



LATE FALL 2018 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, December 8th – 9am - Rink Orientation (Rink Maintainers arrive at 9:30)

If you are helping at the rink this winter or maybe considering it, join us for an orientation session at the field house in the park. Enjoy a hot chocolate with other members of the team and find out what it takes to keep the rink running smoothly all winter. For more information, see the reverse side of this page.

Saturday, December 8th – 10:30am-12:30pm – LPCA Calendar Sale

Did you miss out on the Leslie Park Calendars at the November meeting? Not to worry, calendars will be available for \$15 each at the field house on Saturday, December 8th while supplies last. Drop by and enjoy some hot apple cider and Christmas treats!

Saturday, January 26th – 11am-2pm - Winter Fun Day

Please join us in the park at 11:00 for an afternoon of activities for all ages, BBQ, treats and surprises! We are looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating in the winter wonderland!

Thursday, March 21st – 7pm - Leslie Park Annual General Meeting

We have scheduled our AGM for March 21st at St. John the Apostle School. Plan to arrive at 6:30 for coffee and treats and a chance to socialize with your neighbours.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Status of Leslie Park School

In the fall, a couple of possibilities for the building were being investigated by the OCDSB and the Province. We hope to announce a plan for the school by early in the new year. We will keep residents posted on any developments on our website.

Status of Traffic Calming Measures

Councillor Chiarelli's office has confirmed that 2 speed boards (which capture data) have been approved for Monterey Drive (westbound) and Harrison (southbound). The LPCA has put in a request for additional boards: 1 going eastbound on Monterey to track morning cut-through traffic and a second one going northbound on Harrison to slow drivers down on the newly resurfaced road. We are awaiting a final installation date of the first 2 boards from the City.

It's Back! The Griswold Award Christmas Decorating Contest is underway!

Hang up those lights and plug in the inflatables – our annual house decorating contest is underway! Let's celebrate the people who go 'all out' on their decorations and light up our community in December. Winners will be awarded the much-coveted trophy at Winter Fun Day.

Here are the rules:

- From **now until December 10th**, send a photo of the highly decorated exterior of your home to info@lesliepark.ca. Please be sure to indicate your address.
- If you would like to nominate a neighbour, please ask their permission before submitting a photo!
- On December 15th, a photo gallery of all submissions will be posted on our Facebook page. The page is public so even if you aren't on Facebook, you can see the gallery.
- From **December 15th-December 25th**, check out the Griswold Award gallery and be sure to 'Like' your favourites.
- If you aren't on Facebook, not to worry, the pictures will also be posted on LPCA's website and you can vote there too.
- The house with the most likes/votes will be our winner for 2018!

Call for Rink Supervisors and Maintainers

Our 2018-2019 rink season will soon be upon us, and our community rink provides many opportunities for the residents of Leslie Park to get out and enjoy the best that winter has to offer.

The rink is usually up and running by January 1st and closes sometime around the 1st of March. Of course, the length of the season can change by a week or two, depending of the weather.

For the rink to operate, residents are needed to fill two roles, rink maintainers and rink supervisors.

Rink maintainers work as a team to maintain the ice surface by setting up the base ice, clearing heavy snow fall, and flooding the rink several times a week, after it closes.

We are lucky to have our Fieldhouse. It provides a warm place to change into our skates and take a break from the cold. However, it cannot be opened unless a rink supervisor is on site. Rink supervisors must be at least 15 years old and are responsible for ensuring the rink schedule is being followed (family skate vs hockey), helping with shovelling and generally keep an eye on the place. Supervisors can skate while supervising, as long as they are able to keep up with their responsibilities. This year's rink supervision shifts will be three or four hours long and can be shared or split into smaller shifts if two supervisors wish to work together.

If you wish to support our community as a supervisor or maintainer there are three options of how you can do it. You can simply volunteer your time, students may earn volunteer hours, or you can choose to be paid. The rate of pay is minimum wage, \$14 an hour. If two people choose to supervise together, then each will receive \$7. If a student wishes to earn volunteer hours some of the time, and be paid for other hours, that is fine too.

If you are interested in playing a role, **please email Frank Sullivan at franksullivan@sympatico.ca and join us on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 am for the orientation! Maintainers should come at 9:30.**

At that point you will be given access to an online schedule and asked to share your contact information with others who have decided to help out. You can add your name to the schedule for the shifts that work for you. Further details about roles and responsibilities will be sent out to those who join.

We are looking forward to a fun rink season and thank you for thinking about taking on a role.

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