

CHNA 2012 Calendar of Events

3rd Annual Clean Our Parks Event

Sat. April 28 — 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. — rain or shine

Pick a park and pitch in! Join your neighbours at Reid, Fairmont or Ev Tremblay park and help tidy up our public spaces. We'll provide all the tools and supplies; just bring your enthusiasm and your community pride. Free refreshments include bagels generously donated by the Ottawa Bagelshop!

Reid Park Plant Sale

Sat. May 5 — 9 to 11 a.m. (rain date Sun. May 6)

Donate your excess plant material and/or buy some new garden gems while supporting our neighbourhood Parks Committee. This fundraiser sells donated plants for \$2, \$5, and \$8. Donors, bring your plants (potted and tagged if possible) and we'll take care of the rest. Buyers, come early because at these prices, the plants will sell quickly! Refreshments provided.

Slow-the-Traffic Petition Launch and Orientation

Tues. May 15 — 7 p.m. — Civic Hospital Theatre

See the related story on page 3.

Reid Park Community BBQ

Sat. June 23 — 5 to 8 p.m.

Last year's event was such a roaring success that we have to do it again in 2012! Bring your favorite potluck dish and dine alfresco with friends and neighbours, new and old, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Games and activities for the kids. BBQ duties provided by the Ottawa 32nd Scouts. It's a great way to connect with your community.

2nd Annual Pumpkins in the Park (Fairmont)

Sat. October 20 — 1 to 3 p.m.

Join us for a family-friendly afternoon of Halloween crafts, games, prizes and refreshments, then head home with a FREE pumpkin courtesy of realtor Susan Chell! The inaugural event last fall was *huge* and we're determined to make this year's edition even *bigger*. All the activities are free; nominal charge for refreshments.

Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association

Spring 2012 Newsletter

- **New Executive** elected at AGM
- *Slow the Traffic*: CHNA plans **40 km/h petition blitz**
- **Clean the Capital** sweeps into our neighbourhood parks
- Safety Committee seeks support for **Neighbourhood Watch**
- **Gardeners' alert**: the community plant sale returns!

Annual General Meeting Elects New Executive

Amanda Farris (Ruskin St.) was re-elected as President of the CHNA at the Association's AGM, held February 27 at the Civic Hospital theatre. **Scott Bradley** (Hamilton St. S) will serve as Vice President, **Alayne McGregor** (Holland Ave.) returns as Secretary, and Executive newcomer **Julie Westall** (Orrin Ave.) will keep the books as Treasurer.



Amanda Farris

Also elected to the Executive were the Chairs of three CHNA Committees: Traffic, **Peter Eady** (Hickory St.); Safety, **Jen Saxe** (Harmer Ave.); and Communications, **Marshall Perrin** (Sherwood Dr.). The new Executive thanks **Katherine Steinhoff**, who did not stand for re-election, for her outstanding service to the CHNA and her continuing involvement with the Traffic Committee.

Our City Councillor, **Katherine Hobbs**, spoke to the meeting and fielded questions from the audience. Members expressed their on-going concern about the high-rise intensification coming to our eastern border, the impacts of that development on the immediate neighbours, and the implications for traffic volumes throughout the community. Also flagged was Hospital parking and the still-uncertain future of the Ruskin St. lot.

About Us | How to Contact Us

The CHNA is a volunteer non-profit residents' group representing 2000 households near the Civic campus of The Ottawa Hospital. Our boundaries are Hwy 417 (north), Railway St. (east), Carling Ave. (south), and Island Park (west).

We have an online presence at **chna4u.blogspot.com**. An Association website is under construction. Our email address is **chna4u@gmail.com**

Watch out for your Neighbours!



Our newly-formed Safety Committee is thinking of resurrecting the area's Neighbourhood Watch program. Do you support the idea? Are you willing to help out? Please contact Committee Chair Jen Saxe at chna4u@gmail.com.

Show some Civic Spirit! Get engaged in Civic Life!

The CHNA strives to advance the interests of neighbourhood residents, protect and enhance our quality of life, and foster a community *esprit de corps*. Help us achieve those goals by becoming a Member* and taking part in community events. Better yet, join our team of volunteers! Why leave all the work—and the pride of accomplishment—to others?

Drop us a line at chna4u@gmail.com. We won't take over your life, but we will enrich it . . . even if you can spare just a few hours a year.

Things **you** can do: Distribute flyers | Help at a kids' craft table | Serve on a committee | Vote at the AGM | Attend a City meeting | Sponsor a community event | Plant perennials in the parks | Share your good ideas | *Make a difference!*

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Slow-the-Traffic Petitions


The CHNA is spearheading a campaign to **lower the speed limit** on some of our streets to 40 km/h due to safety and quality-of-life concerns. We suggested a blanket designation for the whole neighbourhood, but City Hall says it must be done street by street using its official petition process.

We'll begin this May when community volunteers with City-issued petitions go door to door along **Bayswater, Beech, Fairmont, Hickory, Loretta** and **Kenilworth**. If at least 66% of a street's residents approve (one vote per household), the change will be made. The procedure applies only to "residential" streets, which rules out "arterials" such as Parkdale. **Sherwood** will also be canvassed. Although Sherwood is designated as a "minor collector," our Councillor has promised her support if the street votes for the lower limit.

Willing to help with the petition drive? Please contact Traffic Committee chair Peter Eady at peady23@sympatico.ca and come to the **Campaign Launch and Orientation, Tuesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. in the Civic Hospital theatre** (up the stairs from the Hospital's main entrance).

A lower posted limit won't eliminate speeding, but it's a step in the right direction. That's why you'll see 40 km/h signs throughout the city, especially in the Glebe and residential sections of the former City of Nepean. In the meantime, please remember the Golden Rule of the road: **Drive on others' streets as you would have others drive on yours!**





Traffic counting and speed checks on Sherwood

A trailer similar to the one pictured at left (not the actual model), will be parked on Sherwood for part of April to gauge the speed and volume of traffic (it is NOT a ticket-producing photo radar). The device belongs to the office of our Councillor, Katherine Hobbs, and is available for use on any Ward street where traffic is a concern.