

We say “no” to Community Mailboxes

CHNA is supporting the many seniors and people with disabilities who fear their health and safety could be put at risk, especially in winter, if Canada Post ends home mail delivery in favour of large, community mailboxes (CMBs). Other concerns include litter, accessibility, vandalism and theft – not to mention the impact on property values.

We are urging the city of Ottawa to join the 550-plus municipalities across Canada that have already demanded the continuation of home mail delivery until meaningful consultations occur and concerns are addressed.

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- **Fairness** in municipal elections
- update on **Heart Institute expansion**
- work set to begin on Orrin, Reid and McFarlane **street reconstructions**
- **Sprouting Community Gala** supports Parkdale Food Centre

Membership Matters

Your membership in the CHNA gives you a voice in your community, and it gives your community a stronger voice at City Hall when dealing with issues that affect **your home, your family and your quality of life.**

Your membership keeps you in touch with your neighbourhood and up-to-date on **issues of local interest and concern.**

Please join or renew **today!**



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2015 Membership Dues

\$10 per household or larger donation

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7 Orrin Ave. K1Y 3X5

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Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association

Spring 2015 Newsletter

What's inside:

- Hospital promises outreach on relocation
- Exploring our neighbourhood's heritage
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CHNA Annual Spring Meeting

Wed. May 27, 7 - 9 pm

Wellington Room, Hintonburg Community Centre

(1064 Wellington St W, between Melrose and Fairmont)

This is a unique opportunity to learn about—and discuss —**important community issues** and to hear from your new Councillor, **Jeff Leiper**. You'll get updates on the stories in this newsletter and **get the scoop** on what's on the horizon. Have an issue to raise or an idea to share? **This is the ideal forum.** Plus, you'll get to meet with your neighbours and contribute to the life of your community.

Guest Speaker: *Karen Secord, Co-coordinator, Parkdale Food Centre.*

Please join us!

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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: info@chnaottawa.ca

Civic Hospital gets OK for move across Carling

Proposal draws mixed reaction, promise of community outreach



The federal government has cleared the way for the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital to move across Carling Avenue to a 60-acre site at the northwest corner of the Central Experimental Farm. Local reaction to the November announcement has been mixed.

The hospital says it is working with our federal, provincial and city politicians to organize a public meeting (or potentially a string of meetings) to provide more information about the move and to answer residents' questions and concerns. Keep an eye on our website for further details.

Queensway Bridge Makeovers

Five bridges along our neighborhood's northern boundary are to be rehabilitated by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The bridges span Holland, Parkdale, Fairmont, Bayswater and the CPR/O-Train tracks.

CHNA reached out to residents in March for input on the MTO plans, and developed a detailed submission calling for safer, quieter, brighter and greener underpasses. The complete CHNA submission can be found on our website, under Planning and Development.

ELDER ABUSE — THE HIDDEN CRIME

Wednesday, May 6 – 7pm

Hintonburg Community Centre, Wellington Room

A conversation turns abusive, a relative demands money, a senior is neglected; this is Elder Abuse, and it's a crime!

Get the facts, know the signs and learn how **you** can help someone you care about. Guest presenters are Alison Timmons, Elder Abuse Response and Referral Services Coordinator, Nepean Rideau Osgoode Community Resource Centre; and Cst. Dawn Neilly-Sylvestre, Ottawa Police, Community Police Centre.

Join us for this free information session. All are welcome!

6th Annual Clean Our Parks Event

Sunday May 3 — 10 a.m. to noon — rain or shine

Reid, Fairmont and Ev Tremblay Parks

Pick a park and pitch in! Join your neighbours and help tidy up our public spaces. We'll provide supplies and refreshments for the whole family. Just bring your enthusiasm and community pride . . . and maybe a rake or two!



Safer Streets initiative

The CHNA **40 km/h campaign** has helped reduce traffic speeds on participating streets, enhancing residents' safety and quality of life. We're now hoping to engage **all** our residential streets in the campaign.

In the coming weeks, street representatives will fan out to meet neighbours and request support through a **40km/h petition**. Residents will also be invited to identify and help address "micro-local" traffic issues of specific concern to their street or block. We also welcome, at any time, your input about traffic issues. Contact us at traffic@chnaottawa.ca or check out the Traffic Committee tab on our website, chnaottawa.ca.

Calling All History Buffs

Do you have personal stories, historic photos or important documents about your home or our neighbourhood that would be of interest to others? Are you familiar with the heritage of some of our notable buildings? Would you appreciate a walking tour of our neighbourhood?

CHNA has launched a new History and Heritage (H&H) Committee! We'll soon be reaching out to residents for information about their homes—who built them, who has lived there—and stories about how our neighbourhood has changed over time. Stay tuned for a new H&H page on the CHNA website!