

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



<https://champlainpark.org/>



## Membership drive goes online

The Champlain Park Community Association suspended our annual membership drive in 2020 due to the pandemic, but we continued to deliver community initiatives where possible. These included: operating the outdoor rink, supporting the SJAM winter trail, improving green spaces, running non-contact social activities like the Halloween and Christmas house decorating contests, the Holiday Charity Auction, online contests and engaging in development issues. Ongoing operating costs also included insurance and administrative costs.

We will continue to provide socially-distanced activities while we ride out this storm. Once the pandemic resolves, we will return to supporting our usual social events, like the Christmas Sleigh Ride, Shakespeare in the Park, and the Halloween Fun Run.

### *Official launch May 1*



This year, instead of our traditional door-to-door membership drive, we're going electronic! Please consider paying the CPCA membership fee of \$15 per household via e-transfer to [FinancesCPCA@gmail.com](mailto:FinancesCPCA@gmail.com). Please add your surname and address in the "message" field. If e-transfer is not a good option, you can mail or drop off payment at 197 Carleton

Ave. (cash or cheque to Champlain Park Community Association).

We recognize the pandemic has had negative financial impacts on some members of our community. If you're unable to pay this year, please know you remain absolutely welcome to participate in CPCA activities. However, if you're in a position to make an additional contribution on behalf of the less fortunate, it would be gratefully accepted!

## Garbage wander May 1 to 6 — spoils of a good walk



There won't be an official Spring Cleanup this year, given pandemic restrictions and the shuttering of the fieldhouse.

Instead, we're pitching the week of May 1 to 6 as a low-key Garbage Wander and suggesting residents independently register in the City of Ottawa's [Cleaning the Capital](#) team program. (They provide gloves, bags or graffiti removal supplies.)

If you have an hour or so, take a wander through the places we've cleaned before: the south side of Amanda Avenue above the transitway; the boulevard on Northwestern and the path at its north end; the area along the fence on Patricia and Pontiac; and in the Champlain Woods between the fence and the SJAM. It can also include the area along the river at the foot of Carleton, or any other public spaces you think could use some help.

Bring along a garbage bag, gloves, a picking-up tool of some kind (even a stick with a nail on the end is useful). Long-sleeved shirts, pants, and appropriate footwear are recommended.

Garbage pick-up day is May 7, so your bag can just go out with your household garbage.

Champlain Park neighbours have been so great in past years helping with the cleanup.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call Andrea Murphy or Ian Reid at 613-715-9504.

P.S. If you find any note-worthy items, please send a photo to [champlainpark@gmail.com](mailto:champlainpark@gmail.com) or tag it on Twitter with [@ChamplainPark](#) and we'll do a post about garbage treasures.

For posts about Spring Cleanups, see <https://champlainpark.org/category/community-news/spring-cleanup/>

**COVID-19 Reminder:** Unfortunately, the fieldhouse remains closed and indoor programs are on hold, as are any rentals. Our usual seasonal activities, like the June garage sale, have been cancelled. Please follow Ottawa Public Health guidelines for use of the park amenities. To reach us anytime: [champlainpark@gmail.com](mailto:champlainpark@gmail.com)

# This crew can chill — magnificent rink effort!



We can't let the winter of '20/21 pass without a massive thank you to the leaders and volunteers who gave us such a wonderful season on our ice rinks — and, heavens, did we need it this year! And so we offer gratitude, in no particular order, to the whole crew, some pictured above: Jon, Arni, Chad, Ian, Kevin, Michael, Jimmy, Curtis, Natasha, Craig, Derek, Helene, Gerald, Lucy, Dave H, Dave S, Stewart, Louise, Eric, JP, MattGerry, Guillaume, Connor and Adrian, Matt K, Paul, Rod, Manfred, Graydon, Dan and, finally to “Groomer” Dave Adams and his crew. (Apologies for any good souls not mentioned.)

## Foster a plant! The future will thank you

Are you willing to provide a foster home for a tree sapling, shrub or plants?



The Champlain Park Enviro Committee is looking for caretakers of small, potted trees and plants that will eventually make their way into public spaces in Champlain Park.

Learn about and share your knowledge of native trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, while also helping to create a legacy urban forest and healthy environment. The term for taking care of plants can range from a few months to three years, depending on species.

For more project details and information on how to become a Volunteer Nursery Caretaker please see the project's homepage.

For more information, the Network Coordinators:

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## Outdoor yoga planned May 29 at the park

A pop-up yoga event is being planned outdoors at Champlain Park on May 29.

Participants must register in advance by visiting [www.yogawithcarolynne.com](http://www.yogawithcarolynne.com).



The number of people allowed will follow guidelines from Ottawa Public Health and please keep in mind this maximum has been fluctuating with changing pandemic restrictions.

Masks and yoga mats are required. For more information, contact Carolynne Colbeck through her website.

The hope is that a series of yoga classes can be scheduled this summer in the park.

Please check <https://champlainpark.org/yoga/> for updates.

## On deck is CP's first-ever baseball pool

Nothing says spring like the beginning of baseball. Why not have a little fun with Champlain Park's first ever Baseball Pool?

Because the season is already underway, everybody gets a head start! And it's free. **Follow four easy steps to enter:**



a) Pick one player from each of these positions: 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, Catcher, (5 players total)

b) Pick 3 outfielders.

Position players get 1 point for each steal, run, home run, RBI.

c) Pick 1 pitcher — pitchers get 5 points for each win and 1 point for each strikeout.

d) Pick a team - each team win gets 2 points

Submit your 10 picks (9 players and 1 team) to Nick at [chparkevents@yahoo.com](mailto:chparkevents@yahoo.com) by

**April 22.**

Email Nick with any questions.