

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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SCARY STUFF!

Halloween

party on Oct. 26

Lock your windows,
McGiggles the Clown has
been booked

A spooky room, an ucky cauldron full of treats, mummies, witches, treats and drinks. Wait a minute, that was last weekend's sleepover!

The fieldhouse will be the site of the annual Halloween party on Oct. 26. Admission is \$2 at the door; the experience is priceless.

At press time, plans were being finalized for a haunted room and a fortune teller. But this much we can predict: Daisy McGiggles, clown and magician, is to perform at 7 p.m., and a pumpkin-carving contest will be held (bring your creations by 6 p.m.) Prizes to be as lavish as usual.

Costumes a must, especially for kids. 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Peek-a-boo! Don McVeigh has illustrated his first book, bringing to life *The Silver Tree*

A poem, a pen, a picture

By **Debra Huron**

Martha Gould's lyrical storybook for children has come to life on the page, thanks to the efforts of an Ottawa artist and resident of Northwestern Avenue, Don McVeigh.

Don's illustrations for *The Silver Tree* are sure to please both a child hearing the story and an adult who might be reading it to them. You can see for yourself by attending a book launch for *The Silver Tree* on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at Collected Works bookstore on Wellington Street.

Although the house on Northwestern where he lives with his wife, Kay Young, and son, Jack, 12, is filled with Don's artistic creations, this is the first time the 51-year-old has illustrated a book.

When Martha asked him if he would illustrate her story, Don agreed to do so

because he thought it would be "fun, and a challenge."

The publisher is Catchfire Press Inc., based in North Bay, Ont. This is where Martha has been living for some time, but it was in Saskatchewan, 20 years ago, that Don and Martha first met.

At the time, Don was working as an artist after completing Bachelor and Masters degrees in Fine Arts.

"Martha wrote the poem in 1985 and sent me a copy," Don recalls. "But nobody seemed interested in publishing it then, so she put it in a bottom drawer."

When a North Bay publisher offered to see the book through to publication two years ago, Martha wanted Don to lend his experience and talent to the task.

The artist's main challenge was to create a "look" for the only human character
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Hush Hush



1 The annual Anniversary

Dinner will take place at Northwestern United Church on

Northwestern Avenue on Wednesday, **Oct. 23**, at 5 p.m. Adults \$10, children \$3.50, family \$25. Entertainment to follow. For information and tickets call 722-0274.

2 Would you like to volunteer as a family? Family Services Ottawa is looking for participants for its "Family to Family Ties" program. You will be matched with an isolated family that needs friendship and support. Outings involved. For details call Nathalie at **725--3601 ext. 108**.

3 The annual Hollyberry Luncheon and Bazaar will take place at Northwestern United Church on Saturday, **Nov. 9**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bake table, crafts, nearly new, children's room and silent auction.

4 Coffee house, **Friday, Nov. 1**, at 8 p.m. Northwestern United Church. Coffee, tea, hot cider, desserts

and a hootenanny. All welcome. Cover charge: Give what you can. (includes first beverage and a dessert) Info: **Wendy, 722-7163**

5 The annual membership drive for the Champlain Park Community Association will be underway at various times in October. Expect to see a volunteer canvasser at your door. Paying the annual fee helps fund a variety of association programs, from fieldhouse activities to the monthly printing costs of the **Speaker**. (A worthy cause if ever one, we hasten to add!)

6 October is **Operation Go Home** month, in recognition of the on-going efforts by this group to help street kids in the city and across Canada. A fundraising campaign is also underway. For \$25, donors can become Street Guardians, which entitles them to a special lapel pin and the knowledge that they are helping some of the estimated 50,000 street kids in Canada. For more information, call Operation Go Home at **230-4663**.

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in the story—a greedy pirate. "I knew we did not want the pirate to be too threatening," says Don, a native of Alberta. So, he put only a mild gleam in the pirate's eye and gave him a whimsical beard that defies gravity.

"I worked on the drawings, off and on, for a couple of months...and when I showed Martha what I had done, she said that would be okay."

A less humble man would use a more descriptive adjective than "okay" to describe his work. If you attend the book launch this Sunday, you will see for yourself just how skillful and beautiful Don's drawings are.

And if you ever have a desire to learn the art of drawing or watercolour painting, sign up for one of Don's beginner classes at the Ottawa School of Art. He has been teaching at the School for the last 13 years.

Support a local artist! On Oct. 13th, drop by Collected Works, 1242 Wellington St. (at Holland) to meet Don McVeigh and Martha Gould.

Nice hat, skipper: *A more detailed picture of the central character in the book, a dastardly pirate who learns a thing or two by story's end.*

October 2002

Sunday

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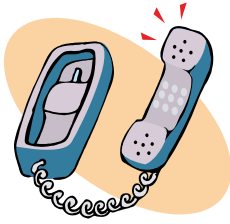
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Playgroup

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Champlain Park
Garden Club
7-9 p.m.

Bridge Club
2 p.m.

Fitness class
6:45-7:45 p.m.

Yoga
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Fitness class
6: 45-7:45 p.m.

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8 to 9:30 p.m.

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Admission \$2.

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Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster
722-6039

Input matters in review of city plan

Preliminary Draft Official Plan:

Here are some dates re this plan and other plans for the city's future:

Oct. 10 a) Churchill Club, Coun. Shawn Little's ward meeting on the topic, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

b) Location to be determined. Social Planning Council Workshop: Housing & the Official Plan 6-9 p.m.

Oct. 17 City Hall Festival Boardroom, Cycling Advisory Committee, Ottawa 20/20 Workshop 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 19 Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa, Official Plan Workshop Day, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Lunch charge \$15, register on-line or by calling Linda Hoad 722-3974 prior to Oct. 11.)

Oct. 26 440 Albert St. (Old Ottawa Tech) Forest Advisory Committee, Ottawa 20/20 Environmental Workshop, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 4 City Hall Champlain Room, presentations to Planning & Development Committee, 9 a.m. to noon; 1 to 5 p.m., 6:30 to 9 p.m. (also **Nov. 6** at 6:30 to 9 pm) To book a presentation call Lorenzina Ferrari 580-2424 ext. 28828

As well you can go to the web site www.ottawa2020.com and participate through on-line methods.

These plans will affect the future shape of the city and this neighbour-

hood. Try to attend one of the sessions if you can. When the plans are made, and there are features you do not like, it may be too late to change, except by amendments, which are hard to obtain.

A democracy needs active citizens to function well and the city is making considerable efforts to provide opportunities for input. The advantage of attending in person, rather than on-line, is the possibility of hearing suggestions you like or of persuading others with your ideas. If you also wish to express your opinion, call me. I will pass it on.

Greenspace network

The preliminary draft Official Plan has a section with this title. A few selected sentences from this section follow: "The pattern followed by increased urban expansion and growth must not result in the wholesale fragmentation of natural systems."

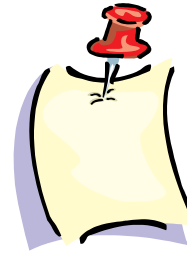
Unfortunately the Greenspace Network is not a formal land-use designation in the Official Plan. The areas which have truly protective land-use designations are: Significant wetland; Natural Environment Area A; Urban Environmental Feature (includes Mud Lake, McCarthy Woods, Rockcliffe Woods and not much else).

These areas allow no lot creation. Natural Environmental Area B and General Rural Area (Natural Feature Area) require an EIS if development is proposed. Our woods are given the Major Open Space designation which the plan states are in, or intended to be in, public ownership and are, or will be, generally available for public use and enjoyment.

"Minor revisions to the boundaries of lands designated Major Open Space are permitted without amendment to this Plan, if based on more detailed studies carried out by the City, other public agencies or as part of development agreements."

This wording is rather worrying given the NCC's interpretation of the Greenway System in the (old) City of Ottawa Official Plan as conceptual and thus more than half an area could be sold off. We could suggest that the portion of our woods with the ES zoning be placed in the Urban Environmental Feature category rather than the Major Open Space group.

Association Notes



By Jonathan Chaplan
728-7670

(With apologies to Jonathan, here are a number of items intended for last month's Speaker but just now retrieved from cyberspace. Uughh! The Editor)

Island Park Esso lathers up for car wash

John Newcombe, the owner of Island Park Esso, sends news that he has purchased the used-car lot adjacent to his service station. He has had a site plan produced to apply to the city for permission to build a "small scale, state-of-the-art 'touch free' automated car wash facility." He hopes to build in the summer of 2003. Anyone wanting further information can contact **Mr. Newcombe at 728-7120.**

Mosque Parking

You will remember City Council passed a resolution authorizing a land swap with Public Works so as to allow the Mosque to purchase land to own and expand their parking. The Mosque subcommittee of our community association was at the table to ensure that reasonable conditions were included to ensure that community interests, with respect to parking, were protected. The word from the city solicitor at the end of August is that negotiations are continuing between Public Works, the city and the Ottawa Muslim Association and that a transaction is likely this fall.

Garbage on NCC property

Resident **Steve Cumbaa** has made the NCC, the city and St. George school aware of a garbage problem bordering the athletic field and along Patricia and Pontiac streets. In a letter to the authorities, Steve has suggested some easy, practical solutions, including lighting and installing garbage cans. The executive will be monitoring this issue to see what sort of response is received.