

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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## Ideas, energy sought for AGM May 27

By Lynne Bankier

The Champlain Park Community Association would like to invite everyone to its annual general meeting on **May 27**.

The gavel bangs at **7:30 p.m.** in the fieldhouse.

This will be a business meeting to discuss finances, past business and plans for the future.

Did you know, for instance, that we have some accumulated funds that we may wish to spend on worthy projects?

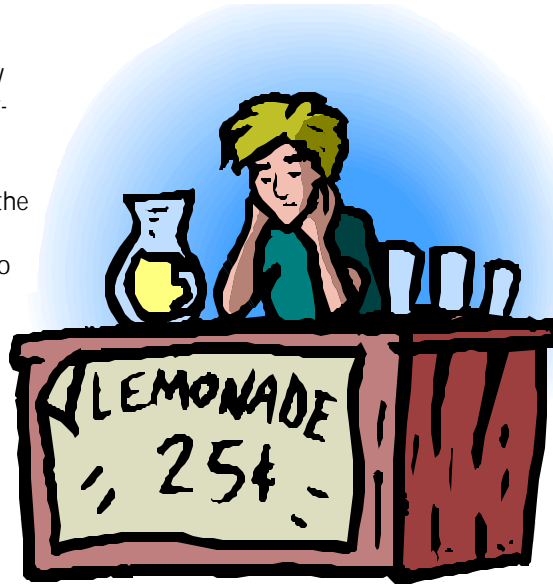
Possible park improvements are an option but we need some input from community members.

In addition, did you know that most of the executive members have been in their current positions, or in other positions, for three or more years, some of us for five, eight and over 10 years (not mentioning any names, Amy!)

I think most of us are happy to continue contributing to the community through the association.

However, I think we also need to encourage some new people to become involved.

The most critical role that has been missing for several years now is the



social co-ordinator. Various people, chiefly Don Monet, have generously stepped in to plan events such as the Halloween party, the Christmas Party and the Winter Carnival.

The co-ordinator's role is not to organize every detail but to select dates, do a little planning and booking and maestro a group of volunteers on event day.

I think a number of people on the executive would consider either vacating

their positions or else mentoring someone else to take over in the future.

So, please do consider how you might contribute, and call one of the executive members or come to the AGM. The jobs are not onerous, and we meet only when critical issues require discussion (i.e. not very often). Most discussion has been via e-mail.

What does a community association provide for Champlain Park?

- Collect funds via the membership drive;
- Apply for and administer the rink grant;
- Plan social events;
- Maintain insurance and incorporation status;
- Operate the fieldhouse (where classes and meetings are held);
- Maintain contact with city officials, politicians, other community associations and organizations when issues arise that affect the residents of the community;
- Financial reporting;
- Produce one of the world's great newsletters;

I hope we will see both new and old faces at the meeting! Refreshments will be served.

## Gimme five? Find out at monster garage sale June 12

It's that time of year again: time to convince your neighbour to buy back that hideous thing he sold you last year.

Kidding!

The Champlain Park annual community garage sale is upon us. Once again, we've timed this year's event to coincide with the street-long sale on Island Park Drive, where they have the really good stuff.

**Saturday, June 12, from 8 a.m. to noon.**

It takes but a modest effort to set yourself up in business. Put out a box of books or old record albums; drag the old bicycle and broken lawnmower to the curb. You'll be surprised what



moves!

Veterans will know to get your treasures out early.

Dealers will no doubt be on the prowl.

After all, is there anything more satisfying than seeing grand, old stuff heading down the road to a new home?

## Community Association

**Chair:** Jonathan Chaplan (728-7670)

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**Secretary:** Lynne Bankier (729-0955)

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**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
Geneviève (babysitting)	722-0454

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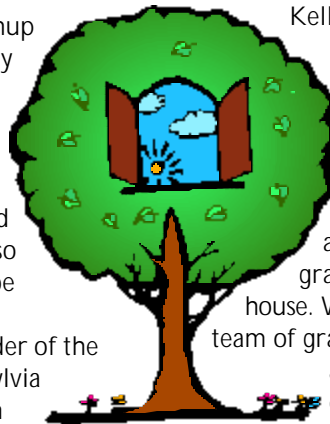
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# Cleanup crew sparkles

By Amy Kempster

We had a very good turnout for our two cleanup activities on Saturday, May 1, which centred on the park and the river corridor. I would like to thank the following volunteers for signing up and getting their hands dirty so our public spaces might be clean:

Bob McGillivray, leader of the river cleanup, Jean and Sylvia Wevill, Craig Wells, Justin McGillivray, Griffin & Bruce, Douglas, Malcolm and Rowan, Abraham and Heather Crysdale, Madelaine Thomas and Alex Hay, Sue Newman, Jane Hueston, Lisa Van Buren, Jordan Taylor, Patrick Mates, Marcella Winship, Kelly and Will Egan



and Laurie Fagan, Don, Emma and Augusta Monet, Oliver Holland, Jasmine McGillivray, Rita Palin, and Kelly and Hugh Buckley.

Note that some of these volunteers live outside our community.

A gold star to the city of Ottawa: Don Monet called the 24-hour line to alert the city about offensive graffiti on the side of the fieldhouse. Within an hour, a SWAT team of graffiti cleaners arrived, armed with pressure washers and powerful cleaners, to remove the offensive markings. One of the crew said he'd been hauled out of bed to attend to the work. Wow! That's service.

The volunteers also wish to thank the Loeb store for supplying two dozen donuts and a half pound of coffee.

## City drops recycle items

*Styrofoam, plastic bags cut; no yard waste July-Sept.*

City council, in its wisdom, has introduced some important changes to the weekly recycling program.

Beginning the week of May 31, only plastics marked with a 1 or 2 on the recycling symbol (usually on the bottom of the container) will be acceptable in the blue box. This leaves out plastic bags, most margarine and yogurt containers and ice cream tubs.

However, the city will continue to pick up many types of plastic bottles, including those containing soft drinks, water, juice, shampoo, mouthwash, laundry detergent and peanut butter. Motor oil is excluded.

Milk and juice cartons are acceptable, as are drink boxes.

Among the big changes, styrofoam

packaging of any kind will no longer be accepted, as well as pot plants or flats.

Also important to keep in mind, leaf and yard waste will no longer be collected in July, August and September.

There has also been an announced reduction in the number of items that can be placed at the curb.

Only four items will now be accepted, a number that will be reduced to three in January, 2005.

However, there is no limit on the number of yard waste bags at curbside.

If you need to replace a damaged blue or black box, you may do so, without charge, at many Rona and Home Hardware stores.

New residents can call 580-2400 for information how to obtain their recycling boxes.



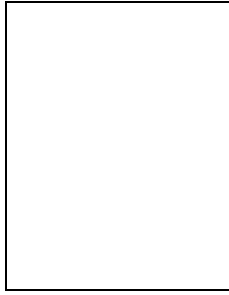
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		<b>Playgroup</b> 9:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>Bridge Club</b> 2 p.m.	<b>Playgroup</b> 9:30-11:30 a.m.	<b>ODS PLAYGROUP</b> 9-11:30 a.m.	
		<b>Ottawa Fly Fishing</b> 7-9 pm	<b>Fitness class</b> 6:45-7:45 p.m.			
			<b>Yoga</b> 8-9:30 p.m.			
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	<b>Blue</b> 		<b>Yoga</b> 8-9:30 p.m.			
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			<b>Yoga</b> 8-9:30 p.m.			
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## Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster  
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# Coolican plan highrise hot-spot

There was quite a large turnout to the open house for the Coolican development.

The immediate neighbourhood is concerned by the size. It consists of a six-storey building at the front of the property, which would house retail at ground level, and over 30 apartments on the upper floors.

If the development stopped there, it would probably be acceptable. However, it proposes two buildings of more than 20 storeys as well, one to the east and a little forward from the Coolican Building, and the other attached on the west side.

These towers would likely house at least 200 more families. The Coolican Building will be modified for new commercial tenants in the short term but demolished in the long term.

A traffic study is underway. Another issue is that the land to the west and north of Maplelawn (heritage house and garden next to Coolican) is NCC land. The future of this land is very much in question since the NCC has appealed its designation as major open space in the new Official Plan and prefers it be designated General Urban, which would allow for development.

The cumulative effects of other possible developments are therefore a worry. While the projected shadows of the towers show no significant ones on the Maplelawn property, there is still concern about the suitability of such

intense development near this heritage property. It will be interesting to see the traffic study since that is probably one key to how acceptable this development will be to its neighbours.

It will be months before the development goes to committee.

## Tax Ratios

On a recent Friday, I found a listing for the Tuesday Corporate Services Committee of Tax Ratios and Tax Policy.

There was thus little time for public consultation. The province has allowed the city to increase the tax ratios of one or more business classes to the extent necessary to maintain the existing tax burdens between the residential and business classes.

The committee approved theoretical tax ratios that would ensure the total amount paid by each class would remain unchanged (given no tax increase) and that the increase of 2.9 per cent be applied to each class except at only half that rate (1.45 per cent) for the commercial class. This would have meant the multi-residential class properties (and, therefore, tenants) would be paying taxes at 2.3751 times the residential tax rate. Given this unfairness, they chose to fix the multi-residential tax ratio at the 2003 level. That will add about 1 per cent to the increase in tax rate for the residential (about \$25 to \$30 for the average house) and other classes.

Note that if ratios had remained unchanged, the residential taxes would have risen by 5.9 per cent plus the 2.9 per cent.

The committee also recommended a policy that would permit deferral for one year of tax increases for seniors and the disabled with incomes less than \$30,000. Due to the late timing of these changes, taxes will now be due on June 29.

## Development Charges

The public is being consulted on changes to development charges. A background report as well as the report to Corporate Services Committee on May 4 are available and comments are requested by May 18, when they will be discussed by the committee.

The following rates for serviced single detached units are being recom-

mended:

Inside the Greenbelt	\$10,952
Outside the Greenbelt	\$18,152
Kanata West	\$25,622
Rural: Serviced	\$8,477
Unserviced	\$6,220

Alternatively, if the option for six areas is chosen, the charges for outside the Greenbelt would be:

Outside Greenbelt (East)	\$17,428;
Outside Greenbelt (West)	\$18,462;
Outside Greenbelt (South)	\$18,083.

For the non-residential component, city-wide rates are recommended, although the document indicates full rates for non-residential would be (per square foot):

Inside Greenbelt	\$6.75
Outside Greenbelt (East)	\$12.71
Outside Greenbelt (West)	\$22.71
Outside Greenbelt (South)	\$13.71
Kanata West	\$10.40
Rural (serviced)	\$6.62
(unserved)	\$5.54

The city-wide rate recommended would be \$11.50 per square foot.

The following non-mandatory exemptions from development charges are proposed: a place of worship; churchyard, cemetery or burying ground; agricultural buildings; farm retirement lots; non-profit housing; non-profit health-care facility; temporary and seasonal buildings.

These charges would provide about 41 per cent of the capital required by growth over the next five years.

Note that, since some of this capital provides a benefit to the existing non-growth population, some of the costs are allocated to that segment. The use of lower than feasible rates for non-residential results in adding about \$98 million to the tax bill and the mandatory exemptions add about \$86 million. (Mandatory exemptions include enlargements of existing industrial by less than 50 per cent; municipally or school board owned land; enlargement of an existing dwelling unit or creation of a maximum of two additional dwelling units in a single-detached dwelling).

If you have opinions about these matters do plan to attend the meeting on May 18. I have a copy of the report and the background study and could lend it out for a limited period if you are interested.



