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# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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**Halloween Party  
for children  
Friday, October 30  
6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.  
at the fieldhouse.  
Wear a costume!**

Cost : \$2 per child

Entertainment: Alexander the Great (magician)

Treats, games and crafts!

We need volunteers to provide baked goods. This will help us keep costs down and spirits up.

Are you a high school student? Contact us about your volunteer hours. Now is the time to get those hours!

Contact is: Kelly Wiles, 613-794-7906 or [thewiles@rogers.com](mailto:thewiles@rogers.com)

**See the special  
2-page insert in  
this edition of  
the Speaker for  
details of  
Nov. 19th's  
Annual General  
Meeting of the  
Champlain Park  
Community  
Association.**

## **Craft Fair set for Nov. 14!**

On Saturday, Nov. 14 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Champlain Park fieldhouse will be the site of our Second Annual Craft Fair. This is a great opportunity to get your holiday shopping done in one convenient location!

We have a terrific variety of handmade goods to offer: jewellery, Christmas ornaments, knitting, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies, handmade soaps and lotions, dichroic glass, honey, note cards, and more. For a complete list of vendors and to get a preview of what will be available, please visit our blog for this year's event: <http://champlainparkxmasfair.blogspot.com/>



# Champlain Park Community Association

Co-chairs: Lynne Bankier (729-0955)  
and Heather Pearl (725-1422)

Vice-chair: Vacant

Treasurer: potter (728-4980)

Secretary: vacant

Ex-officio Past President:

Jonathan Chaplan (728-7670)

## Neighbourhood Watch:

Michael Cheng (722-3344),

Patrick Mates (722-4120),

Neil Robertson (729-5439)

**Spring cleanup:** Ian Reid  
(715-9504)

**Social convenor:** (vacant)

**Planning:** Amy Kempster (722-6039)

## Other roles:

Membership: Craig Wells (725-5488)

Fieldhouse co-ordinator: Laurie Fagan  
(728-1945)

## CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER your community newsletter

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basis with the generous support  
of the Ottawa Citizen.

## Update on community history book

The neighbourhood of Champlain Park was once known as Riverside Park and was part of a larger municipal entity known as Ottawa West, which in turn was part of Nepean Township. This all changed in 1950 when this neighbourhood (as well as considerably more land) was annexed into the city of Ottawa. For the past three years, I have been working to collect information on the history of the Champlain Park area with the goal in mind of writing a book about the early days in this neighbourhood. If all goes well, the book may be finished in 2011.

To date, the main focus of my efforts has been to find and to interview people who lived in the neighbourhood in the 1920s, 30s, 40s and 50s. The book that will result from this will focus on the neighbourhood prior to 1960 because a number of major changes took place at that time.

I have been quite fortunate in finding residents from the

earlier period. And for this I must thank the former residents themselves, for they have been most helpful in identifying and even in locating more former residents. I have recorded more than 40 interviews with present and former early residents. They have also allowed me to copy photographs from those early days.

The interview phase of the research is almost complete; this winter I hope to start to write the personal history part of the book. From this point on, my research will turn to the history of the neighbourhood beyond the memories of the oldest living residents. These details are contained in libraries and archives.

If any of you have documents or photographs or information of any kind pertaining to the early history of the neighbourhood, I would be most interested in seeing it and talking with you. Please contact me at 613-725-1063 or by e-mail at RNG276@yahoo.ca .  
– Bob Grainger

## Social bridge club

We meet Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the Champlain Park fieldhouse. We have recently lost one player—and perhaps two—to retirement residences. We play rubber bridge and have tea, coffee, and cookies as refreshments. The fee is a current membership card for the Community Association and contributions to our cupboard as is necessary. Come join us for a pleasant afternoon of bridge. To learn more, call Amy Kempster at 613-722-6039.

## TEENS who babysit

Karah P. –722-6039  
Emma J. – 728-6681  
Alexandra – 722-7482  
Berlin – 722-2248  
Leigh – 715-9473  
Emma I. – 722-1063  
Anastasia – 728-9014  
Fiona – 761-9262  
Emma M. – 728-4642  
Elisabeth (bilingual) –  
722-0454

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# Protect yourself from fraud

by Patrick Mates, Co-coordinator, Champlain Park Neighbourhood Watch

Fraud by telephone, Internet and mail is a widespread problem in our society and no one is immune to it. Your risk of being a victim is not related to your age, ethnic background, income, education or location—although senior citizens tend to be more trusting, and therefore more vulnerable. To ensure you don't become a victim of a fraud or scam, it is important to maintain a healthy skepticism about any stranger who approaches you in person, by mail or on the Internet offering deals and attractive promises. Scammers are professional criminals. They are smart and deceitful. They will appear very friendly and convincing. They will do anything to separate you from your money.

There are many types of scams to watch for. They usually start with an offer from out of the blue that sounds too good to be true. You may be asked to send money to some obscure address in order to receive a prize or win a lottery. This is usually a scam and you are not likely to see either your money or the prize ever again. Don't be taken in by some foreign lottery for which you have never purchased a ticket. NEVER send money or pay a fee to collect a prize. Real lotteries and sweepstakes don't work that way.

You may receive a telephone call offering you a deal too good to refuse. To get the deal, you need to provide the person with some personal information like your bank account, PIN, credit card, social insurance, or driver's licence number. Sometimes, you are asked to pay a "processing fee." This, too, is most likely a scam. NEVER give an anonymous caller any personal information whether by phone, mail or the Internet. This can lead to the theft of your identity.

- Identity theft is the fastest growing type of fraud. Protect your identity and personal information by keeping it private.

- Destroy or shred personal documents you do not want, such as transaction records, financial and credit card statements, insurance forms, old cheques, obsolete tax returns, and so on. NEVER put these kinds of documents into your garbage or recycling box without shredding them!

If you receive a call from a charity or business asking that you donate or make a decision that will cost you money, always insist that they send you their offer or solicitation by mail and give you time to think about the offer. NEVER give an immediate answer and always verify the source. Call the Better Business Bureau or Phonebusters (the Canadian anti-fraud call centre) and the Ottawa Police Service. The numbers are below.

Beware of anyone asking you to deposit a cheque into your account and then return a portion of the money to them or to someone else. These cheques are usually fake. The deposit will look legitimate until the cheque bounces in a few days. Then you will be asked to pay the money back to your bank. It takes up to 21 days for a cheque to clear the banking system.

In general, it is always safer to deal with people you know or to conduct transactions with firms YOU have selected. It is not safe to conduct business with people or contractors who show up on your doorstep with "great deals" that are "only available today," or those who are "doing work in your area." Don't yield to pressure.

There are many more types of fraud out there and you should always be on your guard.

## **Contacts to be aware of:**

The Better Business Bureau: 613-237-4856

Phonebusters: 1-888-495-8501

Ottawa Police Service / Organized Fraud Section:  
613-236-1222, ext. 5433.

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## Scouting is open to children aged 8 to 14

Do you know a child between the ages of 8 and 14 who enjoys playing games, building things, learning new skills, making new friends, earning awards, exploring nature, camping, hiking, canoeing, rock climbing...?

The 24th Ottawa (Elmdale Public School) has been a part of this community and the worldwide Scouting movement for over 70 years. To register a child in one of our programs (open to both boys and girls), or to learn how you can become a leader, please contact Barbara Jordan at 613-722-6028 or visit [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca).

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# Amy's Corner



by *Amy Kempster*  
613-722-6039

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**Lansdowne Park proposal:** The City's Planning Department has become enmeshed with proponents of the proposal put forth by the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG), which is composed of business interests. Before this took place, the Planning Department looked at both the need for such sports facilities as were proposed for Lansdowne and Scotiabank Place and possible reasonable sites. The top five sites considered were as follows: Bayview Road/Tom Brown Arena; Carleton University (sports field); LeBreton Flats; Carling and Preston; Plouffe Park/City Centre.

Note that Lansdowne was not one of these sites. Instead of the group considering one of these other sites, they have continued to propose Lansdowne. One wonders if that focus is related to the possible profit from building other non-sports facilities at Lansdowne. They have indicated that they expect to subsidise the football team from other profits, so perhaps this is the rationale. (The other sports-related proposal on the table at that time was using land near Scotiabank Place). How did this aspect and view of the proposal get turned around to City staff working with the proponents? City Council considered the final report on stadium proposals on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, and directed City staff to negotiate a partnership agreement with OSEG to redevelop Lansdowne Park. Thus, Council was the group that decided on a process that many believe was too one-sided.

On the other hand, no other group of business people has come forward with a proposal for a solution to the Lansdowne Park problem of buildings that need renewal/and or expensive upkeep and an area that could be better used. Given current leadership at City Hall (the Mayor is in favour of the proposal), it is not realistic to suppose that the City could take on the task itself and perhaps reap the profit. The critics are right to a certain extent: the process is flawed and the

site is not ideal, particularly with regard to transit. However, our Council chose this process. If you are unhappy with it, let those councillors who voted for it know. They are:

R. Bloess; G. Brooks; R. Chiarelli; D. Deans; S. Deroches; E. El-Chantiry; J. Harder; G. Hunter; R. Jellett; M. McRae; B. Monette; Mayor O'Brien; S. Qadri; and M. Wilkinson.

One final observation: Although the motion that City Council passed asked that trade show space be enhanced, it was instead eliminated. This aspect of the plan has received little comment but I think it is a problem that needs to be addressed. As well, the specifications asked for no housing in the plan. Given the mixed-use nature of the Official Plan designation, this seems a little surprising. Personally, I would not disagree with some housing, as was proposed.

## **McRae Avenue/Tweedsmuir (Westboro**

**Collection) proposed development:** Reading about this in local papers, I had the idea that the hydro line might be moving and found it hard to imagine development with the hydro line in its current position. Although in one section of the documentation there is an option of moving the hydro line to a boulevard location (namely in the centre of a widened road), most of the planning (including the site plan) seems not to consider this but to add greening elements under the hydro corridor. Presumably, there would be a sidewalk on the building side of the line or access across the hydro line area.

Other elements in the documentation are also cause for worry, as follows:

a) From the Environmental Assessment study—"It is recommended that a supplemental investigation be conducted to delineate the extent of the soil and groundwater impacts on the subject property, in order to determine the most appropriate means of remediation."

b) In the Transportation study—"The following study area intersections should be monitored and re-evaluated closer to the 2018 horizon year: Scott Street and McRae Avenue; Scott Street and Island Park Drive; Richmond Road and Tweedsmuir Avenue."

The project is still in the study stage and perhaps (a) is being addressed. If it comes to fruition, it might create a much more attractive McRae Avenue.

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# Mark your calendar now!

Champlain Park Community Association

Annual General Meeting

8 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2009

Champlain Park fieldhouse

**Special Guests:** City Councillor Christine Leadman and Ontario MPP Yasir Naqvi

## Order of business will be as follows:

- #18 bus – Getting our bus back on Scott Street
- Election of officers for our community association
- New rules for use of fieldhouse
- Purchase of Directors' and Officers' insurance
- Budget report for year
- Membership Drive report
- Development updates on Keyworth Ave. and Carleton Ave.

## Other Business

- Call for officers and volunteers (see reverse page)

Many of you have emailed me about the effect of the loss of the #18 bus. It is now time to speak up in person.

Please come to the Champlain Park AGM and tell our councillor, Christine Leadman, that we want our bus restored.

I don't have to tell you that the louder the chorus, the greater impact it will have.

Please show up at 8 p.m. as the bus situation is the first item on the agenda.

It is a half hour of your time and it could make all the difference in bringing about a change.

-Laurie Fagan



# We need **executive members** and **volunteers** for Champlain Park activities - **The Champlain Park Community**

**Association (CPCA) is a non-profit corporation.** It needs volunteers to help it meet some legal obligations and to perform other community work. Depending on the position, there are FEW to NO meetings. You don't have to invest much time, either. But your neighbourhood will be a better place thanks to your donation of time. **So, contact the people listed below to volunteer.** Come to the AGM. It's very rewarding to give something back to your community.

Title of vacant position	Description of Duties			
Secretary to the CPCA (Executive position)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare records of decision for CPCA executive meetings.</li> <li>• Maintain CPCA files, electronic (includes e-mails) and some paper.</li> <li>• Assist in organizing the Annual General Meeting (AGM)</li> <li>• Prepare AGM minutes.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Heather Pearl at 613-725-1422 (<a href="mailto:pearhea@aol.com">pearhea@aol.com</a>)</p>			
Business Liaison Person (Volunteer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare and submit CPCA annual on-line incorporation report.</li> <li>• Prepare and submit CPCA annual T2 tax form.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Heather Pearl at 613-725-1422 (<a href="mailto:pearhea@aol.com">pearhea@aol.com</a>)</p>			
Accountant (Volunteer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform annual audit of CPCA financial records.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Heather Pearl at 613-725-1422 (<a href="mailto:pearhea@aol.com">pearhea@aol.com</a>)</p>			
Web Site Developer (Volunteer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a CPCA web site and provide advice as needed on its maintenance.</li> <li>• Work with Debra Huron and Heather Pearl on the design, content and maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Heather Pearl at 613-725-1422 (<a href="mailto:pearhea@aol.com">pearhea@aol.com</a>)</p>			
Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Persons (Block Captains) (Volunteer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be the first to be informed; be part of our network of Block Captains that, in the event of an emergency, can pass messages and provide assistance to your immediate neighbours.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Michael Cheng at 613-722-3344 (<a href="mailto:cheng12@sympatico.ca">cheng12@sympatico.ca</a>) Contact Patrick Mates at 613-722-4120</p>			
Membership Canvassers <i>Note: volunteers living outside the routes listed are also welcome</i> (Volunteer)	Route 2	Northwestern	180 to 204	24 homes
	Route.11	Keyworth	169 to 206	19 homes
Newsletter Editor – <i>Champlain Speaker</i> (Volunteer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produces the Champlain Speaker, approximately 10 times per year.</li> <li>• Current editor needs a break! She will provide templates (InDesign software needed) or you can create a new design for the newsletter.</li> </ul> <p>Contact Debra Huron at 613-722-8048 (<a href="mailto:dhuron@sympatico.ca">dhuron@sympatico.ca</a>)</p>			