



Ottawa West Column – Aug 11, 2016

Ottawa GreekFest

The next big festival in River Ward is GreekFest. Hosted by the Hellenic Community of Ottawa, the festival runs from August 11-21 and is located at 1315 Prince of Wales Drive in the Carleton Heights neighbourhood. Please bicycle, walk, take OC Transpo (Route 111) or if driving, park at St Pius X High School on Fisher Avenue and take the free shuttle bus. This is Ottawa's largest Greek festival and is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy excellent Greek food, music, dance and other cultural activities. Admission is free. Please note that the City of Ottawa has granted the Hellenic Church a parking permit variance on local streets **for their church services only** from 9:00am to 12:30pm on August 14, 15 and 21 before GreekFest opens to the public. This would allow patrons attending Sunday Church services on August 14 and 21 and a special service on August 15 the opportunity to briefly park in designated no parking areas for that specific timeframe. The City of Ottawa has been clear with GreekFest organizers that patrons are to remove their vehicles from the designated no parking areas at the conclusion of the services.

Friends of the Farm Events

Residents are invited to **Art on the Farm** on **Saturday, Aug 13** from 10 to 4pm under the trees of the Arboretum at the Central Experimental Farm east of the roundabout on Prince of Wales Drive. Artists of various mediums will be displaying and selling their works. Rain date is Aug 14. The Friends of the Farm at the Central Experimental Farm are also hosting **guided tree tours** in the Arboretum that are free and open to the public. On **August 21**, you can learn about selecting trees for different sites and purposes with your hosts Eric Jones and Roman Popadiouk. Reservations requested by calling 613-230-3276. Learn more at www.FriendsOfTheFarm.ca.

Carlington Neighbourhood Watch

I recently received a newsletter from the Carlington Neighbourhood Watch and I am glad to see them continuing to grow in the neighbourhood. I encourage residents to get involved and sign up for their distribution list. You can visit their web page at www.carlingtonnw.simplesite.com. They welcome feedback from the community.

Water Fun at City Wading Pools

City staff from Parks and Recreation has been hosting various special events at city wading pools this summer as part of the *Summer in the City* programming. Activities are free and occur during regular wading pool hours. Upcoming special event dates in River Ward include: Rideauview Park, 960 Eiffel Ave on August 15, Bellevue Manor Park, 1520 Caldwell Ave on August 19 and Raven Park, 1500 Larose Ave on August 24.

Doggie Swim Hours

All dogs and their owners are welcome to join other canine friends for a swim at the Alexander Community Centre (960 Silver Street) every day at 5pm until August 25. Once the pool is closed to bathers at 5pm, dogs will have one hour frolic as well. The pool is cleaned every day before the water is refilled in to the pool. This has been a well received activity for local dogs an