

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Halloween Fun Run Sat/Oct 28

Volunteers welcome for annual fundraiser. Prizes, medals, you bet!

The 10th annual Halloween Fun Run through the Champlain Woods is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28.

The start time is 9:30 a.m. for children five years and older (their route is about two kilometres) and 9:35 a.m. for those under five (about 800 metres for the little ones.) Costumes encouraged! Meet on the east side of the park.

The suggested entry fee is \$10, with the proceeds going to the Parkdale Food Centre. Coffee should be on hand.

There will be treats for the runners, as well as prizes for the top three finishers and best costume. It will go ahead, rain or shine.

Parents or guardians must accompany participants. Extra hands are always needed. Please contact todd.w.shannon@gmail.com to volunteer.

The event has raised hundreds of dollars for worthy charities in the past, with as many as 70 children taking part annually. (About \$700 went to the SJAM winter trail project last year.)

This is a good moment to thank Peter Laughton, the founder and longtime organizer, who is taking a break after



many years of dedicated service. The community is grateful for his enthusiastic efforts and for sending an important message to children about the benefits of an active lifestyle, all the while helping the less fortunate.

On your mark, get set ghosts and goblins!

Craft Show returns Sat/Nov. 25, our own festive treat!



Well, the leaves are turning, the rink boards are up in the park....it cannot be long until the annual craft show at the fieldhouse! This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Expect to find a lovely selection of jewelry, ceramics, paintings, knitting, soaps, body lotions, cards, preserved flowers, vintage Christmas decor, cashmere scarves, baking, artisan woodworking AND much, much more.....

For more information, contact Laurie Fagan at lauriefagan59@gmail.com.

Membership Drive ongoing, still time for 2023

The Champlain Park Community Association is continuing its annual membership drive and it's not too late to join for 2023/24.

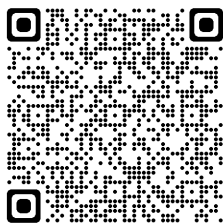
The current campaign is being done differently.

Instead of the traditional door-to-door canvass, residents are asked to pay the \$20 fee via e-transfer and we've added a cheque drop-off payment option (see below).

We've made a great start, with more than a quarter of our (roughly) 400 households signing up. But we'd like to do better!

Three easy ways to join...

You can e-transfer the \$20 annual fee to: financescpca@gmail.com with the contact name **Champlain Park Community Association**. Include your



name and street address in the Message area.

Autodeposit is enabled; if you don't get that message please delete and re-enter the contact.

You can drop off a cheque payable to **Champlain Park Community Association** in the mailbox at 183 Carleton or 251 Keyworth (in an envelope marked Membership). Please make sure your **name and address is on the cheque**.

In addition, use [this link](#) or the handy QR code (left) to sign up to provide contact information for each person in your household joining the CPCA. (Note: Please fill out contact information for each voting member of your household, but we only request one e-transfer of \$20 for your address). If you need help becoming a member, please contact the Membership Coordinator at financescpca@gmail.com.

Need a sitter, a snow shoveller? Consider our Job Matchmaker

Our new Job Matchmaker is an online way of connecting residents available for casual work and those looking to hire someone for duties like babysitting, grass cutting or snow shovelling.

For anonymity reasons we now have a matchmaker volunteer (MatchMakerCPCA@gmail.com) who will be the optional point of contact when privacy is desired, such as for young babysitters who shouldn't have their

phone/text number or e-mail made public. There is a form to fill out on our website and we would ask those under 18 to have parental permission. The list is not an endorsement of workers or employers but only a handy guide for the neighbourhood. Fuller details are available at:

<https://champlainpark.org/matchmaker/>

A leaf falls, a tree grows....

Like to put all those autumn leaves to good use? Turn them into compost for the public gardens by bringing bagged leaves to Pontiac Street.

Leave the bags along the inside/north side of the fence, between Carleton and Northwestern avenues. (See photo)

This is the "tiny forest" area, where leaves are needed. Please don't bring garden waste, but only bags with leaves (maple/oak are best).

— Daniel Buckles



Garden Club in full bloom, next meeting Nov. 14 — creepy crawlies on agenda!

The Champlain Park Garden Club is up and running for another season. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month, from September to June (with some holiday exceptions), with a **7 p.m.** start.

The topic on Nov. 14 is **The Good, The Bad, The Ugly: Identifying Insects In Your Garden**, featuring

guest speaker Jason Vodden, a professor in the horticulture program at Algonquin College. The year-long fee is \$30 (with a Champlain Park membership), but there is a \$6 drop-in option for single meetings.

For more information, contact **Laurie Fagan** at lauriefagan59@gmail.com.