



CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



OCTOBER 2011

HALLOWEEN PARTY SET FOR OCT. 29

Date: Saturday, October 29

Time: 6 – 8 p.m.

Place: Champlain Park fieldhouse

Cost: \$2 per person or \$5 per family

What to expect that spooky night:

- * Halloween crafts
- * Ghoulish tasty treats
- * Costume parade
- * Magical Marvin and Max the Wonder Dog providing entertainment

Bring a pumpkin for the Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Volunteers are needed to do baking or to help with crafts.

Students: this is a great way to pick up a few community volunteer hours.



Please contact either Sarah Brooks (613-729-4382; sarah.brooks@sympatico.ca) or Anne Johnson (613-722-5211; anne6@sympatico.ca) to learn more or to volunteer. See you in costume!

BUY ORGANIC OLIVE OIL, AND LEARN THE ART OF LEBANESE COOKING

From my father's land in Lebanon, I have good quality organic olive oil for sale. I am also planning to offer Lebanese cooking classes at my home on Northwestern for a small group starting in November (dates to be confirmed).

The olive oil is cold-pressed and comes in a 350 ml bottle. The price is \$12. For every bottle I sell, I will donate \$2 to cancer research/Ronald MacDonald House, in memory of our daughter who passed away due to leukemia 10 years ago.

The cooking classes will be on a Friday night and are open to all interested in learning some favourite Lebanese dishes.

Please contact me directly at (613) 722-5415 to buy the olive oil or to learn more about the cooking classes. You may also reach me at rabsabboud@hotmail.com.

–Rabab Abboud

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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: vacant
Treasurer: vacant

Fieldhouse coordinator:
Laurie Fagan (728-1945)

Neighbourhood Watch coordinator: Vacant
Patrick Mates (722-4120)

Spring Cleanup coordinators:
Ian Reid and Andrea Murphy (715-9504)

Planning: Amy Kempster (722-6039)

Environment Committee: Nick Xenos
(719-7780)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in response to the June 2011 article in the Champlain Speaker under Amy's Corner by Amy Kempster. Mrs. Kempster is very knowledgeable of City planning issues and by-laws and while this latest article is accurate in its content, it is deceptively dishonest in its omissions. She argues that the City's wishes for the scope and direction of the next urban expansion, which was overturned by the OMB, was entirely due to a lack of competent planning support from the planning industry. This is a very long way from the truth.

To understand the process it is important to realize that the development industry is no different from other businesses in that they need to create products that the public wishes to purchase. To do so requires that a plan be approved that is consistent with the Ontario Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statements. This study utilizes professional planners, and engineers completing environmental and numerous engineering studies leading to the most suitable development to meet the next horizon of market needs. All of the above is completed under the guidance and with the participation of the City planning staff. At the end of a multi-year exercise, having invested many millions of dollars, a plan to expand the urban boundary was completed and supported by City planning staff. It would have respected the need to utilize available sewer and water capacity as well as road infrastructure, now and in the future. Access to rapid transit is also of paramount importance. The recommendation to add 850 hectares to the urban area was fully endorsed by both Planning Committee and Council through the process.

All this is to say that there exists a process to follow. The final plan was recommended by City staff to Planning Committee and approved at this level. All interested parties participated in a comprehensive process to achieve a result. Unfortunately, City councillors, led by one or two with a different agenda, overturned the decision of Planning Committee and staff and recommended their own interpretation of the next expansion to the urban boundary. You must ask yourself: in what other manner could developers manage the proposed expansion than the route taken? City Council acted irrationally and irresponsibly and the OMB recognized this immediately and instructed the City to implement the plan as recommended by staff. This event cost taxpayers more than \$500,000 and the development industry many times more. What a waste of money for all.

Amy Kempster's column was very self-serving of her own political agenda and was not informed journalism for our readers.

—David J. Parkes, 125 Clearview Avenue

UPDATES FROM THE CO-CHAIR OF OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1) Executive Nominations open for Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be held in January 2012.

If you are interested in becoming an executive member or know someone else who is, nominations are open.

Executive positions that currently need to be filled are listed below. Please call Lynne Bankier if you are interested.

Treasurer: Act as Treasurer (bookkeeping and banking tasks not involved); attend executive committee meetings; prepare the annual incorporation report and financial statement; update insurance information; and perform other business functions that may arise.

Secretary: Take notes at executive meetings (infrequent as we do a lot by e-mail) and the AGM.

Miscellaneous: Periodically people have come forward who wish to be "members at large" who can take on a variety of interests. The sitting executive would be responsible for evaluating such requests.

Connie Barrowclough has left the executive. We would like thank her for her contributions, especially related to development issues. She also provided good snacks at the executive meetings she hosted!

2) 168 Carleton Avenue (corner of Carleton and Clearview), hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB):

Dates of Hearing: Nov. 24 and 25

Time: 10 a.m. first day; 2nd day schedule to be set by Board member

Place: Heritage Building, Festival Control Room, 110 Laurier Ave. W., Ottawa City Hall

The two co-chairs along with the vice-chair of the community association are working with a lawyer to develop the community association's case. For further information, contact Heather Pearl.

3) 211 Carleton Avenue Development Proposal:

The CPCA sent a letter of support to the Committee of Adjustment for the October 5 hearing as the owners had worked with us towards a compatible design.

4) 219 Carleton Avenue Development Proposal:

The CPCA presented at the Committee of Adjustment hearing on September 7 in opposition due to the

setback of 4.27 metres. We argued that this was incompatible with the six-metre setback of the recently-built semi-detached and the mature single homes on either side, and that it also reduced soft landscaping (greenery) space in the front yard. This position was supported by the abutting neighbours.

We stated that we recognized other design features were compatible. The Committee ruled in favour of the proposal, as in this instance they weighted other compatibility factors more strongly. They also directed the CPCA to contact the City Councillor regarding zoning setback provisions on the street, which Lynne is doing.

A "special consideration" we highlighted in our presentation was the shallow depth of City right-of-way (between the property line and the sidewalk) on Carleton Ave. (0.2 to 1.0 metre measured in recent surveys compared to one measurement of 4.0 metres on Cowley Ave., for example. This variable puts Carleton's current "green edge" at risk as new dwellings are built closer to the sidewalk than their predecessors, with limited City right-of-way to accommodate tree preservation or new plantings. This factor was highlighted in our letter to the City Councillor's office. -Lynne Bankier

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED FOR CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

The current editor has been doing the job for almost six years. As of December 31, she will resign.

If you have experience that can help the community association, either with the hard-copy version of the Champlain Speaker, or more broadly, with communications in the form of setting up a website, please contact Heather Pearl at 613-725-1422.

KARAOKE AT PIZZA HUT

Drop by Boston Pizza at 1640 Carling Ave. on Tuesday nights starting Oct. 25 for Karaoke Night. It begins at 10 p.m. and goes until midnight, after the Senators' hockey game, which is shown on a wide screen every Tuesday. -Dave Choquette

DO YOU HAVE EMAIL?

The community listserv is a great way to keep up with news and announcements in Champlain Park. Join it by contacting Alexander Smith at this address: agmsmith@ncf.ca.

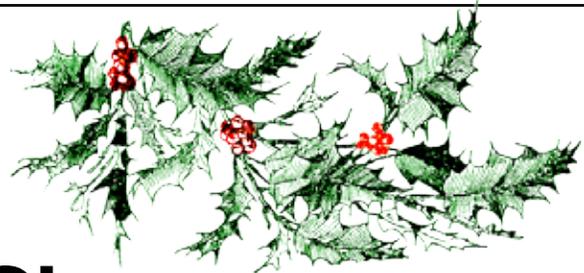
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SPEAKER.

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- Will----- 728-1945



Holiday Craft Show

November 19

This will be the only notice for the 4th Annual Craft Show.

Mark your calendars for this year's Champlain Park Christmas Craft Show, which will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Champlain Park fieldhouse (149 Cowley Ave.).

This is a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done in one convenient location. We have a terrific variety of handmade goods to offer, including locally made jewellery, Christmas ornaments, knitting, baking, jams and jellies, soaps and lotions, dichroic glass, Christmas cards, and more.

See you there!

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