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## Liu Dental opens 3rd location at Hunt Club/Riverside

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Just as T & T Supermarket was a family-based venture, so is Liu Dental Centres which is located right next door.

Drs. Dean and Eugene Liu are both graduates of the University of Western Ontario Faculty of Dentistry. Don't let their young appearances mislead you; each brother has over 10 years' experience.

And with Peter, their father, as the office manager of all three practices – from Kanata to Barrhaven and now to Hunt Club – they've established themselves in the Ottawa area.

From these dental practices, the dentists and their supporting team strive to treat every patient with respect, "as if they were like family."

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"We are very lucky to have great patients who trust us and allow us to take care of them," says Dean. "We would also like to thank our patients for referring other great patients in creating a friendly and fun environment. Our patients have to feel comfortable with us in order to discuss treatments and options, hence we ask our patients to call us by our first names."

Outfitted with some of the newest digital x-rays and equipment, the Hunt Club location opened at the end of January. "The staff are also very friendly



– Photo: Chantal Secours

Dr. Dean Liu, left, and his brother Dr. Eugene Liu joined forces in 2001.

and up-beat and will do their best to make your visit comfortable and fun," he says.

As busy as they are, Dean and Eugene are also actively involved in the community.

Liu Dental Centres sponsors Gung Ho, a longstanding competitive Dragon Boat Team that also travels and raises funds for charities during the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival.

They also sponsor several PSA squash tournaments and competitive volleyball and hockey teams. If you have some free time, come cheer them on with their patients.

The Hunt Club location joins Barrhaven Dental Associates – 10 Green Street, Suite 300, Barrhaven, ON 613-823-9699, and Eagleson Dental Associates – 500 Eagleson Road, Suite 30, Kanata, ON 613-271-8222.

For more information, please view [www.liudental.com](http://www.liudental.com) or call 613-737-5487.

## Ottawa South software developer targets OC Transpo schedules with iPhone app

**BY PAMELA EADIE**

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Frustrated and foiled from trying to catch OC Transpo buses, an Ottawa South resident has created an iPhone application that gives iPhone users quick and easy access to OC Transpo's bus schedules.

"It is an easy-to-use app that answers the age-old question: 'When is my bus going to get here?'" says Derek Gour, a software engineer who resides in Heron Park. The application is called TransitWay, and is Gour's first iPhone program. It is available for sale on the iTunes store.

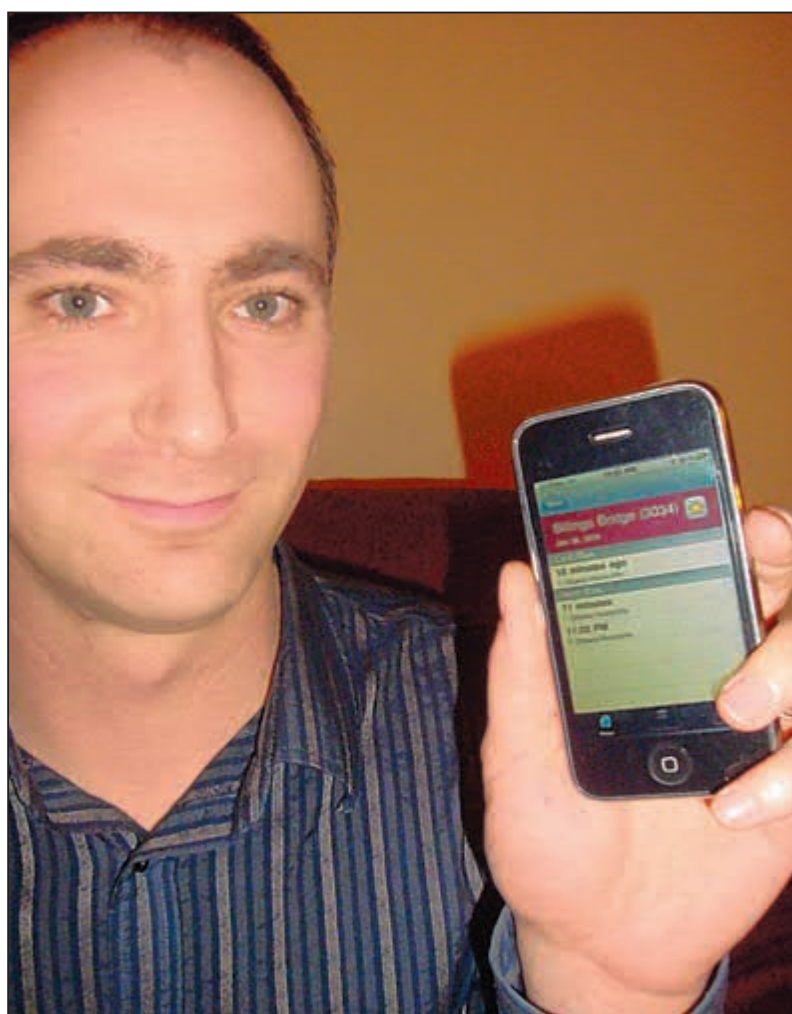
Gour says his goal was to create an application that would replace OC Transpo's "560-1000 plus" telephone-based schedule system. "I was tired of using my precious few phone plan minutes listening to 'Route 1, next bus in 12 minutes. Following bus in 32 minutes. Route 141 next bus in 15 minutes,'" he says.

OC Transpo also has a mobile version of its Web site, but Gour says that getting information from it takes too many steps, and that its interface is not tailored for the iPhone's large display.

"Taking transit in Ottawa can be a fast-paced, hectic experience and I wanted an iPhone app that would give me schedule information in the few seconds it takes me to climb the steps at the Billings Bridge station. So I built it."

TransitWay accepts four-digit stop numbers and returns a list of the upcoming arrival times for that stop. It also has many convenience features that make it better than calling 560-1000 or using the OC Transpo mobile site. For example:

- It maintains a list of recently requested stops;
- You can add frequently used stops to your Favourites list, and those favourites can be re-arranged and renamed;



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Derek Gour, a software engineer who lives in Heron Park, created an iPhone application called TransitWay.

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- All the Transitway station names are built into the app so you don't have to remember that Hurdman is 3023;
- Stop info stays cached all day, which is especially useful for iPod touch users who will not have cell network access when they are standing at the bus stop. Before they go out, they can pre-cache the stops they know they will use that day.

"It's wonderful," says OC Transpo user Jo Charlebois, who

was among the first to purchase the app through the iTunes store. "It's great for retrieving the information I need quickly and with minimal effort."

Gour hopes that it will be the first of many apps he will develop, as he pursues his career as an independent software developer after spending the past several years as a stay-at-home dad. He wrote Web conferencing software for SMART Technologies in Calgary, before moving to Ottawa two-and-a-half years ago.

For more information, visit Gour's Web site: <http://slippysoft.com>.

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