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## Leslie Park News – Late Fall 2015

We hope that you have had a great fall. With the weather getting cooler we wanted to provide an update on the exciting things that will be happening in our community.

### Community Updates

#### **Fall Fun Day Summary**

This September we had another successful Fall Fun Day. This has always been one of the most well annual attended events in Leslie Park with activities for all ages. We would like to thank Alicia Ferguson and Cynthia Woods for organizing this year's successful event.

#### **Update from our November Meeting**

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we held a community meeting and it was great to see so many new attendees. Thank you to those who brought treats for the social and as always, we appreciate your input and participation in these meetings. We discussed a number of issues, events and initiatives affecting Leslie Park residents. We have since summarized members' concerns in our official 2015 letter to Councillor Rick Chiarelli. The minutes from our meeting and an copy of the letter will be available on our website.

#### **Announcing the Leslie Park History Book!**

"Leslie Park - Then and Now" - a 58 page book on the history of our neighbourhood is now available for online purchase. Search by the book's title at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) and order the book for approximately \$20 CDN plus taxes and S&H. Please allow 3 weeks for delivery so get those Christmas orders in soon! Thanks to Dave Mullington, Grant Dolan and Marcia Falconer for putting together this incredible project!

#### **Call for Rink Volunteers**

The "Best Outdoor Rink in the City of Ottawa" will be soon opening for the 2015-2016 hockey and skating season. As always, we are looking for volunteers. We require people to supervise the rink for a few hours a week and a team of individuals to help water the rink and remove snow. The more volunteers we have, the more time the rink can be open to serve our community. Students can accumulate their volunteer hours by doing any of these jobs over the winter. If you are interested, please contact Bernie Gold at [4goldfamily@rogers.com](mailto:4goldfamily@rogers.com) or 613.829.0304. Volunteers are a vital part of our successful rink operations so please help out if you can.

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### **Other LPCA Volunteer Opportunities**

We are also looking for volunteers for the following positions: Vice-President, Leslie Park Community Association; Volunteers – Winter Fun Day, Coordinator – Picnic in the Park (June), Coordinator – Signs. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us at [info@lesliepark.ca](mailto:info@lesliepark.ca).

### **Tree Planting Update**

As you may have noticed, the City of Ottawa has planted roughly 40 trees on Monterey and Costello. We know everyone is very happy about this new addition to our neighbourhood. Next year, the City is scheduled to plant more trees in Dayton Park. We have formally asked the City to continue the positive momentum and to identify new areas where more trees can be planted in Leslie Park.

### **Leslie Park's Little Free Library**

Have you noticed a white box on the front lawn of 30 Harrison? This 'Little Free Library' was built and installed by new resident Lillian Poon and is a book exchange for adults and children. We love this literacy and community building initiative so LPCA is looking in to building and registering other little free libraries in Leslie Park. Stop by to borrow a book and make sure to thank Lillian for bringing this great idea to the neighbourhood.

### **Survey on Possible Parking Bylaw Changes for Monterey Drive**

Following up on requests by residents for permit parking on Monterey Drive, this fall we worked with Councillor Chiarelli's office to launch a petition to gauge support for a change to the parking rules. We received mixed feedback from residents and condo boards and did not receive the percentage of support required to initiate a change. Given that and our limited resources, we have decided not to pursue this matter. However, if parking becomes a bigger issue in the future, we can always reinstate these efforts. Thank you to those who provided feedback on the initiative.

### **Upcoming Community Association Events**

#### **Hockey Day in Canada - February 6, 2016**

The LPCA's 2016 Winter Fun Day will be taking place on Saturday, February 6th. Please mark this date on our calendar. We will be sending out more info in advance of the event via email and social media.

#### **2016 LPCA Annual General Meeting - March 31st, 2016**

We have scheduled our AGM for Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at St. John the Apostle School. Plan to arrive early for coffee and a chance to socialize with your neighbours.

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