



## **RIVER WARD CITY COUNCILLOR MARIA McRAE'S REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE PARK COMMUNITY May 5, 2014**

### **City Councillor Maria McRae's Annual Strawberry Social for River Ward Seniors**

**Date:** Friday, June 20, 2014

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

**Place:** Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre  
3320 Paul Anka Drive  
Bus Routes 87 and 146

Entertainment Provided by Mike Fahey  
Refreshments  
Door Prizes  
Seniors Information Booth

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

### **Victoria Day Schedule Changes**

City Hall is closed on Monday, May 19, 2014 for Victoria Day. For all City closures on Victoria Day, please visit my website.

### **Riverside Park Speed Board Locations**

A speed board was installed on Walkley Road between Wexford Way and Thorndale Drive.

If you would like City Traffic engineering staff to assess your street for use of a speed board, please give my office a call. I have made arrangements for deployment of the speed boards year round.



**Emergency Preparedness Week: May 4 to 10, 2014**

During Emergency Preparedness Week, held May 4 to 10, the City of Ottawa, through its Are You Ready program, is encouraging residents to build a more resilient Ottawa by taking the time to prepare themselves, their family and their neighbours for emergencies and disasters.

The City's website, [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca), has all the information needed to get started. Residents can also visit the multiple emergency preparedness information displays located throughout the City and speak with emergency management staff and Are You Ready volunteers.

**National Day of Honour – May 9, 2014**

The National Day of Honour is set aside to mark the end of Canada's military mission in Afghanistan. There are events taking place across the country, and in Ottawa, a parade will begin at 12:30PM near the Canadian War Museum, ending at Parliament Hill.

At 1:00PM the Governor General of Canada will formally receive the parade on Parliament Hill. Following the parade, we are invited to honour our family, friends, and neighbours for their sacrifices with a national moment of silence. Whether we are at school, at home or at work, let us pause and reflect at 1:30PM.

**Police Week: May 11 to 17, 2014**

Ontario's Police Week is an opportunity to celebrate and promote our community policing efforts. Since 1970, Police Week is observed in May to coincide with International Peace Officers' Memorial Day. For more information, please visit [ottawapolice.ca](http://ottawapolice.ca).

**Arnott Park**

This is going to be an exciting year for Riverside Park, as Arnott Park is receiving new play equipment (ages 5 - 12 years), trees and additional places to sit. Thank you to those who attended the planning meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

**Spring Tree Planting**

Forestry Services' spring planting program began the week of April 28th and will run until the end of June. This includes tree planting in parks, at City facilities, and along streets. Note that this information is what is planned, and cancellations/changes typically occur.

Buxton Crescent, Crowsnest Avenue, Farmington Avenue, Fielding Drive, Garwood Avenue, Hartman Crescent, Otterson Drive, Southmore Drive West, and Walkley Road are all scheduled for planting this spring.

Where a tree planting is scheduled on City property adjacent to a residence, individual notifications will be provided to the resident in advance of planting. Residents should also expect to see utility locate flags and paint on the ground prior to planting.

## **Bike to Work Month**

This long-standing campaign challenges you and your workplace colleagues to discover cycling as a cost-efficient, effective and healthy way to commute to work. Visit [bikeottawa.com](http://bikeottawa.com) to make an online pledge and track your commuting distance and be eligible for one of the prize draws – including a new bike. For more information, please visit my website.

## **Firefighter Recruitment**

The rewards of being a firefighter are extensive. The work is exciting and challenging. The Ottawa Fire Services is accepting applications for the 2014 Fire Recruitment Campaign until May 31, 2014.

Please visit my website to find out information on how to apply for this rewarding career.

## **Safer Roads Ottawa Program**

### ***May 2014 Initiatives***

The City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will focus on **motorcycle safety and unsafe vehicles and heavy trucks** for the month of May as part of the Safer Roads Program.

### ***Motorcycle Safety***

Between 2008 and 2012, there were 776 collisions involving motorcycles resulting in 517 injuries and 13 fatalities.

### ***Unsafe vehicles and heavy trucks***

Between 2008 and 2012, 707 reportable collisions on Ottawa roadways involved unsafe vehicles resulting in 213 injuries; 13 serious injuries and six fatalities. Causes of these collisions included defective brakes, steering, tires, lights, engine controls, trailer hitches, suspension, as well as obscured vision.

*The Safer Roads Ottawa Program is a leading community partnership between Ottawa Fire Services, Ottawa Paramedic Service, Ottawa Police Service, Ottawa Public Health and the Public Works Department committed to preventing or eliminating road deaths and serious injuries for all people in the City of Ottawa, through culture change, community engagement, and development of a sustainable safe transportation environment.*

*Also participating in the Safer Roads Ottawa Program are the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Sureté du Québec, Department of National Defence's Military Police and Gatineau Police Service to improve road safety for all residents of the national capital region.*

## **Your Strong Voice at City Hall**

As always, I appreciate hearing from you and encourage you to keep in touch with me as it allows me to serve you better. It is an honour and a privilege being your strong voice at City Hall.