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Fun ways to replace Fun Days

The Glabar Park Community Alliance was pleased to present prizes this year to the winners of some safe and socially-distanced activities hosted in place of in-person events at Kingsmere Park.

Over the winter, residents created impressive snow and ice sculptures, while pumpkin carving and colouring contests in the fall drew submissions from across the neighbourhood.

Photos of the winning entries are posted at www.glabarpark.ca.

Here is the 2020/2021 Board of Directors:

Trent Gray-Donald (President), Adam Norman (Past President), Robert Sladden (Secretary), Steve Aubry (Treasurer), Ben Dennerley, Berny Latreille, Christine Colverson, Curtis Thorne, Janice Vriend, Rebecca Spence, Rocio Lopez, Sara Lee Lytle and Siobhan Quinlan-Steele.

Stay closer to home this Canada Day

July 1st, 2021 will look different for many of us as we choose how to honour the land on which we live. As challenging as it is to plan events in COVID times, the Glabar Park Community Alliance has secured federal funding for some local initiatives, such as playing Canadian music all day in Kingsmere Park (don't worry, it won't all be Rush!) and a live performance or two (should public health measures allow).

In acknowledgment that the residents of Glabar Park are visitors on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation, there may also be a cultural activity led by a traditional knowledge keeper.

Planning of this event will evolve along with public health and safety guidance, so please check www.glabarpark.ca and the Glabarhood Facebook group for updates.

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Winning entry for the 12+ Snow and Ice Sculpture contest, By Ben and Jack, 2021.



Winning entry for the under 12 category Cat by Ben & Laura

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



Save the date

All events are subject to public health guidance. Please check glabarpark.ca closer to the date for confirmation and cancellation notices.

Great Glabar Giveaway Day

Sunday, May 30
(Rain date: Sunday, June 6)

BIG GIVE at St. Paul's Church

Saturday, June 5 at 10am

Cleaning the Capital

When City guidance allows

Canada Day in Glabar Park

Thursday, July 1

Summer Fun Day

Saturday, August 14

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Keep reaching out

A message from your Glabar Park Community Alliance

As Ottawa battles a third wave of coronavirus infections, and the province enforces a fresh round of emergency measures, we're all finding new appreciation for the four walls that surround us – both at home and as a neighbourhood.

The Glabar Park Community Alliance has continued to look for ways to keep residents engaged throughout this challenging year. Members of the board organized socially-distant activities in both fall and

winter, operated the Kingsmere Park rink and moved our Annual General Meeting online. We've also attended virtual sessions on development plans and decisions that could affect Glabar Park.

This is how we've come to learn more about a project proposal for the lot at 1940 Carling Avenue, the City of Ottawa's New Official Plan, and the likelihood that bylaws restricting distance between group homes will soon be eliminated, as human rights tribunals have already found these

to be discriminatory in other jurisdictions.

The Alliance is committed to keeping residents informed to the best of our ability – through the Gazette, our website and other means. But we are also grateful to the many community members who've reached out to us in recent months with concerns, ideas and support for local initiatives. Let's keep those lines of communication open as we look forward to better and more normal times ahead.

Developers revise drainage plans to satisfaction of residents

The repurposing of a single-family home into eight dwelling units will proceed this year at 847 Woodroffe Avenue, but drainage plans have improved after nearby residents successfully presented their concerns to the City of Ottawa.

Last summer, developers applied for a minor bylaw amendment to re-zone the property to allow for reduced lot sizes and setbacks – a use already permitted by current zoning. However, in

addition to concerns about snow removal, garbage, and light and noise pollution, neighbours determined the proposed design for drainage would be insufficient to prevent flooding from the new units into backyards along Duberry Street. Following the diligent and persistent pursuit, developers made significant changes to the drainage plans and the City approved the updated proposal on February 24, 2021.

More recently, there is a proposal to replace a single-family home at 1940 Carling Avenue with a rental apartment building. The project is still in its early stages and no plans have been submitted as of this printing. However, in light of the City's recently approved plans to introduce significant intensification, the Glabar Park Community Alliance will continue to monitor the evolution of these kinds of developments.



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Setting records at the rink

The 2021 rink season was one of the most challenging as public health guidance continued to evolve, affecting fieldhouse access, maximum number of skaters and permitted on-ice activity.

On top of COVID-19 restrictions, there was a lack of snow. In past years, a foot of snowfall could be compressed down to 2 or 3 inches and flooded to create a starting point for the ice. This year, volunteers flooded the frozen ground 19 times to create the base ice surface.

In the end, the season was one of the longest on record and it's in no small part due to the support of community members and seven very dedicated volunteers who maintained the ice.

To Adam, Curtis, Andy, Brent, Sean, Matt and Craig: THANK YOU for helping to make Kingsmere Park rink one of the best in the city!

As Ottawa moves to what will hopefully be a more normal rink season next winter, additional volunteers will be needed, so please reach out today to get your name on the list: kingsmererink@gmail.com or contact Adam Norman by call/text at 613-552-5615.

Without enough supervision volunteers, there will be days when the fieldhouse won't be open for skaters to change, warm up and use the washroom.

The pandemic has made it challenging for even elite athletes to participate in their sport. Fortunately for Glabar Park resident and competitive figure skater, Angela Caminiti, the incredible ice surface at Kingsmere Park allowed her to continue her training when arenas were locked down.

“Just want to thank the crew involved in taking care of the outdoor rink!” Angela’s mother, Claudia, posted on the Glabarhood Facebook group on January 30. “Angela has been enjoying practicing on the ice, keeping her ready for when the indoor season and competitions start up.”

Rink open and closes for skating	Jan. 3 to Feb. 28, 2020
Days that the rink was open for skating (up from 37 in 2020)	51
Dedicated volunteers maintaining the ice:	7
Individuals helping with supervision and maintenance on ad-hoc basis:	12

Meet the pandemic pups of Glabar Park

Some called it the year of the dog, as high demand from housebound Canadians overwhelmed breeders, shelters and rescue agencies. Here are just some of the pandemic pups who moved to Glabar Park.

Lupo is a seven-month-old Lagotto Romagnolo from British Columbia. He's loving the neighbourhood and all of his new four-legged friends. He can be found playing at Lorry Greenberg Park or having

a playdate at home on the deck.

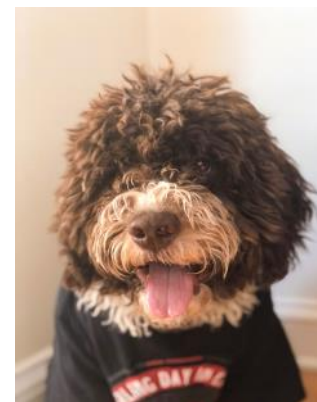
Ace arrived on February 7, 2021, by way of an abandoned parking lot at the St. Laurent Shopping Centre. Despite an enormous amount of hair and a bullet lodged in his chest, magical Ace quickly found favour among his new family of four – draping himself over both kids and convincing both parents he was to be a permanent fixture in this home. A “legitimate House

Wolf,” Ace can be found chasing any and every rabbit that crosses his path.

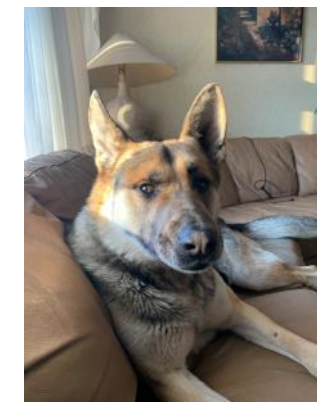
Mocha is a cute and playful gal who knows how to make those trademark puppy eyes to get what she wants. She also thinks she's a cat: sleeping on the backrest of the couch and jumping onto the table when no one is looking to lick the dishes clean. Mocha can be found keeping her family company and

stealing their socks to provoke a game of chase.

It's been a long journey for **Violet**, a.k.a. Miss Peanut Butter Boots, who came all the way from Mexico in October 2020. The two-year-old rescue has adjusted well in only six months and is a wonderful addition to her family's home. Violet can be found introducing her people to the many great neighbours and pups around Glabar Park.



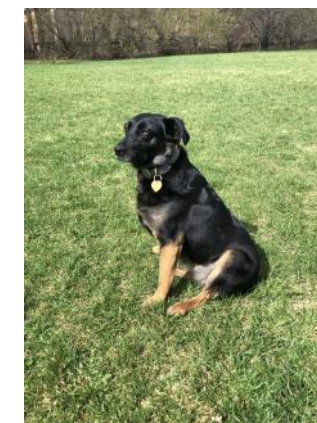
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