

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Have your say at annual meeting May 15

Parking at fieldhouse and mosque on agenda;
elections on tap, refreshments on offer



The annual general meeting of the Champlain Park Community Association will be held on Thursday, May 15.

It begins at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. All are invited.

An agenda has been struck.

1. Mosque Parking

Update. (There have been some new developments in this on-going issue.)

2. Fieldhouse Parking

Update. (No solution yet. Ideas welcome.)

3. City of Ottawa Official

Plan. (What are the implications for established neighbourhoods like ours?)

4. **Information** for people interested in becoming involved with the community association.

5. **Other Business** (Call Lynne at 729-0955 if you want to add to the agenda.)

6. Elections!

7. Refreshments!

We need an active community association so that our voice will be heard when issues affecting our neighbourhood arise.

Meet your executive, your neighbours, find out what's going on in your community.

This is also a municipal election year. Time to put civic issues on your radar.

Community-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 7

One man's trash. Find it, love it, buy it; at Champlain Park's annual community garage sale.

Once again, we've timed this year's event to coincide with the street-long sale on Island Park Drive.

Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Rain date: Sunday, June 8.

It takes but a modest effort to set yourself up in business. Put out a box of books or old record albums; drag to the curb those dust-covered golf clubs or fossilized exercise machines. Toys for kids always a big seller!



Community Association

Chair: Jonathan Chaplan (728-7670)

Vice-chair: Mark Cianfaglione (722-5674)

Treasurer: potter (728-4980)

Secretary: Lynne Bankier (729-0955)

Planning: Amy Kempster (722-6039)

Membership: Amy Kempster (722-6039)

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

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 (computer help) 798-7652
Daniel (yard chores) 722-6134
Joey (babysitting) 728-5792
Katrina (babysitting) 725-5423
Serena (babysitting) 792-3829
Geneviève (babysitting) 722-0454

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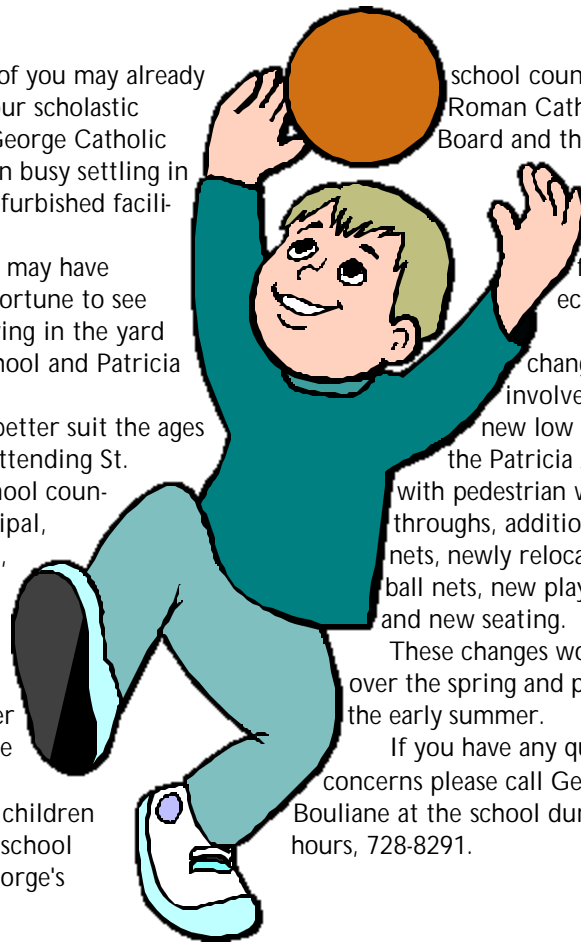
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St. George's school yard getting major improvement

As many of you may already know, our scholastic neighbours, St. George Catholic School, have been busy settling in to their newly refurbished facility.

Some of you may have already had the fortune to see the children playing in the yard in behind the school and Patricia Avenue.

In order to better suit the ages of the children attending St. George's, the school council and the principal, George Bouliane, have been busy fundraising to upgrade the school yard. Working together in order to create a great and safe place to play for children during and after school hours, the St. George's



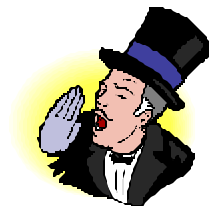
school council, the Roman Catholic School Board and the City of Ottawa have joined together to fund this project.

Several changes are involved, such as a new low fence along the Patricia Avenue side, with pedestrian walk-throughs, additional soccer nets, newly relocated basketball nets, new play structures and new seating.

These changes would place over the spring and possibly into the early summer.

If you have any questions or concerns please call George Bouliane at the school during regular hours, 728-8291.

Hush Hush



1 Two-day Rummage Sale at Northwestern United Church, on Northwestern Avenue. **Friday May 9,** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and **Saturday, May 10,** 9 a.m. to noon.

2 The Champlain Park Garden Club meets on **Tuesday, May 13.** No matter how you pronounce it, clematis is a spectacular vine. Andre Poliquin will have a slide show featuring many different and unusual types of clematis.

3 Friends of the Farm are looking for volunteers to help at the Central Experimental Farm. Explore gardening opportunities at an upcoming information session. Sessions will be

held for weekday volunteers on **Tuesday, May 13,** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in building

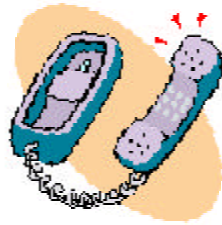
72 at the farm's Arboretum. Preregistration is required. For information, Debra Thornington at 230-3276.

4 Big thank-yous to the volunteers who turned out for the cleanup of the Ottawa River and park on May 3. Dozens of bags of garbage were collected, as well as an awful pile of leaves jammed into brown bags. Don Monet was busy ferrying from one locale to the next, walkie-talkie in hand, making sure the troops were supplied and in good spirits. Amy Kempster minded the registration table and acted as guardian of the coffee and snacks. Well done, all.

May 2003

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

To add items,
call 728-1945
or email
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1

Playgroup

9:30-11:30 a.m.

2

**ODS
PLAYGROUP**

9-11:30 a.m.

3

4

7 p.m.

**Karate
Classes**

5

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
8 to 9:30 p.m.

Blue 

6

Playgroup
9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Ottawa Fly
Fishing**
7-9 pm

7

Bridge Club
2 p.m.

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
8-9:30 p.m.

8

Playgroup

9:30-11:30 a.m.

9

**ODS
PLAYGROUP**

Rummage Sale
Northwestern
United
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Northwestern
United
9 a.m. to noon.

11

7 p.m.

**Karate
Classes**

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Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
8 to 9:30 p.m.

Black 

13

Playgroup
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Champion Park
Garden Club
7-9 p.m.

14

Yoga at Noon
Bridge Club
2 p.m.

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
8-9:30 p.m.

15

Playgroup
9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Annual General
Meeting of C.P.
Community
Association**
7 p.m. at
Fieldhouse

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**ODS
PLAYGROUP**
9-11:30 a.m.

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7 p.m.

**Karate
Classes**

19

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
8 to 9:30 p.m.

**No garbage
pick**

20

Playgroup
9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Ottawa Fly
Fishing**
7-9 p.m.

Blue 

21

Yoga at Noon
Bridge Club
2 p.m.

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
8-9:30 p.m.

22

Playgroup

9:30-11:30 a.m.

23

**ODS
PLAYGROUP**
9-11:30 a.m.

24

25

7 p.m.

**Karate
Classes**

26

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
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Black 

27

Playgroup
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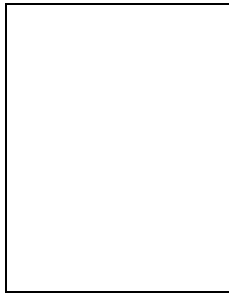
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**ODS
PLAYGROUP**
9-11:30 a.m.

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Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster
722-6039

Official plan final, minor changes to rules for infill lots

A final version of the Official Plan came before City Council on April 23.

A number of motions were included in the package for the Council and some were proposed during discussion, so unfortunately I cannot report on the final version in all details. I can report on the revisions which were made by Planning Committee and note that the additional motions I saw did not deal with items of great import for this community. My understanding is that, in general, there were not great changes from the version as revised by Planning Committee.

The revisions from Planning Committee are given below where they seem relevant to our community, as they deal with compatibility and policies for the general urban area which is the designation for our community (except for the NCC areas).

The policy regarding compatibility got amended by inserting the italicized words: **2.5.1 1. a)** The extent to which the proposed development takes into consideration the pattern of the surrounding area in terms of height, *building mass, proportion*, setback from the street and distance between buildings. Where the height, street setback and distance between buildings varies from the norm for the area, the proposed design may compensate for this variation through its treatment of other character-

istics common to the surrounding area, such as:.... The characteristics cited include such things as the materials, textures and colours used in wall treatments; landscape treatment; size, shape, location and number of windows, etc. The added words may help assure, to some extent, that the development would fit in.

Section 2.5.1.2 deals with situations where significant differences between the existing area and the new development are permitted in the existing zoning bylaw, which is true for Northwestern Avenue and Tunney's Pasture, and could be true for the areas east and west of Keyworth.

One item of this policy calls for a transition in building heights. The new policy e) states: "Building and siting a structure that respects the existing pattern of development with respect to lot area and yard requirements, even if the structure contains more units than is characteristic of the surrounding area."

There is also some reference to previous studies in the section on Collaborative Community Building and Community Design Plans

The new Policy 5 states, "Community design plans will draw upon studies and plans prepared in the past for the area. Once Council approves a community design plan or other comprehensive policy plan, the approved plan will guide future development of the area." This suggests the former Ottawa Official Plan and the Ottawa West Plan might have some influence if a community design plan was done in our neighbourhood.

Finally, the section on General Urban Area was modified as follows: Revise Policy 7 to add a new a) "Recognize the importance of new development relating to existing community character so that it enhances and builds upon desirable established patterns and built form."

Renumber subsequent policies accordingly and revise Policy 7.c) to delete the phrase "as a compatible means" and replace it with the phrase "as one means." This last refers to duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes as being one means of intensifying within low-rise residential communities and is a small improvement along with the new policy to ensure neighbourhood charac-

ter is respected when infill is done.

Environmental Strategy

This document outlines how the city will integrate environmental concerns in its activities.

It "addresses the need to protect and strengthen local ecological features and processes and to reduce the city's environmental impact at the global level."

Issues covered include air quality, preserving our natural habitats, promoting bio-diversity, protecting groundwater, waste management, reducing soil decline and erosion, and contributing to the health of the urban forest. For more information, and to comment, the following are the dates for consultation in areas not too far away:



May 12, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ben Franklin Place Atrium; Rooms 1A & 2A 101 Centrepointe Dr.

May 15, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Old Vanier City Hall, 300 Peres Blanc.

May 22, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Ottawa City Hall, Colonel By Room, 110 Laurier Ave. W.

May 29, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Jim Durrell Centre, 1265 Walkley Rd.

Urban Natural Areas

The city is undertaking a study of urban natural areas within or near the urban area.

They will be concentrating on areas outside the old city of Ottawa since the old city conducted the Natural Open Space Study. Nevertheless, if you believe you may know of areas which should be included in the study you should attend at City Hall as noted below to look at areas that will be included in the study and point out any that are missing.

Wednesday, May 21, City Hall Main Foyer, 3 p.m. to 9 pm.

Note that the NCC woods in our community were included in the earlier study and are given protected status (as urban natural areas) in the new Official Plan.

