

# A look at the top 10 stories of 2009



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1. **Welcoming the Shenkman Arts Centre:** A vision that was nearly 20 years in the making became a reality in June of 2009, when the highly anticipated Shenkman Arts Centre officially opened its doors.

2. **Bertschi wins Liberal nomination:** In what was considered a stunning upset, Orléans lawyer David Bertschi won the federal Liberal nomination in Ottawa-Orléans, defeating Innes Coun. Rainer Bloess and Judith Cane.

3. **Orléans Y's new identity:** Thanks to a \$1 million dollar donation from Ottawa philanthropist John Ruddy, the Orléans location of the YMCA-YWCA will now be known as the Ruddy Family Centre. The donation kickstarted a fundraising campaign with money going towards the expansion of the east end facility. A committee has been formed, headed by former Orléans Chamber of Commerce president Gerry Dust to raise money

from the Orléans business community.

4. **The first park for seniors in all of Ottawa:** In September, residents welcomed the first seniors park in all of Ottawa, located on Centrum Boulevard in Orléans. The city's first seniors park is part of massive expansion plans for the Town Centre Plaza.

5. **Frost makes history:** Kevin Frost has enjoyed success on the speed skating circuit, competing

against able body skaters. The Orléans resident suffers from Usher Syndrome, a disorder that causes progressive and hearing loss. His goal has been to have speed skating part of the Paralympic Winter Games, and this year, his dream came one step closer when he competed in a Paralympic competition in Russia where he broke three world records and set personal bests in times.