

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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## HALLOWEEN PARTY FALLS ON OCT. 30

### BE AFRAID; BE VERY AFRAID!

The annual Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the field-house, complete with all the scary stuff we've come to know and love.

A spooky room is being concocted as we speak. There will also be prizes for the best costume and a pumpkin-carving contest.

Those turning up without costumes shall be soundly mocked.

The event will take place from **6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** A performer suitably skilled in magic and sorcery is being arranged and should take the stage at about 7 p.m.

Those wanting to volunteer at the event are asked to contact Don Monet at 728-1750.

Admission is \$2.

Of course, everyone is invited.



## Community association opposes Mosque parking lot rezoning

Recently, with full support from the Champlain Park Community Association (CPCA), the Ottawa Muslim Association (OMA) was able to purchase their existing parking lot (formerly leased from the federal department of Public Works) plus some adjacent land.

They have applied to have the land re-zoned from "government" to "place of worship" use, as required by the City.

They have also applied to use the land for commercial parking.

However, as a condition of purchase, the OMA agreed to accept a legal covenant prohibiting commercial park-

ing on the land, which now will be able to hold about 300 cars.

Purchase of the land was intended to:

Help alleviate mosque-associated parking and traffic problems for the surrounding community (Champlain Park);

Relieve the OMA of the high leasing fees it was paying to the federal government;

Provide much-needed additional parking for Mosque worshippers.

The request to allow commercial parking is contrary to the original resolution (a "win-win" solution arrived at by

both communities with assistance from Coun. Shawn Little) passed by City Council in 2000.

Consequently, the CPCA opposes it. If you wish to comment on this, you can e-mail [Douglas.James@ottawa.ca](mailto:Douglas.James@ottawa.ca). He is the City Planner.

The Mosque Sub-Committee is comprised of Jonathan Chaplan, Lynne Bankier, Amy Kempster, Heather Pearl, Linda McShane, Kay Young.

They are all informed about the issue, and can provide additional information.

## 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:** Greg Doswell (722-7705)

**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
Elisabeth (babysitting)	722-0454

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# HUSH-HUSH

## 1 CHURCH BAZAAR

At Parkdale United Church on Saturday, **Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** Lunch available; books, baking, white elephant table. The Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association.

## 2 BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining a book club? We meet once a month in this neighbourhood. We discuss novels chosen by the members and are looking for men, women and young people who like to read and talk about what they've read. Contact **Laura Golden at 724-9888.**



## 3 SECURITY

A reminder about the community meeting concerning home security on **Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.** in the fieldhouse. The evening will feature a video presentation as well as a Q & A with Ottawa police Const. Tim Senack, head of the Wellington Community Police Centre. Brought to you by the Neighbourhood Watch program and a volunteer from the community police centre.

## 4 BRIDGE

There is a **social bridge club** on **Wednesday** afternoons from 2:00 to 4:30 in the Champlain Park Fieldhouse. There is no fee for members of the community association but members contribute tea or coffee and cookies on an informal basis as needed. We have one or two more expert players who occasionally give us duffers friendly advice. The emphasis is on enjoying the social atmosphere.

## 5 BOUTIQUE FAIR

Northwestern United Church is holding a boutique fair on **Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, featuring: 5th Avenue Collection (jewelry), Mary Kay Party Lights, Tupperware Weekender, and much more. Come and get a start on your Christmas

Shopping and help our Church at the same time. A percentage of sales will go to the church. Contact **Louise Madaire, 723-6416**, or the church at 722-1840.

## 6 ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR CHURCH'S 40TH

Northwestern United Church is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a dinner on **Oct. 23**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Tickets for adults are \$10.00, children \$5.00, with a family rate of \$30 (two adults, up to three children). Contact **Louise Madaire 723-6416** or the church at 722-1840.

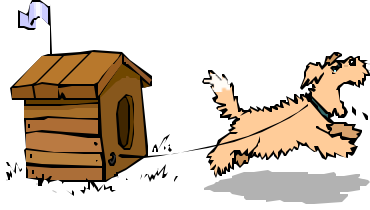
## 7 GARDEN CLUB

Come tour the gardens of Kyoto and learn about the rich history of Japanese gardening. Our travel guide is Robert Brandon. Club meets **Tuesday, Oct. 12** at 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse. Call Laurie, **728-1945** for more info.

## 8 AEROBICS

Low-impact **aerobics classes** will resume in the fieldhouse on Sept. 20, and run until Dec. 20, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Most of the long-time participants are returning, but there is room for one or two new members. For further information or to register (first-come, first-served) call **Liz at 724-2162.**

# DOGS IN THE HOOD



By Thomas and Meredith Lauzon

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**M**y name is Thomas Lauzon and my sister Meredith and I will be writing a column in the **Speaker** about dogs in our neighbourhood.

If you would like us to profile your dog, you can call or email me c/o my mother Kim (785-0770 or [kim.haliburton@bell.ca](mailto:kim.haliburton@bell.ca).)

For our first column, I interviewed my family about my dog Vera!

## Say hi to Vera!

**NAME:** Vera

**AGE:** 6 months old

**BREED:** Chesapeake Bay  
Retriever and Border Collie mix

**FAVOURITE TOYS:** Ball and  
rope toy (from the Dollar Store);  
and Beanie Babies.

**FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES:**  
Going to Lemieux Island with  
Stella (another pup in the neigh-  
bourhood) and walking on the  
dog path in Champlain Park.

**TRICKS:** Shake a paw; high 5;  
more to come as she`s just a  
puppy!

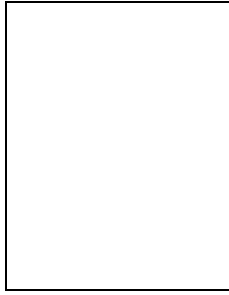
**COMMENTS:** Vera is a wonder-  
ful dog! We got her from a  
friend of a friend in Kemptonville.  
We love Vera!

Our sister Claire and Vera at our cousin`s cottage this summer.

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## Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster  
722-6039

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## City wants input for 2005 budget

City Council wants your input!

The budget is being done differently this year in that public consultation is occurring before the budget directions are decided. You have several ways to indicate your preferences.

First, Coun. Shawn Little is hosting a meeting on Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hintonburg Community Centre on Wellington Street. Second, you can do the online survey at [ottawa.ca](http://ottawa.ca) by clicking Residents and then City Budget. To give you some flavour of the choices that must be made, I have reproduced a few questions from the survey: (If you cannot make the meeting and do not have an Internet connection, call the councillor's office prior to Oct. 14.)

Sample Question: "While not all

the programs and services the City provides are captured in the list below, they all work together to achieve Ottawa 20/20's principles of a healthy, active, creative and unique Ottawa. Can you tell us whether you believe the level of service provided by the City should be increased, decreased or maintained at its current level? Check the appropriate response."

The list follows:

Business & economic development; By-law service (including noise & animal control); Childcare services; City buildings & facility maintenance; Cultural programs (including arts &



heritage); Employment & social assistance (including support for low-income residents); Fire services; Garbage collection & recycling; Housing & homelessness programs; Library services; Long-term care; Paramedic services; Parking & traffic management; Park & greenspace maintenance; Planning, zoning & building permits; Police services; Public health services; Recreation programs & facilities; Road/sidewalk maintenance &

snow removal; Transit services; Water & sewer.

Another question from the survey: "To what extent would you support an increase to your municipal taxes in order to fund the increased cost of delivering the same level of services that you have right now? Circle the appropriate number on the five-point scale below."

If anyone wants a printed copy of the survey, I believe the city can supply them.

Although the Canderel propo-

## Coolican, Ketchum sites under public scrutiny

nents had scaled back their plans for the Coolican site considerably (eliminating the second tower and deleting the retail component of the six-storey building at the front of the lot) there were still a lot of unhappy residents.

The main issue appears to be traffic although there also seems to be opposition to the scale of the tower. A meeting a week later regarding the Ketchum property drew a slightly lower number and the plans were not opposed to the same extent.

However traffic was again the issue.

Residents wanted an overall plan for the area on how the increased traffic would be handled. With regard to the Canderel property, the location of this opposite Broadview and the number of schools on that street were a major concern.

## St. George's holding first used book sale Oct. 26

St. George's School on Keyworth Avenue is holding its first-ever used book fair on Oct. 26.

Books will be on sale at the school from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for students only and from **3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** for the general public.

The organizing committee is looking for donations of adult and children's books by Oct. 22.

Those wanting to contribute are asked to contact Sheila by email at [mcintysm@potsdam.edu](mailto:mcintysm@potsdam.edu) or by phone at **725-3710**.

Pick-up can also be arranged.

St. George students are asked to bring books to school and drop them off in special bins.

The organizers are also looking for volunteers.





