

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Spring Cleanup Saturday April 29



After what seemed like an Ice Age, we're looking for volunteers for the spring cleanup on **April 29**. The snow is finally melting, and trash accumulated during a loong winter has started to appear.

Part of the city's Cleaning the Capital campaign, the event is a chance for neighbours of all ages — kids too — to get together, say hello and help spruce up our fine corner of the world.

We'll meet at the fieldhouse, **beginning at 10 a.m.**, and wrap up by noon. Juice, coffee and cookies will be served. In case of rain, the event will be moved to Sunday, April 30.

The designated cleanup areas are the south side of Premier above the transitway; the boulevard on Northwestern and the path at its north end; and along the fence on Patricia and Pontiac and in the NCC forest between the fence and the parkway. It can also include the area along the river at the foot of Carleton, or any other public spaces you think could use some help.

We recommend wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts, appropriate footwear and gloves. The city will provide garbage bags.

For more, **Andrea Murphy or Ian Reid**, 613-715-9504.

Annual membership drive begins May 1. Hands up helpers!

CANVASSERS are the core of our community association's fundraising effort, and revenues collected during the drive are our main source of revenue.

This year, our association needs 20 volunteers to help out with the drive. Our goal is to increase membership to 75 per cent of all households, which number about 400.

Duties: Canvass approximately 20 homes on your street or nearby.

Required: One to two hours of your time.

The drive begins **May 1**.

To volunteer as a canvasser please contact:



Boris Jacouty at 613-890-6938

or email: champlainpark@hotmail.ca

The association engages in a number of important activities, like the Halloween Run, the Winter Carnival and the Champlain Woods projects. It also looks after fieldhouse bookings and monitors development issues in the neighbourhood. If only to toot our own horn, the association also puts out the Champlain Speaker and runs the website, the best place for the latest news.

The drive raises about \$4,000 annually. Cost of a membership, per household, is \$15.

Walk in our woods with naturalist April 22

To enhance our appreciation of the urban forest and as a kickoff for Champlain Park's environmental activities, please consider joining naturalist **Owen Clarkin** for a walk through the **Champlain Woods** and various streets to learn how to identify trees when no leaves are present.

When: Saturday, April 22, rain or shine

Time: 10 a.m. to noon

Where: Champlain Park Fieldhouse

Event organized by: Catherine Shearer

Following the walk, there will be refreshments in the Fieldhouse and more discussion. For more detailed info, check the website.



Garage Sale on June 3 – *Will you take a buck for that?*

The annual community-wide garage sale is just around the corner, which is exactly where you hope all those treasures will end up! Rain date is **Sunday, June 4**.

Residents of Island Park Drive will hold their sale on the same day.

Should you have any leftover gems, keep in mind the next weekend (**June 10/11**) is Ottawa's Spring Give Away Weekend and items may be left by the curb for elves to take to places unknown.

The sale generally begins at **8 a.m.** and usually winds up about **1 p.m.**

CPCA exec meeting June 1

The executive of the Champlain Park Community Association is scheduled to have an open meeting Thursday, June 1, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Please note some items may be "in camera." Check the website later for the location and agenda.

News on Patricia/Premier renaming, partial Pontiac closure

If you live on Patricia or Premier, you may be hearing from the City of Ottawa fairly soon about a possible street-renaming.

Ever since municipal amalgamation took place in 2001, the city has been going through a lengthy process to eliminate duplicate street names. (Imagine how many Church and Maple Streets there were between Ottawa, Nepean, Gloucester, Kanata, Rockcliffe, etc., etc.)

This is a particularly important step for emergency crews and first responders, who hardly need geographic confusion at a time of crisis.

(Sometimes the overlap can be solved with the simple addition of North, South or East, West.)

According to Coun. Jeff Leiper's ward website, changes are being eyed for the following streets:

- * Patricia Avenue, from Pontiac to Premier.
- * Premier Avenue, from Remic to Island Park Drive and from Patricia to Northwestern.

Please check this link for more details:

<http://www.kitchissippiward.ca/content/kitchissippi-street-re-namings>

The councillor also reports there should be movement on the planned "depaving" and closure of a portion of Pontiac (at the edge of the park) after the school year ends. Step One would be installing so-called Jersey barriers to block traffic.