

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

September, 2002

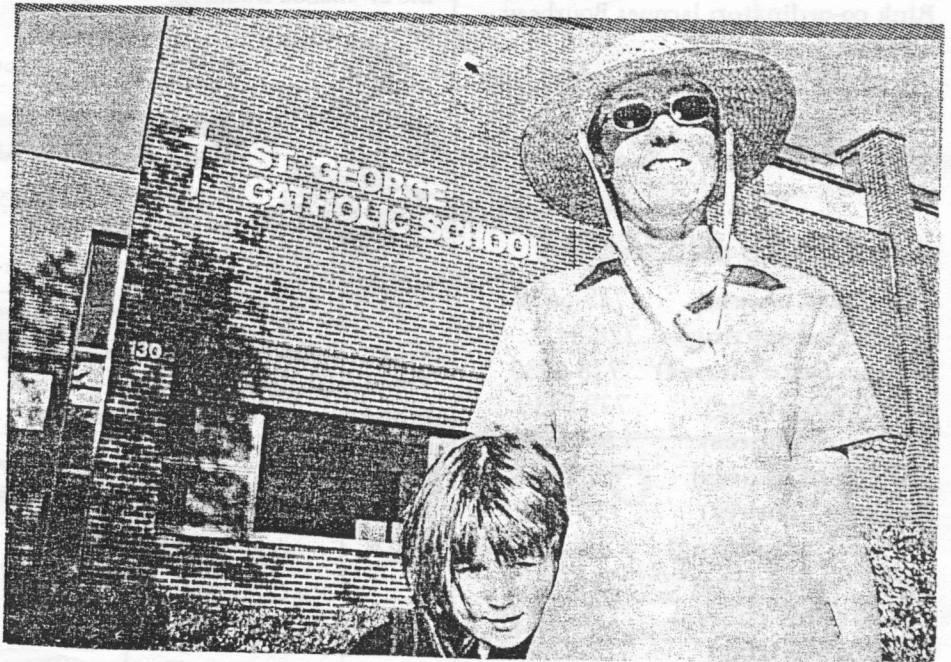
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St. George scores straight As

Champlain Park now has its own elementary school, St. George Catholic on Keyworth Avenue. The school had been on Piccadilly Avenue for more than 60 years. After a flurry of renovations costing \$500,000 in August, the school opened its doors to 330 students this month, operating kindergarten to Grade 6.

Parents have told the Speaker the new building, formerly St. Joseph's, an intermediate school, is a vast improvement over the old one. The new building has a full-sized gymnasium, after-school daycare, better specialty rooms and a gleaming new look.

It is also one of the few schools of its kind to have its own cafeteria. Enrolment has increased by about 20 students over last year. Parents are now planning an overhaul of the playground.



The bell, Mom! Moragh McDougall, five, and mom Laura head to new school

THE 6th ANNUAL OLD OTTAWA HOUSE TOUR

By Bonnie Campbell

An eclectic mixture of design and decorating ideas awaits visitors at this year's tour of houses in Ottawa's west end neighbourhoods.

The self-guided tour takes place between **10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.**, Saturday, **Sept. 28**. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 729-4217. Here's a glimpse:

The Diva's Delight, *West Wellington*

The interior of this home of a renowned opera star is as theatrical as her presence.

Ottawa Mosque, *Champlain Park*

The Islamic Community invites you to visit this mosque, built in 1977. This is your opportunity to ask questions about Islam, one of the world's major religions.

The World Travellers' Retreat, *Island Park Drive*

The owners have worked around the world and brought all their memories home to this beautiful stone Cape Cod style retreat.

50's Contempo, *Island Park Drive*

This Contempo style home features a remarkable design which follows the principles of Modernism and demonstrates mid-20th century innovation in home building.

"This Old House" Type Project (Year 2), *Westboro Beach*

The owners are restoring a 1913 rambling red brick farm home to its original heritage and glory.

Emma Murphy's Summer Home, *Britannia Village*

Now called The Trescoe House, this

whimsical home is a rare example of shingle side architecture in Ottawa.

The Historical Robinson House, *Britannia Village*

Charles Robinson, a carpenter, built the landmark corner home about 1895 in the Queen Anne Royal Style.

Modern Heritage Home, *Britannia*

This wonderful modern version of a traditional old Ottawa home cheerfully fits into Britannia's well-established reputation as a cottage community.

Tickets: Newport Restaurant, 334

Richmond; Country Clover Company, 281-A Richmond; Uproar, Modern Design, 1200-A Wellington; Critter Jungle, Hampton Park Plaza; and Collected Works Bookstore, 1242 Wellington. Proceeds to **Communities before Cars Coalition**.

Community Association

Chair: Jonathan Chaplan (728-7670)

Vice-chair: Mark Cianfaglione (722-5674)

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Secretary: Lynne Bankier (729-0955)

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Neighbourhood Watch: Michael Cheng (722-3344)

Fieldhouse co-ordinator: Laurie Fagan (728-1945)

Rink co-ordinator: Jacques Bourbeau (728-0337)

Adopt-a-Riverbank co-ordinator: Don Monet (728-1750)

TEENS AT WORK

Tom (yard chores)	729-6639
Jessica (babysitting)	728-8413
Morgan (yard chores)	728-6530
Kym (babysitting)	729-5439
Paul (yard chores)	728-2583
Rory (yard chores)	798-0036
Karl (yard chores)	728-7589
Miriam (babysitting)	728-7589
Nick (yard chores)	798-7652
Daniel (yard chores)	798-7652
Joey (babysitting)	728-5792
Katrina (babysitting)	725-5423
Geneviève (babysitting)	722-0454

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Lazy, hazy begone, let's get busy

FALL YOGA

The fall sessions of yoga begin in September. Join us for 90 minutes of stretching, asanas (yoga postures) and relaxation.

Location: Champlain Park Fieldhouse (Cowley and Clearview Avenues, just east of Island Park Drive)

Instructor: Peter Beacham, trained in the Sivananda tradition.



Classes

MONDAY, for all levels.

Time: 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

From: Sept. 9 to Dec. 16 (14 classes)

Cost: \$112 approxi-

mately

WEDNESDAY, intermediate.

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

From: Sep. 11 to Dec. 18 (15 classes)

Cost: \$120 approximately

For information or to register call Karen at 722-6700 or Peter at 725-1503.

Hush Hush



1 Experienced child-care

provider. Many references available. Non-smoker. Full or part-time. My home or yours. Call 728-7477 after 6 p.m.

2 Would you like to volunteer as a family? Family Services Ottawa is looking for participants for its "Family to Family Ties" program. You will be matched with an isolated family that needs friendship and support. Outings involved. For details call Nathalie at 725-3601 ext. 108.

3 Activities: Bridge: The bridge group will recommence on **Sept. 11** from **2:00-4:30 P.M.** in the Champlain Field House and continue on subsequent Wednesdays. This is a friendly group who would welcome new members. We have about 7-8 regulars but often someone cannot make it

FITNESS

If the dog days of summer interrupted your fitness routine, if your gym just went bust or if you've decided now's the time to start exercising, there's a place right here in the neighbourhood for you. **What:** Low-impact fitness classes.

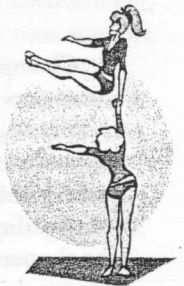
When: Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m. (You can sign up for both classes or just one.)

A new session of classes will start Sept. 16 and run to Dec. 18, 2002.

Where: Champlain Park Fieldhouse.

Why: Led by certified Y instructors **Julie** and **Sandy**, classes are enjoyable, affordable and so convenient.

Who: Everyone's welcome. OK, this isn't a spandex and bare midriff crowd, although buns of steel are welcome too. Cost will be about \$100, depending on the number of participants (maximum 12). For information or to register, call Val at 728-4980.



so we could use more players. If we do not have multiples of four we change after four hands so everyone gets

to play. Do come out to play if you enjoy bridge.

4 **Membership Drive:** We hope to commence our membership drive in September. membership fees pay for the Champlain Speaker and other Community Association activities. Please welcome the canvasser who comes to your door and join the Association.

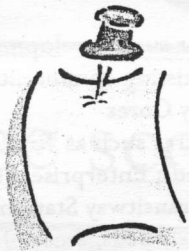
5 The Champlain Park Garden Club meets on the **2nd Tuesday** of every month at the fieldhouse. Topics this year include grasses in the garden, garden design, willow weaving and underused perennials. Workshops also being planned. For details, call 728-1945.

September 2002

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Warning! Do not bet the house on the accuracy of this month's calendar.

Several groups had not been heard from by press time to reconfirm bookings.



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<p>22</p> <p>7 P.M.</p> <p>KARATE CLASSES</p>	<p>23</p> <p>FITNESS CLASS 6: 45-7:45 P.M.</p> <p>YOGA 8 TO 9:30 P.M.</p> <p>Blue </p>	<p>24</p> <p>PLAYGROUP</p> <p>9:30-11:30 A.M.</p> <p>OTTAWA WOMEN'S FLY FISHING 7-9 P.M.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>YOGA AT NOON</p> <p>BRIDGE CLUB 2 P.M.</p> <p>FITNESS CLASS 6:45-7:45 P.M.</p> <p>YOGA 8-9:30 P.M.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>PLAYGROUP</p> <p>9:30-11:30 A.M.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>ODS PLAYGROUP 9-11:30 A.M.</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7 P.M.</p> <p>KARATE CLASSES</p>	<p>30</p> <p>FITNESS CLASS 6: 45-7:45 P.M.</p> <p>YOGA 8 TO 9:30 P.M.</p> <p>Black </p>	<div data-bbox="682 1732 909 1953" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="1071 1732 1356 1900" data-label="Text"> <p>To add items, call 728-1945 or email lfagan@magma.ca</p> </div>				

AMY'S CORNER



by Amy Kempster
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Draft official plan now a click away

The Preliminary Draft of the new official plan for Ottawa was released late in June. The document is available on the web at www.ottawa2020.com in pdf format but beware-it is 169 pages with 8 pages of table of contents. I have a hard copy which can be borrowed. Some highlights which may be of interest:

1) The Vision section talks of (Under the general title **Uniquely Ottawa**): Proudly the Nation's Capital, Maintaining a Vibrant Downtown; Enjoying Our Built Heritage, Having A Distinct Rural Area, Shaped by the Rivers and Canal.

Under the general title **Liveable Communities**: Promoting Communities of Distinctive Character, Developing Attractive and Well-Designed Communities, Fostering Opportunities for Economic Activity, Communities Designed for Walking and Cycling, Requiring Compact Mixed Development, Making Available a Variety of Housing Choices, Transit, Road and Greenway Linked Communities, Creating and Sustaining Healthy Communities, Conditions That Make for Safe and Secure Communities.

Under the title **A Green City**: The Splendour of a Green City, Recognizing and Building a Greenway Network, Focussing on Development in Harmony with the Environment, Collective Action to Protect Groundwater and Surface Water, Lifestyles Supportive of Clean

Communities suggests Community Design Plans, general design criteria and a collaborative planning process as means to achieve a well-designed, compact, mixed-use development that reflects the distinctiveness of each community.

Target areas for such development in both new and existing communities are the Community Cores (Employment Centres such as Tunney's Pasture are included); Enterprise Areas (Business Parks); Transitway Stations, main streets, arterial roads, areas of transition.

In existing communities, also included are large, single-use non-residential areas, such as business parks and shopping centres, areas in decline, brown fields, and large, vacant parcels of land.

Note that **Community Design Plans**, unlike Secondary Plans, do not become part of the Official Plan. Thus the tools for deciding on compact mixed-use development seem to allow more flexibility than the current Official plans. There may be little in the Official Plan to defend the current zoning of an area, thus making zoning changes easier. There is a requirement to ensure that development is compatible with surrounding area. There are fairly strong policies with regard to control of expansion of the urban boundary (or village boundaries).

3) **Community Designations are:** General Urban Area (covers most urban areas including our neighbourhood); Central Area; Community Cores (includes Tunney's Pasture); Enterprise Areas; Villages; General Rural Area. Some uses are allowed in all areas. Included are home-based businesses; additional residential living space in existing houses (apartments in houses); garden suites; care facilities; rooming houses (zoning to regulate size for each area (not allowed in General Rural Area); special needs housing; shelter accommodation; wireless telecommunication towers; wayside pits and quarries (temporary setups during road building).

Space does not permit more details, so if concerned check out the City web site or borrow my copy. (The Main Library has copies).

Neighborhood Watch

By Michael Cheng

Welcome to the new residents in our Community.

Champlain Park has an organized structure for Neighbourhood Watch. With vigilant residents and police cooperation, we have enjoyed a comparatively secure and peaceful environment, and we would like to seek your support in maintaining this program.

Neighbourhood Watch is aimed at reducing crime in the community. It is based on the concept of good neighbours working together, alert to the potential for crime, and willing to look out for one another's interests.

With strong support from the police, Neighbourhood Watch promotes property and street securities and prevents crimes and vandalism by reducing the opportunities for crime to occur.

We can make home visits to provide you with advice to make your home more secure, or we can provide you with a series of brochures describing crime prevention: at home, for seniors, for women, for parents, for vehicle owners, and other topics. Engravers are available to mark your belongings for identification.

Presentations by the police are also available upon demand. You may call us for further information. **Const. Allison Moffatt 236-1222 Ext. 5871** (Police Liaison) or one of the co-ordinators: **Michael Cheng (722-3344)**, **Neil Robertson (729-5439)**, **Nick Montero (728-7545)**.

You can now use the internet to access crime statistics in any neighbourhood in Ottawa. The web address is: <http://www.ottawapolice.ca> and the steps are as follows:

1. Open <http://www.ottawapolice.ca>
2. Select English or French
3. Click on crime analysis and statistics
4. Click on district/neighbourhood profiles
5. Select **central west** then click **go**
6. Click on the period in which you want information. You will see a summary of statistics for our district 23.
7. To get to **Champlain Park**, a) scroll down to the fourth neighbourhood.