

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER

Annual General Meeting **Oct. 23 @ 7:30 p.m.**

Meet & Greet social @ 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

Guest speaker (20 mins):

1) **Mike Muir, Land Manager from the National Capital Commission**, will provide updates on the following topics and will take questions from the audience.

a) Ottawa River South Shore Linear Park Plan

b) Champlain Bridge Parking Lot Rehabilitation

2) Approval of 2017 AGM minutes.

3) Sector reports:
Community Plan Overview.
Membership report.

Financial update
Civic Engagement
Social
Planning/ Zoning
Environment
Parks Update
Fieldhouse

4) Election of executive for 2018/19, call for volunteers.

5) Other business

6) Adjournment



The *Champlain Park Community Association* is a dedicated team of volunteers focused on enhancing the quality of life for those living in *Champlain Park*. The association provides information through our website and periodic newsletter, organizes meetings, events and social activities, follows issues relevant to the neighbourhood and helps foster a sense of community.

7th annual Dress-Up Fun Run Saturday, Oct. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

The annual Halloween Fun Run is all set to go. It has proven to be very popular with neighbourhood kids. The route will take runners through the wooded trail between Champlain Park and the Sir John A. Macdonald Parkway.

There will be one loop of about 800 meters for little legs (five and under) and that begins at **9:30 a.m.**

A more challenging loop of about two kilometers will be available for those five and older. It starts at **9:40 a.m.** Meet near the fieldhouse. Look for people in zany costumes.

No registration is necessary. There is a suggested entry fee of \$10, with all proceeds going to Ausome Ottawa (ausomeottawa.com).

Volunteers always welcome. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes (something easy to run in!) Prizes and candy medals!

For more information, contact **Peter Laughton** at peterlaughton@rogers.com



CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW, SAT., NOV. 24

Handmade gifts including soaps, jewelry, baking, knitted scarves, hats, pottery, sewn items, and festive decor items.

**@ The Fieldhouse,
on Saturday, Nov.
24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

For more info, Laurie Fagan, 613.728.1945.

AND WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP DEC. 2



Join the Champlain Park Garden Club on **Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2**, for a holiday-wreath making workshop at the Fieldhouse. No artistic skill needed to make an 18-inch wreath with five types of fresh evergreen boughs and berries. All materials supplied. Have a fun day with your friends, even mark a birthday with this fun, creative hour. Cost is \$29.

Please register in advance by calling Laurie Fagan, 613.728.1945.

VOLUNTEER WORK CONTINUES ON CHAMPLAIN WOODS

Wonder what the blue flags near the Carleton/Pontiac entrance to the river are all about? To the west of the entrance, Catherine Shearer has been protecting a patch of common milkweed, a plant critical to the Monarch butterfly. This emblematic butterfly is making something of a comeback this year. In the same area she is also removing seeds of the Dog Strangling Vine, an invasive species that, left unchecked, will form a dense mat that smothers trees, shrubs and everything else. Along the main trail to the river are flags showing where a house for Purple Martins will be installed next spring. Further west down the path into the woods, Adrian Bradley has been continuing the effort to smother Japanese Knotweed, listed by the World

Conservation Union as one of the world's worst invasive species.

And of course there are the volunteer squirrels planting walnuts and oaks in the forest (Daniel Buckles has been helping them out by periodically planting oaks in the forest). On National Tree Day, Sept. 26, Daniel and Debra Huron facilitated tree planting by three classes of Grade 3s from St.

George's, with contributions so far from Steve Cumbaa, Linda Landreville, Michael Cochrane and funding from our community association. To offer help, contact Adrian Bradley, adrian.bradley@sympatico.ca

———— Daniel Buckles

One last thing! The Speaker is produced with the generous support of the Ottawa Citizen.