



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 2017 Kingsmere Rink

This year, Adam and I plan on running the rink from start to finish without a contractor. My hope is to have the rink ready sooner than Christmas if we have enough snow on the ground because a solid ice surface can last better through a short December warm spell than a pile of snow: we proved that last winter.

Keep an eye on the Glabarhood Facebook page or the reinitiated glabarpark.ca website for information on this winter's rink. I plan on having a hot chocolate fueled snow packing party one evening or on a Saturday to build a large, level surface for our enjoyment this year. Also, I want to paint our rink boards white to make it appear more like a hockey rink! Look for details on that project when our hockey rink boards are up in the Fall.

I hope I can count on the return of my dedicated crew of volunteers, and I would love to add several more to our team! For those that are new to this community or have always wanted to lend a hand but have been reluctant, volunteering is quite simple. You occupy the field house for 2 or 3 hours to ensure that the field house is available for skate changing and washroom availability: a total required availability of 30 hours/week. That's it! With a solid group of volunteers, the operation money goes directly to your community association to run our Fun Days. Your volunteer time is a direct contribution to your community.

If you wish to join our group, drop me a line at lasersdoctor@gmail.com. You can volunteer your time at the field house or just help me some nights after 9 p.m. with flooding. The rink is open every day: most rinks close for maintenance on Mondays. I do maintenance after closing on the best nights for such work.

I look forward to an El Niño –free winter with you at the rink!

-Sean

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Glabar Gazette

A message from our Vice-President

As Trent stated in the last edition of the Gazette, he has been travelling quite a bit and I have come to assume his duties until our Annual General Meeting. This meeting is scheduled to be held at the D. Roy Kennedy Elementary School library, as usual, for October 25th at 7 pm. We invited the Deputy Mayor to brief us on City and Bay Ward events and hold our elections to the Board of Directors. I encourage everyone reading to consider coming out and continuing our tradition of community building. Maybe you have a knack for choosing Fun Days that are not major weather issues?

I was glad to see many of you at Summer Fun Day this year; thank you for coming. These Fun Days are an integral portion of the work our Board performs and the funds for this day come from our skating rink. Our fun days and skating rink would not be possible without our community volunteers, and I would like to thank them all again here.

I am also reinitiating the use of www.glabarpark.ca. Please read the section on Community Strategies for more details as I wish to use it as an official channel of communication. I am also restarting the use of the GPCA Facebook page, giving two online outlets for up-to-date information on current events. Please "Like" our page to keep current if you use Facebook and continue to use glabarparkca@gmail.com to communicate with your board.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this year's AGM. I encourage you to come out and engage with your community and consider becoming a member of our Board. I started on this board last year since I was already contributing my time as your rink co-ordinator. The time commitment is as little as monthly meetings, though the commitment depends on what you wish to put into your Association and what you would like to get out of it.

Enjoy the Autumn!

Sean Kirkwood

Vice-President, Glabar Park Community Alliance

Mark your calendars for these events:

Annual General Meeting
Tues. Oct. 25
D. Roy Library

Hockey Board Painting Party
October or November
Kingsmere Park

Rink Packing Party
December
Kingsmere Park

Winter Fun Day
Sat. in February (TBD)
Kingsmere Park

Info:
www.GlabarPark.ca

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

Glabar Park Summer Fun Day 2016

Before diving into writing this article, I decided to procrastinate and check just how bad my luck has been with Fun Day weather this year. We can all agree that this summer has been hot, muggy and very dry – let's blame El Niño again. Going back through Ottawa weather stats, we had about 40 mm of rain on Summer Fun Day. That amount of rain had not fallen in a single day since June 5th, nor have we had such an amount of rainfall since our fun day on August 13th. If precipitation was a random event and we could schedule Summer Fun Day on any day of the week since June 5th, I had about a 1 % chance of picking the rainiest day!

Our kids started the day off at 11:45 am with the fastest and wettest bicycle parade on record for free premium ice cream at Kingsmere Park. With Edo on the barbeque, we enjoyed the company of our neighbours under the big tent, courtesy of St. Paul's Presbyterian. Complementary pastries and lemonade were served to our seniors under the tent as well. The rain did let up most of the afternoon, allowing the bouncy castle to go up! We were grateful for generous donations of free iced tea from Starbucks and a wonderful gift basket for our raffle from Shopper's Drug Mart. Although we saw many of our friends and neighbours, the rain kept people from staying long, so the raffle was postponed until Winter Fun Day.



I would like to give a very special thank you to Natalie Caron for organizing this day. I was very frustrated by the rain because she put so much effort into this day: I can never overstate my appreciation of her work. We had an ice cream booth, bouncy castle, fire truck, big tent, games, freezies, water balloons, music, great food, raffle gifts, and face painting! And yet there was even more planned (but fell through). We also thank our community volunteers as events like these would never come about without their generous contribution of time, energy and commitment to this great neighbourhood!

Kingsmere Park Field House

I had anticipated dedicating a section on the Field House so left it here in the newsletter. The only update at this time is that our roof was replaced sometime in June.

Communication Strategies

We have revived the www.glabarpark.ca web page and want to start posting current news and information for the community on that site again. We have also found the original site owner for the Glabar Park Community Association Facebook page so we can use multiple forums to expand these messages from our web page and provide snippets of community announcements from the Board.

It may be time to consider closing down the reliance on printed newsletters as a form of communication. Maintaining it has been falling on fewer and fewer people over the years, there are delivery considerations, and we are more awakened to the environmental cost of posting 1100 sheets of paper around the community per edition.

Another challenge is waiting for sufficient material to write before posting a new version. This particular newsletter has taken over a month to collect these stories. Further, this edition is time-sensitive as we are required to post a general announcement for the Annual General Meeting with at least 2 weeks notice.

We cannot start this strictly online endeavour without at least informing you in this newsletter. What would you think if we were to set our official communication channel to the glabarpark.ca page? E-mail us at glabarparkca@gmail.com or come to this year's AGM and speak to us.

Upcoming Events

The Glabar Park Community Alliance (GPCA) have fall and winter fun and activities planned with:

Glabar Park Annual General Meeting - Tuesday, October 25th

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in the library of D. Roy Kennedy Elementary School, 919 Woodroffe Avenue, between 7 pm and 9 pm. All residents over 18 years of age are automatically members of the GPCA and are both invited and encouraged to attend.

The business of this Annual General Meeting will include:

- Approval of Minutes
- Treasurer Report (including auditor report)
- Reports on Zoning, Traffic and Recreation
- Elections of Board of Directors
- Auditor Appointment
- Bay Ward/City report from Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor
- Any new business arising from the floor

As stated in the Vice-President's message, many long-standing members have left our community. We wish to thank them for their contributions to our community. Looking forward, our Association encourages those interested, excited, or even curious about civic engagement to stand up for nomination and election to one of the four Officer positions this October.

Do you have a project or initiative that you would like to have our Association tackle? Consider becoming one of our ten Directors and spearhead your idea!

Kingsmere Rink

There are no dates planned as yet, so watch the web site and our Facebook page. We are interested in painting the inside boards of our rink white this year. The hope is the paint will keep the sun from melting the ice so to extend our season by a few days to a week as well as protect it during warm spells. It will also give our hockey rink a more polished look.

At the beginning of the season, we are planning on packing the snow base ourselves and plan to organize a hot chocolate and ice-packing community get-together.

Winter Fun Day - Kingsmere Park – February 2017

This date is not official, but it is the second Saturday of February in 2017. Stay tuned for more information as the date approaches.