

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Annual Spring Cleanup May 11



Let's keep the home-front neat and tidy // // // **May 18** rain date

With the snow freshly gone, it can look a little messy out there in our public spaces.

Now's the time to limber up and get ready to stoop, scoop, lunge and squat our way to a cleaner community!

Our annual Spring Cleanup is a great way to get some exercise and help make our neighbourhood beautiful at the same time.

When: Saturday, May 11 (in case of rain, Saturday May 18. If the weather is iffy, check our website for the latest update.)

Where: Meet outside the Champlain Park Fieldhouse at **10 a.m.** and pick up a garbage bag and gloves. *We'll also provide snacks to tide you over!*

What: Choose a part of the neighbourhood — be it the park, the trail, the grassy roadsides — and pick up any garbage you can easily handle. Please dispose of the trash bag with your normal household garbage/recycling/composting.

For more information about Spring Cleanups, see our website and look for **Category: Spring Cleanup**

Your move! Board Game Nights begin May 9 at Fieldhouse

Unplug and spend time with friends and neighbours and play games at the Fieldhouse on the **2nd Thursday** of every month from **7-9 pm**, starting from May 9!

Open to all Champlain Park members who are at least 10 years old. If you are not an active member, membership of Champlain Park Community Association can be purchased online at [Champlainpark.org](https://champlainpark.org/). Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult.



We will be playing Backgammon, Chess, Sushi Go!, Ticket To Ride, or bring your favourite game to play with others. There will be a short tutorial on Backgammon for those who want to learn a new game. Backgammon is fun and very easy to learn! Come and join us for a fun community Game Night!

To register, drop a line to Jal at jahal2000ca@yahoo.ca by May 2 with the name(s), game of interest, and whether you can bring a game.

Annual Membership Drive launches in May

The Champlain Park Community Association is starting its annual membership drive, and this year we're going with an online signup/payment method again.

We had good results last year, with almost half of our roughly 400 households joining the association. But we think we can do better. (Memberships valid May 1/April 30). Residents are asked to pay the \$20 fee via e-transfer (contact name Champlain Park Community Association) or cheque and use the QR code on this page to help submit members' contact information.

Cheques, payable to **Champlain Park Community Association**, can be left in the mailbox at 183 Carleton or 251 Keyworth. Please write **cpca membership**, and your **name and address** on the cheque.

So, 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:

- * Coordinating events like theatre in the park, the Halloween Fun Run, 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 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 reach the right person.

So, how do I join?

1) You can e-transfer the \$20 annual fee to: **financescpca@gmail.com** Be sure to include your street address in the Message area to help us keep track of payments. Or use one of two drop-spots for cheques.

2) 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: <https://forms.gle/aSmkRvUW3rzaLNrR8>

3) If you need help becoming a member, please contact the Membership Coordinator at financescpca@gmail.com.

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

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

Dear Early Birds — join a guided watch on Fridays in our woods

As the natural world awakens from its winter sleep, our feathered migrant neighbours are slowly beginning to arrive. Eastern Phoebes and Song Sparrows have added their voices to the morning chorus, and they will soon be joined by a colourful kaleidoscope of warblers.

Come out and meet some of the resident and migrant birds of your naturehood on this family-friendly outing. We will see who we can find together, and practice some basic skills to help locate and identify the birds around you.



Bring your curiosity, a set of binoculars and a bird field guide or the Merlin bird app, if you like.

Registration is not required but if you would like to be notified of cancellations due to weather, feel free to send an email to jen@spiritwalkers.ca with the subject: "Naturehood Outing."

Date: Friday mornings (April 26 – early June)

Time: 7 a.m to 8 a.m

Location: Champlain Park Pollinator Garden (Carleton and Pontiac streets)

Leader: Jennifer Neate