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Changes in effect for 2026

By Fred Sherwin
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With the advent of the new year, there are several changes and new initiatives Orléans residents should be aware of.

First of all, the cost of everything from taking the bus to taking a swim in a municipal pool has gone up as of January 1.

A single-ride fare for riders 13 and over on OC Transpo and the O-Train is now \$4.10 if you pay using your Presto card and \$4.15 if you pay cash. The single-ride fare for pre-teens age 11 and 12 is now \$2.05 with a Presto card and \$4.10 if you pay cash.

The adult monthly pass was already increased to \$138.50 on Dec. 15, while the senior monthly pass was increased to \$59.75.

Senior Para Transpo users did get one break this year. As of Jan. 1, Para Transpo users age 65 and up are eligible for four free trips a

month when they use a registered Presto card to pay per trip.

The free monthly trips will be issued as a refund in the form of a Presto credit at the beginning of the following month. However, the credit for the first part of the year won't be issued until later this spring and will move to monthly credits after that point.

Park & Ride rates are now \$31 for a regular parking permit and \$70 for a gold permit.

The average water and sewer bill for urban ratepayers will increase by 4.5 per cent starting this month costing the average single-family home an extra \$47.30.

The solid waste services fee will increase \$2 a month on the tax bill, for a total of \$24 extra on the bill in 2026. The average property taxpayer will pay \$267 for solid waste services in 2026.

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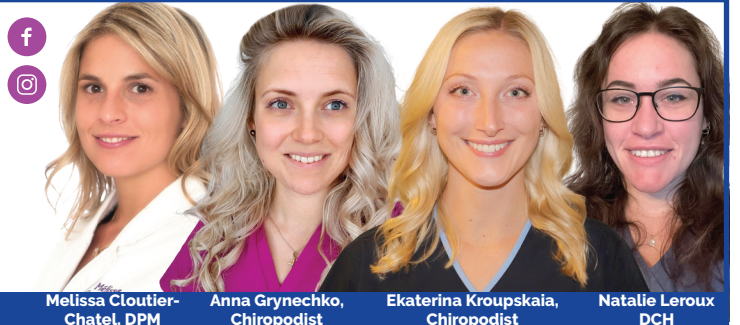
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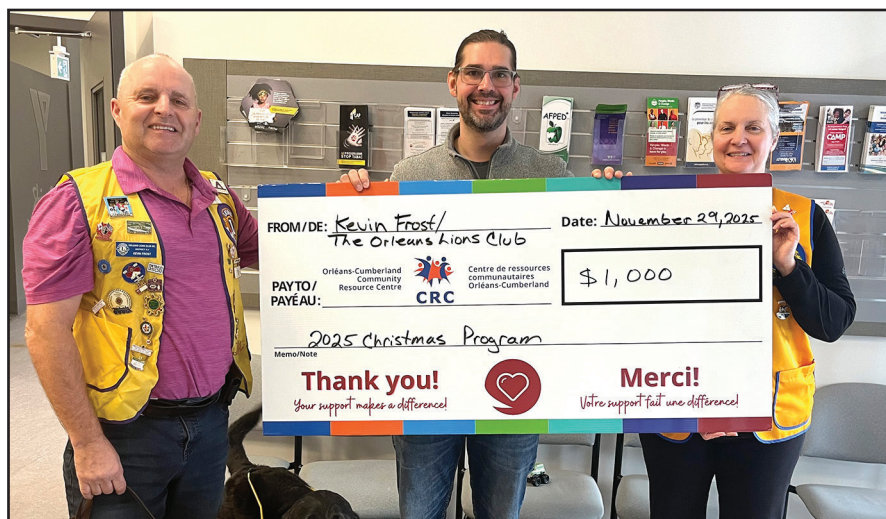
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Orléans Lions members Kevin Frost and Sylvie Blanchette present a cheque for \$1,000 to the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre representative Chad Chartrand. The money was raised in support of the Resource Centre's Christmas program. PHOTO SUPPLIED

New Year rings in changes to blue and black bin collection

OTTAWA – As of Jan. 1, the City of Ottawa is no longer responsible for the collection of recyclables. Blue and black bins will now be collected by Miller Waste Services. As part of this new recycling system, Ottawa residents will be able to recycle more, including plastic bags, toothpaste tubes and deodorant. A full list of items can be found at circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario/. Although the date for collecting recyclables will remain the same – blue and black bins will still be collected on alternating weeks – the time of day they are collected will vary.

Ottawa residents advised to get flu shot amid recent outbreak

OTTAWA – There has been a rapid and significant rise in Influenza A across Ontario, including the Eastern Ontario region, especially among children. CHEO is reporting a higher-than-usual number of flu cases and complications for this time of year. The Medical Officers of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and Ottawa Public Health (OPH) are strongly urging everyone six months and older to get their flu vaccine as soon as possible. Vaccination is especially important this season for children due to the rise in severe illness. Parents and caregivers can help protect children by being vaccinated themselves. As the vaccine takes about two weeks to reach full effectiveness, getting vaccinated now will help provide protection during the season when there is often increased circulation of the flu. While the vaccine may not always prevent infection, it still offers strong protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and complications. Free flu shots are available at a number of pharmacies in Orléans including Shoppers Drug Mart. It is advisable to call ahead to your local pharmacy to confirm availability.

List of recyclable items grows under new collection service

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User fees for the city's recreation facilities have gone up by 2.9 per cent across the board, along with the admission fees for the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. Museum memberships have gone up as well from \$39.51 last year to \$40.68.

On-street parking permits have also increased between 2.8 and three per cent. Winter residential parking permits have increased from \$167 to \$172 a month, while winter permits for a week or less have increased by \$1.25 to \$43.

Staff have the authority to increase the maximum hourly rate for municipal parking lots in the City of Ottawa. According to the 2026 budget, the maximum hourly off-street rate in all lots for a maximum of 30 minutes will be \$8 (\$6.50 in 2025), while the maximum daily rate will jump \$1 to \$26.

Fees for police and criminal record checks have also increased, as has the fee for a false alarm, which has increased \$6 to \$182.

The cost of saying "I do" has also gone

up. The cost of a marriage license has increased from \$186.55 to \$192.14. The cost of a death registration has also gone up from \$52.28 to \$54.

Although Hydro Ottawa rates have remained unchanged for 2026, the utility has filed an application to increase distribution rates \$6.08 a month in 2026. If approved, the increase will come into effect on Nov. 1.

Another big change this year is that the City of Ottawa will no longer be responsible for the collection of recyclables. Blue and black bins will now be collected by Miller Waste Services. As part of this new recycling system, Ottawa residents will be able to recycle more, including plastic bags, toothpaste tubes and deodorant. A full list of items can be found at circularmaterials.ca/resident-provinces/ontario/.

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Friends set up GoFundMe campaign for Orléans teacher fighting cancer

STAR STAFF – To say that it has not been an easy last few months for Orléans resident Ghazia Sirtaj would be the understatement of the year.

The devoted teacher who dedicated her life to caring for other people's children is now facing a mother's worst nightmare. After losing her own children in a painful custody battle, she was recently diagnosed with aggressive Stage 3 cancer.

To make matters worse, upon learning of her illness, her landlord asked her to vacate the property she had been renting, leaving her to face the fight of her life without her children and, as of January 1 – without a home.

The situation has escalated after new tests confirmed the cancer has spread to Ghazia's lymph nodes. Her medical team has had to change tactics immediately, starting her on aggressive chemotherapy and hormone therapy as of Jan. 5 to stop the cancer from spreading further before surgery can be performed.

In effort to help her out financially during her treatment, a group of friends

have set up a GoFundMe page, with the goal of raising \$35,000.

According to the page's administrators, \$9,000 will be used to pay for the immunity and hormone injections, which are not covered by the health care system.

A further \$5,000 will be used to cover the first and last months' rent on a new apartment, plus moving costs.

Another \$5,000 will be spent on creating a "sterile" environment in the new apartment which includes the purchase of a new bed, mattress, hypoallergenic household items and specific clothing to create a sterile space where she can go through treatment without worrying about infection.

The lion's share of the money, \$16,000, will be used to cover day-to-day expenses for the next six months. Due to her illness and the treatment she requires, Ghazia who works on contract, is unable to continue teaching.

As of Jan. 3, \$12,126 had been raised, fulfilling 35 per cent of the \$35,000 goal. To find out more visit gofundme.com and search for "A Teacher's Fight for Life".

Canotek Park site of New Year's Day fireworks display

By Fred Sherwin
The Orléans Star

More than 400 east end residents rang in the New Year with a New Year's Day fireworks display behind the Richcraft Sensplex in Canotek Park on Jan. 1.

The spectacular fireworks display began at 7:45 p.m. and ended just after 8 p.m. with a grand finale that included several large bursts. The early start time was scheduled to allow children to attend the event which also included free hot chocolate and music provided by DJ Animal.

The event was co-hosted by Beacon Hill-Cyrville city councillor Tim Tierney and Jeff Kaluski, past president of the Beacon Hill Community Association. Among the VIPs who shared the stage with Tierney and Kaluski was Orléans West-Innes councillor Laura Dudas, Orléans East-Cumberland councillor Matt Luloff, Ottawa Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and Vanier MP Mona Fortier.

In the lead-up to the fireworks, Tierney said he was thrilled with the turnout, especially when you consider the event coincided with one of the coldest nights of the winter so far, with the temperature dropping to -17 by 7 p.m.

The event also marked the unofficial kick-off of the city's 200th anniversary.

The original settlement of Bytown was first founded in 1826 on the south side of the Ottawa River, across from Wright's Town which eventually became Hull and is now present day Gatineau.

Bytown was originally established by land speculators after the British military announced plans to build a canal from the Ottawa River to the St. Lawrence using parts of the Rideau River. They chose the name Bytown after the project's chief engineer Colonel John By.

By the time the Rideau Canal was completed in 1832, Bytown's population had grown to 1,000 inhabitants.

In 1855, Bytown was renamed Ottawa and incorporated as a city, and two years later Queen Victoria selected Ottawa as the future capital city of Canada.

Ottawa's 200th anniversary will be celebrated throughout the year with a number of events to be held across the city using the theme "Celebrate Together" with a focus on civic pride, diversity and shared stories.

The biggest event announced so far is a special day at the Ottawa Bluesfest planned



FRED SHERWIN PHOTO

Close to 400 people gathered behind the Richcraft Sensplex in Canotek Park on New Year's Day to watch a spectacular fireworks display.

for July 19 featuring Canadian rockers The Guess Who.

The commemoration will also include outdoor youth and family-friendly events at Marion Dewar Plaza, the launch of the "downtown Arts, Culture and Entertainment District" with mural and asphalt art projects, and 200th anniversary programming and/or

branding integrated with existing festivals and events.

The Historical Society of Ottawa is sharing stories about Bytown's history for the bicentennial on its website and it plans to hold a special 2026 Bytown200 speaker series throughout the year at the main branch of the Ottawa Public Library.





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Happy New Year

In years past, I've used the first newspaper of the New Year to opine about the possibilities of the year ahead with a certain amount of optimism. I mean, if you can't be optimistic from the outset, there's no place to go but downhill.

Heading into 2026, my optimism is a product of my feeling that things can't possibly get any worse than the year we've just been through.

Let's face it, we're not starting from the best of places. Russia and Ukraine are still at war, Palestinians in Gaza, including children, are still getting killed despite a negotiated ceasefire and Donald Trump is still president of the United States. If that doesn't make you want to take up residency in the nearest mountain cave for the next 12 months, nothing will.

With that said, there are still several things to be optimistic about as we turn the page on 2025 and begin a brand new year.

First and foremost is the fact that the east end extension of the O-Train should finally be open to commuters in 2026. Exactly, when it will be open in 2026 is anybody's guess. The hope is that it will be open sometime this spring.

When it finally does open, the trains will be able to pick up passengers at the Trim Road Park & Ride, Place d'Orléans, Orléans Blvd. and Jeanne d'Arc Blvd., and take them all the way downtown and points further west. That will be good news to City of Ottawa employees who were expected to return to the work spaces five days a week starting this week. It will also be good news to federal government workers who already must return to work a minimum of three days a week.

2026 is also an election year. After having both a provincial and federal election in 2025, Ottawa residents will be heading to the polls next fall to elect a new city council. Here in the east end, that will very likely mean re-electing all four incumbent city councillors, all of whom deserve to be re-elected. It also means that Mark Sutcliffe will also likely be re-elected, as it's almost impossible for an incumbent to lose, especially an incumbent who is completely devoid of any controversy.

2026 will also include its share of distractions starting with the Winter Olympics in Cortina, Italy, in February. Orléans native Rachel Homan has a very real shot at winning a medal in women's curling and Orléans speedskaters Ivanie Blondin and Isabelle Weidemann have a legitimate chance to add to the medals they won in Beijing in 2022.

Last but by no means least, 2026 is also the year Canada will compete in the World Cup of Soccer on home soil.

So while 2025 didn't turn out to be as wonderful as we had hoped, 2026 could still make up for it.

— Fred Sherwin, publisher



The quiet crisis facing boys and young men in today's society

I want to talk about something many parents, teachers, coaches and employers are already noticing: the growing challenges facing boys and young men.

This isn't about blame or ideology. It's about outcomes, and the trends are hard to ignore.

From an early age, boys are more likely to struggle in school, particularly with literacy. They are more likely to disengage, to be disciplined, and to fall behind academically. By post-secondary education, young women enroll and graduate at much higher rates than young men, a gap that continues into the labour market where many young men face instability and underemployment.

The consequences ripple outward. Young men are more likely to experience substance abuse, homelessness and involvement with the justice system. Mental health indicators are especially troubling: men make up the majority of suicide deaths, yet are the least likely to seek help. Too often, we talk about these issues only after something has gone wrong.

When boys and young men feel disconnected from school, work, and purpose, many retreat further online. There, algorithms reward grievance and outrage. Some are pulled into spaces that reinforce resentment, fuel misogyny and normalize hostility toward women. We increasingly see the real-world consequences of this dynamic, including gender-based harm and, in extreme cases, violence.

Many of the most worried voices I hear belong

to mothers; moms concerned about sons who are struggling to find confidence, direction and belonging.



Queen's Park Corner

Stephen Blais

There is another quieter consequence we rarely discuss: family formation. As educational and economic gaps widen, it becomes harder for young adults to form stable relationships. Highly educated women report difficulty finding partners with similar stability and goals, while

many young men feel disconnected from pathways to work and purpose. The result is delayed family formation and greater isolation.

In Orléans, these trends are not abstract. They appear in conversations with parents, coaches and employers trying to keep young men engaged.

Addressing these challenges does not mean taking anything away from girls and young women. Helping boys succeed strengthens families and communities as a whole.

As we await the Legislature's return at the end of March, this is an issue I will be working on, listening, learning, and pushing for practical, evidence-based solutions.

This conversation is long overdue.

This work starts with listening. That means hearing from educators, coaches, parents, and young men themselves, and grounding future action in evidence, not ideology, so solutions strengthen opportunity, responsibility, and belonging.

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- “they’re multiplying like a disease” – spinge.binge

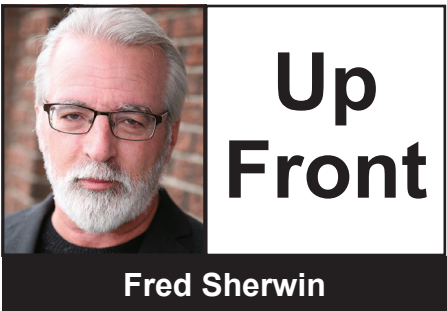
These are just a couple samples of the several dozen negative comments that were left on a “613trending” Instagram post about the first baby born in Ottawa in 2026, who just happened to have parents of East Indian descent.

Dixabahen and Mehulkumar Patel welcomed their baby boy 23 minutes after midnight at the Montfort Hospital.

News of the birth didn’t hit the Internet until 12 hours later. It took less than a nanosecond for the scumbags to come out of the woodwork and start spewing their ridiculous comments.

Most accused the baby of not being Canadian, because how could he be if his parents are of East Indian descent? Well, number one, they are assuming the parents aren’t already Canadian or naturalized citizens. And number two, the last time I checked, if you are born in Canada to parents who live this country you are born Canadian.

Several of the posts referred to the new-



born as an “anchor baby”.

This is a new one for me. I had never heard of that term before, so I decided to search the term on Google and two references popped up – one Canadian and one American.

The Canadian reference described “anchor” as an eligible Canadian citizen or permanent resident who agrees to support a relative’s immigration application and help them settle in Canada. The anchor provides financial support for basic needs like housing and food for a specific period (e.g., one year) and assists with integration into Canadian society.

The American reference was much more onerous. It defined “anchor baby” as a derogatory and offensive term for a child born in the U.S. to non-citizen parents. Because of birthright citizenship under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution,

the child is automatically a U.S. citizen. The term implies that the parents had the child specifically to create an “anchor” that could eventually help the family gain legal residency or citizenship.

All of which made me pause for thought. Perhaps some of the racist comments that appeared on the post did not originate in Canada. Perhaps they came from south of the border from people who had confused Ottawa, Canada, with Ottawa, Illinois, or Ottawa, Kansas. After all, the far right in the United States aren’t exactly known for being the sharpest tools in the shed.

But then I realized it only explains a small portion of the comments. The fact of the matter is that racism is alive and festering in Canada and the racists comments left on the post proves just that. And here I thought I was going to write a whimsical column about the futility of making New Year’s resolutions.

Most Canadians don’t see this country as being overtly racist and for the most part we aren’t, at least not on the scale of our neighbours to the south.

And to be clear, the post did register over 2,500 likes and the vast majority of the 418 comments were congratulatory.

But there are racists among us and prob-

ably more than you think – much more.
There are the racists out there who feel emboldened by the anti-immigration rhetoric in the U.S. and across the pond in Europe. And then there are the closet racist who begin every discussion about immigration with the words “I’m not racist, but...”

These are the people who think Canada is being overrun by immigrants even though only 1,347,715 respondents to the 2021 Census identified their country of origin as India which makes up less than four per cent of the population. 65,555 respondents identified their country of origin as Somalia, or 0.6 per cent of the population. 1,775,715 respondents identified themselves as being Muslim, or 4.9 per cent of the population and 1,600,000 identified themselves of either being Hindu or Sikh, or 4.4 per cent of the population. Not exactly overwhelming numbers. But try to explain that to your average racist who thinks Canada is being overwhelmed by immigrants.

The fact of the matter is you can’t and never will. You can’t convert a racist any more than you can convert a staunch homophobe. All you can do is call them out when you see their racist comments and relegate them to the fringe of society where they belong.

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Orléans West-Innes councillor excited about the year ahead

As the new year begins, I find myself reflecting – with a touch of nostalgia for the moments behind us and with a deep sense of optimism for what lies ahead.

It has been over 20 years since my husband and I chose to make the east end of Ottawa our home. Through the decades, we have had the privilege of watching our family and our neighbourhood grow and evolve.

Having always cared deeply about our community, initially as a community volunteer and now as your Councillor, I have constantly found myself pulled toward ensuring change meant that the east end becomes a better place for us all.

Change can be daunting, but it can also be truly exciting. This coming year is a great example: having only begun, there is already much in store for us, and our community will be continuing to evolve in a way that I think we can all be proud.

My mission has been to see our ward receiving its fair share of investments. In

2026, we'll see an unprecedented number of residential road renewals and progress on a massive expansion of the Bob MacQuarrie

Recreation Complex – Orléans, resulting in a brand-new gymnasium.

We will see the LRT fully extend all the way to Trim. Our community will be even greener with well over 1,000 trees

planted at the former St. Joseph Boulevard convent property.

And of course, my favourite part: getting to connect with you at events across the community in celebrating everything that makes this incredible place we call home so special.

Every passing day reaffirms the decision my family made all those years ago to put our roots down here. I'm equally grateful for all of you – the residents whose passion and commitment make our community and our city incredible.

Here's to a year of progress, connection and shared community pride.

Happy New Year everyone!



Laura Dudas

Orléans West-Innes Ward 2

Skate smart this winter and always wear a helmet on the ice

There's something special about skating in the winter. Whether it's a quiet glide under the lights, a pick-up game with friends or helping kids take their first steps on the ice, skating brings people together and keeps us active during the colder months.

As the season gets underway, it's a good time to think about how we can enjoy the ice safely – and responsibly.

With groundwater levels still recovering, the City is asking residents with private wells to skip building backyard rinks this winter. Maintaining an outdoor rink takes a significant amount of water and can place strain on household wells and nearby water systems. Choosing a shared community rink is a simple way to help conserve water while still enjoying winter activities.

All community outdoor rinks, including those in rural areas that use well water systems, will open this season following consultation with conservation authorities.

The City supports more than 250

volunteer-run outdoor rinks, with opening dates dependent on weather conditions. These rinks offer safe, monitored spaces

to skate and are a great way to connect with neighbours.

Safety should always come first on the ice.

Frozen stormwater ponds, rivers and creeks may look solid, but

they are unpredictable and dangerous. Ice thickness can change quickly, and skating on natural ice can be life-threatening. For everyone's safety, it's best to stick to maintained rinks.

Protective gear also makes a difference. Falls happen – even to experienced skaters. Wearing a CSA-certified helmet can help prevent serious head injuries. The City requires children aged 10 and under to wear helmets in indoor arenas, and it's a smart habit for skaters of all ages.

By choosing safe places to skate, wearing proper safety gear, and looking out for one another, we can all enjoy a fun, active and safe winter on the ice.



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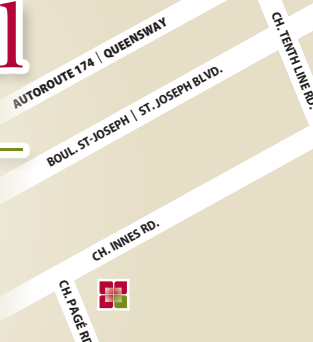
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TUESDAY, JAN. 13

NEW YEAR'S LEVEE hosted by the Orléans Conservatives from 7 p.m. at the Orleans Brewing Company (OBC), 4380 Innes Rd. across from Precision Automotive. Complimentary snacks for everyone and both the bar and kitchen will be open for business.

TRIVIA NIGHT from 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday night at the Royal Oak Pub Orléans. Free to play. Prizes for the winning team! The Royal Oak Pub

is located at 1981 St. Joseph Blvd. near Jeanne d'Arc. For more info visit facebook.com/RoyalOakPubsOrleans.

MUSIC BINGO at the Orléans Brewing Co. from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. hosted by Shine Karaoke. Free to play with consumption. The Orléans Brewing Co. is located at 4380 Innes Rd. across from Precision Automotive.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14

TRIVIA NIGHT from 6:30 p.m. at the Stray Dog Brewing Company. Reservations are a must to secure a spot. Send your team name and number of people to info@straydogbrewing.ca. The Stray Dog Brewing Company is located at 501 Lacolle Way.

OYSTER NIGHT every Wednesday from 6-9 pm at the

Orléans Brewing Co. Two types of oysters served with lemon, tabasco, horseradish, salt and mignonette. The Orléans Brewing Co. is located at 4380 Innes Rd., across from Precision Automotive.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

OPEN MIC NIGHT at the Stray Dog Brewing Company, 501 Lacolle Way. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Music at 8 p.m. with your host Matthew Palmer.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

SDBC TAPROOM CONCERTS PRESENTS Rory Taillon live and in concert at the Stray Dog Brewing Company, 510 Lacolle Way in the Taylor Creek Business Park. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

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Passed away on December 23, 2025

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Several local businesses celebrating milestones in 2026

By Jody Maffett
The Orléans Star

A number of local businesses will be celebrating significant milestones in 2026, starting with the Régimbal Group which will be celebrating their 100th anniversary this year.

Horace Régimbal started the business in 1926 as a jewelry and watch repair shop which operated in the backroom of a barbershop on Sussex Drive. Four years later, he moved the business to Dalhousie Street. At the end of World War II, he moved the business again to Marier Avenue in Vanier.

After Horace's death in 1960, his three sons Jean, Jacques and Pierre took over the business and eventually branched out into the trophy making.

In 1992, the company's current owners Luc Régimbal and Stéphane Giroux took over the business.

By 1996, the company was flourishing and Luc and Stéphane decided to open up a second location on Youville Drive in Orléans where they remained until 2014 when they moved to a much bigger location in Canotek Park, where they have become the "go to" place for trophies and plaques and other promotional items.

But the Régimbal Group isn't the only business celebrating an milestone in 2026. S&R Plumbing will be marking it's 40th anniversary this year, as will the *Orléans Star* which turns 40 on May 16.

The Little Turkish Village Restaurant on St. Joseph Blvd. will be turning 35 in 2026 along with Pantry Plus.

Pantry Plus was started in 1991 by Gilles and Lynda Chenier as a health food store at the corner of St. Joseph and Orléans Blvd.

Over time and as the business continued to grow, their daughter Nathalie took on the day-to-day operations of the business which

has grown into the largest health food and supplement store in Orléans.

Two other local businesses will be celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2026.

Precision Automotive on Vantage Drive first opened in 1996. Since then, owner Rob Brouwer has grown the business into the largest automotive service centre in Orléans, with 10 bays, six licensed technicians and three apprentice technicians.

Sticking with the theme of family run businesses that are celebrating anniversaries in the area, Rob's son Spencer is now an integral part of Precision's day-to-day operations.

The other local business that will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2026 is the Garlic King and owner Adel Azzi.

The now-famous shawarma and donair restaurant started out as Really Lebanese Food in 1996 in Alta Vista.

In 1999, he moved to a modest location on

St. Joseph Blvd. next to the Dairy Queen. At the same time he rebranded the business as "The Garlic King" and he took on the role of figurehead and spokesman.

Dressed in full royal-purple velvet regalia with a golden crown and sceptre, Adel would often do promotional appearances on local radio and TV, repeating his signature catchphrase, "I am the Garlic King, I can do anything."

From there, the business took off, with no looking back.

After moving to Montreal Road in Beacon Hill for several years, the Garlic King returned to Orléans and its current location at 2586 St. Joseph Blvd. in 2021.

During the past 30 years the Garlic King has been recognized for serving up the "Best Shawarma in Ottawa" several times by three generations of loyal customers.

So there are just five of the local businesses that will celebrating milestones in 2026.

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