

Calm after the storm. LAUREN WALSH/GLABAR PARK

What can we do together, while apart?

The Glabar Park Community Alliance is seeking ideas for a community-wide activity. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Alliance was unable to host its annual Summer Fun Day and would like to keep the community engaged

by other means.

Send an email to glabarpark@gmail.com to support an idea below or propose your own:

1. Garden photo contest
2. Scavenger hunt
3. Drawing contest (categorized by age)

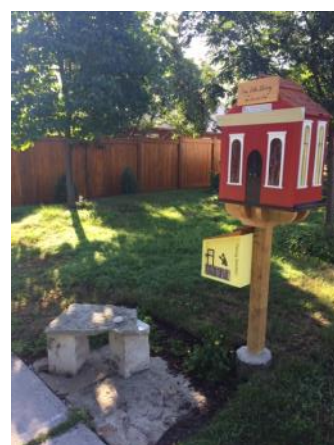
Wading out this summer

Families took advantage of the Kingsmere Park wading pool during a particularly scorching July, according to data from the City of Ottawa. Staff recorded a daily average of 41 bathers over the first four weeks of the pool's 2020 season, for a total of 795. July 21 and July 28 registered peaks of 74 and 72 bathers,

respectively.

COVID-19 precautions limited users to eight per half-hour slot, although children under two accompanied by an adult were considered one user.

The pool was open Tuesday to Saturday, beginning July 14 until August 27.



Many thanks to a Glabar Park home providing the community with this little lending library. Located on Lenester near Mooney, there are books available for both adults and children. STEVE AUBRY/GLABAR PARK

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



Save the date

Annual General Meeting of the Glabar Park Community Alliance
 Tuesday, October 6, 2020
 7pm - 9pm
 Online

Winter Fun Day
 Saturday, January 30 (TBC)
 Kingsmere Park



Backyard fun in a world turned upside down. WESLEY RODNEY/GLABAR PARK.

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Staying positive in the face of uncertainty

A message from the President of the Glabar Park Community Alliance

While this has clearly been an extraordinary summer (and year) in many ways, there have been some upsides.

I've never quite seen as many amazing gardens in the neighbourhood as I have this year, and it's clear there's plenty of energy around.

My wife and I take a walk around different parts of the neighbourhood almost every evening, and it's been a delight seeing so many other folks doing the same.

Even a simple nod to folks across the street reinforces that we're all in this together.

We've noticed any number of little details on houses and properties that have delighted us, or made us laugh. The little painted rocks have been a fun story, as were the pictures in windows to help entertain smaller children in the early days.

The Alliance has had to cancel all our normal events, and it's hard to predict what the fall and

winter will bring.

We remain committed to doing what we can within the bounds of safety, and have been doing our board meetings online since March. We are moving our annual general meeting online this year, too, and hope to see many of you attend.

Stay safe,

Trent Gray-Donald

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Community association to host annual general meeting online

The Glabar Park Community Alliance is inviting you to join this year's Annual General Meeting via videoconferencing platform Zoom. Holding a virtual event allows residents to stay informed while respecting public health guidelines around in-person gatherings and physical distancing.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 6, from 7pm to 9pm, and include

presentations on community activities, reports on the Alliance's financial statements, and an election of members to the Board of Directors for 2020-2021.

Bay Ward City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh will also give an update on municipal business, with a question-and-answer period to follow.

Visit www.glabarpark.ca for further details on the meeting format and how to connect.

Neighborhood Watch coordinator needed

The local community police centre is looking for a volunteer to coordinate crime prevention initiatives in Glabar Park.

The Neighbourhood Watch program encourages citizens to get to know their neighbours and to learn how to recognize and report suspicious individuals or activities.

Those interested are asked to contact Constable Jeff Kostuch at 613-236-1222 ext.2347 or by email at KostuchJ@ottawapolice.ca.

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Work continues to address growing traffic problems

The City of Ottawa has provided detailed responses on a proposal by the Carling Woodroffe Rescue Coalition to improve local traffic and safety.

The Coalition said the responses set the stage for on-going dialogue and show an openness to address some important issues for the residents of Woodroffe North, Carlingwood, Woodpark, Glabar Park and Whitehaven.

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They also hope their ideas will collectively guide future decision-making on major projects happening along the Carling Woodroffe corridor.

The proposal was presented via videoconference on April 7 to Bay Ward City Councillor Theresa Kavanagh and staff from the City's transportation and traffic management divisions.

COVID-19 has reduced the amount of vehicle traffic significantly, making it difficult to demonstrate the need for change. At the same time, intensification and other development projects across Ottawa's neighbourhoods have not slowed.

The Coalition intends to press ahead with their work, understanding that solutions will take time but knowing things will only get worse if development proceeds without proper consideration for the impact on local roadways.

Volunteers needed for the 2021 rink season

Kingsmere Rink is a related budget hallmark of Glabar Park winters, with both boarded ice for hockey players and "puddle" ice for pleasure skaters. While it's unclear what COVID-19 and related budget considerations will mean for community rinks in Ottawa, planning will continue as usual in preparation for a best-case scenario.

Check out the table below and think about how you can help. Contact Adam Norman at kingsmererink@gmail.com or 613-552-5615 by **Friday, October 23.**

Maintenance team	Supervision team	Ice-building team
Volunteers clear and flood the ice surface daily between mid-December and late-February (typically in the evenings after skating closes, but can be during the day, too, depending on snowfall and other weather conditions).	Volunteers take 3-hour shifts to keep the fieldhouse open so that skaters have a place to lace up, warm up and use the washroom. They also log the number of skaters per hour. Supervised skating hours are a requirement for the City of Ottawa to provide the boards, lights and other equipment for the rink.	It's all hands on deck when conditions are right for building the base ice at the beginning of the season! Volunteers are needed to pack down the snow with sleds or other tools, and then flood regularly until the rink can open for skating.

Glabar Park #1 in 2020 neighborhood study

In a study that emphasized the importance of community integration, Glabar Park has been recognized as the best place to live in the nation's capital. Ottawa Magazine said Carlingwood West – a catch-all name for the neighbourhoods of Glabar Park, Woodpark and McKellar Heights – excelled in several categories, including walkability and housing suitability.

Crunching the numbers available through the Ottawa Neighbourhood Study, the magazine found that all residents in the area are within 15 minutes of a grocery store, and close to 30 per cent commuted by public transit prior to the pandemic. It also liked the fact that more than four out of five houses were built before 1980.

Glabar Park's neighbours to the north in Carlingwood, Laurentian View, McKellar Park and Highland Park – an area the magazine called Laurentian – ranked second on the list. Hintonburg, Old Ottawa South and Westboro rounded out the Top 5.

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Stay connected to your community

To keep up on the latest community news, you can bookmark the Glabar Park Community Alliance website, glabarpark.ca and like the Glabar Park Community Alliance page on Facebook.

Bay Ward's city councillor, Theresa Kavanagh, publishes a weekly newsletter at 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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Did you know?

Hare Avenue 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, located in the Ottawa Front of Nepean Township (an area encompassing present-day Glabar Park). Hare sold some of this land to his son, Robert, who farmed the land for more than sixty years with his family of twelve.