

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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## Drop-in Christmas Party on Dec. 12

Is there a more delightfully social neighbourhood in Ottawa than Champlain Park? As if.

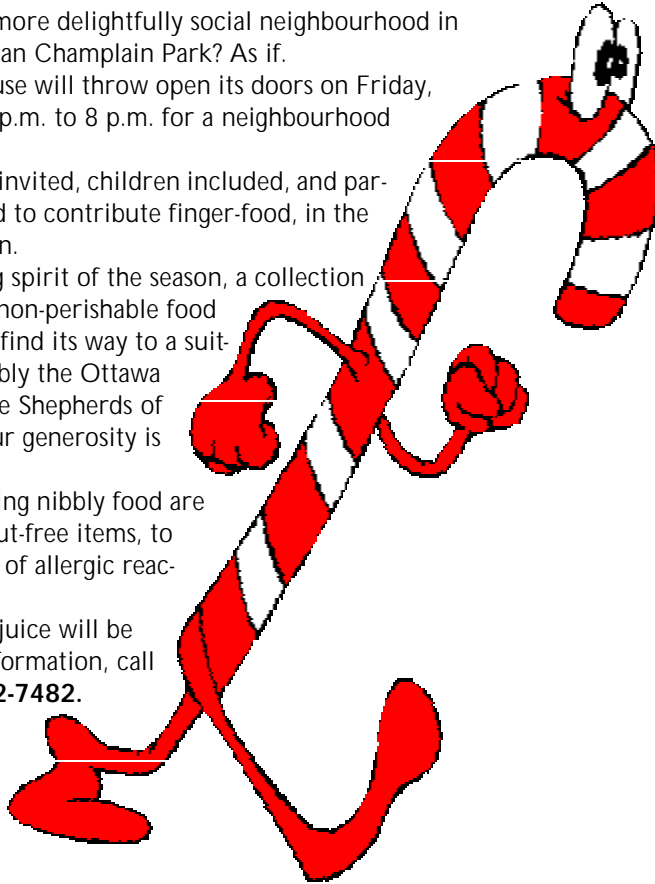
The fieldhouse will throw open its doors on Friday, Dec. 12, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a neighbourhood Christmas Party.

Everyone is invited, children included, and partygoers are asked to contribute finger-food, in the pot-luck tradition.

In the giving spirit of the season, a collection will be taken of non-perishable food products. It will find its way to a suitable home, possibly the Ottawa Food Bank or the Shepherds of Good Hope. Your generosity is appreciated.

Those bringing nibbly food are asked to bring nut-free items, to avoid the hazard of allergic reaction.

Coffee, tea, juice will be available. For information, call **Sutherland, 722-7482.**



## St. George's overcomes dastardly theft with wave of support

We are the Parent Advisory Council from St. George's elementary school.

Ours was the school that was robbed of all our chocolate bar fundraising money on Oct. 22. It was our children's innocence that was violated. Almost \$8,000 was taken from the school safe, in what can only be described as a truly sad, and despicable act. It left the school council with a \$10,000 bill with the chocolate bar manufacturer, and the cold hard slap of reality for some very young and innocent children.

But as Isaac Newton discovered: actions create reactions. What he perhaps didn't realize was that the forces of hatred and weakness are no match for the forces of caring and support in human nature. The reaction inside, and outside, our community to this theft have been overwhelming.

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## Getting to know your Community Police Centre

The Wellington Community Police Centre serving the centre-west sector of Ottawa is located at 1329 Wellington Street West, between Ross and Grange.

The Centre's mandate is to work in partnership with the community to provide information and assistance aimed at reducing the incidence of crime and promoting a safe and secure community.

At the heart of the centre's crime prevention initiatives are a number of

services and programs. These are: neighbourhood watch,



business watch, home security inspections, child print, vials of life, operation identification.

For more information on any of these programs, call the CPC at 236-1222, ext. 5870 or drop in during

office hours.

The centre is open Monday to Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and is staffed by a community officer and several volunteers.

Volunteer applications are available at the centre for anyone interested in serving the community in this way.

To report a crime, call 236-1222, ext. 7300. For life-threatening emergencies (only), call 911; for other emergencies, call 230-6211.

## 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
Caitlin (babysitting)	728-6530

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## Break-in brings out best in human spirit

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From the comprehensive media coverage, to the public response, from the numerous phone calls expressing support, kind words, and condolences as well as outrage and disgust, to what has been the most reassuring of reactions from people with no direct link to our school, or local community. For example, one individual had already written a certified cheque to cover the entire amount stolen before he even called, and then dropped it off.

There are the other school councils from both the public and Catholic systems who pledged funds, and offered to challenge other schools to match their support. There was the Trent University Student Union who heard of our plight and pledged funds.

Or, another fundraising organization that donated coupon books so that we could replace our lost funds. The countless individuals who sold additional chocolate bars on our behalf. To all of you who cared enough to help us in our hour of need, thank

you very much.

However, we seem to have been covered by insurance so your generosity of spirit is accepted and truly appreciated, but your gifts are not required.

So, this has been one of life's lessons learned for our children and our whole school community. We learned that our innocence and naiveté could be stolen as easily as our possessions. That nothing is safe, or sacred, from those willing to trample the values we hold dear and hope to instill in our children. But more importantly, we learned that, despite the incursion of an increasingly harsh and ruthless world, there is in our community a foundation of decency and respect that is bigger and stronger than any petty criminal. We would again like to say thank you and God Bless to everyone who called and offered their support, and who bought our children's chocolate bars.

Thank you.

*(Parents and Children of St. George's School.)*

### Hush Hush



**1** Northwestern United Church

holds its annual **Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7**

**p.m.** All are welcome. Come and enjoy songs of the season with your neighbours. Non-perishable food and cash donations will be accepted for the Parkdale Food Bank.

**2** Hearty thanks to **Don Monet** for organizing the Halloween Party. Another smashing success.

Thanks as well to the numerous volunteers who made the event possible.

**3** **Champlain Park Garden Club.** Join us the second

Tuesday of the month for guest speakers, slide shows, garden tours, hands-on demonstrations. Next meeting,

**Tuesday, Dec. 9:** Linda Thorne, of Thorne and Co., will present a slide-show tour of two well-known gardens: Quatre Vents in Charlevoix, Que., and

the Reford Gardens. For more information, call Laurie at **728-1945.**

**4** **Craft Tea and Bake**

**Sale.** Presented by Friends of the Farm craft group and other area artisans.

Great Christmas gifts. Free admission. **Nov. 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Building 72, Arboretum, Central Experimental Farm. For information, please call 230-3276.

**5** The annual craft show is taking place at Churchill Alternative School on **Saturday, Nov. 29**, between **10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

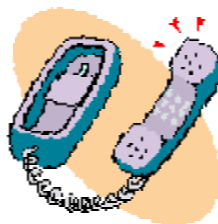
**6** Interested in **Pilates?** Come and join a fun abs workout on Saturday mornings, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., hopefully beginning this fall. Cost depends on the number of registrants. For info, call **Laurie, 728-1945.**

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



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**Yoga**  
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**Blue**  
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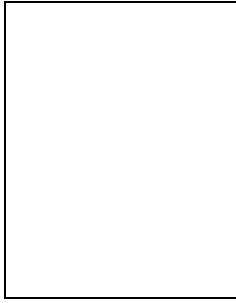
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## Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster  
722-6039

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### 3 lanes, bike route planned for Scott

Oct. 23 saw another open house on Scott Street, this time for the section from Ross Avenue to Holland.

This open house was essentially a repeat of the earlier one with the same recommendation for a three-lane cross-section, with the centre lane used for left turns.

However, this open house also included a sheet showing comments and answers from the earlier open house. A summary of two key concerns:

#### Capacity of Scott Street

There was a worry that reducing the number of through lanes on Scott would reduce roadway capacity and increase traffic delays. New developments are only going to add to volume. Scott should be widened, not reduced.

**City Response:** The transportation analysis shows the capacity of Scott will not change considerably under the proposed configuration. Research has shown the capacity of a three-lane roadway is very near that of a four-lane undivided roadway, due to inefficiencies of four-lane roads resulting from combining through traffic and turning traffic in the middle two lanes. Travel times are not expected to increase substantially.

Analysis further showed the capacity of Scott will be sufficient to meet the demands, even accounting for further development in the area.

#### Cycling lanes

All responses supported the provision of cycling facilities within the Scott corridor. Many felt that it would be

*Above, the three-lane options for Scott; the four-lane proposals appear below*

more appropriate to provide the facilities in the boulevard on the north side of the road.

**City Response:** The City of Ottawa has identified Scott as a key utilitarian cycling corridor. Utilitarian cycling is best served by on-road facilities (off-road cycling facilities tend to serve more of a

recreational purpose). The City of Ottawa's Cycling Advisory Committee supports the provision of on-road cycling lanes on Scott.

City contact is Richard Holder, at **580-2424, ext. 16212**, or [richard.holder@ottawa.ca](mailto:richard.holder@ottawa.ca)







