



FALL 2021 Newsletter

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yoga in the Park! Friday, September 10 - 5:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Join Shelley in the park for an hour of yoga. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Trash-to-Treasure Give-Away! Saturday, September 18 - 8:00-11:00 am (rain date Sunday, September 19)

This is an opportunity for Leslie Park residents to give away gently used, unwanted possessions. The goal is to reuse items rather than sending them to the landfill. *How to participate:* Leave your items (toys, small furniture, books, clothing, accessories, kitchen items, etc.) on your front lawn for treasure hunters to pick up. Please include a sign that says "FREE" with your items and remember to take anything leftover in at the end of the day. For more information, please see the Leslie Park Community Association (LPCA) events page: www.lesliepark.ca/events

Fall Fun Day! Saturday, September 25 - 2-5pm

Join us in the park for an afternoon of fun for **all ages** as we celebrate our neighbourhood spirit and the theme of the 'Leslie Park Bubble'. During the long months of the pandemic, we have observed many residents looking out for one another. In recognition of all of these acts of caring and kindness, we have many COVID-safe activities planned, including: a collaborative art, music, bocce ball tournament and BUBBLES! As always, we will have a donation jar, if you wish to contribute. Please note that we will continue to monitor and follow Ottawa Public Health guidelines regarding COVID and public gatherings. Check the LPCA events webpage (www.lesliepark.ca/events) and the LPCA Facebook page for updates.

LPCA SURVEY RESULTS

We are delighted to present the initial findings of the first ever survey conducted by Leslie Park Community Association Board. The objectives of this survey were to gather input from the community regarding activities and participation; identify concerns in the neighbourhood; determine ideal communication tools for community outreach; and gain an increased understanding of how the LPCA Board can better serve the community.

THANK-YOU for your participation - *we received 138 responses to the survey.*

Below are some key highlights:

82% of respondents have a 'very strong' or 'somewhat strong' sense of community in Leslie Park.

Respondents were most interested to participate in these community-organized events (top 5 list):

- #1 - Winter Fun Day
- #2 - Fall Fun Day
- #3 - Picnic in the park
- #4 - Spring Cleaning
- #5 - Pumpkin Chuck

We received more than 50 engaging and creative ideas for our community. Everything from yard sales, food/bake sales, kids scavenger hunts, exercise classes, musical nights, adult social nights, dog runs/parade, talent shows, and environmentally focused programs! Wow...we can all be incredibly grateful to live in such a dynamic community!

There were a number of concerns expressed about traffic, street conditions, personal safety and theft/break-in situations.

Almost 70% of respondents indicated that they read the hardcopy newsletter delivered to their home; however almost 50% would prefer the e-copy only.

The LPCA Board will discuss the survey results and input at our October Board meeting. Anyone who provided their email address has been added to the LPCA listserv. For more detailed survey results, visit our webpage www.lesliepark.ca/blog

DID YOU KNOW? LPCA is now able to accept donations by e-transfer!
See the donation tab of the LPCA webpage for more details. Watch for our next donations drive in May 2022!

COMMUNITY UPDATES

City of Ottawa Storm Sewer Renewal Project

The City of Ottawa has begun construction for the renewal of existing culverts and storm sewers in surrounding neighbourhoods. The construction on the Leslie Park culvert, consisting of work in Leslie Park, is expected to begin in early winter 2021 with final landscaping expected to be completed in spring/summer 2021. The LPCA met with the project manager who confirmed that construction will result in the closure of the toboggan hill and skating rink for the 2021/2022 season. We encourage residents to explore skating rinks in neighbouring communities, such as Briar Green and Trend Arlington, for the upcoming winter season. More information on the storm sewer renewal project can be found at ottawa.ca/grahamcreek

Recap from June AGM

Thank you to everyone who joined our Annual General Meeting in June. We had a record number of residents (over 90!) participate in our first ever virtual community meeting. The AGM included the ratification of a new LPCA constitution and the election of a new executive including:

President: Margo Nelson // *Vice-President:* Anthony Taza

Treasurer: Bill Watson // *Secretary:* Diane Sullivan

Directors-at-Large: Chris Bjornestad, Ellen Walsh, Frank Sullivan, Jess Kaur, Kristine Bourque, Ryan Cleary and Wendy Lewis

Minutes, along with the updated constitution and financials, can be found here: www.lesliepark.ca/meetings

DID YOU KNOW? LPCA now has a virtual marketplace for community members to join and look for or provide goods or services within our community. You can also post notices of upcoming activities or any community concern that you wish to share. Please join and invite your friends in the neighbourhood too!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/leslieparkcircular/>

LPCA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Consider volunteering for one of these roles to contribute to the successful operations of the community association! Ideally, we are looking for volunteers to fill a 2-year term.

- Social Media Coordinator - Do you love posting on Facebook and Twitter? This position is for you!
- Newsletter delivery for Monterey Drive (1-109 Monterey (odd numbers only, 55 homes) - a great opportunity for a highschool student looking for volunteer hours.
- Volunteer Coordinator - organized and like coordinating? This is the volunteer job for you.
- Event Coordinators - if you want to get involved with LPCA, this could be a great way to get started.
- Webmaster - love sharing information with neighbours and have a way with words and technology?

Please email info@lesliepark.ca to express interest in any of these volunteer opportunities.

CITY OF OTTAWA ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Ottawa wants your input on the projects, policies, programs, and services that affect your daily life. From open houses to workshops and online engagement opportunities, your feedback helps to shape City decisions. The City offers residents a variety of opportunities to engage, share information, and collaborate. You can weigh in on different online engagement opportunities using the City's new innovative engagement platform, [Engage Ottawa \(www.engage.ottawa.ca\)](http://www.engage.ottawa.ca). Current opportunities include: Climate Resiliency Strategy, COVID-19: vaccines, Solid Waste Master Plan, and many more. This is a great way for our voices to be heard, so consider registering now!

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