburn Park from 1989 to 1993, during which time he played a key role in preserving the rural character of the municipality by adopting many urban planning by-laws and requiring real estate developers to reserve 10% of their projects for green spaces. The administration of the Ville d’Otterburn Park would like to express its deepest sympathies to Mr. Beauregard’s family and friends. His commitment and legacy will continue to inspire future generations.

## Regular Council sittings

Holding of regular sittings of the Municipal Council  
Regular sittings of the Municipal Council for 2025 will be held in the main hall of the Centre culturel et communautaire de la Pointe-Valaine, at 85 Oxford Street in Otterburn Park. All of the regular Council sittings will take place on the third Monday of each month, with the exception of the meetings in April (second Monday), May (second Monday) and October (first Monday), as follows:

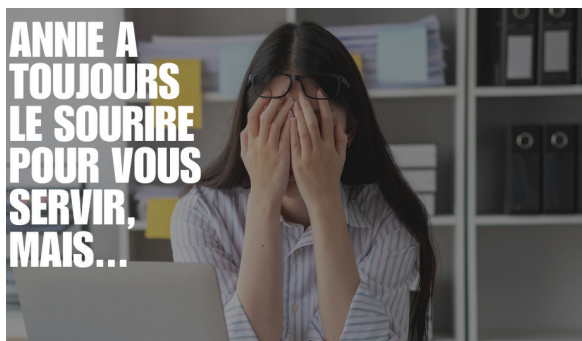
DATE 2025	TIME
January 20	7:30 p.m.
February 17	
March 17	
April 14	
May 12	
June 16	
July 21 juillet	
August 18	
September 15	
October 6	
November 17	
December 15	

## TAXES 2025

### Payment Dates

March 5  
April 16  
June 4  
September 10

A single statement of account for unpaid municipal taxes will be sent to you after the fourth installment of the year. You can make your payment electronically through your financial institution’s website. All you have to do is enter the Ville d’Otterburn Park as a supplier. The number to be used to add a supplier is the 19-digit reference number without the F. It contains the number of the registration number, but it does not have all the numbers necessary to add the supplier (19).



ANNIE ALWAYS SERVES YOU  
WITH A SMILE, BUT WORDS  
HAVE AN IMPACT SO  
LET’S BE KIND TO EACH OTHER.

## 2025–2030 Strategic Plan for the Ville d’Otterburn Park

The Municipal Council was very proud to adopt the Ville d’Otterburn Park’s 2025–2030 Strategic Plan on December 16, 2024. The adoption was officially announced on Wednesday, December 18, during a press conference.

### Why strategic planning?

Strategic planning is an essential tool for our city’s good management. It determines the objectives to be achieved, the guiding principles and the strategic projects that guide our future achievements.

### How did we do that?

As a first step, a strategic steering committee was created to begin the process. In May 2024, we approached local companies to gather their perspectives. Subsequently, a survey was submitted to residents to gather their opinions, with the aim of preparing for a citizen consultation which was held in June 2024. It was followed by a strategic workshop to bring together elected officials, citizen members of the steering committee and departments to establish priorities.

The 2025–2030 strategic plan enabled the City to define its mission, vision and values. Adoption followed in December 2024, marking a key milestone for the City.

### Mission

The Ville d’Otterburn Park’s mission is to improve the quality of life in its community by promoting initiatives that enrich the community and strengthen social ties. It is based on inclusive and bold decisions, aimed at providing a harmonious living environment that fosters well-being, encourages fellowship and respects the balance between urban development and nature.

### Vision

Where do we want to go for the next five years? We want to grow in line with our authentic character and support our united and engaged community. Our city will continue to stand out for its peaceful and lively living environment, inspired by nature.

### Values

#### STRATEGIC VALUES

- Consistency (feeling of belonging, connectivity, heritage protection).
- Engagement (active participation, enhancement of the economic environment).
- Authenticity (distinctiveness, transparency).

#### ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

- Cooperation (collaborative and inclusive approach, culture of mutual aid and recognition).
- Operational effectiveness (integrated and proactive planning, rigorous processes, adaptability).
- Accessibility (transparent dissemination of information, effective communication, clear messaging, openness to ideas for solutions).

### Directions

The City’s strategic plan is based on four strategic pillars, which describe the ambitions and directions the City wishes to take in order to achieve its vision. Each of them is materialized by objectives to be achieved and by action plans to be carried out in the next five years.

- Stimulate community spirit.
- Ensure consistency in the development of services and infrastructure.
- Foster an active lifestyle in harmony with nature.
- Promote our attractions.

### Conclusion

We now have the tools to pave the way to new horizons of sustainability, collaboration and innovation. The successful implementation of the 2025–2030 strategic plan depends on collective mobilization, transparency and creativity, which make it possible to address challenges in an original and effective way. The action plan setting out priority initiatives and next steps will be released shortly, providing a clear roadmap to achieve our various goals. Each of you can contribute to this success by actively participating, sharing your ideas and supporting the initiatives put in place. Together, we can build an even more dynamic and inclusive Otterburn Park.

# Important announcement: New branch collection procedure

The Ville d’Otterburn Park wishes to inform its residents of an upcoming change regarding branch collection starting in May 2025. In order to optimize the route and improve the efficiency of the collections carried out by our employees, it will now be mandatory to register online to receive this service.

**• How do I register?**

1. Go to the City’s website at: <https://www.opark.ca/citoyens/collectes/branches>
2. Fill out the form provided.

**• No Internet connection?**

People who do not have access to a computer can contact the Citizen Office at 450-536-0303 to register by phone. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this change, which is intended to better serve our community while maximizing the efficiency of our municipal operations.

For any questions or assistance, feel free to contact the Citizen Office at 450-536-0303.



BRANCH COLLECTION  
CALENDAR 2025

Date	Sectors
May 5	Sectors 5-6
May 12	Sectors 3-4
May 19	Sectors 1-2
October 6	Sectors 1-2
October 13	Sectors 3-4
October 20	Sectors 5-6

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## SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

To help us do a better job, do not park on the street during snow removal operations (with the exception of part of Dormicour Boulevard).

Do you need to clear snow from your driveway?  
Be careful, you must not push snow into the street.

Do you live on a street corner?  
For safety and visibility reasons, you may not pile snow more than one metre high within the visibility triangle of a street corner.

Do you live in a roundabout? Snow may be temporarily deposited at a specific location in the roundabout until our team can come and collect it. In some cases, snow may also remain in place if it is not deemed to be a safety or traffic problem. We will ensure that the situation is properly managed as soon as possible.

Do you have a fire hydrant on your property? Above all, don’t bury it under piles of snow! Make sure that access to it remains free at all times. During a fire, the first few minutes are crucial and the Fire Department must have access to the hydrants as quickly as possible.

Finally, we remind you that the City cannot salt all streets. It is therefore important to adjust your driving according to the state of the road and the weather.



# Reminder about parking on Dormicour Boulevard

Following the meeting of Monday, December 16, 2024, By-law number 460-9 was adopted.

## What does it mean for area residents?

From now on, you can say goodbye to the hassle of looking for a spot under the moon in the middle of winter during the usual overnight parking ban period, from December 1 to March 31, between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. And yes, part of Dormicour Boulevard (see map) will now be accessible to overnight parking (even-numbered side only). Of course, when necessary, for the smooth running of snow removal operations, signs prohibiting parking will be installed.

## But what else?

New stop signs have been installed at the intersection of Dormicour Boulevard and Louis-Lévesque Avenue. Stop signs at the four corners!



- ✘ It is prohibited to park on both sides of the street from December 1 to March 31 between 2 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- ➔ Parking is permitted during the parking ban from December 1 to March 31 between 2 p.m. and 7 a.m., on the even-numbered side only. When necessary, for the purpose of snow removal operations, signs prohibiting parking at night will be installed on the even-numbered side of the street.
- New stop signs at four corners.

# RECREATION NEWSLETTER SPRING 2025



**REGISTRATION:** Online registrations are made on the platform

**SPORT PLUS.** If you need assistance, our support team is available to walk you through the registration process at 450-536-0303.

## FITNESS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES

### ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS

<b>Club FADOQ Otterburn Park</b>	
For:	Adults (50+)
Dates:	Every Tuesday and Thursday
Schedule:	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Place:	Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Registration and information:	Fadoq d'Otterburn Park <a href="https://otterburnpark.fadoqry.ca/">https://otterburnpark.fadoqry.ca/</a> • <a href="mailto:info@otterburnpark.fadoqry.ca">info@otterburnpark.fadoqry.ca</a> • 450 339-3150

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS

<b>Yoga</b>	
For:	Adults
Dates:	Session of 10 classes (Wednesday, March 26 to May 28)
Schedule:	Group 1: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. • Group 2: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Cost:	\$130 for the session
Place:	Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Registration and information:	Daphnée Roy-Langelier: <a href="mailto:droylangelier@gmail.com">droylangelier@gmail.com</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Daphneeyoga">https://www.facebook.com/Daphneeyoga</a> • Instagram : daphneeyoga

<b>Karate</b>	
For:	Children, teens, adults
Dates:	Session of 7 classes (from March 31 to May 14)
Schedule:	Monday group: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday group: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday group: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Cost:	Group: from 7 to 9 years old and from 9 to 14 years old: \$95.00 Group: adult 1 x week: \$105 • 2 x week: \$140
Place:	Notre-Dame School 1 (306 Prince-Albert Street)
Registration and information:	École de karaté Sankudo: <a href="https://www.sankudo.ca/">https://www.sankudo.ca/</a> Francine Sarrasin: <a href="mailto:info.op@sankudo.ca">info.op@sankudo.ca</a> • 450 464-4853



## RECREATION, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

<b>Introduction to dance with StudioK-danse</b>	
For:	Children aged 4 to 6
Dates:	Session of 8 classes (April 24, 2025 to June 12, 2025)
Cost:	• Residents: \$70 + taxes • Non-residents: \$90 + taxes
Schedule:	Thursday 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Place:	Marcel-Lacoste Centre (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Description:	This class provides a fun introduction to dance for toddlers. Through simple games and movements, children develop their coordination, sense of rhythm and body expression while having fun.

<b>Creative dance with StudioK-danse</b>	
For:	Children aged 7 to 10
Dates:	Session of 8 classes (April 24, 2025 to June 12, 2025)
Cost:	Thursday 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Schedule:	• Residents: \$70 + taxes • Non-residents: \$90 + taxes
Description:	This course encourages children to explore their creativity through dance. By mixing different techniques and styles, they learn to improvise, express their emotions through movement and develop their self-confidence.

<b>Funky Jazz with StudioK-danse</b>	
For:	Teens and adults (11 years and older)
Dates:	Session of 8 classes (April 24, 2025 to June 12, 2025)
Cost:	Thursday 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Schedule:	Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Place:	• Residents: \$70 + taxes • Non-residents: \$90 + taxes
Description:	This dynamic course combines the energy of jazz with funky, modern movements. Students learn rhythmic choreography, develop their dance techniques, and have fun exploring a vibrant and expressive style.

<b>Activity: Basketball</b>	
For:	Aged 6 to 11 (group 1) • Aged 11 and over (group 2)
Dates:	Session of 8 classes (Friday, April 18, 2025 to June 6, 2025)
Cost:	Group 1: 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. • Group 2: 8 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
Schedule:	Gymnasium Notre Dame 1 School
Place:	This basketball session allows young people to learn or improve their skills in this fast-paced sport. Participants will learn basic techniques, improve their agility and team spirit, and enjoy playing together.
Description:	This dynamic course combines the energy of jazz with funky, modern movements. Students learn rhythmic choreography, develop their dance techniques, and have fun exploring a vibrant and expressive style.

# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

<b>Discover the art of observational drawing with the Musée des beaux-arts de Mont-Saint-Hilaire</b>	
For:	Teens and adults
Dates:	Session of 6 classes (April 15 and 22, May 13, 20 and 27 and June 10)
Schedule:	Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Place:	Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Cost:	\$185 (+ taxes)
Registration and information:	<p>Want to sharpen your eyes and capture the world around you with precision and sensitivity? Join our observational drawing course, where beginners and passionate amateurs will learn the techniques to accurately transcribe shapes, textures and perspectives.</p> <p>What you'll learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The basics of observational drawing: proportions, shading and detail.</li> <li>• Techniques for drawing objects, landscapes and figures.</li> <li>• Practical exercises to develop your artistic eye.</li> </ul> <p>Online registration on Sport Plus</p>

<b>Musical awakening for children from 2 to 5 years old with their parent with Myrado Music</b>	
For:	Children aged 2 to 5 with their parent
Dates:	Session of 8 classes (Saturday, April 5 to May 24, 2025)
Schedule:	Saturday 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Place:	Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Cost:	• Residents: \$144 + taxes • Non-residents: \$164 + taxes
Registration and information:	<p>Come and live a musical awakening experience with your child! From the discovery to the handling of instruments from the four corners of the world. We will take the time to chat, sing and move to rhythms from here and elsewhere. Musical notions, games, dances and nursery rhymes will be on the agenda!</p> <p>Online registration on Sport Plus</p>

<b>Theatre with Studio Catharsis</b>	
For:	Children aged 7 to 11
Dates:	Session of 8 classes (Monday, April 14 to June 2, 2025)
Schedule:	Monday 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Place:	Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)
Cost:	• Residents: \$180 (+ taxes) • Non-residents: \$200 (+ taxes)
Registration and information:	<p>Introduce your child to theatre! Explore imagination through games of expression, movement and staging. Laughter and creativity will be the order of the day!</p> <p>Online registration on Sport Plus</p>

# CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

## What to do during March Break

### Atomic Neurons Workshop Exciting chemical reactions!



For: Children aged 5 to 12 with their parent

Date: Wednesday, March 5

Schedule

Group 1: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Group 2: 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of chemical reactions during this interactive and fun workshop! Designed for children aged 6 to 12, accompanied by a parent, this workshop encourages young scientists to learn about basic chemistry through engaging and safe experiments. Get ready to see liquids change colour, produce effervescent bubbles and uncover the mysteries hidden in the simplest blends. An educational adventure that combines learning and wonder!

Online registration on Sport Plus

### Kite workshop Spring Break!

Come and enjoy the fresh air, and our participative and family kite animation workshop!

When: Thursday, March 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: At Pointe-Valaine Park, 85 Oxford Street, Otterburn Park

A perfect activity for the whole family during Spring Break!

Bring your energy and your smiles to fly kites in a friendly atmosphere!

Important note: The event takes place outdoors (no indoor access).

And if the weather is suitable, we will also provide kicksleds.

Come for an afternoon of laughter and adventure!

It's FREE and OPEN TO ALL!



**For all activities, registrations should be made on Sport Plus.**

#### Room rental

The City rents out the Centre Marcel-Lacoste room, which can be adapted for various occasions. It can accommodate up to 40 people in a seated configuration or 70 people in a standing configuration. The room is also equipped with a kitchenette, ideal for preparing or serving light meals and snacks.

For more information, see <https://www.opark.ca/citoyens/centre-marcel-lacoste/>.

## ORGANIZATION BULLETIN BOARD

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## MOTHER-CHILD MORNINGS

Spring 2025 program / April 7 to June 20

Fitness: Monday 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., \$95

Workouts adapted to pregnant women, new or experienced mothers; different ways to perform the movements are offered, at all levels.

Talks: Tuesday or Wednesday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., \$60

Welcomed with a hot coffee and pastries, parents attend talks on various topics such as parenting, sleep, health, the environment and more! A special moment of learning and networking between parents.

Coffee Chat (babies under 6 months old can stay with mothers): Tuesday or Wednesday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., free

This get-together allows parents to take time for themselves, have fun and discuss all kinds of topics over a good coffee.

Yoga: Friday 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., \$90

Yang yoga class, in strength and stability. Time for yourself. Suitable for all.

Parent-child music workshop: April 14 and May 12

Take part in our parent-child cooking workshops for 2- to 3-year-olds. A moment of sharing and creativity based on simple and fun recipes, promoting new flavours and teamwork.

Drop-in daycare

Our drop-in daycare welcomes children from 2 to 6 years old in a safe and stimulating environment. We offer educational and fun activities adapted to each age, promoting the development of autonomy, socialization and creativity of the little ones. Monday 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Tuesday 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Wednesday 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3:45 p.m., Friday 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon and 12 noon to 3:45 p.m. Rate: \$15/child/half-day or \$25 for a full day. Discounts for siblings.

A membership card is required at a cost of \$20 per year. If you would like to register but are concerned about your financial situation, contact us and we will find a solution. [info@lesrnatinees.com](mailto:info@lesrnatinees.com) • [www.lesrnatinees.com](http://www.lesrnatinees.com) • 579-423-5658.

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## Centre de femmes L'Essentiel

New program – Registration starting at 11 a.m. on January 15

A program with workshops and activities to meet different needs and interests. The topics and types of workshops are very varied. Here are a few topics: Ciné-causerie engagé (engaged film-talk), experiencing change better, Antidote, cooking and cultural exchanges, feminist force to change the world, women's voices and struggles, Library Committee, La joute, creation to counter violence against women, communicating – a daily challenge, intellectual self-defence, hypersensitivity and time travel.

You will find the complete program (in French only) on the website of the Centre de femmes l'Essentiel under the Programmation tab, or on Facebook at CFEssentielle or at the centre.

L'Essentiel is a place of belonging managed by and for women in the Richelieu Valley and the surrounding area.

L'Essentiel is open to women regardless of their age, marital status, nationality or sexual orientation. We offer a place of belonging, services and a network of education and advocacy according to the community's needs. The Centre acts on all issues related to the status of women.

L'Essentiel is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is closed between 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. as well as on Monday afternoons. It is located at 231 Brillon Street (near St-Mathieu School, in Old Beloeil). 450 467-3418

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# LE GRAIN DE SEL

Is the cost of living too high? Is your refrigerator empty?

Are you suffering from financial difficulties? Le Grain de sel can help you.

Whether you are experiencing a separation, job loss, illness or insufficient salary, we are here to provide you with some relief with food assistance.

We offer baskets mainly consisting of fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meat, bread and desserts, as well as basic dry goods.

**We are here for you!**

**Contact us**

**450-467-5733**

## L'arrière scène 2024-2025 season

Families and schools

### **BATAILLES**

A sofa, space for four people when there are five people. Who will sit down?

8 years +

March 9 to 12, 2025

Centre Culturel Beloeil

13 years + (Teen evening)

### **L'ENFANT MASCARA**

A compelling story of love, identity and tolerance

March 20 and 21, 2025

Centre Marcel-Dulude

Saint-Bruno-de Montarville

Ticket office

Centre culturel de Beloeil

600 Richelieu St.

450-464-4772



# ASSOCIATION RINGUETTE RICHELIEU VALLEY

240 Hertel St., Beloeil, Québec J3G 3N1

### OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025-26 SEASON

Registration for the 2025-26 season will begin at the end of June. The season will begin at the end of August and continue until April 2026.

If you would like to take part in a trial, do not hesitate to attend our Open House which will take place on Saturday, April 19 at 11:45 a.m. at the Complexe Sportscene in Mont-Saint-Hilaire (rink 1)!

Equipment can be loaned (subject to availability). Please let us know if you are interested at [vdringnette@hotmail.com](mailto:vdringnette@hotmail.com).

What is Ringette?

A fast, fun and competitive team sport on ice that is 100% female!

For more information: Association Ringuette Vallée du Richelieu at [www.ringuettevdr.com](http://www.ringuettevdr.com)

# The AVRDI/TSA

Our big spring event will take place on May 2, 2025 with a benefit show at the Centre Culturel de la Pointe Valaine with Guitar Story.

Purchase of tickets: <https://lepointdevente.com/billets/rqi250502001>

Recreational activities take place until June including bowling on Saturday mornings, meetings with friends on Saturday afternoons and theme evenings.

March 28 - Retro Party

April 25 - Karaoke

May 30 - Tropical Evening - Zumba

June 20 - Hollywood Night

You must be a member of AVRDI/TSA to participate.

Contact Mélissa Whissell at 450-467-8644, ext. 113, or at [loisirs@avrditsa.org](mailto:loisirs@avrditsa.org) for more details.

Follow us on Facebook at AVRDI/TSA Beloeil

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## École de Karaté Sankudo d'Otterburn Park

Learn about the pillars of Goju-Ryu teaching at the École de Karaté Sankudo d'Otterburn Park. We are proud to introduce you to our senseis who embody the excellence and passion of our school:



- Claude Dalpé, 8th dan
- Jenna Kluka, 1st dan
- Daniel Saint-Pierre, black belt since June 2024
- Daniel Dalpé, 7th dan, founder of the École de Karaté Sankudo
- Pierre Houle, 6th dan
- Jean Frenette, 9th dan
- Marc Lévesque, 1st dan
- Francine Sarrasin, 4th dan, Administrator and Technical Director for young people
- Richard Leclerc, 5th dan, Technical Director for Adults in Otterburn Park, promoted in June 2024
- Alain Bourdages, 7th dan

Join a school which values tradition and excellence.

For over 30 years, the École de Karaté Sankudo d'Otterburn Park has been giving Goju-Ryu Karate classes to youth and adults. Our highly qualified instructors, recognized for their expertise and dedication, provide rigorous teaching in an environment of respect and humanity.

Goju-Ryu: the alliance of strength and flexibility

Originally from the island of Okinawa, in the south of Japan, Goju-Ryu is one of the founding styles of karate, stemming from the Naha-Te tradition. The name literally means “the school of strength (Go) and flexibility (Ju).” The discipline combines power, fluidity and technical mastery for a perfect balance between body and mind.

Contact us today

For authentic and enriching karate classes

• 450-464-4853

• [info.op@sankudo.ca](mailto:info.op@sankudo.ca) • [www.sankudo.ca](http://www.sankudo.ca)

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# Canoe Club

## Registration for the 2025 season at the canoe club starts on Saturday, February 15!

Hundreds of spots are available in our OBC camps and summer programs for youth who are age 8 or older. Whether you are looking for recreation or preparation for a competition, the canoe club has a program for your child!

In addition, the canoe club offers a variety of adult programs in canoeing, dragon boating and stand-up paddle boarding (SUP)! With nearly 300 registrations for adult programs last year, the club is proud to offer services to current and future non-motorized water sports fans. Registration and information on our website: [clubobc.com](http://clubobc.com)

## SHGBMSH

The SHGBMSH is moving. The SHGBMSH Documentation and Archives Centre will be closed in March. It is moving to 300 Caron Street in McMasterville (upstairs). The reopening of the Documentation Centre will be announced on its website at <https://shgbmsh.org>.

### Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Rosalie Dessaulles, forgotten seigneuress of the Papineau line (in French)  
by Anne-Marie Charuest

### Wednesday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal and its metro (in French) by François Barcelo

### Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 p.m.

1759, the year of the Conquest (in French) by Viateur Lefrançois

### Hybrid Talks

The talks will take place in the Council room, at the Centre des loisirs de Beloeil, at 240 Hertel Street. Those who prefer to participate in virtual mode must register no later than 48 hours before the evening at <https://shgbmsh.org/conferences-a-venir/>. Important: on the day of the talk, check the <https://shgbmsh.org> website for any changes to the program.

Cost? \$10 per non-member (cash, if on-site), free for members

## Coopérative Aide Atout

Aide Atout's mission is to improve the quality of life for Richelieu Valley residents who need home care. We provide home support services (housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, small errands, heavy and seasonal work), personal care (assistance with transportation, feeding, hygiene) and respite for caregivers.

**A financial assistance program is available!**

**[www.aideatout.com](http://www.aideatout.com) / 450-446-2108 / [info@aideatout.com](mailto:info@aideatout.com)**

## The Auclair Legion 121

March 8 - Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Legion with Squidjigger. Tickets will be available in early February.

April 5 - The Legion hosts a Kurling for Kids fundraiser. This annual event aims to raise funds to purchase equipment for the Sainte-Justine and Montreal Children's hospitals.

April 12 - The Legion will host a Comedy Night.

Tickets will go on sale in March. Please visit our Facebook page for more details.

May 5 - The Legion will pay tribute to the 80th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands.

2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the Legion. Throughout the year, we will be hosting events to celebrate this anniversary. Follow us on Facebook for more information.

On May 23rd, we will hold our first event, a Wine & Cheese Evening, during our Photo Exhibit, featuring photos from the past 80 years.

The last Friday of each month is Bingo Night at the Legion. The entrance fee is \$10. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Join us every Sunday at 2 p.m. to play cribbage. The cost is \$10 with weekly winnings.

For more information on upcoming events and ticket sales, contact Debbie at [secretaryrcl121@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryrcl121@gmail.com).

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/auclair121>

Website: <https://www.auclair121.com>



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PAR MOIS**



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1282, av. Bourgogne, Chambly

## CAFÉ DU MONDE FREE

**Tuesdays**

**10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**March 25, 2025**

**April 29, 2025**

**Sign up here**

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At Intégration Compétences

287 Cartier Blvd., Beloeil

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### EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOPS IN 2025

March 20: Change careers without going back to school. Learn about the opportunities for semi-skilled and unskilled jobs online.

March 27: Contact with an employer. Let's discuss how to get in touch with an employer and set up an information meeting.

April 3: Employment or guidance counsellor – Which service is best for me? Let's demystify the occupations of online employment and guidance counsellors.

April 17: At work – Rights and duties. Let's look at best practices to ensure a respectful and fair work environment for all.

April 24: CNESST – Demystifying the 3 components of the CNESST online.

May 1: All roads lead to Rome – Let's discover together the many avenues to promote and have your skills recognized online.

May 8: Résumé – Let's discuss strategies together to maximize the impact of your online resumé.

May 22: Changing careers towards vocational training occupations. How to access vocational training at a reasonable cost online.

May 29: Contact with the employer. Let's see how to get in touch with an employer and set up an information meeting.

## MDJ OTT'ADOS

Opening hours of the  
OTT'Ados Youth Centre

- Friday: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Stay informed of our upcoming activities

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram:

- OTT'Ados Youth Centre

## Club de soccer Vallée-du-Richelieu

**info@csvr.ca – csvr.ca**

**450-446-4898**

**187 Normandie St., McMasterville J3G 6N9**

**PRIDE – PASSION – COMMITMENT**

Our registrations for the 2025 summer soccer season will begin on Thursday, February 6. Our activities are for children from 4 to 17 years old (children born in 2021 to 2008). For more details about our packages and to sign up, visit [csvr.ca](http://csvr.ca).

Join us for a memorable and fun summer!



# Toddlers' mornings

The MBAMSH opens its doors to toddlers on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon (with the exception of assembly weeks and pedagogical days).

During this time slot, families will be able to introduce their young children to art in an atmosphere of relaxation and fun. The little ones will be able to try the various drawing and play stations with the help of educational materials put at their disposal. Comfortable furniture is available for breastfeeding mothers.

Children 5 years old and under as well as members enter the museum for free. The non-member accompanying parent benefits from a special rate of \$6.\*

Would you like to organize an outing with others? Contact us to tailor the activity to your needs!

For more information: [education@mbamsh.com](mailto:education@mbamsh.com) or 450-536-3033

Link to upcoming exhibitions: <https://mbamsh.com/activite/les-matinees-des-tout-petits/>

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# Troupe du Théâtre des Deux Rives

Performances for our annual production of the Troupe du théâtre des deux rives will take place on June 2–3 at 7:30 p.m. and June 4 at 2 p.m. at the Polyvalente high school auditorium in Beloeil at 725 Lévis Street.

The show consists of two short plays brought together, *A cœurs ouvertes* and *Avis de passage*. These two plays, written by Jean-Pierre Martinez, will allow you to experience different emotions. The first play features discussions about organ donation in a bar across the street from a hospital.

In the second, you will experience the daily life of the tenants of a building with a parade of characters around the mail boxes. Tickets at a cost of \$25.00 will be on sale shortly on Le point de vente website.

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## Community garden

WORKSHOP: SOWING, PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Facilitated by agronomist Julie Street, member of the Community Garden

When? Tuesday, March 11, 2024, 7:30 p.m.

For whom? The whole family!

Price? Free for all Otterburn Park residents

Place? Centre Marcel-Lacoste (545 Chemin des Patriotes)

On the agenda:

- Choose the right potting soil, seedling containers and seeds
- Learn about different sowing methods
- Learn how to maintain transplants: watering, fertilizing, transplanting
- Know when to transplant your plants outdoors
- Discuss natural solutions to manage pests and diseases in the garden

Registration required: [jardincommunautaireop@gmail.com](mailto:jardincommunautaireop@gmail.com)

Don't miss the opportunity to learn and prepare your garden for the season!

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## Tam-Tam d'Otterburn Park

### 20th season in 2025!

The Otterburn Park Tam-Tams will start up again next May for the 20th consecutive season. Indeed, this free activity will be offered every Wednesday evening from May to September 2025 at the Chemin des Patriotes rest area in Otterburn Park. The meetings will start as soon as good weather returns. The schedule is always from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday in good weather. The activity will be led by Eric Lafontaine. For those who do not have a tam-tam, it will be possible to rent one onsite at a low price. Watch the Otterburn Park Tam-Tam group on Facebook for all the details.

For information, write to: [ericlaflaf@gmail.com](mailto:ericlaflaf@gmail.com) or call 450-775-5233.

## A BIT OF HISTORY

# The Bosquets Albert-Hudon wooded area

By Alain Côté, President of the Société d'histoire  
et de généalogie de Beloeil-Mont-Saint-Hilaire



In the January 7 edition of L'Œil Régional newspaper, the Ville d'Otterburn Park announced the submission of a purchase offer to the Fondation Papillon for Des Bosquets Albert-Hudon woodlot, located on the picturesque banks of the Richelieu River.

This vast piece of land set in the heart of the urban complex has been an integral part of Otterburn Park for many years. The City hopes to acquire it in order to preserve it and make it available to the public again. But what do we know about the place and the name Albert Hudon?

This vast wooded area has always aroused great interest on the part of the seigneurs Hertel and Campbell who constantly preserved it. From 1885 to 1944, parc Otterburn (now called Des Bosquets Albert-Hudon) was initially owned by the Campbell brothers, then administered only by Bruce Campbell. For a long time, the area was considered the largest public park in Canada and, since its creation, it has attracted many day-trippers from Montreal and the surrounding area who wanted to enjoy fun days of rest and relaxation.

In 1944, the wealthy Albert Hudon acquired parc Otterburn from the estate of Bruce F. Campbell to turn it into a recreational area for the orphaned, poor and abandoned youth of Montreal. This is why he donated all the land in parc Otterburn before notary Eugène Poirier on August 14, 1946 to make it a summer camp near Montreal. It was administered by a trust formed by the Archbishop of Montreal, Sun Trust Limited and Buissonnets Inc. The trust ended on December 23, 2003 following a judgment of the Superior Court. The judge authorized the former trustees to proceed with the deed of gift in trust in favour of the Société pour les enfants handicapés du Québec.

Now, let's get to know the life of this generous donor. Albert Hudon (1872–1950) was the son of Firmin Hudon and Azélie d'Odet d'Orsonnens. His first marriage was to Anne-Marie Casgrain, the daughter of Eugène Casgrain and Philomène Pouliot, on June 4, 1901 in L'Islet. His second marriage was to Albertine Roch, daughter of Narcisse Roch of L'Épiphanie, on June 16, 1919 in Saint-Jacques, Montreal. However, he had no descendants. A merchant, philanthropist and benefactor of the École des Hautes Études Commerciales, Albert Hudon was a director of numerous industrial and financial companies, including, among others, Viau Biscuits Corporation, Sun Trust Limited, Sorrento Macaroni Ltd., Hudson Bay Insurance Co., Melchers Distilleries and Le Pain Moderne limitée. Albert Hudon was also mayor of the city of Laval-de-Montréal in 1923 (formerly a municipality, attached to the Ville de Pointe-aux-Trembles in 1925), a justice of the peace, a governor of five Montreal hospitals and a member of numerous associations.

This short retrospective shows that it is possible to combine business success with charitable causes. Albert Hudon's intention to acquire parc Otterburn to turn it into a recreational area for children with disabilities made it possible to protect the rich and diverse nature that today characterizes Les Bosquets Albert-Hudon. This is why his name should remain closely associated with the Otterburn Park community.

Ville d'Otterburn Park

# Easter Show and Egg Hunt

**SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025**

Centre culturel et communautaire  
de la Pointe-Valaine

9 am to 10:15 a.m.\*

10:30 to 11:45 a.m.\*

\*registration online



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## MARCH PROGRAM UPCOMING SHOWS

**THE JOE EVIL PIANO**  
SHOW WITH VINCENT PEAKE  
-ROCK-  
MARCH 1

**YVAN BELLEAU INVITES  
LES SOEURS-GUITARE**  
-CABARET JAZZ-  
MARCH 6

**COMMENT DEBORD**  
-FRANCOPHONE-  
MARCH 7

**SOLD OUT**  
**JEAN-FRANÇOIS MERCIER**  
-EN RODAGE-  
MARCH 8  
**ÉMILE BILODEAU**  
- FRANCOPHONE -  
MARCH 14

**CONFUSION PRESENTS:**  
**TRIBUTE TO DEEP PURPLE**  
-LOCAL SCENE-  
MARCH 15

**LES DALES HAWERCHUK**  
-ROCK-  
MARCH 21

**SOLD OUT**  
**AVEC PAS D'CASQUE**  
-FRANCOPHONE-  
MARCH 22

**STÉPHANE POIRIER AND  
MYSTERY GUESTS**  
- COMEDY CABARET -  
MARCH 27

## Let's plant 100 trees together.

**Date: Saturday, April 26 starting from 9 a.m.**

**Location: Parc Edmond-Auclair**

Reserve your tree online at:

<https://www.sport-plus-online.com/PrmsMVC/?VirId=1516&ArrId=1709>

# The adventure starts here!

## Register your children for the 2025 Day Camp

### Parents, summer 2025 is just around the corner!

Be sure to reserve a spot for your children at the 2025 Day Camp with all the necessary information for quick and easy registration.

### Create a Sport Plus account

Before registering, don't forget to create your account on Sport Plus, update your information and complete your child's health form. It's quick and easy!

### Dates and times to remember

- Day Camp Dates: June 25 to August 15, 2025 (Closed July 1 for Canada Day)
- Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Childcare services: 6:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### For whom?

The camp is open to children from 5 to 12 years old (they must be 5 years old by September 30, 2025).

### Flexible options: weeks and packages

Pay only for the weeks you need! Choose the package that best suits your family, with all-inclusive options for a worry-free summer.

### DAY CAMP PRICING

#### 8-week all-inclusive package (with daycare and outings)

- 1st child: \$960.00
- 2nd child: \$864.00
- 3rd child: \$778.00

#### Regular camp without outing:

- 1st child: \$120.00 / week
- 2nd child: \$108.00 / week
- 3rd child: \$87.00 / week

#### Regular camp with outing:

- 1st child: \$145.00 / week
- 2nd child: \$129.00 / week
- 3rd child: \$116.00 / week

Important: Children must live at the same address within the City.

### CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

- \$35.00 / week
- Late fee: \$5 for every 10 minutes.

### SPECIALIZED CAMPS

We will discuss specialized camps in the next Recreation Newsletter (March 2025)!

Here is an overview of the prices:

- No outing: \$135.00 to \$160.00
- With outing: +\$25.00



### Join us for an unforgettable summer!

The Otterburn Park Day Camp offers fun and creative activities, and sports.

Sign up your child for a summer experience full of laughs and discoveries!

Do you want to work for the City's day camp and have a funny nickname?

If so, scan the QR code and submit your application!



REGISTRATION ONLINE ONLY  
APRIL 8 starting on 9 a.m.  
ON SPORT PLUS  
opark.ca

Scan the QR code to learn more about the program, rates, the location of activities and much more!  
Contact us at  
450-536-0303, ext. 315.



**Spaces are limited,  
so don't wait.  
Sign up on Sport Plus  
starting April 8 at 9 a.m.!**