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School is Back – Slow Down

Welcome Back Students and Teachers! Local students have now returned to school and with that comes heavier volumes of walkers, cyclists and vehicles travelling to and from school in our neighbourhoods. Motorists are asked to slow down in school zones and obey all posted speed limits. Parents, please speak with your children about rules of the road, crosswalk and sidewalk use and bicycle safety. We all have an active role to play in keeping our community safe. It should come as no surprise that during the month of September, the Ottawa Police will focus a fair bit of their attention on school zone safety. Between 2010 and 2014, there were 890 collisions within school zones, on school days around bell time, resulting in 207 injuries.

Carlington Hill Mountain Bike Proposal

On **September 15, 2016**, the Community and Protective Services Committee at City Hall will debate and discuss a staff recommendation to enter in to a partnership with the Ottawa Mountain Biking Association (OMBA) regarding the installation of a Mountain Bike pump track and skills area on the north side of Carlington Hill in Carlington Park. In May 2016, the Carlington Community Association at their AGM hosted OMBA who presented their vision for Carlington Hill, which received the support of the majority of members in attendance. Concerns have been raised by some residents as well who are concerned about the number of non-local residents coming in to Carlington, parking issues, noise and the impact to the Hill itself. If you would like a copy of the staff report, want to submit your comments to the Committee and/or attend the meeting as a public delegate, please contact my office and I will assist you.

Ward Office – Open for You

All residents of River Ward are welcome and encouraged to drop-in and say hello at the Ward Office, located in the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. The office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays. I have met hundreds of residents to discuss issues of local concern, simply drop-in or schedule an appointment by calling 613-580-2486. If it's too far to meet me at the ward office, I will happily visit you at a local coffee shop or another closer community centre in the ward.

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

The City of Ottawa is partnering with the Governor General of Canada to honour 150 outstanding volunteers from our city. These outstanding volunteers will be recognized in 2017 with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers as part of Canada's 150th birthday celebrations. The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is a prestigious national honour that is awarded to recognize volunteer achievements in a wide range of fields. I have been asked to nominate six exemplary volunteers from River Ward for this honour. To learn more about this medal, please visit <https://caring.gg.ca/en>. I invite you to contact my office with your nomination by **September 30**.