

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

Annual General Meeting **Oct. 29 @ 7 p.m.**

Meet & Greet @ 6:30 p.m. Hear from J. Leiper & river flood expert

Agenda

The Champlain Park Community Association, which is dedicated to making our neighbourhood a great place to live, is pleased to present the agenda for its annual meeting.

- 1) Report from Coun. **Jeff Leiper.**
- 2) Financial report from treasurer **Josh Bizjak.**
- 3) Election of board members for 2019/20. **Nick Xenos** coordinates.
- 4) **Guest Speaker:** (30 mins.) **Michael Sarich**, Senior Water Resources Engineer, Ottawa River Regulation Planning Board. He will provide updates on the 2017 and 2019 flooding, take questions.



Business Items:

- a) **Approval of minutes** of 2018 AGM. (Liz Gyalokay)
- b) **Reports from committees:**
 - * **Membership** (Jennie Hornosty)
 - * **Civic Engagement** (Roland Dorsay)
 - * **Social** (Carol Arnason)
 - * **Planning and Zoning** (H. Pearl & L. Bankier)
 - * **Environment** – (D. Buckles and A. Bradley)
- c) **Other Business**

8th Halloween Fun Run Saturday, Oct. 26

The annual Halloween Fun Run is all set to go. The route will take runners through the wooded trail between Champlain Park and the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway and this year will use our newly depaved connection on Pontiac. (Flip over for story.)

There will be one loop of about 800 meters for little legs (five and under) and that begins at **9:30 a.m.**

A more challenging loop of about two kilometers will be available for those five and older, at **9:40 a.m.** Meet near the fieldhouse, rain or shine. Look for people in zany costumes.



No registration is necessary.

There is a suggested entry fee of \$10, with all proceeds going (50/50) to OSS U14 Basketball and Jumpstart.

Volunteers always welcome, as are donations of food, drink. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes (something easy to run in). Prizes for best costume and top three finishers by age category!

For more information, contact **Peter Laughton** at peterlaughton@rogers.com

The day the Park grew **bigger, greener**

1. We went from this....



2. To this.....



On Oct. 5 more than 50 people removed a city block of pavement from Pontiac Street, between Cowley and Carleton.

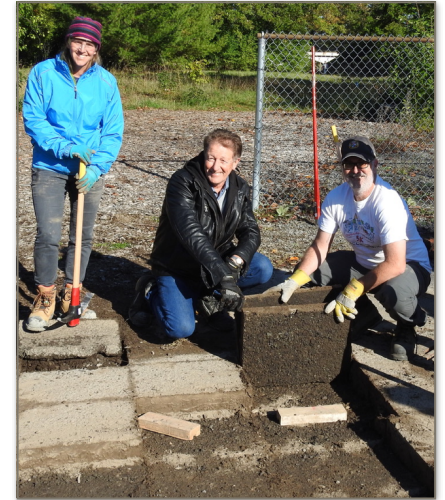
To mangle Joni's famous words, they depaved a-once paradise and took out a parking lot!

The fence for that section is now also gone. New soil and grass will directly connect our park with the NCC green space, all the way to the river. A pedestrian/bike path remains along the north edge of the park and a winter ramp will bring the SJAM trail alongside the skating rink. The planters will remain. The effort was led by Coun. Jeff Leiper, with funds from parkland cash-in-lieu and a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Energetic community volunteers dug up sections of pavement and hauled them to dumpsters. The block disappeared, block by block! The volunteers were organized by the Enviro Centre and the community association, with coffee from Bridgehead and bagels from the Ottawa Bagel Shop. Bravo on this historic achievement.

— text by **C. Arnason, D. Buckles**

— photos by **J. Arnason, A. Bradley**

3. By doing lots of this....



4. With plenty of these...



Christmas Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 23

.... And wreath-making workshop Dec. 1

Handmade gifts including soaps, jewelry, baking, knitted scarves, hats, pottery, sewn items, and festive decor items.

@ The Fieldhouse, on Saturday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more info, **Laurie Fagan, 613.728.1945.**



Join the Champlain Park Garden Club on **Sunday afternoon, Dec.**

1, for a holiday-wreath making workshop at the Fieldhouse. No artistic skill needed to make an 18-inch wreath with five types of fresh evergreen boughs and berries. All materials supplied. Have a fun day with your friends, even mark a birthday with this fun, creative hour. Cost is \$29.

Please register in advance by calling **Laurie Fagan, 613.728.1945.**

One last thing! The Speaker is produced with the generous support of the Ottawa Citizen.