
CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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The best snow woman of the season was named "Sara" by her creators: Lydia and her friends and family on Patricia Ave.

Spring cleanup April 25th

Please see page 3 for details about this annual event.

Thank you to Jim Kot

On behalf of all the community members who enjoyed skating and hockey at Champlain Park this winter, I would like to thank Jim Kot for all his hard work maintaining the rink. It was much appreciated that Jim came forward to take over this role from Tom and Buck.

—Lynne Bankier

Early morning yoga

Start your day energized with early-morning yoga in the fieldhouse at 7 a.m. Tuesdays. Classes run from April 14 to June 16. The cost is \$100 for the entire session or \$12 to drop in.

To register, please contact Joanne at 613-792-3611 or e-mail jchianello@rogers.com.

Report on the recent Mosque potluck

by Linnea Rowlett

On the evening of Saturday, March 7, a small group of neighbours from Champlain Park were welcomed to the potluck dinner presented at the Ottawa Mosque by the Ottawa Muslim Association. It was a warm and festive occasion; Muslims from many different ethnic communities gathered in a convivial, friendly atmosphere. The food was delicious and abundant, with selections from the cuisines of North Africa, West Asia, the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia. Imam Khalid blessed the meal with a brief and inspiring prayer.

Khadija, a senior member of the Ottawa Muslim Association, explained to me that they hold community potluck events on a monthly basis. A woman approached me during the meal to confide that it was very meaningful to her, a Muslim, that we non-Muslims had extended ourselves towards her community, as she felt persecution from non-Muslims on a regular basis.

After eating, we were given the opportunity to join the sunset prayers; it was neither expected of us nor was a refusal accepted grudgingly. I went upstairs into the women's section of the mosque, and donned a head scarf (a mandatory garment for a woman during prayers in Islam). The sunset prayers were brief; it was explained to me that the most elaborate prayers were made on Fridays at midday.

The Imam hopes to welcome the Champlain Park neighbours of the Ottawa Mosque on a seasonal basis to potluck meals. This lively and interesting Saturday evening dinner is certainly worth attending!

Champlain Park Community Association

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and Heather Pearl (725-1422)

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basis with the generous support
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New rules for fieldhouse

At the request of the City
of Ottawa, our community
association's fieldhouse
co-ordinator, executive, and
two interested community
members are currently
studying a formal User
Agreement that the City
now requires with regard to
renting the fieldhouse.

It is a brand new issue and
we are studying all the new
rules and responsibilities,
especially in relation to
liability.

The City is requiring
that anyone who uses the
fieldhouse, whether for a
children's birthday party or
a monthly meeting, fill out a

City of Ottawa contract and
key agreement.

The City also requires that
groups or activities that fall
into a medium-risk category
must carry personal liability
insurance to cover the
event or activity. The City's
definition for these groups is:

- * children's playgroups
- * parties for those under
18 years of age
- * yoga
- * aerobics.

I will be happy to answer
any questions you may have.
You can reach me at 613-728-
1945.

—Laurie Fagan (on behalf
of the executive)

Playback theatre on May 12

Ottawa Phoenix Playback Theatre invites you to celebrate
Mother's Day with improvisational theatre.

Celebrate your Mom at this enjoyable evening filled
with humour and tender feelings. You, the audience, tell
your stories, big or small, from your own experiences. We
play them back to you! It's a powerful experience to see an
ordinary story improvised by our players.

Whether we are witnessing our own story or someone
else's story being played back, there is a simple magic to this
theatre experience.

Playback is community theatre and our fast-growing
community is the audiences who come again and again to
witness and to share. Join us!

When? Friday May 8th, 7 to 9 p.m.

Where? Champlain Park fieldhouse

Free admission. Donations are welcome (suggested
donation is \$10 per person).

For more information contact Marlene at 613-594-9248 or
e-mail: info@marleneandbob.com

We'd love to see you there!

Champlain Park goes green and clean on April 25!

Volunteers needed for annual spring cleanup

Meet at Champlain Park fieldhouse at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25

Saturday, April 25 is Capital Cleanup Day, and Champlain Park needs you!

Cleanup Day is an annual tradition in Champlain Park. It is a chance for neighbours of all ages—kids, teens, and adults—to get together and help spruce up the neighbourhood. Usually the work is done by 12:30 p.m.

Cleanup Day—which will take place three days after Earth Day—is also about caring for our environment. Where possible, the litter we collect will be recycled.

The designated cleanup areas are Patricia north of Clearview, the north side of Pontiac, the boulevard on Northwestern, and the south side of Premier along the Transitway.

Wear gloves and appropriate footwear. We recommend long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Bring a rake and shovel if you can. The City of Ottawa will provide garbage bags and other supplies.

Juice, coffee and donuts will be served. Hopefully, Loeb will again be able to contribute goodies to our cause.

The Keyworth School Age Program has adopted Champlain Park and the students of St. George School are doing a great job cleaning it each spring and fall. Thank you again!

Now it's time for the rest of us in the neighbourhood to do our part.

If you have any questions or suggestions, call Ian Reid at 613-715-9504.

Tips on home security

by Patrick Mates, Co-coordinator, Champlain Park Neighbourhood Watch
& Volunteer Coordinator, Home Security Inspection Program, Wellington Community Police Centre

Dual-glazed windows that are currently available in new windows and doors are quite secure and break resistant. Older single-glazed and untreated glass is more vulnerable but it can be reinforced in different ways. When considering the replacement or reinforcement of this type of glass in doors or adjacent panelling in entranceways or in basement windows, several possibilities are available.

Single-glazed glass can be replaced with treated or tempered glass. These are the types used in automobile windows and are also available from glass dealers for use in the home. This glass is hard to cut and can be broken only with great difficulty and a lot of noise.

Untreated glass can be reinforced by applying a tough polyester film laminate to the inside of the glass. While the glass can still be broken, this laminate will hold the glass shards or fragments together, making entry very difficult as long as the laminate has been properly installed to the edge of the glass and glued under the moulding or glazing.

Laminate is available in different thicknesses for different strength requirements. The thickest laminates are reputed to be bullet-proof. Security window

film laminate can be obtained from **Ace Security Laminates** (200 Isabella St., Ph: 613-237-0000 or 237-1026) or from the “at home services” of **Home Depot** stores in Ottawa. Professional installation services are available from these firms. A minimum charge may apply.

Two types of plastics are also available as transparent materials to replace glass; they have varying thicknesses and resistance to scratching. These include **acrylics** such as plexiglass, Lucite, or acrylite, and **polycarbonates** such as Lexan or Tuffak. Acrylics have good weather and impact resistance. Polycarbonate is one of the most impact-resistant glazing materials available and is virtually unbreakable. It is particularly suitable for smaller windows in doors or as a protective covering for leaded windows. As with laminates, the method of installation is important and should employ strong glazing or mouldings that are glued and screwed in place so that they do not easily yield to pressure or force. These products are available from a number of firms marketing plastics in the Ottawa area (that can be found under “plastics” in the Yellow Pages).

Amy's Corner



by Amy Kempster 613-722-6039

Development in Kitchissippi Ward: Below is a list of most of the proposed developments currently listed on the City of Ottawa's website for our ward.

Trees: Are you disturbed that some recent changes to our community have resulted in the loss of some trees? There are several things you can do about it.

- First, consider planting a tree on your own property. Register for a free tree from the city.
- Alternatively, suggest that the city plant some trees on portions of its property, e.g. the street allowance, which includes where a sidewalk might go, or perhaps in the park or along the fence between Northwestern and Carleton.
- Finally, tell our City Councillor that you are in favour of a tree cutting by-law. If you would not support such a by-law then you must become resigned to losing more trees.

Location	Proposed development and type of development request with (status of request for development)
300 Richmond Road (near Eden Ave.)	A five-storey mixed-use commercial / residential building with two levels of underground parking. The property has a lot area of approximately 623 square meters. The existing building on the site will be demolished. Request: Site Plan Control (Application on Hold)
1426 Scott Street	Create a parking lot. Request: Zoning By-law amendment (Appealed to OMB)
1433 Wellington Street	A six-storey mixed-use building with ground floor retail and dwelling units on the floors above. Request: Site Plan Control (Application on Hold)
101 Richmond Road	A six-storey, 100-unit condominium apartment building with commercial units at ground level will front onto Richmond Road with a portion of the building (west side) to face onto Patricia Avenue. Car access is proposed from Patricia Avenue and will lead to 121 parking spaces on three underground levels. Request: Site Plan Control (Application on Hold)
131 Holland Avenue and 137 Holland Avenue	An eight-storey, 67-unit apartment building with 72 underground parking spaces (includes 4 visitor and 2 VRTUCAR spaces) and 214 square metres of ground floor commercial space. Request: Zoning By-law amendment and Site Plan Control (Both applications on hold)

Of these, the ones at 1433 Wellington and 101 Richmond Road are probably of most interest to our community. The first is at the corner of Carleton Ave. across from the Loeb store, where there is now a mini-mall. It is proposed that a six-storey mixed-use building be built with commercial /retail on the ground floor and residences above. On the Richmond Road site where the Canadian Tire gas bar was, a six-storey, 100-unit condominium building is proposed. with a portion of the building facing onto Patricia. Again, there may be retail on the ground floor.

The proposed amendment to the Official Plan that was discussed on March 31 by the Planning and Environment Committee re-emphasizes the idea of intensification. Traditional main streets such as Wellington and Richmond Road are target areas for this intensification. Thus we are likely to see many more six-storey buildings on those streets.

In addition to these developments for which

applications have been submitted, there is also a suggested development at McRae and Scott, and at Tweedsmuir. The one on McRae may improve the neighbourhood but there are questions about the height and size of the proposal for Tweedsmuir and Scott.

In our neighbourhood we have just seen another small house (on Daniel Ave.) taken away to be replaced with (probably) something larger. Fortunately, in moving the house, the owners were careful to save a small maple tree in the front yard.

One wonders why today's generations need so much more space than their predecessors. Even though families were larger in the past, the idea of children (even of the same sex) sharing a room now seems to be old-fashioned. Maybe we should examine why we need so much space in our homes. Can a home really be green if it is twice as large as is really necessary? If you wish to reduce your home's footprint, think about renting a room or sharing with family.