

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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## 'Hood-wide garage sale June 3

*'Take a quarter for that thingy?'*

The day is arriving for our community-wide garage sale, that special moment during the year when all the world's extra stuff finds a new home two doors away.

This year's event will be held Saturday, June 3 from about **8 a.m.** until noon or **1 p.m.**

However, be prepared for those extra early browsers. We recall the year the 7 a.m. keeners (mercy, the sun was barely up!) were rooting through a CP garage and attempting to buy unopened wedding gifts. The bride was not amused.

Again this year, the sale is being held on the same day as the street-wide sale on

Island Park Drive and a number of streets west of there.

It takes very little effort to take part: no need to sign up anywhere or register. Simply put out a table at the end of your driveway or just assemble the unwanted items in plain view near the curb.

It's amazing what will sell! Just remember people: the goal is to **get rid of unwanted stuff**, not end up with more!

Rumour has it that some fabulous food may be on sale at various houses. You'll just have to scout it out for yourself. And don't even utter the words **Rain Date**.



## It took a village: *Tidy army cleans up park, greenspace*

A wonderful turnout at our cleanup day meant we were able to clean the park, the Ottawa River shoreline (between the Champlain Bridge and Parkdale Avenue), along the transitway and the wooded side



of Patricia and Pontiac. A total of 37 people participated.

Thanks to all the volunteers, in particular to Don Monet, organizer of the Ottawa River Clean-up, and (**editor's note**) to Amy Kempster for patiently attending to registration yet one more year.

Here are the other volunteers, (in order of sign-up):

Kim Wannamaker, Alex Smith, Patrick Mates, Laurie Champagne, Sue Robertson and Kerrin and Cae Robertson, Alex Hay, Madelaine and Desmond Thomas, Augusta Monet, Ian Reid, Don Hibb, Jonathan Chaplan (our president), Mary Bridgeo and Ian Lohead, Theresa Kot, Shelagh Jane Woods, Marnie and Sandy Campbell and Grace and Stuart

Campbell, Kelly and Will Egan (we got a column in the **Citizen**, yet!), Pat Denny, Griffin, Owen and Bruce Pauli, Taela and Chris Liebenberg, Rod Gillyatt, Rita Palin and Carol Holland.

Two candidates for councillor, Gary Ludington and Vicki Smallman, also came to offer assistance.

Please excuse any misspellings of names or omissions.

A special thank-you to the younger persons who came to help with their parents. As well, the volunteers would like to thank the Loeb store for the \$25 gift certificate that provided the doughnuts, bagels and juice.

— by *Amy Kempster*

## Community Association

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

**Vice-chair:** Mark Cianfaglione (722-5674)

**Treasurer:** potter (728-4980)

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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)

**Social convenor:** Don Monet (728-1750)

## TEENS AT WORK

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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
Joey (babysitting)	728-5792
Katrina (babysitting)	725-5423
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# HUSH-HUSH

## 1 GARDEN CLUB

The Champlain Park garden club holds its final meeting of the season on **Monday, May 29**. An evening field trip is planned to Brantim Country Gardens, located 20 minutes outside Kanata. Observe or create a delightful garden in a container. Sign-up required. Please call **Laurie Fagan, 728-1945**, for more information.



## 2 WESTBORO BEACH

The Westboro Beach Oceans Fest Rally will be held from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** on Saturday, **June 10**. Admission is free. Festivities at the rally will include a scavenger hunt, watershed games, aboriginal water teachings, interactive giant puppets and ocean drum, a shoreline cleanup and prizes.

## 3 RAKE ON LOOSE

Did anyone find a red-handled rake at the community cleanup day? It has a red cushion over a portion of the handle.

It was accidentally left behind near the fieldhouse. Inasmuch as it is a pleasure not being able to rake at all, the owners still miss the old thing. Call **728-1945**. Reward negotiable.

## 4 CALLING ALL TABLES

Should anyone have a table at home that has been borrowed from the fieldhouse, kindly return it. Regular users have noticed that several have apparently gone missing. An upcoming event will require all available tables. No questions asked.

## 5 ROAD CLOSURE

Premier Avenue, near the corner of Patricia, is to be closed to all but local traffic for several weeks. The city of Ottawa is replacing the watermain. The work is scheduled to be completed before June 30. While the road will be dug up, the city assures that homeowners will have access to their properties during construction.

## Upcoming events at Experimental Farm

The Friends of the Central Experimental Farm have done exceptional work in improving one of Ottawa's underappreciated gems.

The gardens at the farm look glorious at this time of year. Here are some upcoming events.

a) **LILAC TOURS** on Sunday, May 28.

The Friends invite you to walk along the lilac rows in the Ornamental Gardens with the Friends of the Farm lilac team.

Tours at 1 and 2 p.m. Meet at the fountain in the Macoun Garden. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

b) **PEONY TOURS** on June 10 and 17.

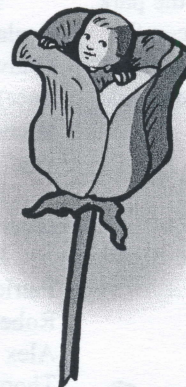
Enjoy a guided tour of the peonies. Get tips on what would work best in your garden and ways to keep your

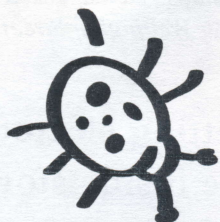
peonies happy. A question period will follow the tour. Tour at 9 a.m., question period from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at tree in centre of peony beds. Admission is free.

c) **TOUR OF ROSE & EXPLORER ROSE GARDENS** on June 11.

Take part in a guided tour of two amazing collections of roses. Come with your questions and get tips from those in the know.

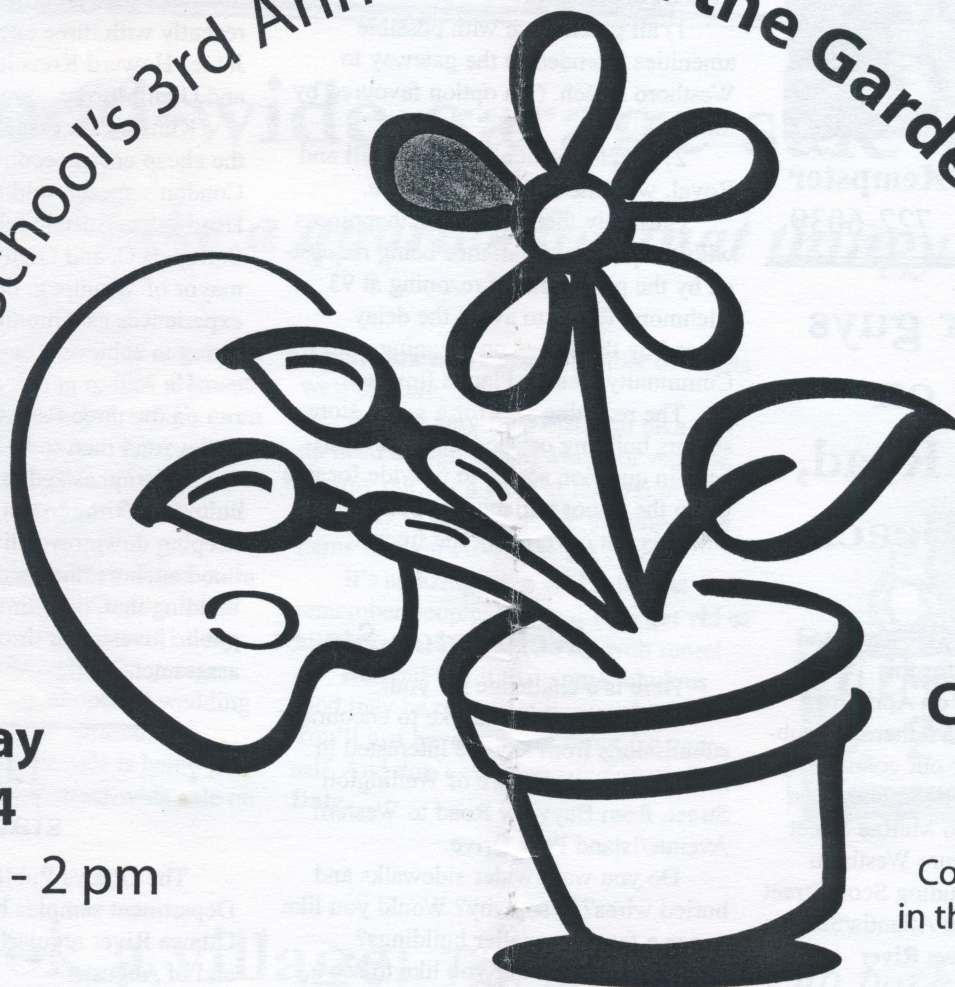
Tours at 1 and 2 p.m. Meet at the Rose Garden gazebo, Ornamental Gardens. Admission is free.





You and your family are invited to

Elmdale School's 3rd Annual Art in the Garden & Plant Fair



**Sunday  
June 4  
10 am - 2 pm**

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

- Featuring Rockwall Gardens, Eternal Seed, Connaught Acres
- Garden accents - driftwood, trellises, willow furniture & wrought iron
- Five expert gardening groups offering advice & growing tips

- Visual artists
- Garden gifts - tea cup bird baths, mosaics and more
- Raffles, including plants grown by Ed Lawrence
- Delicious homemade sandwiches, sweets & drinks

Make it a day in the park **rain or shine!**



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

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## Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster  
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# Designer guys set eyes on Richmond Road, Westboro Beach

It seems quite some time ago that I attended the open house for this Community Design Plan on April 3rd.

The alternatives shown there of probably the most interest for our community are those for Section 6 (Richmond Road from Island Park Drive to McRae Street and McRae itself, the future Westboro Transit Station area, including Scott Street to Lanark Avenue and the Atlantis/Selby lands bordering the Ottawa River Parkway).

Proposed for the portion of Richmond from McRae to Island Park is an extension of the traditional main street character with mixed-use zoning. Fairly substantial buildings of six storeys or more are shown at the corner with Island Park and replacing the Canadian Tire gas-bar and store.

As I recall, no comments were made about this specific area. However, already-expressed concerns about shadowing of houses down slope and north of any tall buildings on Richmond would also apply here.

McRae Street was envisioned as a mixed-use environment linking Richmond's main-street look with the transitway station. The transitway station area was seen as experiencing considerable transit-oriented redevelopment, with higher residential densities and a height

limit of up to 12 storeys (i.e. on the CBC lands); Scott Street was seen as having six to eight storeys of mixed-use, including employment areas, between Churchill and Lanark.

Finally, two alternatives were shown for the Atlantis/Selby lands (NCC owned). As follows:

1) all greenspace with possible amenities intended as the gateway to Westboro Beach. (An option favoured by most).

2) development along Churchill and Royal, with the rest as greenspace.

Currently there is some unhappiness with the proposed variance being requested by the proponent of rezoning at 93 Richmond Road, to avoid the delay caused by the freeze on rezoning until the Community Design Plan is finished.

The rezoning was for a seven-storey seniors building or condos and the variance in question seems to provide for this using the minor variance procedure, which is not covered by the freeze.

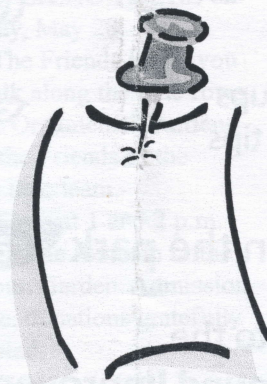
## Wellington Street

Here is a challenge for you!

This column would like to encourage submissions from anyone interested in how they see the future of Wellington Street, from Bayview Road to Western Avenue/Island Park Drive.

Do you want wider sidewalks and buried wires? If so, why? Would you like to see a few more taller buildings? (Again, why?) Would you like to see a small pay parking lot (say near Clarendon)?

Use your imagination and I will include your ideas in my next column with recognition of your input by giving your name with your ideas.



Please e-mail [kempster@magma.ca](mailto:kempster@magma.ca) with the subject being *Wellington Street*.

## Getting elected: the inside story

I attended a conference in Guelph recently with three excellent speakers, James Howard Kunstler, Patrick Condon and Glen Murray.

Kunstler's message was to *Wake Up!*, the cheap energy economy is at its end. Condon's speech told the story of the Headwaters Sustainable Community in Surrey, B.C. and Glen Murray, the former mayor of Winnipeg, described some of his experiences as a municipal politician in trying to achieve a better city.

He said to get elected you needed to run on the three Ps: pavement, pipes and policy; and then to keep taxes down.

He emphasized the importance of cultural institutions, such as libraries, in keeping downtowns lively. As neighbourhood anchors, they may stimulate other building that, over time, will pay back the public investment through increased assessment.

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## Life's a beach, starting June 18

The Ottawa Public Health Department samples beach water in the Ottawa River regularly from June to the end of August.

The water is tested for E. coli bacteria. When high levels of E. coli are detected in beach water, other disease-causing organisms are likely to be present and may pose a risk to your health.

A no-swimming advisory will be issued if bacteria levels are over 200 E. coli per 100 ml of water tested or if they are over 100 E. coli per 100 ml of water tested on two or more consecutive days.

A 24-hour no swimming advisory will be issued for Westboro Beach after a rainfall of 5 mm or more.

The beaches are officially open from Saturday, June 18 to Sunday, Aug. 28. Lifeguards are on duty weekday hours Monday to Friday from noon to 7 p.m. and weekend hours Saturday, Sunday and statutory holidays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Source: *City of Ottawa website*

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