

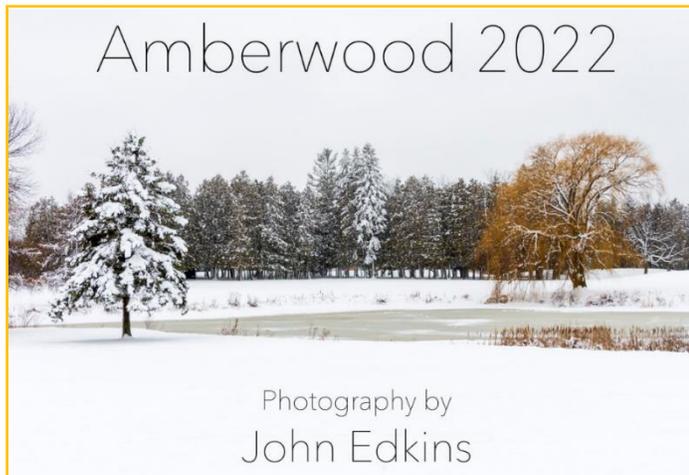
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HIGHLIGHTS

Amberwood Gallery

What a great place to support your local artisans and start your shopping! The Amberwood Gallery recently featured the works of Susan Kunstadt and is now showing the artistic photography of John Edkins. It is also the location for you to pick up the latest Amberwood book, *Alex the Fox*, by Barbara Robson and Christina Bugatsch. From ceramic creations to calendars, note cards, books, and framed prints, there are countless reasons right now for you to stop by - every Thursday and Sunday, from 1-4pm.



Clubhouse fundraising

We have three activities underway right now to raise funds for Clubhouse upgrades:

- Barbara Robson has pledged all the proceeds (roughly 50% after printing and shipping costs) from the sales of her two books: *Illustrated History of Amberwood* and the children's book *Alex in Amberwood* (illustrated by Christina Bugatsch).
- Our local artists in the Amberwood Gallery (John Edkins, photographer; Charles Spratt, painter; and Susan Kunstadt, ceramist) have pledged 25% from the proceeds of their respective Gallery sales; and
- 100% of the proceeds from the sales of our surplus furniture (spearheaded by Christine Adam-Carr) will be applied directly to family-friendly Clubhouse upgrades.

So far, we have amassed \$4,963. towards our fundraising efforts, and we have used those funds to purchase two bike racks and six square tables for indoor activities. Our next purchase will be the boards to mount the newspaper clipping historical panels for display in the lower hallway of the Clubhouse. There is a new fundraising e transfer address for you to use. If you wish to make a donation, please use: avrafundraising@gmail.com.

CHEO Fundraiser

The Amberwood Gallery will host a CHEO Fundraiser on Sunday December 12 and 19 from 1 -4:00.



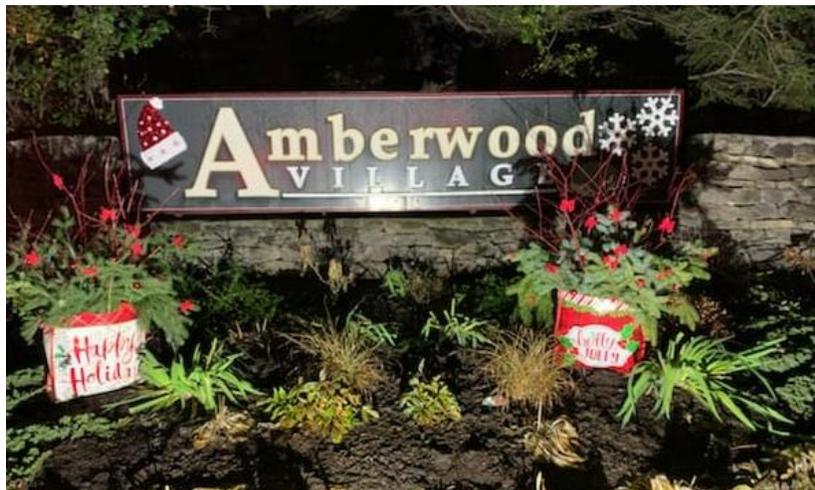
Fabulous
Neckwarmers (\$20)
&
Beanies (\$10)
by
Jill Eastabrook
(in memory of Courtice)

Toasty Toes Ottawa

To date, we have collected over 60 pairs of new socks for the Amberwood Village sock drive in support of [ToastyToes Ottawa](#). New socks will continue to be accepted at 65 Bay Hill Ridge, or at 14 Heather Glen Court, until December 7th.

Seasonal Decorations

The elves have been busy again and are out decorating the neighbourhood. Special thank you to Heather Ouimet for providing festive decorations to the Amberwood gateway sign!



ALE NEWS

Submitted by Ben O'Neil, GM

ALE is feeling festive this month with new menu items and several holiday promotions! ALE has proudly relaunched a \$32 Prime Rib Dinner special exclusively on Sunday nights for Dine-In & Take-Out! Chef Jason's Christmas Take-away dinners are also back! Available exclusively for curbside pick-up on December 23rd & 24th, feed your entire family with a fantastic turkey dinner! See the entire menu [HERE](#). Additionally, ALE is excited to announce that we will be hosting a New Year's Eve Dinner with live music and a special Table D'Hôte menu with

an early countdown at 10pm - don't worry though, we'll stay up til' midnight if you will! The next morning, join us once again for a special New Year's Day brunch from 10-2pm! Reservations are highly recommended!

ALE's Holiday Hours of Operation are:

Christmas Eve: 11-4pm

Christmas Day: CLOSED

Boxing Day: CLOSED

New Year's Eve: 11am-LATE

New Year's Day: 10am-2pm

BOARD NEWS

AVRA Members Special meeting results

Submitted by Christine Adam-Carr

The AVRA special members meeting held virtually on Thursday, November 18th, included over 100 registered AVRA members along with proxies from another 140 members. The presentation can be viewed [here](#). The question-and-answer session provided the opportunity to clarify many concerns with the proposed annual dues options, and the results will be used to update the *Annual Dues FAQ's* section on the AVRA website. AVRA members voted overwhelmingly in favor (93%) of having two levels of membership.

The AVRA board would like to thank all members for your level of engagement, and for joining in for the meeting. Next steps—renewing your membership and our general membership drive—are discussed below. The future looks promising!

CLUB NEWS

New hybrid court

Following the special members meeting on November 18th, the AVRA board met on November 24th and voted in favor of a hybrid court—one tennis court and two pickleball courts—where the existing tennis court is situated. This will allow Amberwood to continue to offer a full range of activities while meeting the growing demand for pickleball. A win win for everyone!

New online registration system

We are very pleased to announce that we will soon be launching our new membership platform by JegySoft. This will allow better communications with you and improve your access to member benefits. With your new JegySoft account, you will be able to purchase your AVRA membership online, register for club events and indoor activities, purchase a club activity membership, reserve a court, or sign-up for summer program like Aquafit. Our goal is to launch the application on January 1, 2022.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Looking for something social to do in the winter months?

Submitted by Christine Adam-Carr

There are currently six different indoor activities, with over 70 participants, taking place at Amberwood and running until the end of December, and it will soon be time to register for the January-March session.



Registration to participate in activities for the next session will open on Monday, December 6th using the following links: [Amberwood Indoor Activities Guide January-March 2022](#) or shorturl.at/isyzG. All activities are **FREE** for 2021 AVRA and golf/all inclusive members, with a \$30 fee for others.

We are currently seeking activity leads for euchre and for arts & crafts. As an activity lead, you will be the main contact for your activity participants, and you would be responsible for opening/closing the meeting space, and I will handle all the general registration and administrative tasks. We have activity leads for billiards, cribbage, knitting and social bridge.

Please email avra.indoor.coordinator@gmail.com by **December 5th** if you are interested in leading one euchre or arts & crafts activities, or if you would like to discuss leading a new activity (perhaps other card games, a second Billiards group, etc.).

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Making the most of our beautiful golf course while we wait to golf again

Submitted by Marius Felix

As the summer and fall seasons are now in the rear-view mirror, we can look forward to a vibrant and active winter season ahead. Like last year, the golf course will be open to walking and, when the snow arrives, cross-country skiing, as well as snowshoeing, family sledding and snow play. We are also taking a careful look at the possibility of creating an outdoor skating rink and will decide on that ASAP. Also, preliminary plans are underway for a scavenger hunt. In the weeks ahead you will see new welcoming signs at the course entry points. If you choose to access the options available, we simply ask you to stay on the trails, (**please** don't walk in the ski trails), stay off the greens—which will be roped off—and control and clean up after your pets if they join you.

We look forward to seeing you out and about soon!

AVRA MEMBERS' CORNER

2022 AVRA memberships

All existing AVRA members will be receiving an email mid-December with instructions on how to purchase their 2022 AVRA membership. There are currently 350 households in Amberwood who are not yet part of AVRA. Canvassers will be going door to door beginning January 15th to raise awareness and entice more people to join.

VOLUNTEERS

Canvassers needed for AVRA membership drive

We need volunteers to help with the AVRA membership drive. Each volunteer will be asked to canvas up to 10 homes between January 15th and March 1st. If interested, please [submit your name](#).

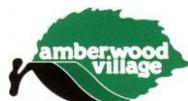
Looking for help coordinating indoor activities

We are also looking for a volunteer to help with coordinating Indoor Activities, for 1-2 hours/week. If interested, please email avra.indoor.coordinator@gmail.com.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you have a specific topic you would like covered, please send us an email at info@amberwoodvillage.ca and we will include it in the next issue of *Amberwood Insider*.

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