



Community spirit writ large – in chalk. LAURA NEVILLE/GLABAR PARK.

## Stay connected to your community

The Glabar Park Community Alliance is a group of volunteers that organizes special events, operates the Kingsmere Park rink and represents the community on local initiatives. We also keep residents informed of proposals, actions and decisions that could affect the neighbourhood.

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To keep up on the latest community news, bookmark our website, [www.glabarpark.ca](http://www.glabarpark.ca), like the Glabar Park Community Alliance page on Facebook, or reach us by email at [glabarparkca@gmail.com](mailto:glabarparkca@gmail.com). Bay Ward's city councillor,

Theresa Kavanagh, publishes a weekly newsletter at [www.baywardbulletin.ca](http://www.baywardbulletin.ca). You can also request to join The Glabarhood group on Facebook—a central place to post relevant neighbourhood-related messages.

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# Glabar Gazette



Thank you to the office of Councillor Theresa Kavanagh for printing this edition.



## Save the date

**Summer Fun Day**  
Saturday, August 15  
Kingsmere Park  
2074 Benjamin Ave

## Annual General Meeting of the Glabar Park Community Alliance

Tuesday, October 6  
Ottawa Seventh Day Adventist Building B  
2200 Benjamin Ave



These ducks missed the memo on physical distancing. SARA LEE/GLABAR PARK.

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## We are all in this together

A message from the Glabar Park Community Alliance

It's difficult to reflect on the past few months, or plan even a few weeks into the future, when a global pandemic has us all very much focused on the present. The Alliance decided to go ahead with our Spring newsletter—we produce and publish the Glabar Gazette twice a year—because we want to keep communication with the community open during this unprecedented time.

We did our best to capture a good few months in Glabar Park. We had an amazing

season at the Kingsmere Rink, where lead operators Adam Norman and Curtis Thorne had a core group of volunteers to keep things running smoothly. At Winter Fun Day, residents enjoyed horse-drawn sleigh rides. We're also seeing small steps towards improving traffic along the Carling and Woodroffe corridor.

We've highlighted the date for the Summer Fun Day and the possibility of a new name for Kingsmere Park. Of course, with the COVID-19 situation as it stands, these are subject to

change. The City of Ottawa has announced that the Spring Giveaway Weekend will not take place in June, so the Great Glabar Park Garage Sale is postponed, too.

But we also want to report some positives: we are hearing stories of neighbours helping neighbours and residents doing what they can to support our essential workers, whether it be beating pots and pans on their porches or sewing masks. Let's keep those good things going.

## Traffic along the Carling and Woodroffe corridor

The Carling Woodroffe Rescue Coalition is calling for a comprehensive traffic study that takes into account recent development projects and ensures resident safety is a major consideration in the approval process.

Formed in response to the redevelopment proposal for the northwest corner of Carling and Woodroffe, the Coalition includes representatives from the Woodroffe North, Carlingwood, Woodpark, Glabar Park and Whitehaven community associations.

Assessments are currently conducted on a one-off basis, the group says, and are missing the overall impact that the sum of these projects could have on local traffic. There are already considerable spillover problems, most notably at Fairlawn and Lenester, with motorists detouring through neighbourhoods that have a high density of schools, seniors, and pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

In a videoconference on April 7 with Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh and staff from

the City's transportation and traffic management divisions, the Coalition presented some small alterations that could improve the situation in the short-term. They also proposed a major change that would require action from the National Capital Commission but could ultimately re-route a significant amount of traffic away from the area.

Ideas were put on the table for City staff to consider and follow-up on. Solutions will take time, but the group says they're in it for the long haul.

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## A short but sweet season at the Kingsmere Rink

The 2020 rink season was short but amazing, with the majority of volunteers returning from previous years. While several individuals pitched in ad hoc, special thanks are due to those regulars who made our community rink possible: Adam, Curtis, Andy, Ben, Christian, Elaine, Jeff, Krista, Lucas, Michelle, Stephanie and Ted. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE for your contributions!

Volunteers created the base ice between December 17 and 21, 2019, but things were put

on hold when outdoor temperatures crept up. After freezing rain and snowfall hit during the first week of January 2020, volunteers powered through difficult conditions to clear both rink surfaces and the first day of skating was January 5, 2020.

The City of Ottawa requires community rink operators to record the number of skaters every hour under volunteer supervision. 1968 skaters were logged in 2020 - 678 during teacher strike days that

## Renaming Kingsmere Park

Bay Ward Councillor Theresa Kavanagh is working on a project to rename Kingsmere Park to honour Ottawa's third female mayor. Jacquelin Holzman was the councillor for Richmond Ward (now Bay Ward) from 1982 to 1991, then served as mayor from 1991 to 1997. She is a former resident of Glabar Park and still has family in the neighbourhood.

Councillor Kavanagh wrote in an Ottawa Citizen op-ed earlier this year that one of the biggest gaps in municipal politics remains

the number of women who run and are elected to office. Her office also noted that there are "very few parks in the city named after women."

There is already an application before the City to rename the Harmer Pedestrian Bridge in Kitchissippi after Ms. Holzman, in recognition of her community service and advocacy work.

Lorry Greenberg Park, on Castlewood Avenue, is also named for a former Ottawa mayor who lived on Lenester Avenue.

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wouldn't usually have supervised hours. In comparison, there were 1158 skaters logged in 2019 and 694 skaters logged in 2018. (See the table on page 3 for more stats).

While the time and work of the 2020 volunteers are greatly appreciated, there were still a few days that a lack of volunteers meant the fieldhouse couldn't be open for skaters to lace up or use the washroom. If you are willing and able to volunteer even one evening a week, please

consider signing up for next season. Keeping the fieldhouse open is a requirement for the City of Ottawa to provide the boards, lights and other equipment for the rink. This is also a great opportunity for students requiring community service hours.

Contact Adam Norman at [kingsmererink@gmail.com](mailto:kingsmererink@gmail.com), or by phone/text at 613-552-5615. Visit [www.glabarpark.ca/rink-hours](http://www.glabarpark.ca/rink-hours) for more information.

## Fun days ahead... we hope!

On Saturday, January 25, the Glabar Park Community Alliance hosted the annual Winter Fun Day at Kingsmere Park. It was an afternoon of horse-drawn sleigh rides, crafts, skating and marshmallow toasting. Volunteers served up hot dogs and hot chocolate, and Bridgehead provided the coffee.

Be sure to join us for the Summer iteration on Saturday, August 15 (weather and public health developments permitting). By popular demand, the Alliance is planning to bring back Mighty Molecules, a bouncy castle and complimentary ice cream. Fun days are great ways to meet new neighbours. For more details, visit [www.glabarpark.ca](http://www.glabarpark.ca) closer to the event date.



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## Celebrating 60 years on Benjamin Avenue

It started with a post on The Glabarhood Facebook group announcing a milestone. Ricarda Thierfeldt's daughter wrote that her mother had lived in the same house on Benjamin Avenue for 60 years and would love to connect with her neighbours online.

In response, many Glabar Park residents shared their street address and number of years in the community.

"I bet you have a lot to share about our neighborhood," one wrote.

When asked for her reaction to these messages, Thierfeldt admits, "I didn't know my daughter wrote that."

But she was happy to connect by phone with the Glabar Gazette and share some memories that way.

Thierfeldt moved with her husband and daughter to Glabar Park in 1960 and the subdivision was far from complete.

"But there were so many young families - so many children," she recalls. When her daughter started school, there were four kindergarten classes at D. Roy Kennedy. "It's nice to see all of these young families in the neighborhood again."

Originally from Germany, Thierfeldt immigrated to Canada with her family at

18. The Ottawa winters surprised them and they eventually coaxed some in her family to move to warmer climates. But Thierfeldt married and settled here, adapting to the cold by embracing winter activities like skiing. Her own children learned to skate and swim at community rinks and pools.

Thierfeldt had the same next door neighbours for 43 years and they were like family. Her daughter still lives in Ottawa but keeps in touch with childhood friends who've since moved away. "Her friends live in Kingston and Vancouver now, but they had a such wonderful time here."

Thierfeldt says she is always happy to meet a new neighbour. "When this self-isolation is over, come by my house. Or give me your address and I can come visit you."

## Rink recap by the numbers

Jan. 5 to Feb. 22, 2020

Rink opens and closes for skating.

Days the rink was closed due to weather, repairs or other unfavourable conditions.	<b>12</b>
Hours, on average, that the rink was open and supervised per week.	<b>25</b>
Dedicated volunteers maintaining the ice.	<b>7</b>
Dedicated volunteers supervising the fieldhouse.	<b>6</b>
Number of skaters logged in 2020	<b>1968</b>