

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



Community Association AGM Nov. 15

The annual general meeting of the Champlain Park Community Association is scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 15.**

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

The meeting will include an election for new and returning executive members.

There will also be reports on finances and the membership drive, as well as updates from the development, environment and communication committees.

Nick Xenos will provide an overview of the environment committee. He will lead a discussion on what we can do to reduce our energy usage, help reduce climate change, while explaining the Kitchissippi Energy Competition, organized by SLOWest.

Charles Hodgson, who just attended the Al Gore training

sessions, will help us better understand how climate change is impacting us.

Daniel Buckles will update us on what's happening with Champlain Park's trees through the Champlain Oaks and Heritage Tree initiatives.

Election and volunteers:

The association has a solid number of volunteers but it can always use more help.

For a full list of the current executive and committee members, please consult our new website,

<http://champlainpark.org>

All executive positions can be contested. At the moment, there is a fairly urgent need to fill one vacancy, that of **treasurer.**

The treasurer oversees the financial affairs of the association, which is a non-profit corporation.

A formal accounting education is best but not required; the ability to work comfortably with numbers and spreadsheets is essential. Assistance with book-keeping is available.

There is also a vacancy for a **volunteer fundraiser** and a **general business** volunteer.

If interested, contact Lynne Bankier, 613-729-0955, lynne_bankier@sympatico.ca or Heather Pearl, 613-725-1422, hpearl2012@gmail.com.

More **canvassers** are always welcome for the annual membership drive, normally held in May and June.

If you're interested in becoming active in areas like the environment, development issues or communications, please consult the website for contact information.

Xmas craft show. Nov. 17!



Xmas Craft show, Saturday, Nov. 17

Handmade gifts including soaps, jewelry, baking, knitted scarves, hats, photography, sewn items, salsa, chutneys.



Champlain Park Fieldhouse, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., free admission.

Hands Up for Playgroup!



Hi Champlain Park Families and Caregivers.

I'm hoping to restart the Playgroup at the Fieldhouse, but I need your help!

I'm Looking for few volunteers to help run the playgroup and a minimum of 15 families to sign up and take part.

If interested, please email Ruth at Cplaygroup@gmail.com

Website continues to grow

Residents will know the community is moving away from a regular Champlain Speaker to on-line communication via our website, <http://champlainpark.org/> The communications committee, led by Adrian Bradley, has it loaded with information. Click on tabs to find out about regular fieldhouse activities, special events, contact info for executive members, and the latest in development and environmental news.

Please consider bookmarking the site and signing up to our Twitter account, @ChamplainPark, and our electronic mailing system.

Transit trouble: What's up with the 151 and can we improve it?

As many residents know, Champlain Park is living with reduced morning rush-hour service on OC Transpo's 151.

The bus only comes at 7:45 and 8:45, making it difficult for some families to make the

right connections to work and school.

There is at least an opportunity to have our voices heard for improved a.m. service. To pursue this matter, please email Park residents Colleen and David Bolger, at

dbolger64@bell.net or send concerns directly to

Geoffrey.Hall@ottawa.ca in the city councillor's office.

OC says it wants to hear from us, with an eye to possibly improving service.