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## Winter 2018-2019 Kingsmere Rink Preparation

Last year's rink was enjoyable and challenging at the same time. The weather was more cooperative than the previous year, but that is not saying much!

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 types of volunteers:

1. Maintenance team: A minimum 7 volunteers who are each committed to working the same day or night every 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.

Either of the above are great opportunities for students requiring volunteer hours!

See [www.glabarpark.ca](http://www.glabarpark.ca) for more information. New volunteers can make themselves known to the GPCA by Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 Vice-President

The fall is settling in and the neighbourhood is getting back to normal following the intense weather last month. Even though the tornados that struck Ottawa in September (they are now counting up to 6 tornados!) resulted in such significant destruction, it was amazing to see how our community came together.

Over the course of the year, the Glabar Park Community Alliance (GPCA) has been busy planning events and responding to local issues. Events held this past year include the 2017-2018 Annual General Meeting, Winter Fun Day, Great Glabar Garage Sale, Easter Egg Hunt, Soccer in the Park, Summer Fun Day, Street Hockey on Kingsmere, Yoga in the Park, Shakespeare in the Park, and Movie in the Park.

I am grateful for the facilities in our community such as a park with a wading pool (before the unfortunate damage), play structures, a fieldhouse/rinkhouse we can use to support outdoor physical activity for all ages, a shopping plaza that includes so many stores I use on a regular basis, coffee shops, and streets where I can take my kids for a bike ride.

I have been involved as the Vice President of the GPCA for 2 years, and as a volunteer at Kingsmere rink for 4 years. In this time, I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated Glabarites who volunteer their time to keep our community vibrant and active. There is always more that the GPCA wants to take on than it has volunteers for and I strongly encourage those who have even a little bit of interest or time to consider volunteering with the GPCA either on a regular or event-based frequency. Three particularly interesting volunteer opportunities that I would like to highlight include:

- 1- the revitalization of Kingsmere Park - we have an outdated field house that requires a revamp with various community needs in mind.
- 2- Zoning and Traffic issues - several incremental minor variances recently resulted in a big change to the original development at the West end of Benjamin. The City missed this but for the keen observations of 2 Glabar Park residents.
- 3- Kingsmere Rink - probably the most volunteer-dependent activity in Glabar Park. Please see the last page of the Gazette for more info!

I encourage everyone to consider volunteering and contribute back to your community. Please use [glabarparkca@gmail.com](mailto:glabarparkca@gmail.com) to communicate with your executive board and to ask us questions about joining the GPCA.

Adam Norman

Vice-President, Glabar Park Community Alliance



Mark your calendars for these events in 2018-2019:

**Fall Soccer (Kids)**  
Saturdays 4:00pm  
(Sept-Oct)

**Annual General Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 9 at 7pm  
Seventh Day Adventist Church  
2200 Benjamin

**Winter Fun Day**  
Sat. in January (TBD)  
Kingsmere Park

Info: [www.GlabarPark.ca](http://www.GlabarPark.ca)

## Winter Fun Day 2018 – January 27 2018

Campfire, marshmallows, hotdogs and skating (even if the temperature was slightly above freezing), Winter Fun Day is always a good time, and this year was no exception. We had a good turnout for this fun day. A special thank you to all of those who helped to make this a wonderful day.

## Great Glabar Garage Sale

On a lovely spring morning on June 9<sup>th</sup>, we brought out our treasures for the Great Glabar Garage Sale. On our street, a certain bicycle generated a lot of interest and was sold quickly! It was great to see some of the younger entrepreneurs among us out with their lemonade stands.

## Fun Facts: Lorry Greenberg's former home in Glabar Park

The gray stone-clad house at 1970 Lenester Ave was custom built - art deco turquoise kitchen and all - in the 1960's by the Greenberg family. Lorry Greenberg was a former mayor of Ottawa (1975-1978) and a founding member of Minto Developments.

Credit: <https://ottawacitizen.com/life/homes/builder-restores-colonial-style-home-of-former-mayor-to-original-grandeur>

## Summer Fun Day 2018 – August 18 2018

The bike parade kicked off this year's Summer Fun day. Beginning the parade at Glabar Park, we wound our way down Hare, Harmany, Kingsmere, Benjamin and Parkhurst to arrive at Kingsmere Park. Participants received noisemakers, bubble wands, and coupon for a free ticket to an Ottawa Fury game.

St Paul's Presbyterian Church again generously contributed to the Big Tent where anyone could take a break from the sun. Several GPCA directors cooked and served hot dogs and drinks, and gave out free freezies to kids. We also had Holmespun Ice Cream onsite with their tasty creations. LMR Lawyers contributed to the cost of the activities and we appreciate their support. We are grateful for this year's donations of refreshments from Starbucks. They donated coffee and passionfruit iced tea.

Other activities included an obstacle course bouncy castle, a visit from the Fire Department, several games of Tug of War, face painting, and a slip and slide.

Thank you to Mayor Watson for coming by for a visit.

A very special thank you to the volunteers that organized and ran the Fun Day. With more volunteers helping this year, each volunteer had less work to do and could enjoy the day more. Events like these would never come about without their generous contribution of time, energy and commitment to this great neighbourhood.

## Keeping up on the Latest

Don't forget to visit our website regularly. [www.glabarpark.ca](http://www.glabarpark.ca) is where we keep our community up-to-date on what is happening. The last few postings on the home page have covered the Summer Fun Day, Fools in the Park, Community Garage Sale, and the Kingsmere Skating Rink.

On Facebook, the GPCA page mirrors much of the information posted on the website. Don't forget to Like us to get the latest updates [www.facebook.com/Glabar-Park-Community-Alliance-96543664194/](https://www.facebook.com/Glabar-Park-Community-Alliance-96543664194/)

Community members also have their own Facebook page, The Glabardhood, with even more information (traffic, events, foxes, crime, school info) posted by your neighbours.

## Upcoming Events

### Glabar Park Annual General Meeting – October 9th, 2018

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in the basement of the Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 2200 Benjamin 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 2017 AGM Minutes
- Treasurer Report (including auditor report)
- Presidents report
- Communication and Recreation reports
- Elections to the Board
- Auditor Appointment
- Bay Ward/City report from Deputy Mayor Mark Taylor
- New Business from the floor

As stated in the President's message, we need to increase the number of volunteers to keep our events and community engagement going. We only need a small number of people to volunteer a few hours a year to be able to rebuild and revitalize our Board. 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 September.

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 Soccer – Saturdays

Every Saturday in September and October (weather permitting) 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](mailto:kingsmere@yahoo.ca)

### Kingsmere Rink

Volunteers are needed to help build the rink. We need seven people, one per night, to be responsible for flooding. You can also volunteer to sit in the rink house to maintain our hours.

### Winter Fun Day - Kingsmere Park – January 2019

This date is not official, but it is expected to be the third or fourth Saturday



“Can we go to the park?”

- Tristan