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# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

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## Community Association AGM Feb. 16

The annual general meeting of the Champlain Park Community Association is scheduled for **Thursday, Feb. 16.**

It begins at **7:30 p.m.** and will be held in the fieldhouse, corner of Cowley and Clearview.

On the agenda:

**1.** A talk by guest speaker Selma Hassan, from the City of Ottawa's Planning and Growth Management Dept. The title is *Study of Small Scale Infill Housing in Mature Neighbourhoods*. The talk will explain the study, its findings, proposed solutions and what comes next.

**2.** *Development: Working Towards Compatibility.*

Presenters: Heather Pearl and Lynne Bankier, Co-Chairs, Champlain Park Community Association.

How community involvement leads to better development and an improved neighbourhood.

**3.** Update from Kitchissippi Councillor Katherine Hobbs.

**4.** Business Meeting

a) Election of Officers

b) Executive Reports:  
Environment Committee,  
Communications  
Committee, Membership

Drive and a Financial Report.

We welcome all neighbours, whether your home is mature or an infill.

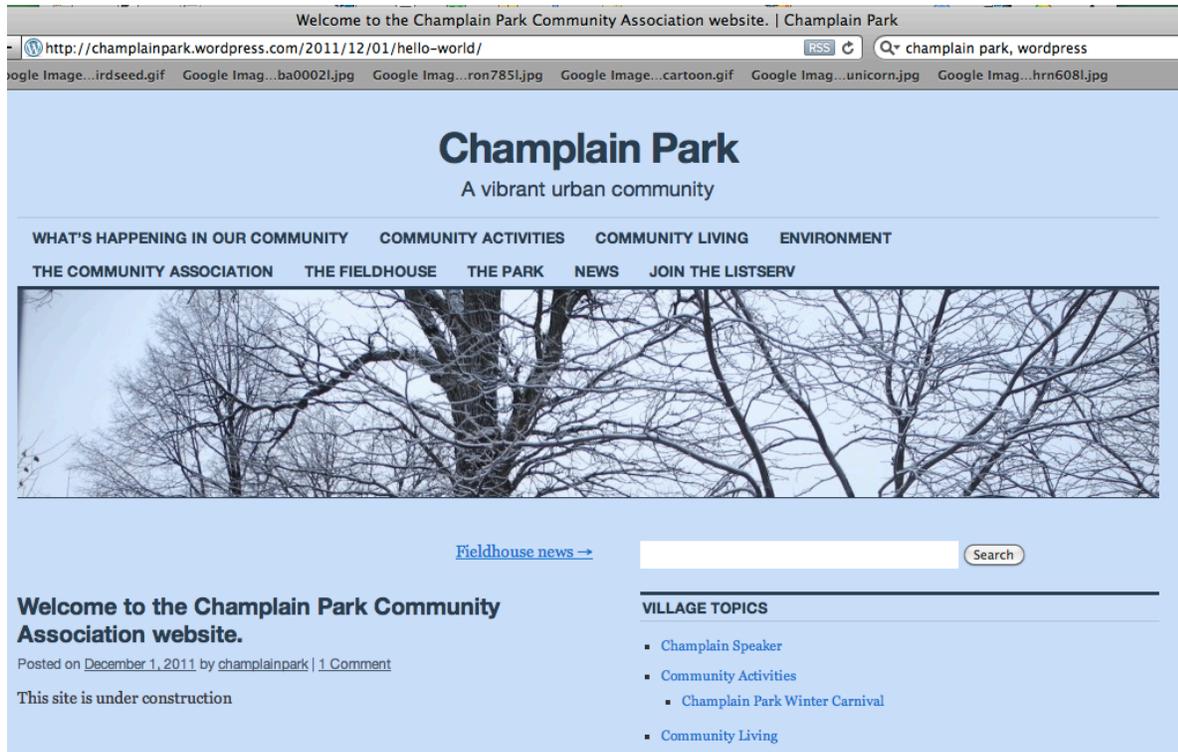
Volunteers are always welcome to help with association business. In particular, there is an urgent need for someone to fill the **Treasurer** position.

If you are interested in joining the executive, please contact Lynne or Heather.

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[pearhea@aol.com](mailto:pearhea@aol.com))



# WE LAUNCH ON-LINE



## CHAMPLAIN PARK BUILDING ITS OWN WEBSITE

<http://champlainpark.wordpress.com/>

This is an exciting time in Champlain Park.

After much discussion, our own website has made a soft launch. Residents are invited to have a sneak peek at the above address.

Please keep in mind the site is still under construction and many of the tabs have yet to be filled in. We owe a great many thanks to our new webmaster, Adrian Bradley, who has us off to a wonderful start.

The beauty of the website is that it opens up possibilities. There is the opportunity for more timely on-line discussion of issues such as infill development or the environment.

There will be much more space for things like photo galleries, blogs

and innovations such as a mini-classified section for selling or swapping items.

We hope to keep our old favourites, like lists of babysitters or yard workers. The site will also include contact information for the association executive and details about fieldhouse programs.

We're also hoping to develop an email system to tell residents about timely news, such as break-ins or vandalism.

A subcommittee of the association has been formed to oversee the new strategy. Its members are Adrian, Anne Johnson, Alexander Smith and Kelly Egan.

The committee is mindful of the fact that many residents, particularly older ones, may not have access to computers or be comfortable with on-line communication.

We are now discussing whether a semi-regular Champlain Speaker should continue to be published.

In the meantime, residents are asked to try out the site. We **strongly encourage** residents to join the Listserv by following instructions on the site. All it takes is an email.

Questions or feedback, please contact Adrian at [adrian.bradley@sympatico.ca](mailto:adrian.bradley@sympatico.ca)