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A Little Champlain Park History Part 1 of 2 by Gwen & Roy Sims

My husband, Roy Sims, one of the oldest living original park persons, was born on Cowley Ave., when it was still in Nepean township and known as Riverside Park. As we both enjoyed the park atmosphere we purchased a city-owned lot on Northwestern Ave. in 1954.

We made a bid on the property and were very happy when it was accepted. There were sixteen properties on Northwestern Ave., up for bids at the time and they were snapped up immediately.

Northwestern Ave. was not paved in 1954. It resembled the original name (Stony Road) and each summer the dust would fly as the cars and trucks drove past our house. It was just a very wide gravel street and not safe for small children as there were no sidewalks.

There was no median down the center. It wasn't until the storm sewers were installed and the street was paved that we got the median and sidewalks. It was such a big improvement and it was much safer having the sidewalks for the children to play on.

Bread and milk were still delivered by horse and wagon in those days. The children liked to watch and pet the docile horses which knew the route so well they automatically stopped at our house.

A number of homes were built at the same time as ours, some by contractors and some by owners. Bill Teron built one of his first homes next to ours and then went on to bigger things. He never lived in it.

Northwestern is a very rocky street and there was a lot of blasting going on, especially on the east side. We were thankful we bought our lot on the west side.

Tunney's Pasture was just a big vacant area with a few houses built on it. The children loved playing there and it was quite safe. Then the government decided to develop it into the complex it is today. Two of the two-story brick houses were moved over to Northwestern Ave. and the others were taken to Royal Ave. in Westboro.



Riverside Park now known as Champlain Park.

The median down the middle of the street was planted with Linden trees which have grown very well over the years. If we were in Berlin our street could rightly be name "Unter der Linden".

(Continued next month)

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 Hyphen, Larynx, Rye, Scythe, Sylph, Tryst,
 Lymph, Myrrh, Lynx, Lynch, Hymn, Crypt,
 Cyst, Pyx, Gym, Myth, Gyre.

Answer to last month's puzzle: The boys of summer are back on the field.

(Amy's Corner continued from last page.)

Among other city areas slated for protection included in the amendment are: Hampton Park Woods, parts of the Arboretum, Brown's inlet and Patterson's Creek, etc. **An open house will be held by the city from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sept 8 in the Freiman-Guiges Room at City Hall 111 Sussex Drive. To show your support for the city's move to protect these areas try to attend that open house.** If you would like a drive I plan to attend leaving home about 6:45 P.M. and would be glad to give you a drive, just call 722-6039.

Achbar property: Further developments on this include a possible swap of Achbar land for NCC land along Clearview. This has resulted in some measurements being taken by Tamarack and ribbons being placed on trees in the woods. Any use of NCC land will require rezoning so there will need to be public meetings on the issue if a swap seems likely. Given the proposed change of zoning to ES, as noted above, this possibility of a swap adds to the importance of attending the Sept. 6 open house. The city road allowance would need to be purchased as well and whether the city would agree, we do not know. An environmental assessment of the land to be gained and lost would probably be required by the NCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Bridge anyone? If you would be interested in forming an afternoon bridge club for one or two tables, please let me know which afternoon would be most suitable and I will try to organize one in the field house.

If you prefer euchre, and want to set up an afternoon group in the field house, suggest an afternoon and we can announce it in the Champlain Speaker and see if there are enough players for a group. Call Amy 722-6039.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT FOR PRESCHOOLERS

I will be starting another session of my "MAGICAL MOVEMENT AND DANCE" program this fall. This class offers opportunities for children to hear different types of music and feel how music can affect the way they move their bodies. My weekly themes and their imagination combine to make this a fun and creative way to spend 1 hour a week for ages 3-5 yrs. Session starts Tues Sept 28 - Dec 14. 9:30 - 10:30 at Northwestern United Church \$60/12 weeks call Carole Johnson 729-8873.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Teens Interested in Work:

Tom	729-6639	Yard Chores
Jessica	728-8413	Babysitting
Morgan	728-6530	Yard Chores
Kym	729-5439	Babysitting
Paul	728-2583	Yard Chores
Rory	798-0036	Yard Chores
Karl	728-7589	Yard Chores
Miriam	728-7589	Babysitting
Nick	798-7652	Yard Chores & computer help
Daniel	798-7652	Yard Chores
Dawn	728-2005	Babysitting
Matthew	725-9077	Babysitting & Chores

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Recycle Your Cedar Hedge Trimmings.

Collect freshly cut cedar branches in a pile or a cardboard box (no plastic bags). Place them close to the sidewalk or in an easily accessible area on your property. Call 771-3446 right away. Free pick up is guaranteed 7 days a week.

Come sing in Ottawa's newest concert choir, **The Mark Mitchell Folk Choir**, specializing in traditional folk music and folk song arrangements from many cultures. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Bronson Centre, 211 Bronson, beginning September 7. Feel free to drop in or contact 234-8546 or 685-0088 for further information.

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Ontario is welcoming compassionate and dedicated individuals to join their team of volunteers supporting and encouraging individuals in healing from Panic and Agoraphobia through their Companion Support Program. Call 729-6761

Looking for

feature articles for the Champlain Speaker. Do you have a story that might be of interest to our neighbourhood? Current or historical. Give us a call, 729-5439

Nature walks: Wednesday mornings at 9:30 A. M. starting on September 15 several of us propose to take nature walks in our neighbourhood or nearby (e.g. across the bridge). We meet on the Patricia Avenue deck of 118 Clearview and if you are interested you are welcome to join us. Given that one of us has some problems of arthritis our walks are leisurely rather than strenuous and filled with consultations of bird and flower books.

2 Yoga Classes Offered at Night

Join Peter Beacham for Yoga: Day and Night!

Because some people have said they are interested in a day-time yoga class, Peter Beacham has agreed to do a class on Fridays from 1:30-3:00 p.m. beginning September 17. If you are interested in signing up for this, the cost is the same as the Wednesday night class. The session will go for 14 weeks.

Mondays, 8:15 p.m. - 9:45 p.m., from Sept. 13 to Dec. 13, for all levels of students, including beginners. This course involves 13 weeks of yoga classes. Cost is \$78.00 (for members of the Community Association); \$83.00 (for non-members).

Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m., from Sept 15 to Dec. 15, for intermediate students. 14 weeks of yoga classes. Cost is \$84.00 (for members); \$89.00 (for non-members).

We need a minimum of 10 students per class to run each session. Please call **Debra Huron at 722-8048** before Sept. 13 if you wish to reserve a place in the class. Those who wish to take a chance on space being available can register at the first class.

Champlain Park Community Association AEROBICS CLASSES

The Fall Session starts soon!

Session runs Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:45-7:45 p.m. from Sept 13 to Dec 15, 1999 at the Fieldhouse, corner of Cowley and Clearview.

11 needed to make up a class!

For information or to register, call Wendy at 729-0882 or come to the first class.

Found child prescription lens glasses in Champlain Park playground.
Call Anna at 722-7751

The King's Daughters Dinner Wagon, Ottawa's Meals on Wheels program, is seeking volunteers during the fall months to deliver hot, nutritious meals to individuals who are unable to prepare their own meals but wish to remain independent at home.

If you can commit to 2 hours once a week or twice a month to this rewarding and essential service please contact:

Rosa or Pauline at 233-2424.

SEPTEMBER/99

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5	6 Labour Day	7 Black Box Fly Fishing 7:15 p.m.	8	9	10	11 Rosh Hashanah
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12 Grandparent's Day	13 Blue Box Yard Waste Aerobics Class 6:45-7:45 p.m. Yoga 8:15-9:45 p.m.	14 Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m. Garden Club Meeting 7 p.m. Guest: Ed Lawrence	15 Nature Walks 9:30 Aerobics Class 6:45-7:45 p.m. Yoga 7:45-9:15 p.m.	16 Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.	17	18
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***Playgroup will run every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

PLAYGROUP

Letter

AUGUST 1999

Playgroup (Tuesday and Thursday mornings from September 1999 to June 2000) will start up again on Tuesday, September 14th from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the park fieldhouse.

The cost is: \$40.00 for the first child of a family and \$5.00 for each additional child in the same family. Then add the \$7.00 community membership fee. So as an example, two kids would cost \$52.00, Three kids \$57.00 etc...for the year.

Drop-in fee is \$1.00 for the first child and .50 cents for each additional child of the same family. Please note that paying full price up front is a lot cheaper than paying the drop-in fee every Tues and Thu till June.

Please bring cash or a cheque made out to Champlain Park Community. All funds go towards Playgroup expenses such as kids snacks, coffee, occasional goodies for parents and guardians, as well as craft supplies, toy replacements, Christmas party needs and more.

If you have any questions please write them down and we can discuss it on the start date. Note: There will NOT be a playgroup meeting.

See you there,

Sutherland
722-7482



Third Annual West End House Tour

An eclectic mix of architecture and decorating ideas await visitors on this year's tour of houses in the Ottawa west end neighbourhoods of Westboro Beach, Highland Park, Champlain Park, Hintonburg and McKellar Park. The tour will feature a brand new dream home overlooking the Ottawa River, a surprisingly spacious in-fill, two inventive renovations and a landmark church near the Deschênes Rapids Lookout on the Ottawa River Parkway.

The self-guided tour takes place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 2. Tickets, which include a map, cost \$15 and can be reserved by calling 729-4217.

Here is a glimpse of some houses on this year's tour:

Champlain Park: The owner has taken a small bungalow and turned it into a decorator's dream with the owner's personal artistic tastes. The house has an enchanting garden in both the front and back yards. Come with your note pad; you will get lots of ideas from this renovation.

Westboro Beach: What would you do if you could design and build your dream home on the Ottawa River? The owners, the third generation to live on this site, have just built a spectacular country home in the city. The wrap-around verandah, connected through three sets of french doors, takes maximum advantage of its magnificent view of the Ottawa River. The second-floor master bedroom offers an even more spectacular view. A house to dream about.

Highland Park: This four year old in-fill shows how a new home can be built tastefully in an established neighbourhood. Four levels provide space for a total of five bedrooms and four bathrooms. Warm earth-tones and rich maple floors bring together the living and kitchen areas. A cozy sunken family room overlooking the back garden provides a great place for everyone to come together, while the cathedral ceiling in the formal living room adds elegance for entertaining.

Highland Park: Constructed in a style typical of the west-end, this home has recently undergone a major main floor renovation. New bay windows flood the first floor with light and airiness. The newly-renovated kitchen installed by the well-know west-end Thorpe brothers opens to a reading area and a deck. This home is also the site for the purchase of limited edition prints by Ottawa area artist Patrick Dillon-Fordyce.

McKellar Park: Architects Craig and Kohler designed the First Unitarian Church to harmonize with its location beside the Ottawa River. Built of cedar throughout, it features a tall spire formed by four single beams and a complete wall of glass which overlooks the bike-way paths and river. Members of the congregation will sell tea, coffee and cookies for those who need a break during the tour.

Tickets are on sale at the Newport Restaurant at 334 Richmond Road; Country Clover Company at 281-A Richmond Road; Upoar... Modern Design at 1200A Wellington; Critter Jungle in Hampton Park Plaza and Pearl Dry Cleaners at 354-B Richmond Road.

Proceeds will help pay down the legal bill incurred by the Communities Before Cars Coalition in its fight with the NCC to prevent a third lane being added to the Champlain Bridge.

AMY'S CORNER

Amy Kempster 722-6039

Governance: We can all hope that the province will give ordinary citizens some chance to express their opinion on the future of this region. One tier but how many municipalities seems to be the main choices being bandied about. Urban sprawl might best be contained by a Greater Ottawa Planning Board, which might extend out beyond the current Region. If the rural municipalities do not remain in the Region the three city model becomes 7 municipalities and the one city one becomes 5 municipalities. Those rural areas might push development in their area to the detriment of other areas, if uncontrolled. The three city model might lead to constant disputes as the majority of the services would be run by boards consisting of the mayors plus councillors with presumably Ottawa having a plurality of seats. If capital projects for roads to benefit the suburbs were funded largely by Ottawa taxes would the Ottawa politicians and voters be happy? One city might make it harder to address neighbourhood issues such as stop signs or the hours of the wading pool. I think we can all agree that directly accountable, efficient and effective government, openness of government decision making and active public consultation, equitability and accessibility of service, representation by population, an integrated approach to economic development and accessibility of elected officials would make for good local government. Unfortunately the status quo does not seem to be one of the provinces options so some change is inevitable. Perhaps you have ideas on how the Region should be governed. Why not write up your idea for the next Champlain Speaker?

Loblaw's: No further information at this time.

Zoning change and NOSS study

implementation: The Community Association has indicated its support of the proposed zoning changes for the two protection areas (N.O.S.S. areas 0702 and 0901) in our neighbourhood (from EW[693]-h to ES) and the Official Plan Amendment to add these as Environmentally Sensitive Areas on Schedule "A" of The Official Plan. Descriptions of these areas follow: (0702) Champlain Bridge Woods (west of bridge on both sides of the parkway to opposite of the end of Clearview on the south and to opposite the bottom of Churchill on the north side; and east of the bridge from unopened Cartwright along Clearview up to opposite the end of Cowley omitting the portion at the corner of Island Park Drive and the Parkway (i.e. essentially the wooded area) and Chaudiere Rapids (0901)(east of the bottom end of Northwestern on the north side of the Parkway and east of the bottom end of Carleton on the south side of the Parkway. (Continued on page 2)

PRESIDENTIAL PROSE

Lynne Bankier, 729-0955

As I write this, the start of school is almost upon this. Where did the summer go? I am looking forward to another active year for the community association. Fall courses and activities at the field house are advertised in this edition of the Speaker. The executive is continuing to follow a number of issues affecting Champlain Park, and these will be reported in the Speaker as they arise.

Achbar Property:

On July 26, a group of us met with Tamarack regarding the proposal to build some up-scale single-family homes on the Achbar property (which is located off Clearview Avenue adjacent to the NCC property we call "the woods" and is zoned for residential development). The developer is looking into the possibility of swapping some land so that he can build homes facing directly onto Clearview Avenue. Some of the land is NCC property (not zoned for residential development, so the developer would need to apply for re-zoning) and some of it is a city-owned road allowance. We did a "walk-through" to have a look at the land in question and were given a sketch showing the proposed lot lines and current land ownership.

The developer has communicated with city planning staff, who are studying his proposal and consulting with city environmental people. They will be guided by the NOSS study (Natural Open Spaces Study) and the proposal to re-zone some lands (including the woods in question) as "environmentally sensitive" (see Amy's column for details). An environmental assessment will likely be required as part of the process. Once the City has studied the proposal, there will be an opportunity for community input. I will organize a community meeting at that time to give people an opportunity to obtain information, ask questions, and express their viewpoints. In the interim, I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has an interest in this proposed development, especially people who live near the site.



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