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# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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## Annual General Meeting

**The Champlain Park Community Association's Annual General Meeting will be held:**

**Thursday September 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.  
at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse,  
corner of Cowley and Clearview**

**Speakers:**

- City Councillor Christine Leadman will update us on ward and neighbourhood issues.
- Bob Grainger, author of a successful history book on the Westboro Beach neighbourhood, is researching the history of our neighbourhood. He will be at the meeting to ask for leads on people who have "tales to tell" about our community's past or who may have photos or other materials to help him with his research.

**Business to be discussed:**

- Election of Officers
- Volunteer Structure of the Association and call for volunteers
- Report on Membership Drive
- Financial Report

**Planning issues on the agenda:**

- 268 Keyworth Avenue Proposed Development
- Parking Issues on Cowley/Keyworth and adjacent streets

All residents are welcome to attend.

—by Lynne Bankier

## Moms and dads needed for spooky night



Champlain Park would like to put the fright back into Halloween by organizing a party for children in the neighbourhood.

We need **several volunteers** to coordinate the party. We've had possible interest from one person but she'd want others to help out. There is lots of experience from past dedicated party organizers who would happy to pass on tips and ideas.

Also, if you are a **high school student working on your volunteer requirement**, this is a great chance to earn some hours and have fun creating the "spooky room."

If you're interested or want more information, please call Laurie Fagan at **728-1945**.

— by Laurie Fagan

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## Champlain Park Community Association

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and Craig Wells (725-5488).

Vice-chair: Glenna Patrick  
(729-5793)

Treasurer: potter (728-4980)

Secretary: Vacant (Lynne filling in)  
Planning: Amy Kempster (722-6039)

Membership: Craig Wells and  
Glenna Patrick

Neighbourhood Watch: Michael  
Cheng (722-3344), Patrick Mates,  
(722-4120) Neil Robertson (729-  
5439)

Fieldhouse co-ordinator:  
Laurie Fagan (728-1945)

Rink co-ordinator:

Greg Doswell (722-7705)

Adopt-a-Riverbank co-ordinator:  
Don Monet (728-1750)

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Meredith Lauzon, Kelly Egan.

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# Author announces plan for history of Champlain Park

In 2005, Bob Grainger completed writing a history of his neighbourhood, just to the west of Island Park Drive. The book is entitled *Early Days in Westboro Beach: Images and Reflections*.

Now, with Elizabeth Mundell, a resident of Carleton Ave., he has agreed to initiate a history research project of Champlain Park and West Ottawa.

The objective of this history will be to document the everyday life of

the residents of the neighbourhood in the first half of the 20th century—how they lived, where they worked and shopped and worshipped, and how they played.

It was a time when the horse was the dominant form of transportation and the streets of Champlain Park were cut off from the rest of West Ottawa by the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Personal memories are the most important sources of information

for this type of history. If you have personal memories (or photographs) of the neighbourhood from the 1950s or before, please contact Bob at 613-725-1063 or graibob@sympatico.ca .

It would also be useful to know about former older residents who have moved away. Your help in this project is greatly appreciated.

— by Bob Grainger

### At the fieldhouse...

**Aerobics classes** begin on September 17. Low impact, taught by qualified instructors. Classes run from 6:45 –7:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays until May 2008. To register, call Liz at (613) 724-2162 or e-mail: Liz.Gyalokay@sympatico.ca.

**Dances of Universal Peace** begin on Saturday Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. The schedule for the rest of the fall is:

\* Saturday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

\* Saturday, Nov. 24, 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Marlene Neufeld at 613-594-9248 or e-mail: neufeldm@magma.ca

### HELP needed

Teen or young adult is needed to help elderly woman with weekly garbage chores. Payment will be provided.

Please contact the editor of the Champlain Speaker for more information.

### TEENS that babysit

Emma J. 728-6681

Alexandra 722-7482

Berlin 722-2248

Leigh 715-9473

Emma I. 728-1063

Anastasia 728-9014

Fiona 761-9262

Emma M. 728-4642

Elisabeth (bilingual)  
722-0454

# Neighbourhood Watch News

The Wellington Community Police Centre has moved. As of August 23rd, its new location is on the main floor near the lobby of the Hintonburg Community Centre at 1064 Wellington Street West.

The personnel and telephone numbers have not changed. The telephone remains 613-236-1222, ext. 5870. Constable Tim Senack is at ext. 5871. If you wish to visit the CPC, it would be advisable to call ahead to ensure that the Centre, and the building, are open.

## Local e-mail network helps increase security

Please sign up for the Champlain Park Neighbourhood Watch ([cpnw@sympatico.ca](mailto:cpnw@sympatico.ca)) e-alert network.

The most efficient way to circulate a security alert about the neighbourhood is by e-mail.

This network is now running under the expertise of Neil Robertson. For example, during July, there were two break-ins in our community, and a highly suspect “cat burglar” was asking residents if he could go to their backyard to search for a lost cat. In fact, he was doing two things. First, he was finding out if anyone was home. Secondly, he was looking around back yards for future reference. On July 3, the day of a break-in, several people had visits from this person. The instant notice of such incidents would greatly increase security in our neighbourhood.

## WHO TO CALL

### Keep these numbers handy:

For all emergencies or crimes in progress	⇒	Dial 911 (if busy, dial 613-230-6211)
To report non-emergency events or situations	⇒	Dial 613-236-1222, ext. 7300 (or listen to options provided)

To join the e-alert network, mail your e-mail address to Neil Robertson at [cpnw@sympatico.ca](mailto:cpnw@sympatico.ca)

At any time, if you think information about vandalism or crime in our neighbourhood should be sent out to warn residents, please send your warning to [cpnw@sympatico.ca](mailto:cpnw@sympatico.ca) and Neil will decide on its significance and whether it should be disseminated.

Our Field House and park offer a tranquil environment for social and recreational activities. But they are also vulnerable to vandalism and outdoor parties by teens. If you see any suspicious activities in the Park, please report them to police at 613-236-1222, ext. 7300

—Michael Cheng, Patrick Mates and Neil Robertson



**House on the move:** On August 1 and 2 the home at 179 Daniel Ave. was moved from the place it had been since 1950 to Manotick Station. A new house is being built on the same site. Many people watched the process unfold over two days. To see more photographs of the move, visit: [www.flickr.com/photos/13088497@N02/sets/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/13088497@N02/sets/)

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# Amy's Corner



by *Amy Kempster*  
722-6039

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*The Editor wishes to apologize to Amy Kempster for not running her Spring Clean-up Report in the June edition of the Speaker. Here it is now:*

In spite of the rain, we had a very good turn out for our annual clean-up day on Sunday April 29. A total of 28 people came including myself and a representative from the Greenspace Alliance as a thank-you for use of the fieldhouse for Alliance meetings. A big thank you to Don Monet who organized the river portion and to the River crew (Daniel Buckles, George Wilson and Ian Reid). Also to the groups, including Dan Livermore; Leslie Maitland; Kelly and Will Egan; Ian, Eloise, Oliver and Lydia Holland; the Bradleys (Adrian, Suzanne, Cole and Berlin) and Jamie Doswell who worked in the woods. The park itself was not too littered but Becky Rynor, Emma and Augusta Monet and the Pauli group (Owen, Griffin, Bruce and Robbie O'Donnell) made sure it was extra clean. Rod and Mary Gillyatt took on the transitway and Laurie Pauli the median on Northwestern. Again thanks to all who helped.

Thanks are also due the Loeb grocery store. It supplied juice, donuts and bagels for our volunteers.

**Variances for 268 Keyworth:** Neighbours are unhappy with the proposed severance of a 699.4 metres square lot at 268 Keyworth. The owner proposes to build a new 2400 square foot house on one portion of the lot, which is 24% less than the size required by the R1H zoning. The existing house would be on a lot 18% less than that required (441 square metres). These are hardly minor variances. Note as well that variances are also required re the frontages; to 12.44 (existing house) and 9.21 (new house) from 15 me-

tres. Two further variances are needed; one to allow parking on a neighbouring lot and one to reduce the corner lot side yard setback from 3 to 1.41 metres. The changes will also probably result in the loss of five mature oaks along Premier Ave. The Committee of Adjustment hearing is on Sept. 19 at 1:00 p.m. The Community Association is also opposing this development as it is not in keeping with the neighbourhood and could create a precedent.

**Ontario Election:** Oct. 10 is the date of the Ontario election. Please go out to vote as your vote could be very important. Note that some neighbouring Community Associations are sponsoring an all-Candidates Forum. The Forum will be held at the Churchill Seniors Recreation Centre (Richmond at Churchill) on Sunday Sept. 23 from 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Moderator is Rita Celli of CBC radio.

As part of this election, there is a referendum on future voting changes. A forum of representatives from every riding in Ontario recommended the mixed member proportional system. You have probably received a pamphlet on this in your mail. Please read and consider carefully the options.

**Pinecrest Creek Reconstruction:** Pinecrest Creek, located in Ottawa along the Transitway, between Baseline Road and Carling Avenue, is exhibiting significant erosion problems. Work will be undertaken with the support of the City of Ottawa to restore the creek to a more balanced condition and ensure its continued existence as a healthy natural creek.

The NCC invites you to learn more and to discuss the proposed solutions on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Severn Avenue School, 2553 Severn Avenue. The agenda is as follows: 6 p.m. Open house; 7 p.m. Presentation; 7:30 p.m. Discussion; 9 p.m. Meeting ends. Documentation is available on the NCC website at [www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca](http://www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca) and will be on-site at the public meeting.

## Notice of Public Meeting

Come find out why an assembly of ordinary citizens from across the province is recommending a new Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) voting system for Ontario and how it would improve our democracy.

DATE and TIME: Tuesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: First United / All Saints Anglican Church on Richmond Road, just west of Churchill Ave  
To learn more, visit: [www.citizensassembly.gov.on.ca](http://www.citizensassembly.gov.on.ca)