

Kingsmere Winter Rink Information

It is that quintessential Canadian season again, the outdoor rink season (or more affectionately known as ODR time). We have a great little rink at Kingsmere Park, run by the GPCA and volunteers in the community. We DO NEED volunteers from the community to make the rink work.



Hours of Operation:

Monday thru Friday: 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturday: 12 pm to 9 pm

Sunday: 12 pm to 6 pm

Anyone wishing to volunteer (don't be shy) to take a shift during those times can contact Dave Morrow at 018dave@gmail.com or Jesse Labelle at labelle_jesse@yahoo.ca .

Also help is often needed following a snowfall to remove the white stuff.
As a note of caution, please stay off the rink when it is mild and the ice is soft.

Happy Skating!!



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A message from our President

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) this past October saw a change, with our previous president (Bob Sladden) stepping down but remaining on the board and me (Trent Gray-Donald) taking on the role during our first board meeting following the AGM. I'd like to thank Bob for his excellent leadership these last several years, and really appreciate him staying on as a Director and Past President. As a parent of two younger children, I'm very excited to take on this challenge and continue in Bob's footsteps.

2014 will see us continue with our annual calendar of activities, especially our two big crowd events (the summer and winter "fun days"). They're always great family events and I highly recommend them to everyone, especially families with younger kids. Come on out and meet your neighbours!

One challenge we constantly face as a community association is to hear what's really on people's minds. We are a small volunteer board but face a number of contentious issues every year where we'd like to get a broader view of how the community feels on various subjects. Prime examples are around proposed zoning changes (recently on Aaron at Fairlawn Plaza and the proposed townhomes between Fairlawn and Woodroffe). We do have a web site at glabarpark.ca but that's more for spreading information outwards. A number of us have joined a Facebook group called "The Glabarhood" where various subjects are discussed from serious issues like zoning proposals, the rink and community safety issues, through to simpler things like lost bikes. I highly recommend folks join the group, see what's going on, and get your voices heard.

The rink is being run a different way this year (with a lot more volunteer effort in line with what many folks wanted) so in addition to enjoying the great ice, please consider offering a small amount of your time either cleaning the ice or supervising (essentially being there to open the changerooms and ensuring things run smoothly). Let's all help out and make this the best rink in years! If you have comments or concerns, I can be reached at glabarparkca@gmail.com or (613) 695-1859.

Bob Sladden

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Mark your calendars for events coming up in 2014:

Winter Fun Day:

Saturday February 8

Kingsmere Park

Noon - 3:00 pm

Come out to enjoy a fun-filled event including a BBQ, skating, games, bon fire with marshmallow roasting and more!

Info: www.GlabarPark.ca

Ad Charge Sheet for Glabar Park Community Newsletter

Updated Advertising Rates for 2014

We encourage any business with ties to our Glabar Park community to advertise in the 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. We have ten (10) business card size slots available per edition or four (4) quarter page slots.

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 slot for \$150 per Newsletter edition.

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

For more information please contact Craig Szabo, GPCA Secretary (craigszabo@yahoo.com).

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Glabar Park Community Alliance Annual General Meeting Recap

The GPCA AGM was held on Monday October 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the D. Roy Kennedy School Library. Twenty seven residents attended the meeting along with Kim Glover, our Auditor and Mark Taylor, our Bay Ward Councillor and two members from his office.

Bill Meyer was elected Treasurer. Michael Heenan, Lynda Richardson, Guy Neyens, Trent Gray-Donald, Ben Leikin, Craig Szabo, Brian Laffin and Aleksandra Forester were elected Directors. Kim Glover was re-appointed as GPCA auditor. *The vacant positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary were filled at the first Executive meeting in November.*

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.

Dave Morrow will be the Kingsmere Rink Coordinator and the GPCA is looking for volunteers to assist.

Mark Taylor reported on Bay Ward activities for the previous year. He reported on the upcoming City Budget process and the Western LRT route. He noted that the GPCA made an application to the Better Neighbourhood program to fix up the Kingsmere field house. He commented on the Fairlawn Plaza rezoning and a new application for town homes at Benjamin and Woodroffe and the winter parking ban on Fairlawn south of Lenester. A number of attendees expressed concern about traffic and safety on this stretch of Fairlawn.

Dorothy Young reported that a Neighbourhood Watch encompassing Lenester, Benjamin and Killarney was being organized. One hundred residents have signed up and six Watch captains are established.

Bob Stevenson made a brief presentation on Sustainable Living Ottawa West, www.slowest.ca.

The Carlingwood Y – Opening in mid-January!

The YMCA-YWCA of the National Capital Region is working hard to complete the renovations to its new Carlingwood facility, located inside Carlingwood Shopping Centre.

The new 23,500 sq. ft. Carlingwood Y is opening its doors this month following over \$1.25 million worth of renovations. Upgrades to the facility's pool will continue over the coming months while the rest of the centre is in use.

The Carlingwood Y will serve children, youth, adults, families and seniors with a variety of programs and services that build spirit, mind and body.

The facility includes:

- A state-of-the-art strength & conditioning centre with over \$500,000 in new fitness equipment
- Spacious group fitness, yoga & indoor cycling studios
- New childminding (Playcare) and kids program space, outfitted for children's enjoyment
- New men's, women's and family change rooms with lockers, showers and changing spaces
- Fully renovated 17-metre pool and hot tub - opening at a later date

The Carlingwood Y's Winter Drop-In Fitness Schedule is now on the Y's website and includes regular Cyclefit, Yoga, and Zumba classes, as well as a selection of Young at Heart programs for seniors.

For more information, or to become a member of the Carlingwood Y, contact Dylan Harries, Regional Director, Carlingwood YMCA-YWCA at dylan.harries@ymcaywca.ca or call 613-237-1320 ext. 2999.

Glabar Park Winter Fun Day is coming Yahoooooo!!!!

On Saturday, February 8th, 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 an A-plus entry on your annual social calendar. Don't miss it!!!

The Glabar Park Trivia Game – January 2014 Edition

Gather round the fireplace and test your knowledge on all things 'Glabar'. This version is all about the numbers.

Q1. How many seven letter words can you spell from Glabar?

Q2. How many avenues are there in Glabar Park?

- 10
- 13
- 19
- 23

Q3. What is the population of Glabar Park?

- Over 2,600
- Under 5,000
- Over 1,000
- d. Something less than the number of Rob Ford gaffes in 2013

Q4. If Glabar Park were a famous dessert, what would it be?

- Crème Brulee
- Tiramisu
- Baklava
- Banana Cream Pie

Q5. What is the annual attendance at the Glabar Park Winter and Summer Fun Days, combined? Is it:

- 500
- 502
- 499
- 347

ANSWERS (Don't Peek!)

Q1: None; Q2: 19 (including Woodroffe, Maitland and Carling; Q3: All of the above: about 2,650; Q4: c. Baklava – Glabar is a multi-layered diverse community with a nice sweet finish; Q5: b. 502 – amazing, you rock Glabar Park!!!

