

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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Holiday Sleigh Ride Dec. 23



Giddy-up & hop on board the hay wagon in magical trip through

The annual Sleigh Ride — please weather gods, be kind! — is scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 23.**

The horse-drawn wagon will depart from the Fieldhouse and take a winding way through Champlain Park. For the exact route, check our website or consult one of the many detailed posters affixed on poles across the neighbourhood. (There are four stops on the route.)

We're asking that the **6:15 p.m. departure** be set aside for tiny tots (four years and under), with a **6:45 p.m. departure** for the regular ride-along, walk-along. (Parents or guardians must accompany children on both rides.)



There will be sing-alongs and hot chocolate, candy canes and possibly a surprise visit from Old St. Nick himself. Feel free to bring along a set of bells or other musical instruments that suit group carolling. Please be mindful the event is weather-dependent, as freezing rain (in particular) has led to the cancellation in previous years.

If the weather looks iffy, be sure to check our website or Twitter/X account (@Champlainpark) for last-minute updates. Volunteers are always welcome: contact **Dennis** at denvan@gmail.com if you can help with tasks like setup, serving and cleanup. Baked goods also welcome.

Prep on outdoor rink well underway/volunteers welcome

A small core group of volunteers work hard to build and maintain our ice rink, but we need more volunteers to make it a successful season! In particular, we need volunteers to supervise the rink and change-room facilities during "open" hours.

Teenagers over 14 can earn valuable high-school volunteer hours supervising at the rink. Volunteers also get the added bonus of being outside, gaining some fitness and taking pride in helping make ours the best outdoor in the city!

To be added to the volunteer list, please send an email to Paul O'Blenes, Outdoor Rink Coordinator, at oblenesp@gmail.com

The Champlain Park website also has links to the rink Facebook page and to City of Ottawa guidelines on how to ensure rink use is safe for everyone. Stay tuned for news on the rink's opening day.



Change-room hours

Mon to Fri: 6 to 9 PM

Saturday: 10 AM to 2 PM

Sunday: 12 to 4 PM

Job matching service: **Clip and Save me....**

Car detailing/tire changes	Ron , at detailing+tires@norton.me	Seasonal tire changes, full car detailing
Babysitting, pet and house sitting, dog walking, yard work, shovelling	Claudia , cdlehmeir@gmail.com	Responsible babysitter, Red Cross certified, First Aid training, punctual
Babysitting, dog sitting, dog walking	Avery ,	Responsible, experienced babysitter with Red Cross certification
Pet and house sitting, yard work, errands and chores	Odd Jobs Guy , oddjobsandwork@gmail.com	Walk/feed/play with pet dogs, bring in mail, water plants, check on house
Babysitting, show shovelling, gardening, raking	ER , MatchMakerCPCA@gmail.com	Completed babysitting course
Small household moves (couches, beds, etc...) Snow removal	Lou , 343-553-9350 plus text	Have truck, snowblower
Babysitting, dog walking	Mia , 613-853-9419 plus text	Red Cross certified for babysitting, loves dogs and kids
Babysitting, pet sitting, yard work, shovelling, house sitting	Sam C , eshouldice@mac.com	Certified babysitter, children 4+, bronze cross, lots of experience
Cat sitting, baby sitting	Ash , 613-301-6258 plus text	Red Cross certified in b/sit, First Aid, leadership, kids counsellor training
Babysitting, pet sitting	Sam , sherstonefletcher@gmail.com	Fresh grad of Dovercourt babysitting class

Calendar Alert: Winter Carnival, Valentine show on way

The annual Winter Carnival is planned for the afternoon of **Saturday, Jan. 24, from noon to 3 p.m.** More details

to come in the January Speaker but expect a bonfire, the chilli contest, sleigh rides, live music and much more. Admission and some hot drinks are free but bring cash for hot dogs and baked goodies. For more info or to volunteer, contact Erin at erintopping@hotmail.com



Dates and details are still being finalized, but expect the annual Vintage & Valentine sale to return to the Fieldhouse in

February. It's a great opportunity to pick up a Valentine treat for that someone special. Hand-made items, clothing and handbags, jewelry and knitted products will return. There should be goodies galore. For more info, lauriefagan59@gmail.com

