

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Annual Membership Drive goes online

Use e-transfer, handy QR code to sign up/pay up!

The Champlain Park Community Association is launching its annual membership drive, with some important changes.

Instead of a door-to-door campaign, residents are asked to pay the \$20 fee via e-transfer and use the QR code on this page to help submit members' contact information.

What does the association do? It works hard on many fronts to enhance and protect our community, under the guidance of an elected board of directors. (All volunteers!)

How will your \$20 be used? To support CPCA activities, such as:

- * Coordinating events like theatre and yoga in the park, star gazing, Winter Carnival, an online chess tournament and contests with prizes.

- * Coordinating the rink, and fieldhouse activities.

- * Enhancing our natural green space (ski trails, pollinator garden, tree plantings).

- * Keeping us secure through Neighbourhood Watch.

- * Presenting on planning and zoning issues.

- * Supporting our community's concerns at City Hall.

- * Working with other communities on shared issues.

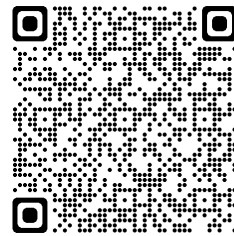
- * Keeping you informed through a website <https://champlainpark.org>, Twitter @ChamplainPark and delivery of the Champlain Speaker newsletter.

Membership also allows you to vote for CPCA representatives at the Annual General Meeting.

Ideas or questions? We encourage residents to attend the AGM (late Fall date) or write to the webmaster ChamplainPark@gmail.com to connect with the appropriate person.

So, how do I join?

- 1) You can e-transfer the \$20 annual fee to: **financescpca@gmail.com** with the contact name Champlain Park Community Association. Be sure to include your street address in the Message area to help us keep track of payments.
- 2) In addition, use this QR to provide contact information for each person in your household joining the CPCA.



(Note: if there are two or more voting members at your address, fill out contact information for each, but we only request one e-transfer of \$20 for your address.)

Alternatively, click on this [link](#) to provide contact information.

- 3) If you need help becoming a member, please contact the Membership Coordinator at financescpca@gmail.com and put Membership in the subject line.

To keep track of the latest news, join the email list by using the subscribe button at <https://champlainpark.org>.

And, finally, there is also third-party Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChamplainPark>



Tunney's neighbours seek answers on big changes at federal complex

Neighbours for Tunney's (NFT) compiled a list of residents' questions on the status of the Tunney's Pasture redevelopment project and submitted it to Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) and Canada Lands Company (CLC).

Questions ranged from specific ones about the ongoing demolition and reconstruction activity to those about future provision of greenspace and traffic management studies. The answers provided by the Canada Lands Company are included in an online link at the end of this item.

To stay informed, visit the Engage website at this [link](#).

To join Neighbours for Tunney's, go to www.neighboursfortunneys.ca/ on the Wellington Village Community Association website, then follow the instructions on the page, after the bolded line "To join our emailing list, please click this link".

Please feel free to contact Heather Pearl at hptek20@teksavvy.com for additional information.

See the submitted questions and answers on the Champlain Park website, under the News/Federal News tab or click [here](#) and scroll down.

Ward-wide Garage Sale on Saturday, June 3

Kitchissippi Ward is planning a co-ordinated community garage sale for June 3. Champlain Park, of course, will be taking part. It's a great time to gather with your neighbours and find, swap or rehome some hidden treasures. Coun. Jeff Leiper has compiled a map of the (so far) nine neighbourhoods taking part. See his newsletter (at kitchissippiward.ca) for participating locations. The sale starts at 8 a.m. and typically wraps up by early afternoon.



Westboro Beach to reopen but detours on NCC bike paths

At a consultation session on May 3, Benoit Gelinas, a public relations officer for the National Capital Commission, provided an update on the Westboro Beach construction.

Importantly for Champlain Park, the work will result in a detour to the Ottawa River bicycle path, from Island Park to the beach area, for all of 2023 and possibly part of 2024.

Benoit noted that signage will be in place at various locations to help the public navigate the detour. Users will now have to cross the SJAM Parkway at the Island Park traffic lights to reconnect to the existing path. This, unfortunately, will be an inconvenience to cyclists and pedestrians accustomed to a continuous, non-stop route.

Benoit also reported the Beach will be open this summer "at two-thirds capacity on a non-supervised basis." Signage will be posted on swimming conditions. Porta-potties will also be on site.

More detailed information can be found at this NCC online [site](#).



(Thanks to Richard Lochead for this update. Map courtesy of NCC.)

Check it out, mate: Chess tourney returns



Please consider taking part in the 3rd annual tournament of the Champlain Park Chess League for the spring/summer of 2023.

A ladder format will be used, so sign up, then challenge a neighbour to a game of online chess (many online sites exist) and move up the ladder-ranking. The top four players will then play off at the end of summer to crown the champion.

Congrats to Vitaly who won last year!

There is more detailed information on our website or contact email Nick at chparkevents@yahoo.com.

Calling all Environ-teers. Come grow with us!

The 'green season' is again upon us and we need your help to advance the environmental work we're doing in our neighbourhood. A remarkable amount of effort has gone into transforming a drab stretch of asphalt into a natural oasis full of diverse life and linked to larger NCC greenspace. Please visit the section of Pontiac near the park to see for yourselves! The association's environment team has activities that suit all ages, physical and skill ability ranges, and energy levels! If you like 'low tech', and love trees, we have a task for you.

Register with us at <https://champlainpark.org/environtees/> and you will be free to work when you want, on any project we've got, for as long as you like – five minutes or five weeks, we have a spot for you!

Minors are welcome to participate – parental/guardian permission and supervision are currently required at the time/location of participation.

**** The Champlain Park Enviro Team

Reminders about Fieldhouse summer break, Neighbourhood Watch vigilance

Finally, couple of seasonal reminders. The fieldhouse is closed for bookings in July and August. In Neighbourhood Watch news, a car on Carleton Avenue was stolen in March and several vehicles were broken into (security cameras caught one)! Please be mindful about

security and make sure your property and outdoor belongings (bikes etc.) are safely stowed. More details are on the April 7 Neighbourhood Watch web update.

*** Your Neighbourhood Watch Team