
CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Winterfest, the frosty frolic, on Jan. 25

Old Man Winter arrived at the rink one Saturday morning and promised to chill out until the 25th.

Winterfest is upon us. This year's event will be held **Saturday, Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, come rain, shine or Santa's reindeer.

The event will unfold much as it has in previous years, with a few slight changes.

Outdoors, there will be games and tests of skill on the hockey rink. Inside, there will be food and a warm glow. The community association invites everyone to stop by.

For lunch this year, we're having a

Chili Cook Off. Consider this an invitation to make a moderate amount of your world-famous chili. Please drop it off by **11:15 a.m.** A taste test will choose a winner. Secret recipes will not be divulged.

There will also be **hot dogs** and drinks for the young ones.

Outside, a **sleigh ride** is planned, as is a roaring fire.

From **11 a.m. until noon**, a family skate will be held, accompanied by suitable swing music to move the blades along.

Face-painting should be available as well as a tug of war and the **CHEZ goal shoot-out**. A children's craft table is being cobbled together as we speak.

Don Monet is looking for volunteers who can take on a task on the 25th. Please call **728-1750** if you're able to bake, man a booth, or help with set-up or tear down.

Admission is free but there will be a charge for lunch.

The rink's in great shape; there's a nip in the air: Come celebrate the season that makes us Canadian!

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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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

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
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Rink a blur of activity

The two skating rinks are now open. A reminder of the hours: **Saturday and Sunday**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **Monday**, closed for maintenance; **Tuesday to Friday**, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Use of the rink in off-hours is permitted, but the change-room will not be open and the hockey nets unavailable.

There are times during the week when the hockey rink is reserved: **Tuesdays, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.** for women's hockey; **Wednesday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.**, for hockey for those 12 and younger; **Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Please try to use the proper protec-

tive gear for your activity. The **Speaker** has been told there has already been at least one serious injury on the rink this year, requiring an ambulance to be dispatched.

The basic rule, we are told, on the hockey rink is as follows. If a full-fledged game is in progress, skaters are asked to use the side rink. If, however, only one or two hockey players are puttering around on the rink, they are asked to make way for skaters and be mindful of flying pucks.

Those wanting to help maintain the rink are asked to call **Jacques Bourbeau (728-0337)**.

1 Did you know the **Speaker** is available in an electronic form, via e-mail?

We've been trying to build up a list of residents who are on-line so that the newsletter could be delivered to them in a more timely way, saving considerable paper and expense, as the **Speaker** costs about \$100 a month to print. The newsletter will arrive in your computer in exactly the same form as it appears on paper. It can then be stored, for easy reference, on your computer. The response so far has been poor, but we soldier on. If you would like to sign up, simply send an e-mail to our on-line co-ordinator, Alexander Smith, at **agmsmith@rogers.com**

**Hush
Hush**



2 The Champlain Park Garden Club meets on **Tuesday, Feb. 11**. The topic is growing organic vegetables. The

meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

3 Thanks to Jim Cocks for doing a superb job organizing the **Christmas Sleigh Ride** in December. It was a smashing success. One quick phone call and Jim even had the heavens open up with a pretty snowfall. Connections, indeed!

4 The **Speaker** would like to apologize for a mix-up in the recycling dates in last month's calendar. Gremlins or sudden colour blindness were responsible. The appropriate treatment is being sought.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



To add items,
call **728-1945**
or email
lfagan@magma.ca

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Classes

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Yoga
8 to 9:30 p.m

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Playgroup
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**Ottawa Fly
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Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster
722-6039

Parks, plans politicians

Since this is an election year for the city, some candidates have declared already. Since there may be a provincial election, we also have some sitting councillors who are seeking nominations or seats in that possible election. In this ward four candidates have declared (in alphabetic order): **Linda Davis**, the

former Regional

Councillor; **Gary**

Ludington, a retired

public servant

and co-presi-

dent of the

Westboro

Community

Association;

David

McConnell, owner

of Kettleman's Bagel

and **Daniel Stringer**, activist and businessman.

Our councillor, **Shawn Little**, has not yet indicated if he will seek re-election.

Rumour has it there may be still another candidate for the November vote. In the eastern end of old Ottawa, Coun. **Madeleine Meilleur** will probably run provincially as, further east,

Coun. **Phil McNeely** will try for the Liberal nomination.

Mini Algonquin in Ottawa?

There is a special hidden jewel in the city: a bit of the Canadian Shield within our limits. This shield land runs west from the Kanata Lakes area through the March Highlands and the Carp Hills to the Ottawa River. Some of this area was designated as Natural Environment Area A and some as Natural Environment Area B in the Regional Official Plan.

However, a small portion owned by Minto south of the western portion of Terry Fox Drive, which was designated as Natural Environmental Area A, has been ruled as permissible to develop by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Development pressures exist on other portions so that to protect the land may require some further purchases by the city (a few parts are already owned by the city). As well, some land swaps by the city with developers might provide for preservation of other portions. Where the land is within the urban boundary, it can be very expensive, while that outside the boundary is less costly.

Keeping as much as possible for the future would ensure a natural park of national status as part of the nation's capital. For more information, visit the web-site www.beaverbrook-kanata.ca/options, which also contains some photographs. For information about the areas west of the Kanata region, the city's web-site www.ottawa.ca should be consulted and the links for services and then for maps clicked, which will provide a way to see the areas west of Kanata.

This is a project which might be

undertaken by the draft official plan and the city, but which will need lots of support to happen. If help from the province or the federal government to preserve this land for the future was also available perhaps the major part of the area could be saved.

Official Plan

The report on the Official Plan is available on the city's web-site and so is the Official Plan itself, but paper copies will not be available until Jan. 9.

Consultation is very compressed: the public presentations are scheduled for Feb. 18-21.

This is too short a time for consultation on such important matters as the future form of our city, where the new major roads or transit corridors will go, where new recreation facilities might be built, etc.

While some of these matters are not discussed directly in the Official Plan, the various master plans will address them. Since consultation is going on in parallel on these other plans, there may be some problems co-ordinating the plans. No date has yet been set for consultation in this ward regarding the Official Plan.

However, perhaps you could go to that for the Glebe ward on **Jan. 16, 6 to 8 p.m.**, Glebe Community Centre, or go to City Hall on Feb. 1 when all plans will be discussed.

Other dates are: Human Services Plan: **Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 to 9 p.m.** Andrew Haydon Hall at City Hall; Heritage Plan: **Saturday, Jan. 11, 1 to 4 p.m.** Ottawa City Hall, and the Arts Plans: **Monday, Jan. 20, 7 to 9:30 p.m.** Arts Court Studio.

There is also a session on Collaborative Community Building on Saturday, **Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

