



LATE FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, December 14th – 10-11am - Rink Orientation

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, February 1st – 11am-2pm - Winter Fun Day

Please join us in the park at 11:00 for an afternoon of winter activities for all ages. Enjoy a BBQ lunch, hot chocolate and don't forget your sleds and skates! We are looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating in the winter wonderland! We are in need of volunteers to help with this event. Please email Frank Sullivan at franksullivan@sympatico.ca or 613.323.1651 to lend a hand.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Recap from our Fall Meeting

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the community meeting on November 7th. A summary of the community updates and discussion can be found in the meeting minutes posted here: <https://www.lesliepark.ca/meetings>

Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider volunteering for one of these roles to contribute to the successful operations of the community association. We are looking for volunteers to fill a 2-year term.

- a) President, Leslie Park Community Association
- b) Event Food Coordinator (coordinates purchase of food and runs the BBQ/food tables at 3-4 events per year)

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 2019!

Call for Rink Supervisors and Maintainers

Our 2019-2020 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 14th at 10:00 am 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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