# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

## Sleigh ride Tuesday, Dec. 22

Volunteers needed. Make Santa's nice list!

The sleigh is scheduled to depart the Fieldhouse about 6:15 p.m. and return at 8 p.m.

Count on a stop at Santa's local HQ on Sunnymede!

In case of poor weather, check the Champlain Park website (champlainpark.org) for news. Freezing rain can sometimes cancel the sleigh ride.

If the horses are unavailable, we'll meet at the Fieldhouse for a party.

Please feel free to bring Christmas cookies or snacks.

Jim Cocks has very generously donated his time to organize the event.

If you're able to volunteer any time with setup, cleanup, treats or hot chocolate, please let Jim know at <a href="mailto:jim.co@sympatico.ca">jim.co@sympatico.ca</a> or 613-728-7881.

### Winter Carnival Saturday, Jan. 30 @ rink, Fieldhouse

Please consider helping out at event, noon to 3 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the annual winter carnival at the Fieldhouse and rink on the last Saturday in January.

The event will feature horse-drawn sleigh rides from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. and a chili cook-off.

There will also be hotdogs and baked goods for sale, as well as free hot chocolate and coffee.

At 2 p.m., we hope to offer live music and games. There will be skating all day and hockey skills after lunch.

If you would like to help out, or offer chili or baked goods, please contact Sarah Kotyck (<u>kotyck@rogers.com</u>) or Natalie Raffoul (<u>nraffoul@cbrcanada.com</u>)

We would love to have you join us for this community fun activity!



### Volunteers needed for outdoor rink operation

Planning for the operation of the outdoor rink is underway and Jim Kot is putting out a

call for volunteers to help with shoveling and supervision.

Please contact Jim at 613-722-7519 or <a href="mailto:kris.tom@sympatico.ca">kris.tom@sympatico.ca</a> for more details. High school students can earn community volunteer hours by helping out.

Opening day is, of course, weather dependent, but it's usually not sooner than Dec. 27 but no later than Jan. 1.

The last official day is Feb. 28 but that could be extended, as it was last year, when skating ended March 7.



#### **Notes on Use/Permits:**

\* Only if the group is related to our neighbourhood will a permit be considered after regular hours of operation.

\* During weekdays, the school has priority.

\* Tunney's Pasture staff may use rink during lunch.

\* Special events can be arranged, as long as they don't interfere with regular skating hours. (Some exceptions)

#### Regular hours:

Monday to Friday: 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday: Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.

#### Reserved times:

Women's hockey: Sunday, 8 to 9:30 p.m. Hockey, kids 10 & under: Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m. Hockey, kids 11 to 14: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

### Regular Fieldhouse programs resume in January

### Yoga

Begins: **Jan. 6**When: **Wednesdays from**6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Ends: May 18 No. of classes: 20 Cost: \$140

Please check the website, champlainpark.org for contacts and details.

### Aerobics

Begins: Jan. 4
When: Mondays from
6:45 to 7:45 p.m.
Ends: May 16
No. of classes: 18

Cost: Reasonable, based on numbers.

More info: Check with champlainpark.org

### Bridge

Begins: Jan. 6
When: Wednesdays, at 2
p.m.
Ends: June 29
Skill: All levels welcome.
Info: Amy Kempster,
613-722-6039

### Garden Club

Begins: Jan. 12 When: Second Tuesday of every month.

Cost: \$25 for season or \$5 drop-in. Info: Laurie Fagan, 613-728-1945.

### And one last thing......

### Open executive meeting

For Champlain Park Community Association to be held **Jan. 7.** Details to follow on website.