



LATE FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, December 9th – 10am - Rink Supervisor/Flooder Orientation

If you are helping out at the rink this winter or maybe considering it, join us for a 1-hour orientation session at the field house in the park. Enjoy a coffee 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, January 27th – 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 22nd – 7pm - Leslie Park Annual General Meeting

We have scheduled our AGM for March 22nd 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

Update on Leslie Park School

The OCDSB is still evaluating the long-term need for some of the properties that were closed during the Western Area Review, so no final decision has been made on whether the Board will keep or dispose of Leslie Park School. The report with recommendations on which schools to dispose of won't be issued until January, 2018. In the meantime, the school will continue to be maintained by the OCDSB with one pass plowing of the fire lane and snow clearing on the front walkway this winter. An OCDSB staff member currently checks in on the building a couple of times a week. For more details on the process, please consult minutes from the November 2nd community meeting at www.lesliepark.ca/meetings.

Status of Plans for Resurfacing our Roads

The City has confirmed that the resurfacing of Harrison Road is planned for 2018. Councillor Chiarelli's office has asked that Abingdon be considered as it was not on the priority list for the next four years. We will update you if a timeframe is set for Abingdon.

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 **November 15th-December 8th**, 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 2017!

Call for Rink Supervisors and Flooders

Our 2017-2018 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.

In order for the rink to operate, residents are needed to fill two roles, **rink flooders** and **rink supervisors**.

Rink flooders work as a team to maintain the ice surface by setting up hoses 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 are able to 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 flooder 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.

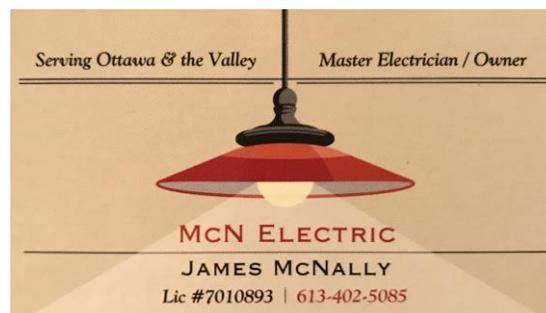
If you are interested in playing a role, please email Mark Howard and Jane O'Regan at markhandjaneo@gmail.com and join us on Saturday, December 9th at 9am for the orientation!

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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