CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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"Leaves to right of them Leaves to left of them Leaves in front of them..."

With apologies to Alfred, Lord Tennyson

History was made recently in Champlain Park.

A hastily called conference of Cowley Avenue inhabitants gathered *al fresco* on a sunny October 18 to consider action against the great menace that affects the region year after year at about this time. It was convened by no less a personality we shall call The Leader, known during the winter as Captain Snowblower (see **The Lion in Winter**, Champlain Speaker, Vol.16, No. 5, December 1995).

The Leader's objective was to marshal community resources to fight the deluge of leaves that descend from the heavens on the streets below, impeding pedestrians, choking eavestroughs, muffling lawns and generally littering the streets.

Speaking to the crowd gathered before him on the leaf-bag-lined street (it was garden-waste pick-up day), The Leader, an expert and user of technologies of all kinds, introduced his mechanically illiterate listeners to the technical wonder he had discovered, available on the market for a mere \$800.00 "and change", which would render leaves and other garden waste to dust in one foul swoop.

What now lines the street in hundreds of paper bags, he explained, could henceforth be cut down to size in the maw of this gasoline-fired monster. Over the years, one could save a fortune on paper bags, he added. And with sufficient investors, he pointed out, the capital outlay would be reduced to a pittance.

As luck would have it, The Leader was able to produce a demonstration model from the back of his scarlet van, and with a powerful roar, the machine viciously attacked piles of leaves purposely and wantonly emptied on the side-walk by its promoter. This was no wooden horse, despite its trade name, the "Troy-built Chipper-Shredder".

To cut a long story short, the ladies and gentlemen in his audience were enthusiastic and a required number signed up to buy a share, cutting down the cost to each - a stirring example of community co-operation only possible on a street with such close knit inhabitants. We'll bet that citizens on Daniel Ave, which may have the greatest need, will wonder why they didn't think of it first!

Now, once the Troy-built is purchased, the Cowley group "Chipper-Shredder" co-operative will have to deal with such constitutional matters as where the machine is housed, how and when it can be accessed, what priorities will be permitted and other scheduling problems. The Leader himself guaranteed its maintenance. We feel sure that once experience is gained, it will be shared with the entire Champlain Park community.

But yet, to provide balance, it must be reported that only one couple openly decided against sharing in this project. The reason? "Well, autumn in Canada has a very special flavour, much of it coming from the falling and gathering of leaves. We want our children to play in them, to rake them into piles, to enjoy their colours, to learn that leaves benefit our gardens and lawns and we'd like our leaves to depart as they came to us, noiselessly".

by Albert Tunis

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Answer to last month's puzzle was: Take a Walk on the Wild(Flower) side.

PRESIDENTIAL PRUSE Lynne Bankier, 729-0955

This is a busy and interesting time in the neighbourhood and in Kitchissipi Ward. The Hallowe'en party was its usual success thanks to Laurie Fagan. Thanks also to the volunteers who helped her out, which included several adults and a group of 11 and 12 year old girls. It's great to see these children becoming helpful participants in the community. Not only did they help to decorate, but they took turns as the "Fortune Teller"!

The All Candidates meeting took place on October 28. My goals as the organizer were met. We had a mainly respectful and informative meeting. Special thanks must go to Sandy Milne, the moderator, and Elizabeth Mundell, the timekeeper. They did an excellent job of keeping the meeting running smoothly, fairly, and in a timely fashion. A number of people complimented us on a well-run meeting.

Key issues identified for our neighbourhood were traffic calming, parking enforcement, enforcement of zoning bylaws related to development/renovation, budget priorities especially related to recreational facilities. Since the municipal politicians do have an impact on the quality of life in our community, it's important to cast an informed vote. Finally, do come to the Sneezy Waters Coffee House/Silent

Auction planned for Saturday, November 8 at 7:30 P.M. at the field house.



As November 11th approaches, I find myself contemplating the significance of Remembrance Day. Yes it happens to be the birthday of my youngest child, but that is not the only reason of the importance of

the day. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the armistice of the war to end all wars was signed. How little the leaders of that day learned was evidenced by World War II merely eighteen years later. Many persons of the generations that preceded mine bemoan that the younger generations do not know of war in their life time. Maybe not in the same way as the wars of the past - World War I. World War II, the Korean Conflict, but my generation undoubtedly remembers Vietnam. Many Canadians volunteered to fight in that war; many died, and those who returned have not received the support and recognition afforded to the veterans of other wars. There have been other conflicts that have arisen during my time: Grenada, Bosnia, the Gulf War. I vividly remember my oldest child, then five years of age, asking me if I was off to fight in the war because I was wearing my army uniform on my way to a militia work night. How do you explain to a five year old child that you, their parent, would not be sent to Kuwait to fight?

Having spent a large chunk of my adult life as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces, I have the upmost respect and admiration for the veterans who fought valiantly for Canada and the Allies in the wars Canada has participated in. To the families of those who did not return, I extend my sympathies because although time tends to heal the wounds, the wounds are never fully gone and the memories of loved ones are always cherished. And as November 11th nears, I urge all to remember the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who served their countries in the wars to preserve the freedom we regularly take for granted. Wear a poppy, and

show how much you care.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH POLICE REPORT for August 1997, 12 incidents reported:

DATE	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
08/02	Cowley Ave.	Attempted auto theft
08/02	Keyworth Ave.	Auto theft. Value \$7,000. Recovered.
08/02	Keyworth Ave.	Theft under \$1,000 from motor vehicle.
08/05	Carleton Ave.	Mischief to property under \$5,000. Damage \$450
08/06	Northwestern Ave.	Mischief to property under \$5,000. Damage \$263
08/10	Cowley Ave.	Break & Enter, private residence. Value \$250.
08/14	Patricia Ave.	Mischief to property under \$5,000.
08/24	Carleton Ave.	Break & Enter, private residence. Value \$5,901.
08/28	Keyworth Ave.	Attempted Break & Enter, private residence.
08/28	Keyworth Ave.	Theft under \$1,000, bicycles. Value \$600.
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CHAMPLAIN PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING (16 OCT 97)

The meeting was attended by Lynn Bankier, Ben Svenhard, Neil Robertson, Nick Montero and Michael Cheng. The group discussed evidence suggesting that some thefts and vandalism were committed by youths residing in our community and that the Field House has become a hangout for these youths, especially after dark.

One idea generated is that since the Field House is the activity centre for many people (adults as well as kids), it is a natural place to publicize the purpose of Neighbourhood Watch. Posters about Neighbourhood Watch should be placed both inside and outside the Field House to make people aware of our security concerns and that we are watching. An excellent means to get the grassroots interested is to get the kids and youths to produce posters for Neighbourhood Watch. There could be prizes for winners and their work would be posted at the Field House. Every participant would also be given a button with a creative design to stimulate interest in the project.

This kind of constructive activity promoting awareness of neighbourhood security can be repeated annually or bi-annually. The benefits of such an approach are as follows:

- * We educate the kids early about the values of security and community cooperation with the police. They are more likely to become responsible youths and adults.
- * When kids are working at the poster contest, it is likely that they will ask questions and discuss ideas with their families and friends. The activities and values of Neighbourhood Watch will be reinforced for both children and adults. What better promotion tools than this can we use?
- * Kids can turn out to be excellent neighbourhood watchers to improve community security. They are alert, inquisitive and creative. They could come up with better ideas!

We need YOUR HELP in launching this project. We hope that volunteers among parents and youths will help to make the

project happen. Please call Neil at 729-5439 if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Neighbourhood Watch desperately needs new ideas to make it more lively. The above project proposal is a creative initiative from our Community. If successful, we could introduce it to the Region. Please keep in mind that the Champlain Park Community can become a Champion in the Region and we will all benefit from increased security and community spirit.

Submitted: Lynn Bankier, Ben Svenhard, Neil Robertson, Nick Montero, Michael Cheng.

During the month of October;

* We met with City Officials to discuss lighting concerns. A new light has been installed in the north alcove of the field house and the defective lights will be repaired shortly.

* We met with Regional Police to request increased

police patrols in our Community.

* Several youths were confronted trying to climb up on the roof of the field house.

* Michael would like to thank the parents and the youth involved for the positive response to an incident concerning damage to the field house.

We would like to remind you that there is an 11 pm. curfew for all City parks.

Violators are subject to prosecution under the Trespass to Property Act, Section 2(1)(a)(i).

ALERT: THEFTS FROM CARS

A number of thefts from cars have recently been reported in our community. We urge you not to leave valuables in your cars. Make sure that your vehicle is locked and be aware of unusual or suspicious activity around parked vehicles. Several victims have reason to believe that some of these crimes were committed by youths who may reside in our community; please pay attention to this possibility and see if we can prevent future incidents.

Engraving tools are available to mark your possessions. If you would like to borrow one, please contact your Block Captain.

AMY'S CURNER

Amy Kempster 722-6039

Elections: November 10 is an important day for all residents of Champlain Park. This is your opportunity to help determine the future of our neighbourhood, our city, our region and our schools. Voting is a privilege and responsibility. I encourage you all to get out and vote. If anyone is unable to walk to the poll and would like a ride call me (722-6039) and I will drive you there. The offices you can vote for are: Regional Chair, Regional Councillor, Ottawa Mayor, Ottawa City Councillor, School Board Trustee depending on which school board you support. Since my last column other candidates have joined the city race. City Councillor candidates are: Michael Bartholomew, Paul Copeland (resident of Champlain Park), Lynda Kitchikeesic-Juden, Michael Kostiuk, Shawn Little, Brenda Parris and Andre Vertes. There are quite a few good candidates for the City Councillor position, so if you are like me, it is hard to choose.

Downloading: The allocation of some of the costs of the various services to be downloaded from the province to municipalities will create real problems for the next Regional Council. This is also related to the question of governance and the work the Citizens' Panel will be doing over the next several months about changes in the structure of local government in the area. Suburban representatives on Regional Council may be inclined to allocate such costs as public housing to where the housing is located (mainly in Ottawa). Direction from the province may not be helpful as I heard (from Councillor Wendy Stewart) that one proposal was to allocate ambulance costs to where they were parked!

Champlain Bridge: Now is the time to write NCC Commissioners on the operation of the Champlain Bridge before their meeting on Nov. 20. The Transportation Master Plans of the two Regions do not mesh. That of the Communauté Urbaine de l'Outaouais (CUO) done without consultation with this side but with NCC involvement and before the Environmental Assessment of the Champlain Bridge reconstruction envisaged a three-lane Champlain Bridge with the third lane as a high-occupancy vehicle lane, plus in the longer-term a transit bridge at Lemieux Island. The Regional Community of Ottawa-Carleton's (RMOC) recently completed Transportation Master Plan speaks about

pursuing with federal and provincial agencies, the CUO and the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) implementation of transit priority measures on approaches to the Chaudiere and Portage bridges but has no plans for any changes on this side of the Champlain Bridge. The previous NCC decision suggested the two sides get together to discuss the operation of the reconstructed bridge, but no meetings have been held. You can therefore suggest that they decide to operate it, at least initially, as a two-lane bridge with priority for buses. They could decide to ask the NCC to develop, with public input, objective criteria to decide if and when the need for a third lane exists. They could also be encouraged to adopt for the NCC, RMOC's transportation priorities (walking, cycling, transit and then cars) and for the NCC to take the lead in organizing public input into how the two transit systems can best integrate their operations for a more efficient National Capital Region Transit System. You might add that if a third lane is to be operated it should be restricted to buses in order to encourage the maximum transfer from the car mode to the transit mode and make policing of the third lane easier. Addresses for key NCC Commissioners follow:

Mr Ed Drover 3rd Floor, Box 23040, St John's NF A1B 4J9

Ms. Nancy Power 6018-111th Avenue Edmonton AB T5W 0K9

Mr William H. Teed 1600 Brunswick Sq. Saint John NB E2L 4H8 Mr Alec Katz 100-6 Roslyn Road Winnipeg MB R3L 0G5

Irving Schwartz 325 Vulcan Avenue Sydney NS B1P 6K3

Ms. Joan O'Neill 17 Fallow Court Ottawa ON K1T 1W8

M. Norma J. Lamont 1901-1171 Ambleside Drive Ottawa, ON K2B 8E1



NATURE CURNER

What to look for: large round head; no ear tufts; bright yellow eyes; brown and white pattern on front; wings brown and black, white mustache.

Habitat: northern and mountains forests occasionally appears in south during winter.

Photo by Barb Robertson

Last Month Answer: Downy Woodpecker

NEIGHBOUR-CARD: In the spaces below, write the name, address and phone number of your immediate neighbours with whom you have established a mutual protection network.

(NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH)

BACK NEIGHBOURS	JK Iso	225
Name: Address: Tel:	Name: Address: Tel:	Name:Address:Tel:
Name: Address: Tel:	YOU	Name:Address:Tel:
FRONT NEIGHBOURS	http://www.commons.com/	155-201 & 155-108 Regimentary, 16, Ca 115-145 & 122-180 Regimentary, 12 For
Name: Address: Tel:	Name: Address: Tel:	Name: Address: Tel:

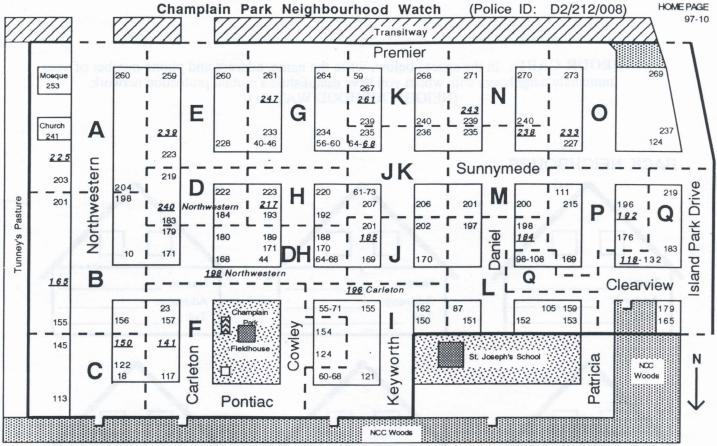
POLICE: NON EMERGENCY: 236-1222, ask for the Communications Centre. EMERGENCY: 911

Most of us know of recent break-ins or attempted break-ins.

If you observe something suspicious, please call 236-1222 and ask for the Communications Centre.

They can deal with non emergency situations without tying up an emergency operator.

If you have an urgent situation that requires immediate attention, dial 911.



The a	ddresses	of	block	captains	are	highlighted.
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Block	Area Covered	Block Captain	Address	Telephone
Α	203-253 & 204-260 Northwestern.	Brian Cornelius	225 Northwestern	729-6525
В	155-201 & 156-198 Northwestern, 10 Clearview.	Ben Svenhard	165 Northwestern	722-0993
С	113-145 & 122-150 Northwestern, 18 Pontiac.	Charlotte Wilson-Miller	150 Northwestern	761-1101
D	183-219 & 184-222 Carleton.	Carole Johnson	240 Northwestern	729-8873
DH	171-179 & 168-180 Carleton, 171-189 & 170-188 Cowley, 44-68 Clearview	Jackie Crawford	198 Northwestern	798-7342
E	223-259 & 228-260 Carleton	John Texeira	239 Carleton	725-9463
F	117-157 Carleton, 124-154 Cowley, 23 Clearview and the Park	Nick Montero	141 Carleton	728-7545
G	233-261 & 234-264 Cowley, 40-60 Sunnymede.	Carol Arnason	247 Cowley	729-6639
н	193-223 & 192-220 Cowley.	Jacques Bourbeau	217 Cowley	728-0337
1	121-155 & 150-162 Keyworth, 55-71 Clearview, 60-68 Pontiac.	Jo-Ann Benn	196 Carleton	729-1346
J	169-201 & 170-202 Keyworth.	Verne Potvin	185 Keyworth	725-5423
JK	207-235 & 206-236 Keyworth, 61-73 & 64-68 Sunnymede.	Tom Sauve	68 Sunnymede	728-0191
K	239-267 & 240-268 Keyworth, 59 Premier.	Lee Scott	261 Keyworth	729-3035
L	151-197 & 152-198 Daniel, 87-105 Clearview, 153-159 Patricia.	Evelyn Sparks	184 Daniel	728-5552
М	201-235 & 200-238 Daniel.	Carole Copeland	238 Daniel	729-7824
N	239-271 & 240-270 Daniel.	Helen Joseph	243 Daniel	722-4088
0	227-273 Patricia, 237-269 Island Park, 124 Sunnymede.	Lynda Fancy	233 Patricia	725-1315
Р	169-215 & 176-196 Patricia, 111 Sunnymede.	Karen Maser	192 Patricia	722-6700
Q	98-132 Clearview, 165-219 Island Park	Amy Kempster	118 Clearview	722-6039

FOR EMERGENCY CALLS, DIAL 911

For non emergency situations, call 236-1222 and ask for the Communications Centre.



It is our responsibility to;

- § make our homes secure
- § watch our neighbour's property
- report any suspicious activities to the police

District Police Office, 4181/2 Richmond Rd.

Contact: Constable Samir (Sam) Bhatnaghar Telephone: 236-1222, ext 5871

Supervisor: Sgt. Terry Welch, ext 5876

Your coordinators are:

Michael Cheng, 145 Carleton Ave., 722-3344 Nick Montero, 141 Carleton Ave., 728-7545

NUVEMBER/97 WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY YACINZ MUNDAY YACRUTAZ TUESDAY BLUE BOX 8 Playgroup Playgroup YARD WASTE Social Group Northwestern meeting at Fieldhouse United Church 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aerobics Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. 2 to 4 pm Hollyberry Luncheon 7-8 p.m. T'ai Chi Aerobics Class & Bazaar 7-8 p.m. 11 am. to 2 pm 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fly Tying 9:00 p.m Yoga **Sneezy Waters** 7:30 p.m. at the 8:00-9:30 p.m. Fieldhouse 11 10 12 13 14 BLUE BOX 15 Social Group Remembrance Playgroup YARD WASTE meeting at Fieldhouse Day Aerobics Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. Help Santa 2 to 4 pm 7-8 p.m. **Toy Parade** Aerobics Class T'ai Chi Playgroup Laurier and 7-8 p.m. 9:30-11:30 a.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. Elgin at 10:45 Garden Club Yoga a.m. 8:00-9:30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. 16 18 19 21 BLUEBOX 22 17 20 Social Group Playgroup Playgroup YARD WASTE **Open House** meeting at Fieldhouse 9:30-11:30 a.m. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aerobics Class 2 to 4 pm Ottawa **Aerobics Class** 7-8 p.m. T'ai Chi Mosque 7-8 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fly Tying 2:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m to Yoga 4:00 p.m. 8:00-9:30 p.m. 23 24 25 26 27 28 BLUE BOX 29 Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aerobics Class Playgroup Social Group meeting at Fieldhouse 7-8 p.m. 9:30-11:30 a.m. 2 to 4 pm Fly Fishing Aerobics Class 7:00 p.m Yoga 7-8 p.m. 8:00-9:30 p.m.

***Playgroup will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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- ***Aerobics Classes Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. for 15 weeks, Sept. 8 to Dec. 17, 1997.
- ***Yoga Classes Thursday evening, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. for 12 weeks, Sept. 18 to Dec. 4, 1997.
- ***Tai Chi Classes Thursday evenings, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for 10 weeks, Sept. 17 to Nov. 20, 1997.

TO ADD ITEMS NEXT MONTH - CALL 729-5439 BEFORE THE 25TH OF THE MONTH

ANNIUNCEMENTS

Local Teens Interested in Work:

Tom Arnason
Rachelle
Jessica
Sarah
Raul Ratsch
Rory Taylor

729-6639 Yard Chores
722-6303 Babysitting
728-8413 Babysitting
722-2687 Babysitting
729-5439 Babysitting
728-2583 Yard Chores
798-0036 Yard Chores

Caregiver Available Immediately.

Island Park & Scott St. Experienced - Non-Smoker. By the hour, day, or week.

Call: Kathy 728-4938

Northwestern United Church

Hollyberry Luncheon and Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 8th, 11 am to 2 pm.

Toy room, silent auction, crafts, white elephant, bake table and more.

HELP SANTA TOY PARADE

The 28th Annual Ottawa Professional Fire Fighters' Association "Help Santa Toy Parade" will be held on Saturday, November 15th, starting at the corner of Laurier Ave. and Elgin St. at 10:45 am. The Fire Fighters will be collecting brand new toys and cash donations along the route, west on Laurier and south on Bank St. to Lansdowne Park, to help provide a happier Christmas for the underprivileged children of our community.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual membership drive for the Champlain Park Community Association will take place during the month of November

NIGHT FLIGHT

How about a night of total fun at the Museum?
A sleeping bag, a pillow, a toothbrush and an itch for adventure is all you need. Explore the Museum by flashlight, discover aerodynamics, how airplanes fly, practice on the controls of a Cessna and more!

We have tentatively booked Saturday, February 21, for up to 30 kids 5-10 years old.

If this works out well, we can do it again for 11-16 years old.

Cost is \$20.00 for kids, \$10.00 for adults; we need 1 adult for every 3 kids.

Information and registration: call Tim Frank at 729-0882

Open House, Ottawa Mosque

November 16, 1997 (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

The Ottawa Muslim Association will be holding an open house in the Mosque on Sunday, November 16, 1997 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All families living in the vicinity of the Mosque are invited to meet the Muslim Community members. Refreshments will be served. Children are welcomed.

The open house is being held in appreciation of our neighbours' support in enabling the community to extend the prayer facilities of the Mosque. This will also provide an opportunity for the community and the Executive of the Muslim Association to know each other.

It would be appreciated, if ladies wear long dresses. Everybody entering the mosque will be requested to take off their shoes since Muslims pray on the floors.

For further information, please contact Dr. M.I.Tallim at 829-8004

Reminder

The Great Champlain Park Coffee House-Silent Auction featuring Sneezy Waters.

Saturday, November 8 7:30 p.m. at the Fieldhouse

Hear some great music, try some rich desserts and bid on fabulous auction items. Last chance for tickets call 728-1945.