



Ottawa West Column – Dec 15, 2016

Christmas Exchange Needs Assistance

There is on-going need in our City to support those less fortunate at Christmas and the Caring and Sharing Exchange needs our support. Would you consider making a financial contribution to go towards a Christmas hamper for a local family? Please visit their website at www.caringandsharing.ca or call 613-226-6434. If you need assistance during the holidays, please contact my office and we will be pleased to connect you with a local organization.

Live Outdoor Nativity to be Performed

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located at 1017 Prince of Wales Dr, north of Baseline Road, invites you to their 35th annual outdoor live nativity production. Four shows will be held this weekend as follows: Friday December 16, 7pm English, 7:45pm French and Saturday December 17, 7pm and 7:45pm, both in English. For more information, please visit their website at www.thenativity.ca.

Ottawa Civic Site Selected

As you are aware, the Sir John Carling site, the former location of Agriculture Canada Headquarters, on the eastern section of the Experimental Farm has been confirmed by Heritage Canada as the location the federal government is donating for the purposes of constructing the new Civic Hospital. This has been confirmed and will not be revisited by the provincial or federal governments. As such, the preliminary capital planning has already begun. This is a 10-year project that will trigger a number of required public consultations. In 2017, I will host a public meeting in River Ward to review the major milestones of the development and to begin a dialogue with the community on issues we need to take note of and work directly with the Ottawa Hospital Foundation on.

Ottawa Police to Focus on Impaired Drivers

The Ottawa Police Service's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) will focus on impaired driving and unsafe lane changes during the month of December. Between 2010 and 2014, there were 1,680 reportable collisions involving impaired driving resulting in 17 fatalities and 717 injuries. During the same time period, there were 5,643 collisions resulting in 598 injuries and one fatality as a result of unsafe lane changes. The holiday season is a time of year when we come together to celebrate, visit family and friends and attend various social functions. As such, please drive responsibly.

Ward Office to Close Between Holidays

Please be advised that the River Ward Office located in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre will close for one week between Christmas and New Years Day. Shannon Hall, who manages the office will be back the first week in January. I would also like to remind all residents that I frequently meet residents at the ward office to discuss a myriad of issues. You are most welcome to visit any time.