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Fun Facts: Origin of Carling Avenue Name

Carling Avenue is a major east-west arterial road that is the northern limit of our neighbourhood. The road is named for John Carling, founder of Carling Brewery and Conservative MP and Senator, Postmaster General and Minister of Agriculture.

Carling Avenue is routinely named one of Ontario's worst 20 roads due to frequent bumps and potholes.

How Fast Are You Going?

Do signs showing how fast you're going make you slow down? If so, you're not alone. Two years ago, the City of Ottawa installed a "speedboard" on westbound Lenester (between Aaron and Fairlawn). This sign not only monitors your speed but is also equipped to capture data on the number of vehicles daily and their speed, as well as keeping aggregate data. A few months ago, the City provided us with a year's worth of data and here are some of the highlights.

- On average, more than 1,000 vehicles a day travel down Lenester on weekdays; on weekends, there are 300-400 fewer vehicles.
- The highest volumes were recorded in September/October 2018; on one day, there were over 1,800 vehicles (though this was quite a bit higher than the norm).
- The highest speed recorded was an astonishing 128 km/hr; fortunately, out of the 100,000's of observed vehicles, only three times was 100 km/hr exceeded.
- Compliance with the speed limit is very high, well above 90%, and getting better. On only about a dozen days was the average lower than 90 % (the lowest was 88.4%) and these tended to be on weekends. On many days the compliance rate approached 100%.

There will always be those who ignore that ours is a family-oriented community and they should drive accordingly. But overall, it seems that traffic-calming measures in place and the speedboard are proving effective at moderating speeds on Lenester.

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Glabar Gazette

A message from Adam Norman, GPCA Vice-President

This was a busy year for the Glabar Park Community Alliance (GPCA). Our first meeting after the last AGM was in November, when we discussed the upcoming season of the community ice rink at Kingsmere Park and the Winter Fun Day. We shifted into high gear to prepare for the rink. While there were challenges at the rink throughout the season, this was also one of the most enjoyable for me because of an increased number of volunteers compared to previous years.

The new Bay Ward councilor - Theresa Kavanagh - organized a meeting with the developer of what will be Canadian Tire in Carlingwood mall and local community associations. Two GPCA directors attended the Dec. 11 meeting to gather information and share it with the community. This is one example of the many meetings our new councilor organized, and if you are not already subscribed, I encourage you to sign up for the Bay Ward Bulletin at www.baywardbulletin.ca. Councilor Kavanagh also joined our monthly GPCA meetings in April and May, providing updates on many items in the neighborhood and in the community at large.

In other news and activities:

- After the Winter Fun Day in January, we are still trying to figure out how to make it a cost-neutral event (a discussion we have every year).
- The Glabar Garage Sale took place on June 8th to coincide with the City of Ottawa's Give Away weekend.
- Kingsmere Park Wading pool was repaired for the 2019 season.
- The Summer Fun Day (see page 3) included the most activities we have ever had.

Given the current membership on the GPCA board of directors, we are limited in the activities we can participate in. More volunteers are needed if we are to dedicate time for further advocacy. I strongly encourage those who have even a little bit of interest or time to consider volunteering with us either on a regular or event-based frequency. Consider volunteering and contribute back to your community.

Please use glabarkparkca@gmail.com to communicate with your executive board and to ask us questions about joining the GPCA.

Mark your calendars for these events in 2019/2020:

Annual General Meeting

October 8, 2019 at 7pm
Ottawa Adventist School (beside Seventh Day Adventist Church)
2200 Benjamin Ave.

Winter Fun Day

Saturday in January (TBD)
Kingsmere Park

Info: www.GlabarPark.ca



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Keeping up on the Latest

Don't forget to visit our website regularly. www.glabarpark.ca is where we keep our community up-to-date on what is happening. Recent postings have covered the rink season, Easter Egg Hunt in Kingsmere Park, GLAD Cleaning the Capital, and the Great Glabar Garage Sale.

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

Student Housing

Councillor Kavanagh presented a motion a few months ago to direct staff to bring forward a Zoning Bylaw Amendment to remove rooming house as a permitted use at 975 Woodroffe Avenue, just south of Highway 417, where the property owner has built eight townhouses with a total of 96 bedrooms. Although it has not been used as a rooming house, the idea was to remove this as a possibility in the future.

While the Official Plan supports rooming houses in any zone where a dwelling is permitted, in this instance, the Committee agreed with planning staff that converting the development to a rooming house could have unintended impacts on the community.

The Glabar Park Community Association provided written support of this amendment to Councillor Kavanagh for use on the official record. On Thursday, August 22nd at 9:30 am, Champlain Room, the Planning Committee voted to override the Official Plan, meaning the Rooming House use was removed for this address.

The next step is for this motion to be approved at City Council meeting planned for Wednesday, September 11th. We have high expectations this motion will pass.

Traffic Calming

Street Mural: work continues to finish designing and planning a street mural at Lenester and Kingsmere. The City of Ottawa provided feedback on 2 original designs, and we have a design we are moving forward with. Please keep your eye on www.glabarpark.ca for updates.

Winter 2020 Kingsmere Rink Preparation

The 2019 rink season was one of our best! Compared to the previous season, we had 4 additional, dedicated volunteers contributing to ice maintenance. This allowed the 2 core volunteers that maintained the rink in 2018 to reduce their time at the rink from 80-100 hours for the season down to 50-60 hours.

We hope this same level of volunteerism continues so that we can continue enjoying a rink in Kingsmere Park. If you are interested in volunteering, here is a summary of what is involved:

1. Maintenance team: volunteers work several days or evenings a week between mid-December and late-February to create the ice skating surface and flood it each evening (or day).
2. Supervision team: a minimum of 10 volunteers are needed to take one 3-hour shift each 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!

For more information, go to www.glabarpark.ca and click on the Kingsmere Rink page. New volunteers can make themselves known to the GPCA by Friday, October 25th, 2019 so that we have confirmation before we need 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 2019-2020.

Summer Fun Day - August 10, 2019

Once again, the arrival of the bike parade heralded the beginning of our annual Summer Fun Day in the sun at Kingsmere Park.

This year's event was well attended by residents who enjoyed science experiments with Mighty Molecules, face painting by Smile Factory and ice cream treats by Merry Dairy. Some also tried out the wading pool despite the cooler weather.

St Paul's Presbyterian Church again generously contributed to our large shade tent and Bill Meyer contributed toward our bouncy castle which was a huge hit! A special visit from the Fire Department in their big truck was also greatly enjoyed by everyone.

GPCA members sold hot dogs and drinks and provided free freezies. Thank you also to Starbucks for donating passion fruit iced tea and to Bridgehead for donating coffee.

We were also pleased to welcome both Anita Vandenberg, our MP, and Theresa Kavanagh, our city councillor, for a visit.

Finally, a special thank you to the volunteers that organized and ran Fun Day. Their time and energy made the event a real success!

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