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River Ward City Councillor • Conseillère, quartier Rivière

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Dear River Ward Friends and Neighbours:

Almost six months have passed since the municipal election. Thank you for giving me a strong renewed mandate as your elected official at City Hall. It is an honour and privilege to represent you.

In addition to City Council, I sit on the following Boards and Committees:

- Transportation Committee – Chair
- Police Services Board – Vice-Chair
- Transit Committee
- Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee
- License Committee
- Ottawa Tourism
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

I am working hard to keep taxes low, focus on the efficient delivery of core services and I remain committed to zero tolerance on crime and increased police presence in our neighbourhoods. I am also dedicated to pursuing the preservation of valuable greenspace and other environmental initiatives, supporting innovative ways to deal with garbage and I am taking a balanced approach to providing quality services for seniors, families and youth.

As you have done over the last three years, I encourage you to keep in touch with me and to let me know your concerns, express your opinions, or give



me your advice. It is always appreciated and helps me understand how to serve you better.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the exciting and informative events coming up this spring. I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria".

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Frequently Asked By-Law Questions

Q: How many garbage bags can you place at the curbside for waste pick-up?

A: A total of three (3) approved waste containers or bulk items per week. (By-law No. 2006-300, known as the Solid Waste By-law)

Q: Are there any restrictions on residential parking?

A: In general, you cannot park a car on a City street in excess of three (3) hours between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. (By-law No. 2003-530, known as the Traffic and Parking By-law)

Q: What restrictions exist regarding the use of City parks?

A: No person can remain or enter into a park between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. and no person can have in his/her possession any alcoholic beverage. (By-Law No. 2004-76, known as the Parks and Facilities By-law)



Talkin' Trash

On April 11, 2007 the City of Ottawa announced the implementation of a residential curbside organics collection program to begin in the fall of 2008.

This program will allow residents to place fruit and vegetable peelings, food scraps, meat, bones, egg shells, vegetable oil, paper towels and napkins, waxed and/or soiled corrugated containers, wood shavings, and yard waste into a different container than the garbage can or recycling boxes.

The City is also exploring new technologies as an alternative to landfills. One of these new technologies includes the Plasma Waste Conversion Pilot Project at the Trail Road landfill facility.

I am pleased to invite all River Ward residents to learn more about what we as a community can do to help the City's ongoing environmental and waste management initiatives. Please join me at the upcoming Public Forum regarding garbage and recycling:

Date: Monday, June 11, 2007
Time: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Location: Jim Durrell Recreation Centre –
Ellwood Hall
1265 Walkley Road (near Bank Street)

I am excited to announce that Mr. Rod Bryden, President and CEO of Plasco Energy Group, is one of my guests and will speak about the Plasma Waste Conversion Project. Other guests include City staff from the Waste Diversion and Solid Waste Services Division.

Garbage Give Away Day

Ottawa's first ever garbage "Give Away Day" will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007. Council has approved a plan to allow residents to give away objects they no longer want by simply placing them at the end of their driveway. The intent of the program is to help residents reuse household items that otherwise might end up in local landfills. Please watch for further announcements.

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All River Ward Seniors are cordially invited to

Maria McRae's Annual Strawberry Social for River Ward Seniors

Date: Friday, June 22, 2007

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Hunt Club/Riverside Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive
(corner of Paul Anka & McCarthy)

Entertainment by Ottawa's Singing Policeman
Dominic D'Arcy

Refreshments and Snacks
Door Prizes

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

Space is limited.

River Ward Park Developments

I am proud to announce that three of our playgrounds in River Ward are expanding this year. These parks include: **Bellevue Manor Park**, **Harrold Place Park** and **Lexington Park**. Each of the parks will soon see the addition of a new play structure.

Please watch for the announcement of the official opening ceremony for the new play structure at **Pauline Vanier Park**.

COMMUNITY CORNER



Yard and Plant Sale

Sponsored by the Carlington Community Association

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2007

Time: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Carling Avenue/Merivale Road/Kirkwood Avenue area

Rain Date: Sunday June 3, 2007

Southern Corridor and McCarthy Woods – Ontario Municipal Board Update

The National Capital Commission's appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the City of Ottawa's Official Plan designation of some Southern Corridor lands was adjourned to a pre-hearing scheduled for September, 2007. It is my strong belief that the future of this treasured area should not be determined by an outside body and I will continue to work hard to find a local solution to this local issue.

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Community Safety and Crime Prevention Meetings

River Ward East

Hunt Club, Ridgemont, Riverside Park

Date: Monday, May 28, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Hunt Club/Riverside
Community Centre
3320 Paul Anka Drive
(corner of Paul Anka & McCarthy)

River Ward West

Carleton Heights, Carlington,
Central Park

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Carleton Heights
Community Centre
1665 Apeldoorn Avenue
(near Falaise & Apeldoorn)

Representatives of Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Fire Service, By-Law Services and Public Works and Services, as well as Neighbourhood Watch will be in attendance. This meeting will allow residents to have the opportunity to address community safety and crime prevention issues important to them. Neighbourhood Watch will be in attendance to sign up households who are interested in their service.



Cette information est également disponible en français.



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