



# CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



SEPT. 2010

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

Date: Thursday, September 30

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Champlain Park fieldhouse

### Agenda

1. Short business meeting of the Champlain Park Community Association: financial report, election of officers
2. All Candidates Meeting: Meet and ask questions of our three candidates for Kitchissippi Ward Councillor:
  - Katherine Hobbs
  - Christine Leadman (incumbent)
  - Daniel Stringer.

A special topic to be addressed by the candidates will be intensification in the R2 Zone, an issue that is currently faced by our community.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The 2010 membership drive is nearing completion and has been by all indications a success with a high percentage of residents joining the Champlain Park Community Association.

I would like to thank our 18 canvassers for their diligent work and generous donation of time. The Community is well served by their efforts and we are all appreciative. A special thanks to Karen Maser who updated our

membership lists from beautiful downtown Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Having co-ordinated the membership drive for the last 5 years it is time for me to pass the membership file on to another person in the community who may just be looking for an opportunity to get involved with the Association. I am sure that they will find it rewarding.

I have enjoyed working with the canvassers and have always been heartened by their positive and willing attitude.  
-Craig Wells

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## VACANT EXECUTIVE POSITION

The Champlain Park Community Association needs a secretary. This member of the executive takes minutes at meetings

Since there are very few meetings, this is not an onerous task.

If interested, please call Lynne Bankier, 613-729-0955.

You could even start your job at this year's AGM!

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## LOVES THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND WANTS TO LIVE HERE!

Ardent gardener wishes to rent clean house in good repair in Champlain Park. Trees a must.

References provided. Please contact Anne Douglas at 613-725-9178.

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## CHAMPLAIN PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Co-chairs: Lynne Bankier (729-0955)  
and Heather Pearl (725-1422)  
Vice-chair: Jonathan Chaplan  
(728-7670)  
Secretary: Alexi Campbell  
(792-3829)  
Treasurer: David Bartlett (301-9660)

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

Neighbourhood Watch:  
Michael Cheng (722-3344)  
Patrick Mates (722-4120)

Spring cleanup coordinator:  
Ian Reid and Andrea Murphy (715-9504)

Planning: Amy Kempster (722-6039)

Other roles:  
Membership: Craig Wells (725-5488)  
Banking: potter (728-4980)

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## TRAFFIC CALMING IN CHAMPLAIN PARK: A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE LEADMAN

After the community meeting in June with residents to discuss the proposed traffic measures for the area, it became clear that more consultation was needed on the Council-approved measures. In order to allow for that, I have asked that the implementation of these measures be delayed but that the funds be secured for the Champlain Park area until more study can be done.

I have also requested that the entire list of measures be examined to determine the validity of the list.

Many residents questioned the necessity of these measures and were hesitant to support the measures due to the length of time between the traffic study and the actual construction. I share that reluctance as many of the factors back then leading to the recommendations may not exist today.

It makes sense that, given this length of time and the fact that the measures correspond to as yet unimplemented measures on Island Park Drive, more up-to-date input from the community is necessary. The measures initially recommended by the study on Island Park Drive are not acceptable to the NCC which is why they have not gone forward.

Proper study needs to be done so that whatever is implemented reflects the needs of the community today and not 14 years ago.

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## TEENS AVAILABLE FOR BABYSITTING

Emma J. ----- 728-6681  
Berlin----- 722-2248  
Leigh ----- 715-9473  
Anastasia ----- 728-9014  
Emma M. ----- 728-4642  
Alexandra ----- 722-7482  
Ben ----- 729-1218  
Emma I. ----- 728-1063  
Fiona ----- 761-9262  
Elisabeth (bilingual) ----- 722-0454  
Hanna L. (bilingual)----- 792-1891

Babysitting, spring cleaning and light  
yard work: call Will at 728-1945.

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## AEROBICS CLASSES

Aerobics classes will start again at the Champlain Park Community fieldhouse on Monday, September 13 at 6:45 p.m.

Classes are an hour long with a very experienced YMCA-certified instructor. Workouts include both cardiovascular and strength-building components, set to lively and varied music. The session runs until mid-December. Cost per person is determined by the number of participants and is quite reasonable.

If you are interested, we look forward to seeing you on September 13 (or the following week)! For more information, call Cynthia Adam at 613-728-4457.

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## YOGA CLASSES

A new session of the Champlain Park Yoga Club starts again this fall.

We meet at the Champlain field house from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. each Wednesday.

This session will consist of 15 classes starting on September 15 through to December 22.

The cost will be \$70.00 plus an additional \$10.00 if you are not a current member of Champlain Park Community Association.

If you are interested in joining these beneficial fun classes and for more information, please contact Adrian or Suzanne Bradley at 613-722-2248 or [adrian.bradley@sympatico.ca](mailto:adrian.bradley@sympatico.ca)

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## GARDEN CLUB

Champlain Park is home to some wonderful gardens and gardeners—but everyone can always learn more.

Come out on the second Tuesday of every month when the Champlain Park Garden Club plays host to some wonderful slideshows and demonstrations on everything from growing orchids and delphiniums to touring the plantation gardens of Charleston, South Carolina.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 12th starting at 7 p.m., when our speaker will present a slideshow on seed storage and propagation with an emphasis on heritage plants.

For more information, contact Laurie Fagan at 613-728-1945.

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## MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

September brings an end to the long, lazy days of summer and I hope that you were all— children and adults alike —able to enjoy the best the summer had to offer. The staff at the Wellington Community Police Centre, located in the Hintonburg Community Centre, had ample opportunity to see how much our area kids enjoyed the summer programs offered at the Centre.

We're looking forward to starting off the "new year" with you, helping to keep you and your children safe, at home, at school and at work.

Our activities include working with parents, teachers, and other youth leaders to keep younger children safe through our Child Print program. As well, we help older children learn the best ways to deal with problems like bullying and drugs.

We also offer free home security inspections at your request and convenience. Our trained volunteers can check your home for weak spots and offer practical, no- or low-cost solutions for improving home security. In addition, we lend engravers so that you can identify your possessions.

We like being part of the community and we want you to like having us here. We invite you to come and see us at 1064 Wellington St. W. or to call us at (613) 236-1222, ext. 5870. Our office is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One of our goals is to be even more accessible to the community by extending our hours to 7 p.m. To do that, we need more volunteers. Interested? For more information and an application form, visit our office or visit <http://careers-carrieres.ottawapolice.ca/volunteer/index.cfm>.

See you around!

–Constable Andrew Milton

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## BRIDGE CLUB

If you are already a bridge player or just learning, we have a friendly bridge club in Champlain Park. We meet at the Champlain Park fieldhouse on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. We are a compatible group of people who are willing to help those learning. Our bridge is more social than competitive but we still like to vie for the bid and the game. Come join our group: we would love to have new players as we have lost several recently. For further information telephone Amy Kempster at 613-722-6039.

## AMY'S CORNER



BY AMY KEMPSTER  
722-6039

**Municipal Election:** The City of Ottawa's election day is Monday, October 25, 2010. We will be electing a Mayor, a ward Councillor, and a School Trustee (one of English public or Catholic; or one of French public or Catholic) for four-year terms. The City's website names all candidates who have registered so far, and may include a telephone number and/or email address. Elsewhere in the Champlain Speaker there is a notice about a local All Candidates meeting you can attend. (For our ward there are three candidates: Katherine Hobbs, Christine Leadman, and Daniel Stringer.)

For the position of Mayor there is a raft of candidates. Perhaps some will withdraw before the election. Of the 20 candidates the well-known ones are: Clive Doucet, Andy Haydon; Larry O'Brien, and Jim Watson. The other 16 candidates are: Cesar Bello; Idris Ben-Tahir; Joseph Furtenbacher; Robert G. Gauthier; Robert Larter; Robin Lawrance; Vincent M. Libweshya; Daniel Joseph Lyrette; Mike Maguire; Joseph Pito; Sean Ryan; Michael St. Amand; Jane Scharf; Charlie Taylor; and Samuel Wright.

A mayoral All Candidates meeting, mainly sponsored by Ecology Ottawa and focussed on environmental policy issues, will be held as follows:

Where: St. Paul's University Auditorium, 223 Main Street, Ottawa

When: Sunday, September 26, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (The debate will start promptly at 7 p.m. so people are encouraged to arrive by 6:30 p.m.)

Visit the Ecology Ottawa website if you wish more information.

It seems there will be acclamations for all school board positions in our ward except for the public board where Megan Carroll and Jennifer McKenzie are running. The final date for nominations or withdrawals was Sept. 10. The list above was valid as of 3 p.m. on Sept 10.

**Wetlands:** The City of Ottawa usually recognizes and protects in its Official Plan all of the provincially significant wetlands within the city. However the Goulbourn Wetlands was only recently designated as a significant wetland by the province. Many of the owners of these lands protested. (Note: If a wetland area is designated provincially significant, ongoing agricultural activities can continue.) They asked that the Drainage Act be used to consider work on the Upper Flowing Creek Drain as a solution. They felt that some of these wetlands had been created by beaver activity. The City agreed and placed a special section in the Official Plan regarding the Flewellyn lands. This designation overlays the wetland designation. While not permitting new development on these lands, it sets up a special process for local studies to be done, (presumably after the renovated drain is finished), after which the final designations will be determined. In May an engineer's report on the Upper Flowing Creek Drain was presented to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee but deferred for further consultation. According to the Ottawa Citizen, after another meeting the affected group of landowners who would collectively have to pay \$1.2 million for their share of the total cost of \$1.64 million for the drain work may now wish to cancel the request for a drain. They were going to consult about other possibilities including more financial support from the city. During the week of Sept. 6, the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee voted to drop the drain plan and absorb the cost of the work done so far. Council will likely agree. Meantime. There is the fact the City will be faced with paying \$381,000 as the committee voted to absorb that cost. Perhaps the City might not be so eager to help landowners who object to their land being designated as wetlands in the future.

**Convent lands:** Revisions have been made to the plans for this land. Many, including our Councillor, are not satisfied that these revisions go far enough. At a meeting on Sept. 1 called by Councillor Leadman, two main criticisms emerged: the fact that plans still do not conform with the Secondary Plan for the area and that the higher density and traffic may result in gridlock. People were pleased that a line of maples along one side will remain but the loss of other trees was still a concern. Use of Byron Avenue as an entrance by crossing the park was not favoured except perhaps for emergency vehicles. If you wish further information, see the City website under Planning and Development Applications or call Christine Leadman's office. Councillor Leadman would appreciate your support for her and for the many residents who have problems with the current proposal. You may send your input to Caitlin.Salter-MacDonald@ottawa.ca or call 613-580-2424 ext. 28136. You may also attend the Planning and Environment Committee meeting likely to be held on September 28.