

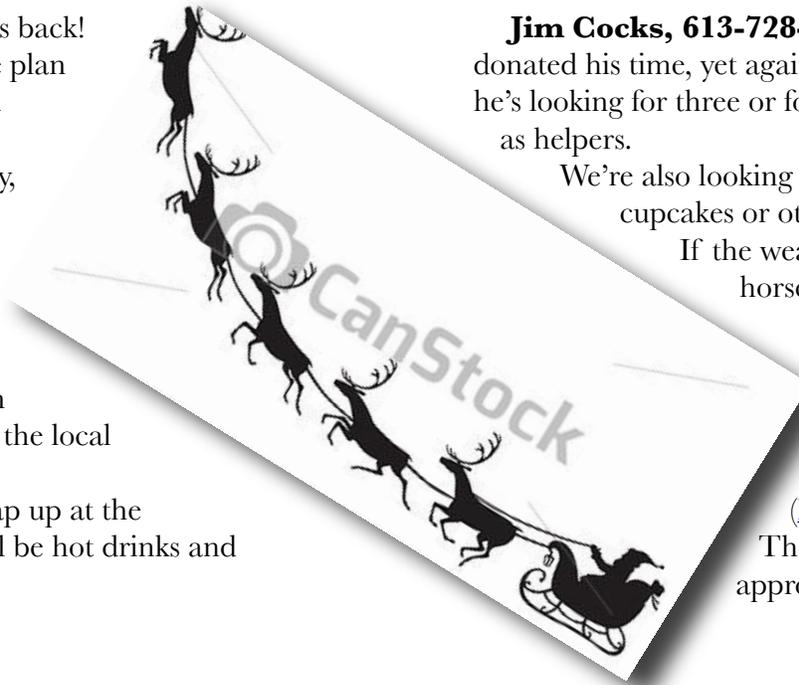
CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

ALL ABOARD: Sleigh Ride Dec. 23

The annual sleigh ride is back! Weather permitting, the plan is to have the horse-drawn sleigh gliding through the neighbourhood on Monday, Dec. 23, from **6 until 8 p.m.**

We hope to have carols along the way and may even work in a stop at a certain address on Sunnymede, reputed to be the local hideout of Old St. Nick.

The evening should wrap up at the fieldhouse, where there will be hot drinks and treats.



Jim Cocks, 613-728-7881, has generously donated his time, yet again, to organize the event, but he's looking for three or four kindly volunteers to serve as helpers.

We're also looking for donations of cookies or cupcakes or other seasonal goodies.

If the weather is very poor and the horse can't venture outside the barn, residents can convene at the fieldhouse for some good cheer.

Check our website for any last minute updates (<http://champlainpark.org>)

The site also has a map of the approximate route.

Winter 1K and Frosty 5K: See how we run Dec. 14



A fun run is being planned for **Saturday**, Dec. 14, starting at **9 a.m.** at the Champlain Park Fieldhouse. No registration is required and everyone is welcome.

The cost is **\$2 per kilometre** and all proceeds will go to Right to Play Canada.

There will be candy cane medals as well as hot chocolate and treats in the fieldhouse afterwards. Volunteers required. Please call **Pete at 613-719-7779**.

Flip for news on our Champlain Park oaks tribute

A people rooted to their trees

Special event Dec. 21 @ 11 a.m.



Everyone is invited to the unveiling of two installations that celebrate the links between trees and people in Champlain Park.

The outdoor installation will feature a remnant from a bur oak cut in 2011 from Northwestern Avenue.

The indoor installation provides a timeline of important events in our community's natural and social history. Both installations were funded, designed, and erected by the City of Ottawa.

Kitchissippi councillor Katherine Hobbs is expected to be on hand. The event begins at 11 a.m. at the fieldhouse and continues until noon.

There will be hot drinks and food and art projects.

Residents will also be encouraged to incorporate their own histories in a collective timeline of the neighbourhood.

The project is sponsored by the Champlain Oaks Project (<http://www.champlainoaks.com>) and the community association.

Quick reminders for the New Year

Stay up to date. Go digital.

The web is your best friend. As we move away from the paper Speaker, we encourage residents to check our website regularly.

(<http://champlainpark.org>)

We especially urge everyone to subscribe to automatic updates via email. More than 120 have done so already, a great start in a neighbourhood of about 400 households.

Just go to the site and follow the instructions on the main page.

We're also on Twitter
@champlainpark



Check web for news on programs, rink

Most of the fall programs in the fieldhouse resume in January. However exact dates were not available at press time. Please check our website for updates about Zumba, Yoga, Bridge Club, Garden Club and Aerobics.

The rink will soon be open. Operating hours are posted at fieldhouse, but include 6 to 9:30 p.m. **Monday to Thursday**, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Saturday** and noon to 6 p.m. **Sunday**.