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Winter 2017/2018 Kingsmere Rink Recap



Not that we want to think about winter now that we finally have warm weather, however, we had a great rink season and we wish to thank those people who volunteered. We are enriched by your support and your ideas, and we are grateful for your help in running the community rink.

Our community ice rink is well utilized by community members, but the volunteerism to maintain the rink has been low for several years. New volunteers are needed so we can continue offering this wonderful recreational activity to the community. In preparation for the upcoming season, we are currently looking for two things:

1. Maintenance team: A minimum 7 volunteers who are each committed to working one night a week between mid-December and late-February to create the ice skating surface and flood it each night (or day).
2. Supervision team: A minimum of 10 volunteers who are each committed to working one 3-hour shift a week between mid-December and late-February. These volunteers keep the rink house open for people to change into skates and they are the designated contact in an emergency.

See www.glabarpark.ca for more information. New volunteers can make themselves known to the GPCA by October 1st, 2018 so that we have confirmation in time to sign the rink agreement with the City of Ottawa. Community members interested in volunteering are asked to contact Adam Norman by email (glabarparkca@gmail.com) or call/text 613-552-5615.

Unfortunately, if there are insufficient volunteers, there will be no community rink in 2018-2019.

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Glabar Gazette

A message from our President

It's so refreshing to see a community come together the way Glabar Park does. From community initiatives like yoga/fitness at Kingsmere Park and kid's pick-up ball hockey, to updates on the Glabarhood Facebook page on the many sighting of foxes that roam our neighbourhood.

There is such a strong sense of community that makes me happy I moved here a few years back. Getting involved in the Glabar Park Community Alliance (GPCA) is another thing I am glad I did. Before now, I hadn't realized all of the behind the scenes work that the Community Alliance does. From long hours spent at the rink to planning some of our main community events, as well as providing a platform for our community members to express their concerns and assisting in having those concerns heard. One such item was the congestion at Fairlawn and Lenester. The GPCA was able to take the comments we received regarding that intersection and present them to Mark Tylor's office, who in turn raised the issue with the appropriate City of Ottawa resources. The outcome: new signage and adjustments to the "no right turn" hours - resulting in less traffic during those hours.

It's the people and connections made that create a small town feel and a sense of pride in where we live. I'm speaking about the people such as the person who plants and maintains the raised flower garden located in the 'round-about' at Lenester Avenue and Hare Avenue. This is a wonderful contribution to our neighbourhood and we sincerely appreciate it.

If any community member has ideas for community beautification, events or community concerns please let us know at glabarparkca@gmail.com.

It is so rewarding to give back to a community that my family and I fell in love with.

Jackie Kelly
President, Glabar Park Community Alliance



Mark your calendars for these events in 2018:

Glabar Park Garage Sale
Sat. June 9

Benjamin St. Block Party
Sat. June 23

Summer Fun Day
Sat. August 18
Kingsmere Park

Spring Soccer (Kids)
Saturdays 4:00pm (May-June)

Info: www.GlabarPark.ca

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

Call-out for Summer Fun Day Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for our Summer Fun Day. Our committee is a small group of people who will not be able to meet the demands of our Fun Day without your help. This will not be a huge commitment on your part, we will create short shifts for volunteers so that you will have most of the time to spend with your own friends and families. Please contact the GPCA if you are able to assist with this.

Winter Fun Day – January 27 2018

Campfire, marshmallows, hotdogs and community spirit. Winter Fun Day is always a good time, no matter what the weather and this year was no exception. Adults and children alike were laughing, skating and frolicking in the snow. A special thank you to all of those who helped to make this a wonderful day.

Taking Stock of Our Built Heritage

By Avery Marshall, Adrian Phillips and Amber Polywkan, Built Heritage Researchers, City of Ottawa

The City of Ottawa is undertaking a major project identifying buildings, structures and other built resources of cultural heritage value. The 'Heritage Inventory Project' is a city-wide project involving the surveying and evaluation of a vast array of Ottawa's built resources, from the modest worker's houses of Lowertown, to the fine Arts and Crafts homes in Brantwood Place, to the century old barns of Kinburn, and even the numerous bridges that span our city's many waterways.

The goal of the Heritage Inventory Project is to create certainty around Ottawa's heritage resources. Properties identified through the project will not be designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, rather they will be added to the City's Heritage Register. A rigorous update to the City's Heritage Register will be beneficial for property owners, developers, heritage advocates, elected officials, planning staff, community groups and all concerned residents. The research method for the project includes photographing, describing architectural characteristics and evaluating thousands of built resources throughout the city.

We're asking community members to share information about their properties or other buildings or structures in their neighbourhood. We would love to know who designed your home or the original use of a particular building.

Please connect with the City of Ottawa's built heritage researchers: Avery Marshall, Adrian Phillips and Amber Polywkan at heritageinventory@ottawa.ca or say hello if you see us in the neighbourhood.

More information about the Heritage Inventory Project is available at ottawa.ca/heritageinventory.

Fun Facts: Origin of Kingsmere and Hare Street Names!

Kingsmere Avenue: Named after the Gatineau Hills estate of Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Hare Avenue: This street is named after Henry Hare (1774-1860) who emigrated from Ireland to Canada around 1823 and purchased 150 of the 200 acres of Lot 27, Concession 2 of the Ottawa Front of Nepean Township (what is now called Glabar Park was, in those days, part of Nepean Township). He sold some of this land to Robert Hare, his son, who lived on the farm for over sixty years and raised a family of twelve.

Upcoming Events

Glabar Park Community Garage Sale - Saturday, June 9th

Time to clear out your storage rooms, closets, garages, and any other place you have items piling up! Drag your items to your driveway and enjoy meeting your neighbours as they look for treasures. This year, another option is available. If you are not crazy about siting in your driveway, and you are longing for some company, Glabar Park residents are welcome to set up a table at Kingsmere Park. There is no fee and you are responsible for your own goods and finding a spot to set up. Just contact your GPCA to confirm you will require space.

Benjamin Street Block Party - Sunday, June 23rd

The Benjamin Ave Street Party makes its return this year on Saturday, June 23rd. Benjamin Ave. will be blocked off between Hare and Kingsmere between 4pm and 10pm for the event. Everyone is welcome.

Live music will be provided courtesy of the Stan Clark Orchestra, a 17-piece big band jazz orchestra, starting at approximately 5pm and playing periodically until about 9pm. You are welcome to bring chairs and blankets to listen to a variety of big band standards and more contemporary jazz.

A pot luck supper will also be organized starting at about 6pm. Feel free to bring salad, buns/rolls, dessert, casseroles, or whatever you would like. If you bring something, please make sure you mark the container/platter with masking tape and your name and phone number in case it gets lost or left behind. Cutlery, napkins, and plates will be provided as well as recycling, compost, and garbage bins.

There will also be a kids' activities table loaded with sidewalk chalk, soap bubble sticks, a lemonade stand, and much more. The activities will start around 5pm and likely wind down at 7pm.

The rain date will be the following day, Sunday, June 24th. For more information including status of the rain date, please check the web site at www.BenjaminAve.ca. If you would like to volunteer (barrier security, kids' table, clean up) or if you have any questions or concerns, please email info@benjaminave.ca.

Summer Fun Day - Kingsmere Park – Saturday, August 18th

Our popular summer fun day is back! Don't miss this opportunity to hang out with your neighbours and enjoy some BBQ. Events will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact: glabarparkca@gmail.ca

Kingsmere Soccer – Saturdays

Every Saturday from May to end of June at 4:00pm you will find the neighbourhood kids playing soccer at the park. If you have not already signed up, you can do so at anytime. Look for our Kingsmere Soccer Facebook page for more information, or email kingsmere@yahoo.ca

Kid stories!



"Can we set up tents at the park and have a giant sleepover?"

- Eric