

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



Life's messy. April 28, we clean it up.

The last weekend in April is Capital Cleanup Weekend, and Champlain Park needs volunteers.

Spring Cleanup is an annual tradition in Champlain Park. It is a chance for neighbours of all ages – kids, teens, and adults – to get together and help spruce up the neighbourhood. It is part of the city's Cleaning the Capital campaign to beautify public green spaces each spring.

We'll meet at the fieldhouse **Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m.** Juice, coffee and cookies will be served, and people will sign up and pick an area to do. Usually the work is done by noon. In case of rain, we'll meet instead on Sunday, April 29.

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 the areas along the fence on Patricia and Pontiac. It can also include the area along the river at the foot of Carleton, or any other public spaces you think need it.

We recommend wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts. Wear appropriate footwear and bring gloves. The City will provide garbage bags and other supplies.

The Keyworth School Age Program has adopted Champlain Park and the students of St. George School are doing a great job cleaning it each spring and fall. Thanks go to them.

Now it's time for the rest of us in the neighbourhood to do our part. Last year, 40 people showed up – a wonderful turnout.

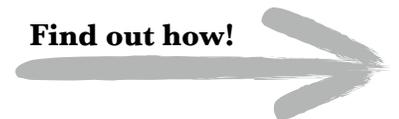
If you have any questions or suggestions, call Andrea Murphy or Ian Reid at 613-715-9504.

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Find out how!



'Hood-wide garage sale June 2



Yes, it's that time of year again. Time to buy back all that stuff you sold to your neighbour last year, but at twice the price.

We are planning to hold the community-wide garage sale again this year. As usual, it will be held on the first Saturday in June. We anticipate that residents on Island Park will take part as well.

Think about donating a portion of your proceeds to the charity of your choice.

Should it be pouring rain, the sale is moved to Sunday, June 3.

AGAIN with the website? You betcha.

Our community website has a new permanent name, champlainpark.org. Residents are invited to look at it regularly as association committees are often posting new material, particularly to do with infill development and the environment.

We are endeavouring to get Amy Kempster's column, Amy's Corner, up and running as soon as possible.

Until we have made a solid transition to on-line communication, we shall keep publishing the Speaker whenever necessary.

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, be it meetings or crime alerts.

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 the communications committee at champlainpark@hotmail.ca.

