

2015 Glabar Park Skating Rink Recap

Wow! Our dedicated group of rink volunteers kept the world's longest Glabar Park skating rink open continuously for nearly 60 days! We opened the rink on January 8th after that Christmas break warm spell and despite the bitter, long, entrenched, unyielding, bright, sunny, bone-chilling, bitter (did I say bitter, yet?) cold, we had great community participation night after night. Our rink contractor, Ron, gave us a brilliant skating surface that was fun to play on. Skating lessons lasted well into February this time as many new skaters took to their neighbourhood rink. And we got to see everyone at Winter Fun Day!

Thank you to all the volunteers this year and those who chipped in some rink clearing during the afternoon and evening snowfalls. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the summer and the next rink season.

Winter Fun Day 2015 Recap

On Groundhog day, Ontario's Wiarton Willie predicted an early spring. Well, on February 14th about 150 Glabar Park residents had to check out that prediction themselves as they gathered for the annual Winter Fun Day. Typical of the season this year, the day was overcast and definitely on the nippy side. But friends and neighbours brightened the day by braving those conditions to reconnect, sip some free hot chocolate, partake of expertly grilled BBQ fare and roast marshmallows. The kids and adults alike took advantage of this year's excellent skating conditions to put the rinks to the test. A big cheer to the Whitehaven Kindergarten School Age Centre, Bridgehead, Loblaws and the D. Roy Kennedy School Council for providing supplies and gift baskets. The raffle tickets for gift baskets, cookies and Loblaws gift cards helped raise money for a revitalized playground for D. Roy Kennedy Public School. A special thank you to community volunteers; events like these would never come about without their generous contribution of time and effort.

As we've all found out by now, despite Willie's prediction, spring was long in coming. We didn't get to warmer temperatures as early as predicted, but now that they're here, we can look forward to the Summer Fun Day right around the corner!



Whitehaven Kindergarten School Age Centre Inc.

Located at D. Roy Kennedy Public School
919 Woodroffe Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario

Whitehaven Kindergarten School Age Centre is excited to announce that in addition to their Kindergarten and School Age Programs, it now offers two NEW programs:

- **Preschool Program (2.5 yrs. – 4 yrs.)**
- **Preschool – Kindergarten – Readiness Program (2.5 yrs. – 4yrs.) (Monday to Friday – 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**

In recognition that a child's early years affect the quality of his/her life, the Whitehaven Kindergarten School Age Centre cares for and educates young children physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually, promoting healthy growth.

Whitehaven Kindergarten School Age Centre provides an early learning environment with stimulating play materials and age appropriate activities. Children are offered a wide variety of activities and experiences by Registered Early Childhood Educators.

For more information, to arrange a visit or to register your child/children. Please contact the Centre's Director – Jayne Gauthier – 613-759-8364

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A message from our President

It's been a long winter, but it's now truly gone. The streets of Glabar Park have been cleaned (twice!) and in what seems to happen every year, we're actually spending time outside and talking to our neighbours after having hidden inside for months. As we all come out, so do the kids and their bikes, scooters, ball games and other activities. Please keep an eye out for them as you're driving, especially on our many streets without sidewalks.

We had a successful Winter Fun Day - thanks again to everyone who participated in that and braved the bitterly cold February day. Our rink was a great success this year, with a dedicated crew of volunteers. Sean Kirkwood was a great leader there, coordinating the scheduling, answering queries, supporting the flooding, etc. I'd like everyone to thank our amazing group of field house volunteers, taking time out on evenings and weekends to keep the hut open regardless of how cold it was. Thanks also to Sara L. for organizing the skating again. Much fun was had, and I saw some real improvement in the kids this year. Good job!

Looking forward, we have a fun summer ahead. Please enjoy the wading pool at the park, the community garage sale day, Summer Fun day, and Fools in the Park.

Trent Gray-Donald
President, Glabar Park Community Alliance



Mark your calendars for events coming up in 2015:

Community Garage Sale – Saturday, June 6

Benjamin Street Block Party – Saturday, June 6

Fools in the Park. Glabar Park Common – Tuesday, July 14

Summer Fun Day, Kingsmere Park - Saturday, August 8

Info: www.GlabarPark.ca

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

Kid stories!

"I am so excited about Summer Fun Day. It is too fun to forget. I like biking there. It is fun there." *Abby G-D*

"I see lots of bikers around the 'hood. I can't wait for summer!"

I hope you're excited too. Oh summer fun, see you soon! Oh, I totally forgot it's swimming and summer sports season. Have fun!" *Lucas G-D*



Benjamin Block Party!

Before you know it, summer will be upon us and we are certainly looking forward to getting out and enjoying the warmer weather. We would like to cordially invite everyone in the neighbourhood to a block party on Saturday June 6th.

The block of Benjamin Ave. between Hare and Kingsmere will be blocked off from traffic between approximately 2pm and 10pm. This should provide plenty of space for you to bring your lawn chairs and mingle with your neighbours while listening to live music courtesy of the Stan Clark Orchestra. The music tentatively scheduled from about 4pm to 9pm. Tables will be setup and people are encouraged to bring a contribution to a potluck dinner.

If you are interested in helping out, lending a long table for food, adding to the festivities in some way, or you would like to be kept up to date on any updates to the schedule, please contact Norm MacNeil at nmacneil@rogers.com.



Links

The city is publishing documents about major policies that will affect the city. Please visit these sites to learn more:

1. LRT - www.ligneconfederationline.ca/
2. Infill II (Zoning) - <http://ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/planning-and-infrastructure/frequently-asked-questions>
3. Canada 2017 (appearing soon) - <http://www.ottawa2017.ca/>

Upcoming Events

With the cold winter finally departing, and none too soon, it is time to start circling dates on our summer calendars. The Glabar Park Community Alliance (GPCA) and other community groups will be adding to your summer fun with:

Glabar Park Community Garage Sale - Saturday, June 6

Once again it is time to share with our community those well-loved treasures that you are no longer showing the appreciation that they rightly deserve. This is the opportunity for the community to search for bargains and to cherish these treasures as others have.

On June 6th, the GPCA will be hosting the annual neighborhood garage sale. Once again the GPCA will be organizing a "garage". This year volunteers from the DRK School Council will be joining the GPCA with proceeds going to support their fundraising efforts for a play structure at DRK. The community "garage" will be at Kingsmere Park beginning at 7:30 am.

If you have items that you would like to donate towards our community "garage" please contact Michael Nadon (Michael.Nadon@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca). Donated items may also be dropped-off at the park on June 6th.

Please stop by to meet your GPCA members.

Benjamin Street Block Party - Saturday, June 6

From 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm on June 6th, Benjamin Avenue between Hare and Kingsmere will be closed to traffic to host a block party. See the enclosed article or contact Norm MacNeil at nmacneil@rogers.com for more information.

Fools in the Park - Glabar Park Common - Tuesday, July 14

A Company of Fools will be returning to our community this summer! Barring unforeseen issues they will be in Glabar Park Common on Tuesday July 14th.

This summer "the Fools" are celebrating their 25th year with a remount of the play that started it all for them - "A Comedy of Errors."

"A Comedy of Errors" will see the return of AL Connors, Scott Florence, Geoff McBride, Katie Ryerson and new Fools Warren Bain and Gabrielle Lazarovitz and will be directed by Catriona Leger.



Summer Fun Day - Kingsmere Park - Saturday, August 8, 12 noon to 3 pm

Your GPCA is working hard to bring you an event that is bigger and better than ever.

Mark this one in your calendar, as you don't want to miss another fantastic Fun Day. Get ready to participate and enjoy all the usual festivities including the bike parade, bouncy castle, tug-of-war and the delectable gourmet BBQ! Stay tuned for new surprises and activities.

If you would like to volunteer please contact Bill Meyer (Bill.Meyer@kwottawa.ca)