

# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

## Spring Cleanup Saturday May 3

Winter's a dirty business — Now it's our turn

We're looking for volunteers for the spring cleanup, to be held on **May 3**. It's a great way to meet or catch up with friends and neighbours and last year more than 30 people turned out to help.

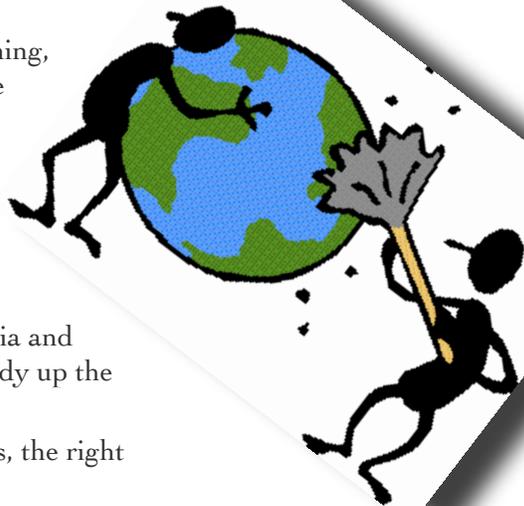
We'll meet at the fieldhouse on that Saturday morning, **beginning at 10 a.m.** Juice, coffee and cookies will be served. In case of rain, the event will be moved to Sunday, May 4. The plan is to be wrapped up by noon.

There will be a map available so residents can choose an area they'd like to work on. Among them are the south side of Premier by the transitway, the boulevard on Northwestern and the sections of Patricia and Pontiac that border the woods. Some years, we also tidy up the shoreline of the river.

We recommend work pants and long-sleeved shirts, the right footwear and gloves. Garbage bags will be provided.

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

This year's effort is part of the city's Cleaning the Capital campaign.



## St. George's 90th birthday on May 4

The only school in Champlain Park is celebrating its 90th anniversary with a reunion and barbecue on Sunday, May 4.

This is the third location for the school, which was formed in 1924 in the parish hall of St. George's Church on Picadilly Avenue. The school moved to its own building in 1939 and underwent a couple of major expansions during the next 25 years.

In 2002, it moved to Champlain Park and currently has 380 students. Many former students will attend the reunion. Well-known performer Gail Gavan will provide entertainment and don't be surprised to see a bouncy castle pop up for the kids.

The day begins with a mass at St. George's Church at noon, followed by all activities at the school on Keyworth Avenue from **2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.**

For more information, contact Mrs. Gagliano at the school at **613-728-8291**.

### Help! Secretary needed!

The community association executive needs a

#### **SECRETARY.**

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Lynne Bankier or a member of the executive (check website for deets).

Many thanks to **Daniel Buckles** for generously giving up his time to serve in this position.

# Annual membership drive starts May 26

Volunteers needed. Hands up!



Canvassers will soon be out looking to sell memberships in the Champlain Park Community Association. Annual fees are an important source of revenue for the association.

Each canvasser is assigned about 20 homes. To volunteer, please contact **Barbara Borylo-Gourdie**, 613-722-6829, or [bmbg@sympatico.ca](mailto:bmbg@sympatico.ca) We can never have too many!

The association engages in a number of important activities, like the Halloween Party, the Winter Carnival and the Christmas Sleigh Ride. It also looks after fieldhouse bookings and monitors development issues in the neighbourhood. Not to toot our own horn, but the association also puts out the Champlain Speaker and runs our rocking website, which is the best place for the latest news. Our goal this year is to sign up 75 per cent of all households. In 2012, about 62 per cent of households joined, raising roughly \$3,800. To get a fuller idea of association activities,

visit <http://champlainpark.org>

## Garage Sale on June 7

*These treasures, they talk to you!*

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 8**.

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

Should you have any leftover gems, keep in mind this 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.**

## Champlain Oaks

### Jane's Walk on **May 3**

Daniel Avenue resident Dennis Van Staalduinen will lead a Jane's Walk on **Saturday, May 3**, starting at the fieldhouse at **noon**. The topic is the Champlain Oaks project and the story of Capt. Cowley. It will run about two hours. Please check [www.janeswalkottawa.ca/walks/119](http://www.janeswalkottawa.ca/walks/119) for more details about the walk and for background on the Jane's Walk concept.

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