



Leslie Park News - Spring 2019

Upcoming Events in Our Community

Spring Cleaning in Leslie Park – Saturday, May 11th

Join us for our annual spring clean-up! We ask all volunteers to meet at the corner of Monterey and Guthrie at **10:00** that morning. At **11:30**, whether you cleaned or not, all residents are invited to enjoy a coffee break in the park and visit with your neighbours. Bring your completed membership form and donation to the park that morning and you will be eligible for an Early Bird Draw Prize!

Picnic in the Park – Saturday, June 22nd – 4-8pm

Celebrate the start of summer by joining us at the annual Picnic in the Park. In addition to the wonderful crafts and activities we have every year, there will be a barbeque and a potluck dinner. We encourage everyone to bring a chair/picnic blanket, bring your favourite dish and enjoy the fun. Are you a local artisan that would like to display some of your work? We will have tables set up for residents to showcase their talents. Please email info@lesliepark.ca if you are interested in participating.

Summer Garden Photo Feature on Leslie Park's Website

We are bringing back the spring/summer initiative to get residents out and walking around the neighbourhood. This is a showcase, not a contest so residents are encouraged to take photos of their gardens and submit them to info@lesliepark.ca. We will collect all the photos with addresses and display them on the website in early July!

Community Updates

Outdoor Rink Season

Many thanks to Frank and Diane Sullivan and their team of rink supervisors and maintainers for a very successful season. We had over 2500 skaters using the rink during the 49 days that we were open!

Spring Community Meeting

We had a great turnout at our spring meeting on March 21st. Thanks to everyone who shared their ideas and provided input. There was some excellent discussion and minutes from the meeting can be found at www.lesliepark.ca/meetings.

Welcoming 'École élémentaire publique Ottawa-Ouest' to our Community

In September 2019, a new French JK – grade 6 school will be opening for approximately 270 students at 20 Harrison Road. There are plans for a before and after school program and a daycare on site. For details on the school's learning philosophy or to register, go to: <https://ottawa-ouest.cepeo.on.ca/>.

Update on Brigil Development on Baseline

Brigil has confirmed that demolition and excavation on the site of the Monster Hallowe'en store will begin in the next 3 months. Brigil reported that they are meeting with grocery retailers and will advise us when a contract is signed.

Culvert Replacement in Leslie Park

The City has confirmed the culvert over Graham Creek that runs under the grass in the park will be physically removed and replaced from the CN rail line to the outlet at the north end of Leslie Park. The work could begin as early as this fall and continue through the winter months. We are waiting for answers from the City on the impacts this will have on accessing the park and the outdoor rink. We have also made a request for the City to consider how a path between Leslie Park and Trend Arlington could be built while this heavy construction is underway. More info to come!

Summer Relief!

We are happy to confirm that a portable toilet will be placed in the park again this summer season. Expect to see it installed by mid-May. If there are issues with the toilet over the summer, please call the telephone number on the door to report it.

Preventing Crime in Leslie Park

The community experienced a rash of car break ins over the winter, with multiple homes and streets being hit on the same night. As always, keeping cars, garages, sheds and windows locked is an effective crime deterrent.

Our neighbourhood does not have a lot of overhead lighting and it is unlikely that the City will invest in this infrastructure anytime soon. Keeping Leslie Park safe and well lit is up to us. Please ensure that you have exterior lighting on your property – ideally at the front and back of your home. If you have a lamp post on your front lawn, make sure it is working.

If you need assistance changing an exterior light – don't worry! Just contact info@lesliepark.ca and a volunteer will come to your home to try and give you a hand.

May is Membership Month!

Leslie Park Community Association is a group of volunteers who work year-round to make our community a great place to live! You can become involved with your community association in two important ways:

- 1) **Become a member** – when you become a member, your membership fee is used to support community events and initiatives for you and your neighbours to enjoy.
- 2) **Become a volunteer** – Community Associations rely on volunteers to make things happen. There are many ways you can volunteer to make your community a more enjoyable place to live. At the same time, you will make new friends and learn skills. You can find more information at www.lesliepark.ca/volunteer.

GOOD REASONS TO JOIN TODAY!

Prize Draw: by filling out the attached membership form and providing a donation, you will be entered into an early bird prize draw being held at the Spring Cleaning event on May 11 and into a second prize draw being held at the Picnic in the Park event on June 22.

Community Newsletter: The community association communicates to the residents the activities, programs and services that are happening in the community through a regular newsletter and through email.

Completed membership forms and payments can be dropped off at **17 Abingdon Drive, 78 Monterey Drive or 24 Lavina Cres.**, or submitted online at <https://www.lesliepark.ca/membership>

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Leslie Park Community Association Membership Form (2019)

*Please make cheques payable to the Leslie Park Community Association.

Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Email Address	
Membership Fee* (suggested donation of \$10)	Cash: _____ Cheque: _____

I am interested in volunteering: Yes