

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

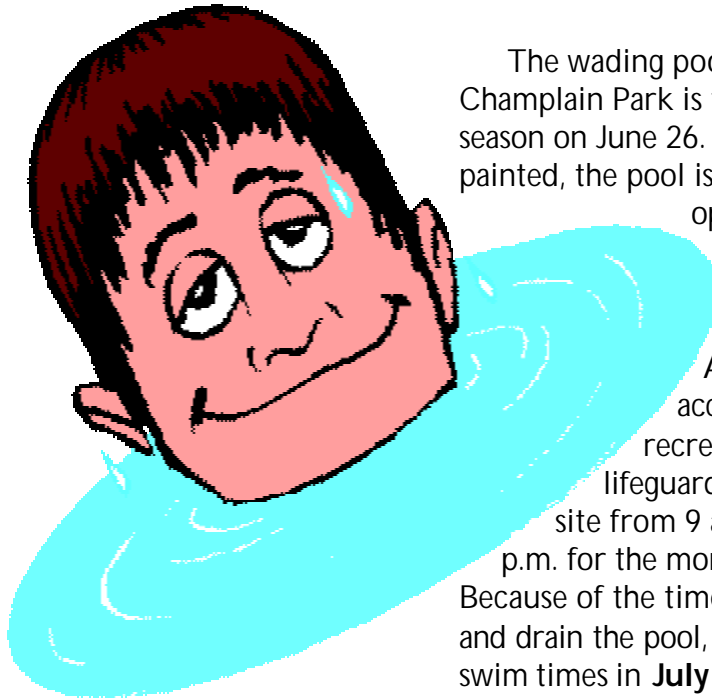


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Wading pool open for season June 26

Lifeguards on duty every day, holidays included



The wading pool in Champlain Park is to open for the season on June 26. Now freshly painted, the pool is to remain open, seven days a week (including holidays) until Aug. 21, according to city recreation staff. The lifeguards will be on site from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. for the month of July. Because of the time needed to fill and drain the pool, however, swim times in **July** are from **10:15 a.m. until 6:45 p.m.**

In **August**, swim times are reduced by an hour, from **10:15**

a.m. until 5:45 p.m.

During both months, hours are slightly shorter on **Saturday** and **Sunday**: 11:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Staff are planning a special event in the park and pool on July 23. A barbecue and a full day of games is scheduled.

The city is also holding one of its major events on **Aug. 7** (rain date Aug. 8) at nearby Hampton Park.

It will feature a barbecue and a demonstration by the Anjali Indian Dancers.

The city number for more information is **580-2590**.

Heh kids! End of school party June 25 at fieldhouse

Well, Teach, that's a wrap for this year! Time to bust out of jail till September.

Neighbourhood children of all ages are invited to attend an informal party at the park on June 25, the last day of school for most elementary school students.

There will be eats and treats, hot dogs and a chip wagon. As the Speaker went to press, various games and goodies were being cooked up by devilish mothers. It is safe to say, however, no homework will be assigned.

Party will run from about 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. No charge. To volunteer or offer ideas, call 728-1945.



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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
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Parking, traffic pop up at AGM, Coun. Little gives mosque update

by Lynne Bankier

We had a small but enthusiastic crowd at this year's annual general meeting on May 15.

City Councillor Shawn Little reported on some local and city-wide issues. Included in his report were the installation of a stop sign near the school that now houses St. George's, and an update on the Mosque parking issue.

Anna Hercz from the City of Ottawa then reported on some elements of the new Official Plan, and answered questions. A complaint was raised regarding traffic entering the neighbourhood from Island Park Drive in the morning, using our neighbourhood as a cut-through to Tunney's Pasture.

There will be further exploration and problem-solving on this issue.

A financial report was presented. We have funds, so if you have ideas on

how they might be spent to benefit the community, please call the chair or other executive members.

The executive was acclaimed, with no changes from last year.

However, it was noted that anyone who is interested could be added to the e-mail list for the executive (our main source of communication as we rarely meet face-to-face). Call the chair if you are interested.

Amy Kempster reported on some plans for developing leisure areas along the Ottawa River (see her column this month on the back page). Jonathan gave an update on the Mosque parking land deal.

Fieldhouse parking difficulties were discussed, and Amy may explore solutions further with reps of fieldhouse user groups.

We had a few good laughs and great cookies! Thanks to those who attended.



Hush Hush

1 Ottawa Playback Theatre Company is having its end of the year performance at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse for family, friends and those interested in theatre. Playback Theatre is an improvisation form of theatre where everyone's story is important. Playback Theatre is interactive with the audience. Champlain Park neighbours are welcome to attend. The final performance is **Friday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m.** at the fieldhouse.

2 The Champlain Speaker is available in an electronic form. It saves paper, will never get blown out of your mailbox and is always handy in your computer. To sign up, fire an email to the on-line project co-ordina-



tor, Alexander Smith (address in box at left).

3 Paul and Carol Anne Copeland (team captains) wish to thank

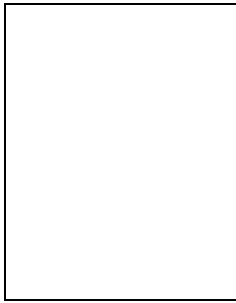
Champlain Park residents for the generous donations to the Canadian Cancer Society given to our canvassers this past month of April. And a special thanks to the canvassers: **Helen Joseph, James Hay, Dave Robin, Colleen Bigelow, Alan Steele, Sandy Milne, Stephane Mercier, Eileen Duffin, Andrew Boggs, Patti Hovey and Paul Ledwell**, for a job well done.

4 The Speaker has gone fishing for the summer, meaning there will be no issues in July and August, as is the custom. See you in September.

June 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Yoga 8 to 9:30 p.m. Blue (yard waste) 	3 Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ottawa Fly Fishing 7-9 pm	4 Bridge Club 2 p.m. Yoga 8-9:30 p.m.	5 Playgroup 9:30-11:30 a.m.	6 ODS PLAYGROUP 9-11:30 a.m.	7	
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Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster
722-6039

Finally, an urban plan that looks at future of Ottawa River

The city this spring has been consulting about consulting. With the city's website, there are now more ways to find out what is going on at City Hall.

Other ways include advertisements (particularly the Friday papers), and community and daily newspapers. If there is a development planned near you, there is usually a sign, and often a local public meeting.

I would be curious to know what methods you feel the city should use to consult with the citizens about city-wide matters and more local issues. If the city held more meetings on city-wide issues such as, for example, the Environmental Strategy (see below), in more venues inside the Greenbelt, would you be any likelier to go? Sometimes I hear complaints about snow-clearing, for example, but I doubt that many of you went to one of the sessions on levels of service (or some such title) where comments were sought on such items.

The city needs to know how to ensure its efforts to include citizens in decision-making are worthwhile and which methods are most likely to ensure broad and diverse participation. If you have any ideas on this topic, you should drop a letter or an e-mail to the communications department at city hall. If you wish to send me a copy I will indicate in a future column the ideas I receive.

Environmental Strategy: The following goals are part of the draft

Environmental Strategy the city is asking for comments on:

1) *A green city:* A city with trees, parks, healthy rivers, creeks and streams and undeveloped areas, all of which form a network of green spaces;

2) *Development in harmony with the environment means:* Using undeveloped spaces wisely to make the best use of existing infrastructure and to minimize disturbance of existing greenspaces and subwatersheds.

3) *Focus on Walking, Cycling and Transit:* Creating transportation corridors where pedestrians enjoy walking and feel safe from traffic, noise, pollution and crime. Similarly, cyclists have routes available for their commute or recreation that are pleasant and safe. Focussing on transit means developing a public transit system that is convenient, and provides cost-benefits in comparison to single-vehicle use.

4) *Clean Air, Water and Earth:* Air that does not cause harm to human health or plants and animals; air that does not contribute to climate change; drinking water that is safe to consume; healthy groundwater aquifers; rivers, creeks and lakes that support healthy aquatic environment; soils that support agricultural activities, provide adequate nutrients for healthy plants and animals and are safe for recreational and other uses.

To meet these goals the city is proposing to commit to the following actions over the next few years:

1. Manage material, human and natural resources as efficiently and effectively as possible;

2. Manage greenhouse gas emissions to reduce to targets identified as a Partner for Climate Protection;

3. Incorporate environmental factors and costs into the city's decision-making on its policies, programs and initiatives, both in its own business and in the community;

4. Demonstrate and promote leadership in environmental stewardship through the application of innovative methods and practices. Recognize corporate and community leaders who take innovative and sustainable approaches;

5. Take a watershed/subwatershed management approach to new and existing land development and in the protection of our natural resource features.

Ottawa River Plans

The Joint Ottawa River Study showed a number of items for the area between the Deschenes Rapids and the Chaudiere Falls. The area between Lemieux Island and just above the Champlain Bridge is suggested as a priority development zone, with a Regional Activity Centre (for family activities, kayaking and picnics) shown at Bate Island. Local activity centres are shown at Westboro Beach, Mousette Park and Remic rapids. Westboro Beach lists family activities, recreational pathway, beach, restaurant, parking; and Remic Rapids Lookout and beach lists lookout, parking area, picnic area, art (stone sculptures) and beach. The Lemieux Island site mentions water purification plant, family activities, and picnic area.

The implementation plan has five themes: **1)** provide stakeholders with a common set of information and decision-making tools via a suggested research institute, the Ottawa River Observatory; **2)** Provide a mechanism for consultation and follow-up through the creation of an Ottawa River Consultation Committee; **3)** Put in place longterm strategic tools: a) establish a "Coordinated River Management Zone," b) Move towards the creation of an Ottawa River Park with three sectors; the river itself and two sectors limited to a thin band of land on both sides of the river (possibly from the mouth to Allumettes Island; c) undertake measures to have the Ottawa River recognized as a Canadian Heritage River, and d) propose the consolidation of water management functions by transforming the Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board to an Ottawa River Management Planning Commission with a broader mandate including water quality; **4)** Invite the general public to participate through the Ottawa River Junction; **5)** Deciding to move forward with an annual report on the progress of the Ottawa River Corridor Study.

If all the above seems like bureaucratic motherhood, note this study has been a cooperative effort of the NCC, Ottawa and Gatineau and that there is also a principle that states: "The entire segment of the river between Montreal, the national Capital Region and Lake Temiscamingue deserves a long-term study."

