



## Ottawa West Column – Nov 17, 2016

### Daytime Safety Audit Walk on Saturday

Following the successful evening safety audit walk that took place on November 8, a daytime safety walk is scheduled for this Saturday November 19 from 1:30-3pm. Meet at the Alexander Community Centre. All are welcome.

### Draft Urban Forest Management Plan Open House

The City's Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) is intended to provide strategic and technical guidance to achieve urban forest sustainability in Ottawa over the next 20 years. Following the City's well attended and informative Input and Visioning Workshop one year ago, a draft UFMP has been developed and additional public input is sought. Please consider attending a public open house: November 21, City Hall, 1-4pm or 6-9pm and November 22, 6-9pm.

### Leaf and Yard Waste Buildup

Local residents are asked to do their part and clean up leaf and yard debris that may be scattered on streets, particularly on top of catch basins. Several years ago, City Council eliminated funding for an autumn street sweeping. While the snow plow is expected to move most of this debris along following the first significant snow fall, we can all do our part by sweeping and picking up old leaves and other debris along the curbs of our streets. Thank-you for helping keep River Ward clean.

### Three River Ward Christmas Bazaars-Nov 19

River Ward will be hosting three Christmas bazaars this Saturday, November 19 and all are welcome. The **Riverside Churches**, located at 3191 Riverside Drive, just south of Walkley Road, and **Carleton Memorial United Church**, located at 740 Melfa Crescent, off Prince of Wales will host their annual bazaar from 10am-2pm. Many homemade treasures, food and other gift possibilities await you. In addition to this bazaar, you are also invited to stop by at **W.E. Gowling PS**, located at 250 Anna Avenue, off Merivale Road, for their annual Christmas Craft Show from 10am-3:30pm.

### Police are Focusing on Red Light Runners

During the month of November, the Ottawa Police Service have been focusing their attention on **red light runners and stop sign violators**. Between 2010 and 2014, there were 3,186 collisions resulting in 1,478 injuries and 2 fatalities due to red light running and during the same time period, there were 3,283 collisions resulting in 1,034 injuries and eight fatalities due to stop sign running. When stop signs and traffic lights are not respected, the lives of other motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are put in risk. Please obey the rules of the road and do your part to keep River Ward safe. If there are intersections that are chronically problematic, please report them to my office.

### River Ward Christmas Social

On Tuesday December 13, I will be hosting my annual Christmas Social, open to all River Ward residents at the Carleton Heights Community Centre from 6-8pm. Drop in any time for festive refreshments and conversation.