

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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BBQ/Picnic in the Park on June 7

FREE burgers, h/dogs from the grill, group games + your salads/desserts



The Champlain Park Community Association has something special for you deserving souls this year.

We're hosting a community-wide BBQ and picnic at the park on **Saturday, June 7, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

It's for everyone and all **FREE**.

The association has arranged a provider to grill up hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and veggie burgers. (An assortment of drinks is being worked on too.)

We're also asking picnickers to bring a salad or dessert dish to share with others.

But, hang on now — it's not all about free food!

We're hoping to arrange a number of timeless games, like a group tug-of-war, three-legged races and egg-on-spoon sprints.

We'll need help, of course. Anyone able to volunteer time, ideas and organization is asked to email lauriefagan59@gmail.com

As many of you know, Champlain Park has undergone a good deal of change in the last decade, with many new homes and young families now part of the fabric of the community.

This is a great opportunity to spend some relaxing time with your neighbours, in a venue we can all walk to. It is another reason, too, to become a member of the association, now amidst its annual sign-up drive. (See story on next page)

The rain date is **Sunday, June 8** — please check our website if conditions look a little iffy.

We hope to see you there!

Action-packed day — Garage Sale also Sat/June 7

Champlain Park is one of about 10 neighbourhoods taking part in the Kitchissippi-wide garage sale on **Sat/June 7**.

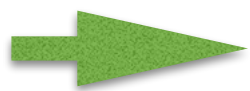
The sale begins at **8 a.m.** (eager beavers may show up earlier) and wraps up **about 1 p.m.** (Rain date **Sun/June 8**.)

If you'd like your address added to a Google map of sales, email Jeff.Leiper@ottawa.ca with your location.

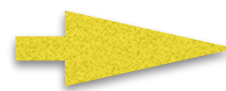
If you have items to give away, instead of selling, the councillor's office suggests putting them by the curb with a "Free" sign for anyone to cart away.

We will endeavour to have road signs up to direct traffic to the area. It's a nice morning browse to start the weekend, topped off by the picnic in the afternoon. What a day in CP!





Traffic



Update from the new Champlain Park traffic safety team

Thanks to all who submitted responses to the CP Traffic Safety Survey. We had more than 60 submissions, and although we are still going through the results, cut-through traffic is clearly the number one issue with our residents. Not only has the survey given us lots of feedback on traffic issues and possible mitigation strategies, it has also netted the Champlain Park Traffic Safety Committee three new members.

Thanks and welcome to our team.

And speaking of cut-through traffic, we faced another day of congestion on May 4 related to the closure of the Kichi Zībī Mīkan (Ottawa River parkway) for the CN Cycle for CHEO. The next time the Kichi Zībī Mīkan is closed for a portion of the day will be **May 25** for the **Ottawa Race Weekend**.

I have sent an email to Coun. Jeff Leiper asking for assistance to mitigate the flow of traffic that day.

I would like to reiterate the need for our own residents to obey traffic laws within our community. The speed limit is **30 km/h** in all parts of Champlain Park and traffic signs are not mere suggestions.

Check out our page on the CP website for more information, including how to report traffic-related issues to the Ottawa Police Service.

Drive safely, everywhere.

— **Bill Baggs**, chair,

Champlain Park Traffic Safety Committee
director4cpca@gmail.com, 613-325-2738

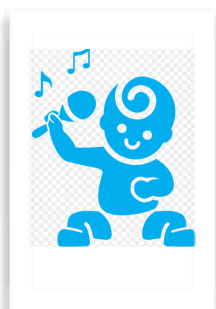
Should we bring back the Fieldhouse playgroup?

Interested in a parent-run playgroup for pre-schoolers?

Some keen residents are gauging interest in a playgroup that would meet one morning a week in the Fieldhouse, from September to June. Parents and their pre-school children (18 months to kindergarten age) would gather to play, sing songs, do crafts, and have a snack. It should be a great way for kids to socialize and parents to connect with nearby families.

At least two parent volunteers are needed to organize the group while all accompanying parents would take turns providing snacks and leading craft sessions.

If you'd like to help make it happen, contact Janet Hofstetter at janethof3000@gmail.com.



Local sites for wild orchids revealed in June 11 talk

Champlain Park residents and friends are invited to a free talk organized by the volunteers of the Biodiversity Garden along Pontiac Avenue.

Jean Hollebhone will speak about **Wild Orchids of the Ottawa Area** on **Wed/ June 11 from 7:30 to 8:30**

p.m. at the Fieldhouse. Jean is former president of Canadian

Orchid Society and currently on the Executive of the American Orchid Society. This date will allow attendees to be aware of public field sites to visit near Ottawa where wild orchids are still in bloom.



Membership drive reminder...help us to finish line!

The annual drive to recruit members of the Champlain Park Community Association is underway and we're off to a solid start.

This a reminder to consider joining the association, which depends on membership fees for a good chunk of its revenue.

Instead of a door-to-door campaign, residents are now asked to fill in a form, pay the \$20 per-household fee, via e-transfer (at financescpca@gmail.com, include name/address in message) or drop off a cheque at 183 Carleton or 251 Keyworth.

(Ensure the envelope is marked Membership, with a name/address on the cheque.)

There is also (above) a handy QR code to sign up and provide information for each person in your household joining the association.



For more detailed instructions, please consult (<https://shorturl.at/fqjd7>)

The fees contribute to all the good things we have to offer in Champlain Park, to name only a few: the skating rink (we bought a snowblower), the Winter Carnival, the Sleigh Ride, Fieldhouse programs, Halloween events, enhancing our green space, Neighbourhood Watch,

the June Picnic, working with other communities and monitoring/engaging with planning/zoning issues.

Ping-pong, chess, supporting the ski trails, production of the Speaker — if it enhances Champlain Park, the association is usually involved.

Membership also allows residents to vote at the AGM and rent the Fieldhouse.