

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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Monster garage sale June 4

Joint event with Island Park Drive

By Mark Cianfagione

It's that time of year again: The time all bargain hunters adore.

Garage sale time.

The time of year when normal people drive erratically at the mere sight of a garage sale sign.

It's also the time to gather up all the items that you've hung onto for the last while, the precious stuff in good working order that you hate to send to a landfill.

There are lots of folks in the neighbourhood who will provide your excess stuff with a good home, provided the price is right.

But wait!

What if you live in a zen-like domi-



cile? (Those who live in zen-like domiciles don't appreciate them being called 'mere houses'.)

Well, then, you can do as a few of your neighbours have done and show off their skills.

For example, Mr. Belle on Cowley Avenue uses his amazing talent as a head

chef to provide delicious foods from Italy and the rest of Europe right on his driveway.

Not only that, he'll even tell you how he does it. From what I've been told, you'd better get there early because the rest of his neighbours are probably camping out at the end of his driveway early in the morning to be the first to savour the samples.

(Note: I've always been manning my own driveway and miss out every year.)

So. Get your treasures or talent ready for the big day and join everyone on June 4 for the joint garage sale.

The day begins about **8 a.m.** and wraps up about **noon or 1 p.m.** But be prepared for early browsers as early as 7 a.m.

Crime stats underline vigilance of Neighbourhood Watch

The Ottawa Police has released crime statistics for the period March 31, 2004 to April 1, 2005.

We are happy to report that Champlain Park was one of the most crime-free neighbourhoods in Ottawa.

So-called "suspicious incidents" was the top item, with 17 reports in 12 months, followed by 13 false alarms and 11 cases of traffic enforcement.

There were no break-and-enters reported.

The fact that the top item was "suspicious incidents" indicates residents of our community remain vigilant, watchful and collaborative with the police.

Thank you all. Please keep up with this good community spirit. We also thank our Community Police Officer, Tim Senack, who liaises with us.

We draw your attention to special areas of interest:

Summer vigilance.

Thieves are particularly active during the summer months. Be watchful for open doors, windows and unlocked cars.

Arrange with your neighbours to keep a special eye on your property and clear you incoming mail when you go on holidays.

We highly recommend that you request the free Home Security Inspection offered by our local Community Police Centre. Pat Mates, a local resident and volunteer, works with the police and has been trained in the Home Security Audit (along with a number of other volunteers). He will be happy to assist any resident in this regard.

The audit promotes security consciousness among residents and, among many items, focuses on the adequacy of doors, windows, lighting and locks.

You need only call the Police Centre at 236-1222, ext. 5870 to make an appointment.

New Block Captains.

In this month's *Speaker*, you will find a single loose sheet detailing the current structure of our Watch. Please keep this on file. You will notice a helpful safety directory on the flip side.

We welcome new Block Captains Maureen Keenan, Mats Lindhe and Kathy Cott.

You can identify the Captain of your Block from the map on the home page. You should provide your phone number to your Block Captain so that you can be contacted in case of alerts. We would like to thank all the Block Captains for their continuing service.

————— *Michael Cheng, Patrick Mates and Neil Robertson*

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

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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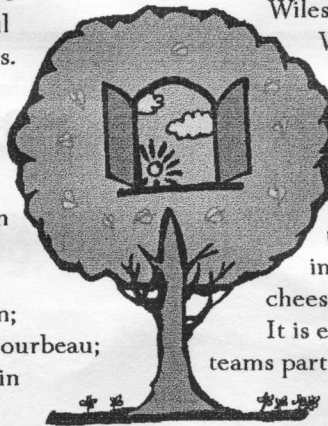
Cleanup crew sparkles

By Amy Kempster

Twenty-four hardy souls braved the weather to help do our two clean-up activities on April 30. Thanks for your efforts.

a) River Team

Volunteers: Don Monet (leader); Dan Livermore; Leslie Maitland; Rod Gillyatt; Ian Reid; Griffin Pauli; Bruce Pauli; Sarah Fraser; Fred Beauregard; Chris Sorokan; Adrienne Scott; Jacques Bourbeau; Andre Bourbeau and Robin Bourbeau.



b) Park Team

Volunteers: Amy Kempster, (leader), Kathy, Ron, Josh and Slater Wiles; Laurie Fagan; Kelly and Will Egan; Steve Cuumba (Pontiac/Patricia) Robert Kempster (photographer).

The cleanup volunteers also wish to thank the Loeb store for supplying donuts, bagels and cream cheese and juice.

It is encouraging to see family teams participating in our cleanup.

Fly your colours

A watercolour workshop called *Flying Colours* will be held **May 29th, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.** at Champlain Park. This event, for ages 6 and up, runs with **Art in the Garden**, which is explained on the next page. Call **Jennifer Nicol-Campbell** to register, 722-7579. Cost: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. Proceeds to Elmdale's Playground Improvement Committee.

Amy's Corner: by Amy Kempster

NCC Appeals of the Official Plan: Apparently the city has decided not to defend the designation of Rochester Field (beside Maple Lawn) and a stretch of greenspace running between Merivale Road and Woodroffe just north of the rail tracks.

They may also have decided not to defend the Southern Corridor south of Walkley Road and north of Hunt Club. These areas were designated as Major Open Space in the Ottawa Official Plan and the NCC appealed saying they should be designated General Urban.

It seems the city has accepted that designation unless the Councillors overrule the staff. The designation of these areas will be discussed in the context of Official Plan appeals on May 24.

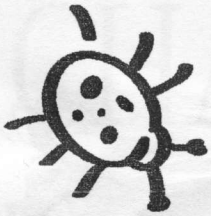
Amendments to the Ottawa Official Plan: On May 24, a number of amendments to the Official Plan will be discussed.

They are mainly designed to answer the "retail" appeals to the Plan. However some of them can affect our community. Most important are the revised sections on compatibility, and

on Mixed Use Centres (Tunney's Pasture is designated as a mixed use centre). With regard to the latter, a change has been made which makes it clearer that transition between the Mixed Use Centre and any surrounding General Urban Area occurs within the Mixed Use Centre.

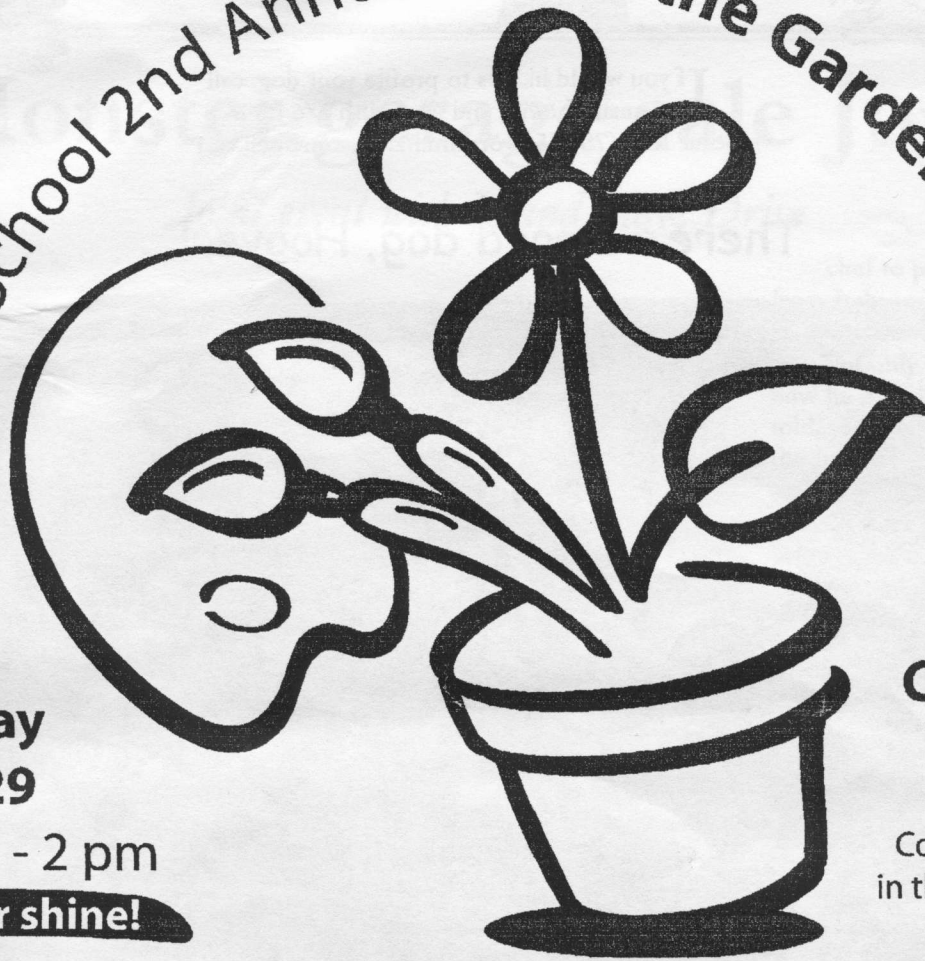
Compatibility criteria include height, bulk or mass, and building/lot relationships. The revised plan states that an assessment of the compatibility of new development will "involve not only consideration of built form, but also of operational characteristics, such as traffic, access and parking." Also required is that the development "should respect the privacy of outdoor amenity areas of adjacent residential units and minimize any undesirable impacts through the siting and design of the buildings and the use of screening, lighting, landscaping or other mitigative design measures."

This might be quite protective but I suspect that mitigation will be found satisfactory by the planning staff more often than by the affected homeowner.



You and your family are invited to

Elmdale School 2nd Annual Art in the Garden & Plant Fair



**Sunday
May 29**

10 am - 2 pm

rain or shine!

**Champlain
Park**

(Corner of
Cowley & Clearview,
in the Island Park and
Scott Street area)

- Featuring perennials, heirloom seeds and plants
- Garden accents - driftwood, trellises, stone sculptures & wrought iron
- Expert gardening groups to give advice

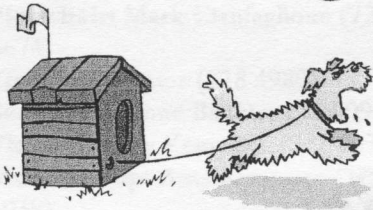
- Visual artists
- Garden gifts - tea cup bird baths, mosaics and more
- Raffles, including plants grown by Ed Lawrence
- Food and drinks for sale

Giant perennial plant exchange - 12 noon (\$2 donation to participate)

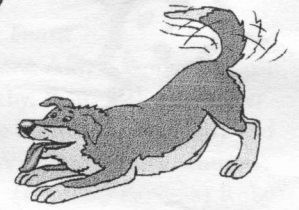


All proceeds go to the
Elmdale Playground Improvement Committee
to help make Elmdale School's playgrounds more beautiful!

DOGS IN THE HOOD



By Thomas and Meredith Lauzon



If you would like us to profile your dog, call or email Thomas and Meredith c/o their mother Kim (781-2519 or kim.haliburton@bell.ca.)

There's a good dog, Hoover!



Say hello to a girl named Hoover. She picked up the name because she cleans the floor like a vacuum cleaner.

FAMILY: Jeff, Gillian, Gwynn, and Isla MacIntosh. Jeff got her two weeks before he met Gillian. (Some say Hoover was his first love and Gillian his second. But both are so nice, they have accepted each other in Jeff's heart!)

AGE, BREED: Fourteen years old. A mix of Lab, German Shepherd, assorted others.

FAVOURITE ACTIVITIES: Go to the cottage; chase snowmobiles. In the past, she would spend lots of time chasing squirrels. But she's getting older now, so rather than chasing them she just barks at them.

START IN LIFE: The Humane Society.

BUDS IN THE HOOD: Taya, Dusty, Holly and Dodger

NEAT INFO: Hoover has bitten

porcupines on three different occasions. Hoover didn't bark until she was about nine years old (when Gwynn was born). She then became protective of her new family and would bark at people as they approached the stroller.

AHH! FACTOR: When Jeff used to travel for work, Hoover would miss him so much she'd sleep on his clothes at the bottom of his closet. Gwynn, five, and Isla, 18 months, both have a great relationship with Hoover. They can sit on her, climb on her and she loves the attention.