

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

Spring Cleanup Saturday April 25

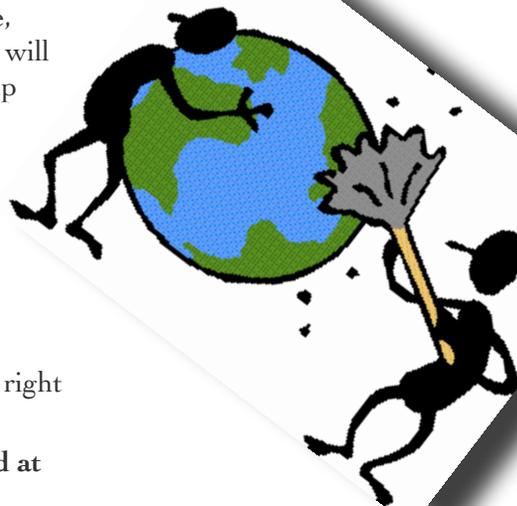
We're looking for volunteers for the spring cleanup, to be held **April 25**. It's a great way to meet or catch up with friends and neighbours.

We'll meet at the fieldhouse, **beginning at 10 a.m.** Juice, coffee and cookies will be served. In case of rain, the event will be moved to Sunday, April 26. 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.



Annual Membership drive begins mid-May

Volunteers needed? Yes, you could SO do this!

CANVASSERS are the core of our community association's fundraising effort, and revenues collected during the drive are the association's main source of revenue.

This year, our association needs 20 volunteers to help out with the membership drive. Our goal is to increase membership to 75 per cent of all households, which number about 400.

Duties: Canvass approximately 20 homes on your street or nearby.

Required: One to two hours of your time.

The drive begins **May 15**.

To volunteer as a canvasser please contact:
Joan Dorsay, at 613-729-3640

email: joan.dorsay@rogers.com

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.

The drive raises about \$4,000 annually. Cost of a membership, per household, is \$15. Please visit <http://champlainpark.org> for more information on community activities.



Neighbourhood Watch Update

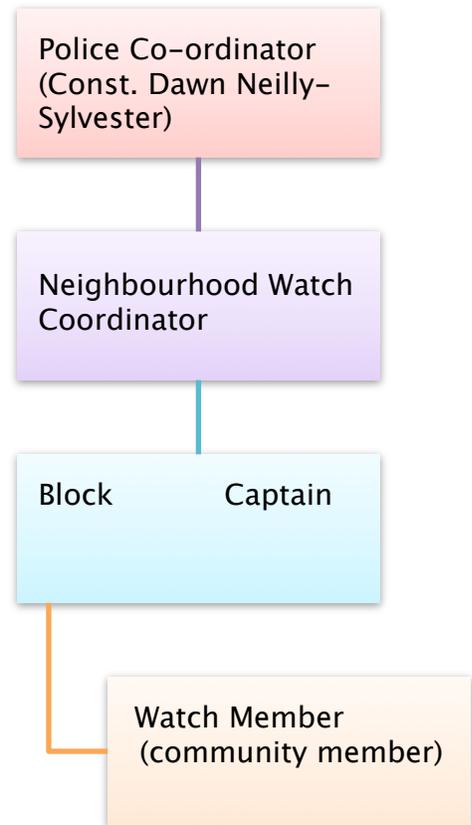
Neighbourhood Watch is a program to help neighbours watch out for neighbours. It aims to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level. The ultimate success of Neighbourhood Watch depends largely on a commitment to cooperation between area residents and the police - and more importantly, between residents themselves.

Looking for Block Captains!

Block Captains duties can include

- supervising the Watch activities of the community members who join Neighbourhood Watch;
- responsible for 1 city block, or similar designated territory;
- assisting in welcoming new neighbours;
- assisting Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator with meetings;
- encourage neighbourhood participation in the Neighbourhood Watch program;
- serve as a liaison between Block Captain and community members, including channeling information;
- attending the Neighbourhood Watch seminars or workshops that may be conducted from time to time;
- inform Watch members of Neighbourhood Watch techniques, such as how to observe suspicious activity, what to observe, and similar crime prevention techniques; and
- provide incentive for community members to continue their crime prevention efforts.

If interested, please contact: **Sarah Livermore**
sarah.livermore@hotmail.com (subject line: Block Captain)



Garage Sale on June 6 – *Start getting those treasures ready!*

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 7**.

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.**

The Web is a smarty pants!

We encourage residents to consult the Champlain Park website regularly. It contains a wealth of current and archived material and is the best way to access timely information. You can sign up for email updates too.

Have a look at:

<http://champlainpark.org/>

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