

Community Safety & Crime Prevention – Update

Community safety and security continues to be a priority for me. In addition to collaboration with Police Officers from East Division and West Division, I organize regular Community Safety and Crime Prevention Town Hall meetings. I also call special meetings to address safety and security issues as required.



Small businesses are friends and valued corporate neighbours. I am pleased that they are involved in community safety and crime prevention. I introduced Community Safety and Crime Prevention initiatives for local businesses at the Hunt Club Plaza and the Riverside Mall and I am currently working on establishing a similar initiative at other locations. This is a partnership that involves regular meetings with

business tenants, the Police, property managers, my office and others to address problems with theft, vandalism, trespassing, etc.

I have committed considerable time and effort to keeping River Ward parks clean and safe. As reported previously, I worked in partnership with the Police, Bylaw Services, Corporate Security and local residents and introduced a “pilot program” using the latest in integrated security technology to identify persons committing acts of vandalism, illegal drug and alcohol use, and prohibited behaviour in Cahill Park in Hunt Club. I held several on-site meetings this year in other River Ward parks and I strongly support enforcement of the law to discourage illegal activity in our parks.



As a member and strong supporter of the Neighbourhood Watch program, I encourage residents to join existing Watch programs or start new programs in neighbourhoods that don't have one. I am grateful to our residents who have worked with me to establish new Neighbourhood Watch programs across River Ward. I cannot overstate the value of Neighbourhood Watch programs. Please call my office at 613-580-2486 for assistance in getting a Watch started in your neighbourhood.



Investing In Recreation

I am pleased to report that River Ward, home to 37 parks and counting, is benefitting from a delightful array of new parks and park renovations. Parents, caregivers and children contributed to the plans for redevelopment of these parks.

The new **Moffatt Farm Veterans Park**, sure to be one of the City's premier parks, provides a mix of active recreational facilities and unique passive open space highlighted by a 3 km pedestrian path meandering through the Rideau River Corridor. **Pauline Vanier Park**

will soon see the addition of a new play structure. Last winter, **Celebration Park** saw its first outdoor rink, which will have the benefit of lighting for the coming skating season. **Alphabet Park** was recently equipped with a brand new playstructure, and **Carleton Heights Park and Meadowvale Terrace Park**, following on the heels of redevelopment at **Arnott Park and Uplands Park** last year, also received new playstructures this year. Other parks are on the horizon for upgrading in future years. Please watch for the details of upcoming ribbon-cutting and official opening ceremonies for these parks. I hope you and your family are enjoying these outstanding City facilities.



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Dear River Ward Friends and Neighbours:

As we say goodbye to the hot days of summer and begin a new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all River Ward students, parents, grandparents, caregivers and educators a great autumn season and a very successful and rewarding school year. I hope that you all had an opportunity to enjoy vacation time with family and friends.

In celebration of this special time of year and as we eagerly look forward to beginning new studies, it is a real pleasure for me to invite River Ward residents to my **Annual River Ward Family Fun Day and B.B.Q.** at Mooney's Bay Park.

Date: Monday, September 18, 2006
Time: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Mooney's Bay Park
2960 Riverside Drive

As they did last year, Outback Steakhouse, located at Bank Street and Hunt Club Road, has stepped up to the plate and will generously provide all food and refreshments for this charitable event. The food and drinks will be available at a nominal cost, on a first come – first served basis, as quantities permit, which is the same arrangement as last year. Thanks to your generous support we raised more than two thousand dollars in just two hours for this fundraising event in



support of the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa. All monies raised will benefit programs and services in River Ward.

Ottawa Firefighters will be there with a pumper truck and the Fire Safety House. Police Officers and Paramedics will be on hand to display their equipment. DJ Doc Music & Lighting will provide entertainment. Face painting will be made available by Rogers Video, located in the Hunt Club Plaza on McCarthy Road. There will be activities for the children and door prizes.

Wishing you a happy and safe autumn. It continues to be a privilege to represent you at City Hall.

With warmest regards,



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Maria McRae's Annual Autumn Tea for Seniors

Friday, September 22, 2006
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Hunt Club Riverside Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive (at McCarthy)

Entertainment by Dominic D'Arcy
"Ottawa's Singing Policeman"

Refreshments & Snacks
Door Prizes

Please call 613-580-2486
to reserve your FREE ticket(s)

Banff/Ledbury Project KaBOOM! – Update

On September 16, 2004, volunteers from the Home Depot, the City of Ottawa and the Commesco Levinson-Viner Group joined me in working side-by-side with residents and parents from the Banff/Ledbury and Ridgemont communities to build a new, safe and fully accessible playground in Ledbury Park for the children who helped design it. Two years later, this state-of-the-art play structure, built with corporate dollars and at almost no cost to taxpayers, remains a symbol of a community who came together to improve their quality of life.

Since that time, the existing portable in Ledbury Park was refurbished by the City of Ottawa and a great corporate citizen, Mr. Fred Crouch, President/Governor, Ottawa Junior "A" Senators, made a very generous donation of electronic equipment. Children gather at this portable to do homework and City staff and other agencies offer weekly programs and services. For the past two years, the Junior "A" Senators hosted a Banff/Ledbury night at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre.

I am pleased to be a member of the Steering Committee for the "No Community Left Behind" project which developed over the past 18 months. This initiative addresses urgent issues in Banff/Ledbury and neighbouring communities by the

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integrated approach of all service providers sitting around a table and working closely with the community. The Ottawa Police Service is very involved and supportive of this project, which is a comprehensive, integrated approach to crime prevention and community involvement, increasing self-sufficiency, building on people's self-esteem, and fostering positive relationships between neighbours.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Banff Avenue Tenants' Association for a very successful Community Day on July 20th and to the Community House for their ongoing commitment to this community.



Fireside Chats

I remain committed to being accessible, accountable and approachable. River Ward residents are invited to join me for a personal chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2006
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Carleton Heights Community Centre
1665 Apeldoorn Avenue

Date: Friday, September 29, 2006
Time: 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Mooney's Bay Bistro
Riverside Mall, 731 Ridgewood Ave.

Free C.P.R. Training & Behind the Scenes Tour!!

Do you know someone who has suffered from heart disease? I am pleased to invite River Ward residents to attend free CPR and Automated External Defibrillator training offered by the Ottawa Paramedic Service on one of the following dates:

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2006
(Register by Friday, September 15, 2006)
Saturday, September 23, 2006
(Register by Friday, September 22, 2006)
Time: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Training
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Tour
Location: Ottawa Paramedic Service H.Q.
2465 Don Reid Drive

Statistics show that the majority of heart attacks occur in the home and the application of CPR has saved many lives. The purpose of this course is to promote the chain of survival within the community and to educate the public on the many skills Ottawa Paramedics provide every day. Off duty Paramedics who are qualified First Aid/CPR instructors and other

health care professionals, including lifeguards, will train all those in attendance and certify them in CPR B (adult/child CPR and heart related issues).

I toured the new state-of-the-art City of Ottawa Paramedic Service Headquarters earlier this year. This facility, completed in December 2005, was built under a Public-Private Partnership (P3). The P3 tool brings together strengths of both the public and private sectors.

Ottawa's Paramedic Service Headquarters is housed in a barrier-free, secure and disaster-resistant building. Paramedics are deployed from here and all paramedic training takes place here. The facility houses



the Paramedic Command Centre where disaster services are coordinated as well as all the activities of the Ottawa Paramedic Service team.

Space is limited and these popular sessions will fill up fast.

Please contact my office at 613-580-2486 to register for one of these seminars at no cost. You Must Register to Participate!



Presumptive Legislation for Firefighters

It was my distinct privilege on April 26, 2006 to lead the battle for presumptive legislation for Ontario firefighters with respect to occupational diseases and cancers. Ottawa City Council unanimously approved my motion calling on the provincial government to review the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* in order to ensure firefighters and their families receive fair and timely compensation from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board for illnesses and disease attributed to their work as firefighters. I am pleased that other city and town councils have followed our lead and passed similar resolutions.

Studies have shown that firefighters suffer significantly higher incidences of some cancers and

diseases than the normal population. Firefighters provide invaluable service to the public and I am especially proud of our Ottawa firefighters.

Carleton Heights Area Traffic Management Study

I am pleased to report that Carleton Heights was the only community to receive funds in 2006 for a comprehensive Area Traffic Management Study. The study area is bounded by Meadowlands Drive, Fisher Avenue and Prince of Wales Drive. City staff gathered data over the summer and public meetings/open houses are planned for later this year. I strongly encourage you to forward your ideas or concerns directly to me for inclusion in this study process.

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