

CHAMPLAIN SPEAKER



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Spring Cleanup Saturday April 27



Well, after a long winter, the snow is finally gone, leaving us with a messy neighbourhood. Now's the time to clean it up!

We're appealing, of course, for volunteers for the annual Spring Cleanup.

Part of the City's Cleaning the Capital campaign, it's a chance for neighbours of all ages – kids, teens, and adults – to get together, say hello, and help spruce up our public spaces.

We'll meet at the fieldhouse on **Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m.** Juice, coffee, and cookies will be served. There is a map so that people can choose an area to work on. We'll wrap up by noon. In case of rain, we'll meet instead on **Sunday, April 28.** (If the weather is iffy, check our website for updates.)

The designated cleanup areas are the south side of Amanda above the transitway; the boulevard on Northwestern and the path at its north end; along the fence on Patricia and Pontiac; and in the Champlain Woods between the fence and the parkway. It also includes the beach area along the river at the foot of Carleton, and any other public spaces you think could use some help.

We recommend wearing pants and long-sleeved shirts, appropriate footwear and gloves. The City will provide garbage bags.

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

For posts about Spring Cleanups, see our website (champlainpark.org).

Membership drive begins May 1. Canvas volunteers needed!

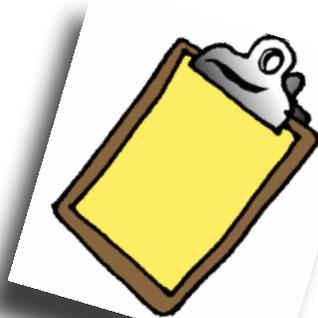
The spring membership drive is one of the most important initiatives the association undertakes every year. And we need new recruits to ensure we canvass the whole neighbourhood. You could be one of them!

What do volunteers do?

It's easy and a great way to meet your neighbours. Here's what's involved:

What: Visiting about 20 homes in Champlain Park.

When: Starting May 1.



How much do I collect? Only \$15 per household, cash or cheque.

What is the money used for?

Fun and important activities, like the Winter Carnival, Annual Sleigh Ride, Theatre in the Park, Champlain Woods projects.

How do I get involved?

Contact Jennie Hornosty, via email at champlainpark@gmail.com

For updates on the membership drive: Check our website, under community news tab.

Garage Sale Sat/ June 1 – *Kitchissippi wide this year*

Start getting those treasures ready!

The annual community-wide garage sale is just around the corner, which is possibly where you hope all those treasures will end up!

The sale generally begins at **8 a.m.** and usually winds up about **1 p.m.**

Rain date is Sunday, June 2.

Residents of Island Park Drive, Civic Hospital area, Carlington and Hintonburg will be holding their sales on the same day.

Please also consider donating a portion of your proceeds to the charity of your choice, or to help support the Champlain Park Community Association.

Should you have any leftover gems, keep in mind that the following weekend (**June 8 and 9**) is **Ottawa's Spring Give Away Weekend**.



Please check the rules for setting out your leftover items at the "Ottawa's Spring Give Away Weekend" link on the city of Ottawa's website.

P.S. It's not as big as the famous Glebe Garage Sale on the previous weekend, but we're growing!



Woodland restoration

Looking for plant, seed donations

Join your neighbours in the rehabilitation of the Champlain Woods. This year we are planting native ground cover and shrubs from a list created especially for Champlain Park by the University of Ottawa Plant Science Laboratory and the Fletcher Wildlife Garden. We hope to gradually displace the invasive species such as buckthorn and shift the plant diversity in the woods towards native trees and understory shrubs and ground cover.

If you have any of the [plants on the list](#) (please check our website, it's too long to reproduce here) and would like to donate seeds or potted plants, please contact Catherine Shearer (metshag@gmail.com) or Daniel Buckles (dbuckles@sas2.net) or Adrian Bradley (adrian.bradley@sympatico.ca). Planting days to be determined. Check the website for updates.

Mother's Day Lavender & Cashmere Sale, Sat/May 11

The Champlain Park Fieldhouse will be the site for a special Mother's Day sale on **Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

It's a cashmere and lavender showcase, with lots of unexpected goodies thrown in.

There will be racks of vintage and pre-loved cashmere sweaters as well as more modern designs.

Pre-owned designers purses will also be on sale, including samples from Coach, Roots and Paloma Picasso.)

Also featured will be lavender sachets, vintage linen and lace and bouquets of fresh flowers.



When you toss in the sweet treats, it's a one-stop shop for Mom.

For more information, call Laurie, 613-728-1945.

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