



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



Winter 2016 Kingsmere Rink Recap

This section starts with a huge appreciation for those that helped fight this El Niño winter to keep the rink open until March 6th. Few rinks in the City made it that long. Thank you Adam, Chris, Trent, and Edo for your efforts in getting the rink opened when faced with such a nasty start, and especially Adam and Chris who helped me keep it going through those warm spells. It was the first time I have ever used a snowblower to put snow back on to a surface that I usually keep clean. Or wade ankle deep in a skating rink to plug drainage holes with snow. A lot was learned in rink maintenance this year! Let's not talk about clearing 50 cm of snow...

We opened the rink on January 14th after rebuilding the surface. Despite the constant warm spells that closed the rink, we had great community participation night after night. I compared the participation count in my year-end report to the City with last year's report, and we topped 1000 again (100 short from last year). Participation is an hourly count of skaters on the ice during open hours, not unique skaters.

I hoped you enjoyed the Patio-By-the-Lake Winter Fun Day! It was unfortunate our options were between bitter cold (colder than last year) and spring weather, especially since it was a particularly mild winter and the originally planned Winter Fun Day was the only bitterly cold one.

Thank you again to our dedicated volunteer group this year, and our new volunteers that helped keep the rink running. Some original members even came back to open the rink on PD Days. I look forward to seeing you all throughout the summer and the next rink season. If you wish to join our group, drop me a line at lasersdoctor@gmail.com.

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Glabar Gazette

A message from our President

Ottawa and our own Glabar Park had a very varied weather winter, but those memories are melting fast with the long sunny days and the summer conditions. The weather wreaked havoc across the city and made it one of the most challenging winters that I can recall for keeping the rink going. Sean and the dedicated crew of rink volunteers went well above the call of duty and built one of the best rinks in the whole city this year, with several other rink operators coming by to consult with our guru Sean.

Winter Fun Day was excellent and thankfully slightly less cold than last year. Thank you to all those who came out and enjoyed the day as well as the tireless volunteers who make it all possible.

Due to my travel schedule, I've had to be away a lot and our VP (Sean) has stepped in assume my duties. Thanks again!

Other exciting events include the new play structure last fall at D. Roy Kennedy school (which I know many donated to help build) and the emergence this spring of our own community fox family with the 5 kits.

Keep up to date with us on the increasingly vibrant "Glabarhood" Facebook group!

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

We are also seeing changes to our Gazette team as our long time editor is leaving the neighbourhood. Do you have an eye for detail and want to help us produce our beloved Gazette?

We publish about three Gazettes a year and require a couple of hours of editing and layout work to get this newsletter just right. Editor would also be a great opportunity for a student looking for community service hours. Contact glabarparkca@gmail.ca.

*Sean Kirkwood
Vice-President, Glabar Park Community Alliance*

Mark your calendars for these events in 2016:

Garage Sale
Sat. June 11

Benjamin St. Block Party
Sun. June 12

Fools in the Park
Thurs. July 21
Glabar Park

Summer Fun Day
Sat. August 13
Kingsmere Park

Info:
www.GlabarPark.ca

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Glabar Park Winter Fun Day 2016

This year's El Niño ranked as one of the strongest since 1950, just behind the one that gave us the Ice Storm in 1998; it certainly gave us an interesting February! Winter Fun Day was originally scheduled for February 13th, a week after Hockey Day in Canada, but the average temperature was -23°C with a windchill well into the -30s. That was colder than the year before: that was a COLD day. We quickly changed plans and rescheduled for the 20th, only to have the temperature climb to 6°C! It was definitely winter in Ottawa.

About 100 Glabar Park residents checked out our artificial lake as they gathered for the annual Winter Fun Day. The kids brightened the day with surfing on the rink, enjoying some free hot chocolate, munching on expertly grilled BBQ fare and roasted marshmallows. We also took the opportunity to ask you to dream about the future of the Field House: see the article on the Kingsmere Field House as we received plenty of helpful suggestions. This year, we were grateful for generous donations from Starbucks, Shoppers Drug Mart and the City of Ottawa. A special thank you to our community volunteers as events like these would never come about without their generous contribution of time and effort.

Let's look forward to the Summer Fun Day on the second week of August (13th)!

Kingsmere Park Field House

At Winter Fun Day this year, there was an opportunity to dream about the future of our beloved field house. By the chill of wind and scratch of blades (skates), it is a rink house that reheats our toes and hosts our post-game bragging; by the baking sun and soft bend of the blades (grass), it is a changing area and rehydration center.

When you return to the house this year, you will notice that upgrades have been made to meet the new Ontario Accessibility requirements: bathrooms have a single toilet and are lockable. A chilled water fountain has been installed in the changeroom that includes a tap water bottle refill tap: Be green and don't forget yours this summer! And the roof should be repaired this May/June before the wading pool opens.

But what can the future hold for our gathering place? Can we make it a centerpiece for community gatherings, more than it is on our Fun Days? There is a potential opportunity to see further upgrades to our Field House and this past Winter Fun Day, you gave some ideas of what you would like to see; both practical and useful! Local community member, Julie Vaillancourt, collected your ideas.

We had our Must Haves:

- Electrical outlets in key areas (breaker goes off frequently)
- Storage room to distributed Pool equipment and Community Rink material
- Shelving in storage room
- Better accessible interior lights

Your Nice to Haves:

- Change table in washroom
- Exterior lights and windows
- Washrooms available especially when kids play in the park
- Modular seating to improve room function (games room)
- Rubber flooring (easy to clean and good for skates)
- Improved water fountain with water bottle fill-up (We got that!)

Major Improvement Ideas:

- Multi-purpose room
- Kitchenette (Counter, Cabinets, Sink with running water, Microware, Fridge)
- Pass-through window from kitchenette (service during activities)

Ideas from your Alliance Members:

- Ping pong table
- Mural of exterior wall

Do you have any other dreams for our Field House? Drop them off to Bill Meyer (Bill.Meyer@kwottawa.ca) or Julie Vaillancourt (jpm.vaillancourt@hotmail.com), or your GPCA (glabarparkca@gmail.ca).

We would love to hear them!

Upcoming Events

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 11th

It is time to pass on your well-loved treasures that deserve appreciation at this year's garage sale. This sale is our opportunity to search for bargains and to embrace your treasures.

If you wish to host the community "garage" at Kingsmere Park, especially if you have items that you would like to donate towards our community "garage" rather than host a sale at your house, please let your GPCA know. We could spread the word. Proceeds would support our community activities. Contact glabarparkca@gmail.ca.

Benjamin Street Block Party - Sunday, June 12th

Since the event was so successful last year, we feel compelled to give it another go: the Benjamin Ave block party will be held on Sunday, June 12th. Everyone is welcome. There will be a pot luck supper starting around 6pm; people are encouraged to bring a salad, dessert, buns, etc. Live jazz/big band music will once again be provided courtesy of the Stan Clark Orchestra (www.StanClarkOrchestra.ca) starting around 4:30. There will also be a "make your own fun" kids' area including soap bubble makers and sidewalk chalk.

If you would like to volunteer for helping at the kids' area or provide a long table for the pot luck supper, or for more information including rain date, please check the web site at www.BenjaminAve.ca.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the party.

Norm MacNeil (info@BenjaminAve.ca)

Fools in the Park - Glabar Park - Thursday, July 21st

A Company of Fools will be returning to our community this summer in Glabar Park Common on Thursday July 21st. This summer "the Fools" are happy to present "The Amazing Adventures of Pericles, Prince of Tyre" "Duelling knights, dastardly pirates, proper princesses, promiscuous prostitutes, an ancient goddess and not one but two shipwrecks! How could the Fools have waited so long to tell the thrilling tale of Pericles, Prince of Tyre! When our hero discovers a dark secret about the evil king of Antioch, Pericles is forced to flee for his life. So begins an epic voyage that takes him across several seas to far off lands where he discovers adventure, love and just maybe what life is all about. Don't miss this exciting, fast paced escapade set in a mythical world and played against the backdrop of Ottawa's parks. Fun for the entire family!"

"Pericles" will star: Pierre Brault, Jennifer Cecil, AL Connors, Mary Ellis, Mahalia Golnosh Tahririha, Mekdes Teshome and is directed by Catriona Leger.

Summer Fun Day - Kingsmere Park - Saturday, August 13th

Your GPCA is working hard on our annual summer event. 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)

Kid stories!



"The greatest thing I like about living in Glabar Park is that everyone knows each other."

- Liam