

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

Annual sleigh ride **Dec. 22**

Volunteers needed. *Make Santa's nice list!*

What a great way to start the holidays!

The sleigh is scheduled to depart from the Fieldhouse just after **6 p.m.** and return at about **8 p.m.**

In case of poor weather, check the Champlain Park website for news. Freezing rain can sometimes cancel the sleigh ride.

If the horses are unavailable, we'll meet at the Fieldhouse for a party.



Please feel free to bring Christmas cookies or snacks.

Jim Cocks has very generously donated his time to organize the event,

If you're able to volunteer any time with setup, cleanup, treats or hot chocolate, please let

Jim know at

jim.co@sympatico.ca

or 613-728-7881.

Winter Carnival on Jan. 31: Rink, Fieldhouse the hot spots

*Please consider helping at **noon to 3 p.m.** event*

Volunteers are needed to organize outdoor activities, to contact sponsors and neighbours for food and hot chocolate donations, to book sleigh ride and musical entertainment.

If you would like to help out and join the *Winter Carnival Committee* please email: sarah.brooks@sympatico.ca or carol.arnason@ocsb.ca.

We would love to have you join us for this community fun activity!

Students can also earn volunteer hours.



Watch for rink opening!

The opening of the outdoor rink is weather dependent, of course. Check the website for news or sign onto our Twitter account. It normally opens just before Jan. 1.

Contact **Jim Kot** for rink availability, special events and booking arrangements at: kris.tom@sympatico.ca

Regular hours:

Mon: 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Tues: 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wed: 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Thurs: 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sat: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun: Noon to 6 p.m.

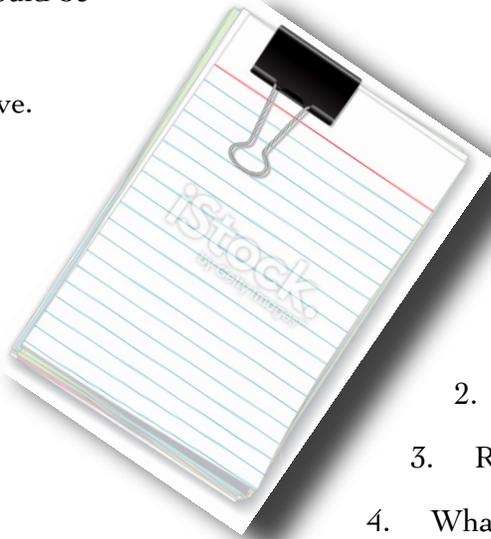
Open meeting of CP exec committee Jan. 8

At the last annual general meeting, the Champlain Park Community Association discussed whether board meetings should be open to the general membership. The association executive is unanimous in regarding this as a worthwhile initiative.

Accordingly, we invite any interested member of the association to join us at our executive meeting at the Fieldhouse on Jan. 8, starting at 7 p.m.

The theme for the upcoming meeting is strategic planning and priority setting for 2015. While there will always be unanticipated developments throughout the year to which the executive will need to react, our objective is to adopt a somewhat more structured approach to making our community a better place to

live, work, play. We look forward to your participation



Nick Xenos, the association's environment committee coordinator, will facilitate, assisted by other executive members.

Topics will include:

1. Overall vision for the CPCA: who we are and want to be.
2. Key business lines (themes)
3. Related priorities and activities
4. What to discuss with our new councillor, Jeff Leiper
5. Other Business.

Staying in touch, getting connected in C/Park

The communications committee has been busily updating our website. We encourage residents to have a regular peek.

To receive emails about community events and other news items, subscribe or "follow" us. Just visit <http://champlainpark.org/> and enter your email address into the small subscription section at the bottom of every page. (Check the graphic at right for help.)

If you are logged in with a WordPress account, you get the equivalent operation of "following" the web site.

For general discussion, for now just use Twitter with the #ChamplainPark identifying text or hashtag. We have a spot on our web page that shows recent tweets.

To post notices, such as advertising things for sale and other matters, write them up and send them to the webmaster (champlainpark@hotmail.ca).

They'll be posted to the website, usually in the Advertisements category.

Please make an effort to subscribe. The association would like everyone to stay informed in the most timely way.

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