



Ottawa West Column – July 28, 2016

Heron Road Bridge Renamed

On July 13, Ottawa City Council unanimously endorsed my motion to name the Heron Road Bridge, the **Heron Road Workers Memorial Bridge**. Working in collaboration with the Ottawa and District Labour Council, who originally suggested the name, the naming will coincide with the August 10, 50th anniversary of the bridge collapse which claimed the lives of nine construction workers and injured 55. A ceremony on the south-west side of the bridge, will take place over the Noon hour on August 10 to remember those who were killed and to unveil the new plaque for the bridge. All are welcome.

Autumn Registration for Recreational Programs

The Recreation eGuide and Mon Cyberguide francophone des loisirs for fall and winter programs are now available online at ottawa.ca. Choose from a wide variety of activities for all ages, including swimming lessons, fitness classes, general-interest courses, sports and instruction in the arts. Registration for swimming and aquafitness classes begins online and by phone (613-580-2588) on **Monday, August 8 at 9pm** and in person at City recreation facilities on Tuesday, August 9. Registration for all other classes begins **Wednesday, August 10 at 9pm** and in person at City recreation facilities on Thursday, August 11.

Good Luck Ottawa Lions Club Olympians

The Ottawa Lions Track and Field Club, based out of the Terry Fox Athletic Centre at Mooney's Bay will be sending a number of its members to the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Best wishes are sent to Melissa Bishop, Tim Nedow, Farah Jacques, Segun Makinde and Sekou Kaba as they represent Canada. The Lions will likely add up to 6 participants in the Paralympics, with River Ward resident Rachael Burrows amongst this group. Last but not least, Ottawa Lions coach (and 1996 Atlanta Olympics gold medal winner) Glenroy Gilbert will be one of the Team Canada coaches in Rio.

Importance of Neighbourhood Watch Programs

Neighbourhood Watch is a program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. It aims to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level. The ultimate success of Neighbourhood Watch depends largely on a commitment to cooperation between area residents and the police and more importantly, between residents themselves. The Neighbourhood Watch Program encourages participation in crime prevention. As part of the program, you can learn: how to recognize and report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood, how to make your home less inviting as a target for thieves, and how to participate in Operation Identification, an engraving program for your valuables. To find out if Neighbourhood Watch exists in your area or to start a program, please contact my office.

Victorian Tea at The Farm

The Friends of the Experimental Farm will host their annual Victorian Tea on Sunday August 7 from 10am to 2pm, cost \$10. For information call 613-230-3276 or email info@friendsofthefarm.ca.