

Break Out the Smiles - Glabar Park Winter Fun Day is coming!!!

On Saturday, February 14th, 2014 we are pleased to organize the annual Glabar Park Winter Fun Day for all Glabar Park residents.

Location: Kingsmere Park

Time: Noon to 3 pm

Come out, dress warm and enjoy a fun-filled event including a BBQ, bonfire with marshmallow roasting, skating, games and more.

This is a do not miss event on everyone's annual social calendar.

Please come and enjoy the hospitality of the neighbourhood.

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Winter 2015 Kingsmere Rink Information

The World's Largest Glabar Park Skating Rink is open again at Kingsmere Park! Our rink is run by the GPCA and volunteers within the community. This year, we have hired a contractor to make and maintain our rink, but still need volunteers from our community to keep the rink house open.

Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday: 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturday: 11 am to 8 pm

Sunday: 1 pm to 7 pm



For anyone wishing to volunteer, each shift is three hours. You would be expected to open the rink house and remain on site to keep it warm, be the emergency contact and do a head count of skaters. Contact Sean at LasersDoctor@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer.

For those visiting the rink, please have a look at the city's Rules of Conduct:

<http://ottawa.ca/en/residents/parks-and-recreation/parks-and-sports-fields/rules-conduct>

As a note, please stay off the rink when it is mild and the ice is soft.

Happy Skating!!



Mark your calendars for events coming up in 2015:

Winter Fun Day
Sat February 14
Noon - 3pm
Kingsmere Park

Info: www.GlabarPark.ca

Glabar Gazette

A message from our President

Winter is now in full effect after some fits and starts. The rink is up and going now that we (again) have snow on the ground. The conditions have been excellent since the temperature dropped, and I've quite enjoyed skating with other community members.

The rink is a very important part of the community through the winter and we're again doing a hybrid model of having a great professional (Ron McCooeye stepping in this year) taking care of the ice, and a crew of volunteers keeping the field house open. Many thanks to new board member Sean for stepping right in and coordinating all of that. And a HUGE thank you to everyone who takes a shift. See the dedicated rink info elsewhere here for more on how to help. We'd love to get some more folks out helping keep the shack open, and it's not hard: sit on a couch in a warm room for 3 hours and read. You can obviously do more like skate, etc... but that's not necessary.

All communities run on volunteers, and we've got some great ones, from Sara L. organizing hockey lessons, all the rink volunteers, the amazing Gazette delivery crew, and our Winter Fun day helpers. They only have one thing in common (other than all being awesome!): they love having even more helpers. Please consider helping out in a way that fits your lifestyle.

I'd again like to thank the long serving board members who stepped down in October, including Bob Sladden, Michael Heenan, Lynda Richardson, Guy Neyens, and Craig Szabo. We've got several new faces in, but certainly welcome anybody to join - we've got several seats open. Again, it's a "do what you can" thing where it could just be 1-2 hours a month.

If you ever want to reach me, email me at glabarparkca@gmail.com. Have a great winter, and I look forward to seeing lots of folks at our Winter Fun Day in February.

*Trent Gray-Donald
President, Glabar Park Community Alliance*

Advertise in the Gazette!

We encourage any business with ties to our Glabar Park community to advertise in this local newsletter, the Glabar Gazette. The newsletter is published three times a year (January, May and October) and reaches all 1,000 plus households of Glabar Park.

The newsletter format is an 11 x 17 sheet, printed on both sides and folded along the center. The prominent back section (this page) is reserved for advertising.

The new competitive rate structure is as follows:

Option A: \$75 per business card slot per edition or \$150 per card slot for all three Newsletter editions.

Option B: One quarter page slot for \$150 per Newsletter edition.

The advertising fees collected are used to promote community engagement projects and activities.

For more information please contact Brian Laffin, GPCA Secretary (bclaffin@gmail.com).

This edition of the Glabar Gazette was printed courtesy of Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor's office. Thank you!

Kid stories!

I really like how some families have used a big amount of their time to put together a scene or put Christmas lights on their house or trees. And some houses have snowmen or snow forts. At our local school there was a holiday party and our very funny entertainment was done by the “cow guys” ... it was simply hilarious. Winter fun day is coming up and this year I am helping for the first time. Have a great winter, Lucas (age 7).



I like the lights in the 'hood and I like counting the Christmas lights that are on. This year my family won three baskets at the local school holiday celebration. I like winter fun day. I like skating. Snowmen are fun. No snowball fights please. Abigail (age 6)

Glabar Park Community Alliance Annual General Meeting

The GPCA AGM was held on Monday October 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the D. Roy Kennedy School Library.

Kim Glover, our Auditor and Mark Taylor, our Bay Ward Councillor , and two candidates (Alex Cullen and Trevor Robinson) running in the fall City election attended the meeting along with residents.

Trent thanked the outgoing members (Bob Sladden, Michael Heenan, Lynda Richardson, Guy Neyens, and Craig Szabo) for the efforts over the years.

Elections were held for the 2014-2015 GPCA:

- Trent Gray-Donald was elected President.
- Bill Meyer was elected Treasurer.
- Benjamin Leikin, Brian Laffin, Michael Nadon, Sean Kirkwood, Edo Houwer and James Dolan were elected Directors.

The vacant position of, Secretary were filled at the first Executive meeting in November

Kim Glover was re-appointed as GPCA auditor.

A report on the year's activities by the President and the Board's Committees (Communications and Recreation) was discussed along with the Fairlawn Plaza re-zoning.

Mark Taylor reported on Bay Ward activities for the previous year. He discussed the zoning of Aaron and Benjamin. He announced that “In-Fill 2” was moving ahead and provided highlights of the initiative.

There was a general discussion about the Better Neighbourhood program and whether an application to the to fix up the Kingsmere field house was feasible. It was determined the scope of the program would not provide sufficient funds to modernize the field house to meet the communities needs.

Bob Stevenson made a brief presentation on Sustainable Living Ottawa West.

Trent closed the meeting by extending the residents an invitation to stay and meet with the candidates running for Councillor.

The Glabar Park Trivia Game – The Silver Anniversary Edition

To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Glabar Park Gazette , this edition of the Gazette Trivia game centers on all things silver in Glabar Park. When you do your research, it is amazing what you can find.

Q1. Legend has it local outlaw Big Biff McGrew once buried 500 Silver dollars in an area now occupied by the Lenester traffic circle. What would that treasure be worth today?

- a) \$500 b) \$5,000 c) \$5,550 d) \$Priceless*

Q2. The Silver Dart was the name of the first successful flying machine in Canada. It once passed over Glabar Park during its celebration tour of Canada. A funny thing happened during this flyover. Was it?

- a) A roof on Kingsmere Ave was clipped due to a minor zoning variance,*
b) Local residents mistook for stolen flying sleigh, thus generating a small conspiracy buzz on a pre-Twitter platform,
c) The original black box was dropped and never recovered ,
d) The first hands-free parachute jump was attempted, with a soft grass landing on what we now call Fairlawn Ave.

Q3. The atomic number for Silver is 47. Glabar Park is called the Silver Community because there are :

- a) 47 Stop signs in the neighbourhood,*
b) 47 three and four letter words made by re-arranging Glabar (can you find them all?),
c) 47 Entrances to the local mall,
d) 47 local residents who always attend the community AGM in October.

Q4. Which famous Glabar Park resident coined the phrase “When you are out of doors, never flash your silver”?

- a) Jason Spezza, (or it could have easily been “when out of options, don’t give the puck away”)*
b) John Benjamin, father of modern conductivity (or was that Benjamin John Franklin?)
c) Big Biff McGrew
d) Anonymous

Trivia Game Answers (now don't peek, caught you)

Q1: Well the near correct rounded off answer is \$5,550 (0.6 Oz Silver per x \$18.50 per oz x 500). Thought the answer would be Priceless didn't ya!!

Q2: I believe the answer is d.

Q3: Again the answer is d. – attendance and participation is encouraged

Q4: Building on popular trend, the answer is d.

Happy Silver Anniversary!!!