

CHNA 2013 Calendar of Events

Spring Public Meeting

Wed. April 10 — 7 p.m. — Civic Hospital Theatre

See the related story on page 2.

Parks Committee Plant and Bake Sale

Sat. May 4 — 9 to 11 a.m. — rain or shine

Donate your excess plant material and/or buy some new garden gems while supporting your neighbourhood Parks Committee. This vital fundraiser is also selling home-baked goods this year! Bakers and gardeners, donors and buyers . . . check for details on our website!

4th Annual Clean Our Parks Event

Sun. May 5 — 10 a.m. to noon — 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!

Home Security and Neighbourhood Watch event

Sun. May 5 — 10 a.m. to noon — Reid Park

Want some free advice about home security? Curious about our new Neighbourhood Watch program? Want to help curb crime in our community? A representative from the Ottawa Police will be on hand to answer your questions and provide crucial information.

Visit our website for the latest info about these and other events, including the annual Reid Park Community BBQ and our fall classic, Pumpkins in the Park!

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Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association

Spring 2013 Newsletter

- Spring public meeting set for April 10
- CHNA website now online
- Seeking solutions for our overcrowded schools
- Curbing crime through Neighbourhood Watch
- Cleaning our parks, enhancing *your* garden
- *plus other community news and event information*



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Our new website is your link to community news, views and information. Get the latest on development plans, add your voice to the Community Forum, check out the Events Calendar and interactive map . . . even renew your Association membership! The site is brand new and we're eager to receive your feedback. Our thanks to volunteer site designer and webmaster *extraordinaire* Cory Goss!

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). Email: chna4u@gmail.com

Spring Public Meeting scheduled for April 10

Creation of Neighbourhood Watch tops agenda



The recent rash of break-ins and other property crimes in our community has prompted calls for the revival of our Neighbourhood Watch Program. We'll get the process underway at the spring public meeting. Learn how you can help curb crime in our community . . . and on your own

doorstep. The discussion will be led by Constable Milton of the Ottawa Police Service. The system only works if lots of people get involved, so we're counting on your attendance and support!

Also on the Agenda:

- The latest news about **high-rise developments** and the Carling/Preston Community Design Plan. Big changes are coming to our community: don't be caught by surprise!
- Updates on Association **initiatives and activities**.
- Call for **candidates** for 2013-2014 CHNA Executive.

On our way to 40K

Congrats to the Traffic Committee and its community volunteers for getting the speed limit on many of our streets reduced to 40 km/h. **Want your street included in this safety initiative?** Contact committee chair Peter Eady at chna4u@gmail.com

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7 Orrin Ave. K1Y 3X5

Thanks to the Fairmont Park rink volunteers for another season of flooding, shoveling . . . and end-to-end action! Care to contribute to the life of your community? Check out the volunteer opportunities on our new website. Show some Civic Spirit and **get involved!**



Seeking solutions for school space squeeze

Some of the public schools serving our community are facing a crisis of overcrowding. Elmdale and Devonshire in particular are bursting at the seams, due largely to the area's growing population and the increasing popularity of French Immersion. The Ottawa Carleton District School Board is searching for long-term solutions and for temporary measures that can be implemented as early as this September.

If you have children who are school age or younger, you should definitely make yourself aware of the discussions underway, and add your voice to the conversation. You can find background material and useful links on our website, www.chnaottawa.ca, or look for information about the Near West Accommodation Review on the OCDSB website (www.ocdsb.ca).



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THE CIVIC RUNNERS CLUB

Get in shape the fun and friendly way! Ruskin resident Todd Roberts is proposing a neighbourhood runners club for weekly jaunts through the Experimental Farm. Interested? Email Todd at toddbaileyroberts@hotmail.com. He'll kick things off with a 5k run on Sunday, April 7 at 9 a.m. All are welcome. Meet at the start of the foot/bike path at the Carling-Parkdale entrance.