



Bulletin FALLINGBROOK Newsletter

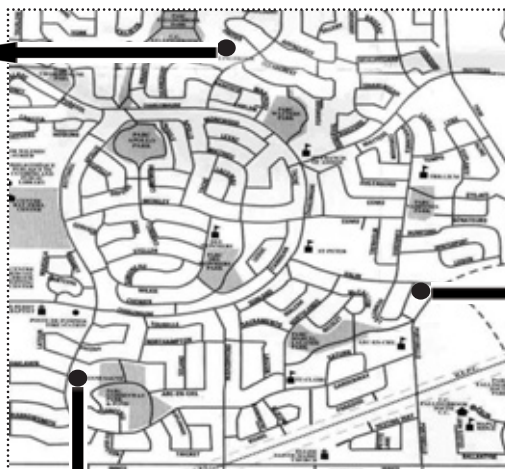


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Fallingbrook Outdoor Rinks Open For Season



Fallingbrook School



Maple Ridge School



Jeanne Sauvé School - Gardenway

Fallingbrook Community Association Outdoor Rink Update

by Paul Pelletier

There will again be three major community outdoor rink areas in Fallingbrook this winter:

- In the Fallingbrook Park, behind Fallingbrook school, with a hockey rink and pleasure rink (no hockey sticks)
- At Gardenway Park, behind Jeanne Sauvé school
- At Maple Ridge School

Since 1988 the outdoor rinks have been operated by the Fallingbrook Community Association (FCA) and local residents with the help of a municipal grant from, in the past, Cumberland Township, and now the City of Ottawa. The FCA has always believed that the provision of this important recreational amenity is best done by our own within the community.

In Fallingbrook's early years we were able to attract many volunteer rink attendants and adult helpers but, as we matured from a new burgeoning community to one with over 25,000 residents, it became increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers.

This year we have adult residents who are each willing to manage each of your rinks. They receive a small remuneration for the many volunteer hours needed to get the rinks up and running and to manage the whole show. They will oversee their rink's operation - including the hiring of students to help with the daily jobs of cleaning, flooding and supervising the rinks and skate change rooms.

Our rink managers are: Fallingbrook Park - **Rodd Foley**; Gardenway Park - **Jim Desprey**; Maple Ridge School - **John Monteith**.

We are still looking for a few more student rink attendants at least 16 years of age, preferably with First Aid training already under their belt, to help out for \$7.50 / hour and a few more adult volunteers to pitch in with any help they can offer.

If you and your family or friends can benefit from a well-operated and well maintained outdoor ice facility in your

own neighbourhood then please give careful consideration to helping out if you can. It is not easy work but very satisfying. To contact the FCA, please email our Rink Director, Paul Pelletier, at rinks@fallingbrook.com.



Tips for backyard rinks

One of the most important ways of ensuring a longer season of skating and helping your rink survive a mid-season thaw is to begin by creating a layer of "base-ice" between the ground and the eventual skating surface. Base-ice is defined as a build-up of slush or ice in which the water is beyond the point of fil-

tering into the ground. With a proper layer of base-ice, your rink will not suffer from the typical problems such as cracks and bubbles.

The most successful way to make base-ice is from packed snow. You will require 8 - 10 inches of snow before packing that is then packed to about 2 inches. A recommended method of packing is by way of a children's soccer game or equivalent. This way, the snow is packed firmly and everyone enjoys themselves.

When flooding for base ice keep moving the hose and apply a light spray. Many light applications of water, allowing freezing between coats, are recommended. Pack slush in low areas and allow it to freeze.

Once the base ice is set, usually in 4 to 5 days, regular flooding can start for the skating surface. The key here is to apply thin coats on a clean surface.

An inch of water will never freeze properly and causes "shell ice" (air pockets under a thin ice surface). If the surface is not cleaned before flooding, then bumps and ruts result. It is especially important to clean the rink edges otherwise the surface area "shrinks" rapidly during the season.

**L'exécutif de l'Association communautaire
Fallingbrook pour l'année 2004-05**

**Fallingbrook Community Association
2004-05 Executive List**

L'Association communautaire Fallingbrook aimerait vous souhaiter la bienvenue dans notre communauté. Nous invitons toute personne intéressée à une de nos réunions. Les réunions ont habituellement lieu le troisième lundi du mois (septembre à avril).

The Fallingbrook Community Association would like to welcome you to the neighborhood. If you would like to attend one of our executive meetings, they are normally held the third Monday of the month (Sep to Apr).

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Fallingbrook Volunteer Awards

The Fallingbrook Community Association will host its annual volunteer awards night on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at the Ray Friel Centre. This event pays tribute to the dedication of those who give selflessly of their time for the running of our many community programs and activities.

If you know of a deserving volunteer who has made a contribution to Fallingbrook, we would like to hear from you. Nominations for work related to school, recreation, sports, guiding, scouting or any community program can be sent to: president@fallingbrook.com.



A Snapshot of Community Retail Development



Tenth Line Road at Innes. A major development that will complement the stores of Trinity Common, which is right across the street. Farmboy, SportMart and Beddingtons are a few of the major-name stores to anchor this retail service area.



Innes Road between Lanthier and Mer Bleu. A Loblaws Superstore will anchor this development.



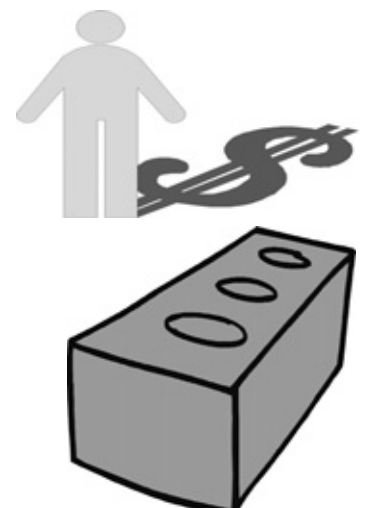
Innes Road Widening to four lanes is the promise that all of this new retail development will not lead to traffic congestion problems.



Innes at Belcourt. WalMart will be moving from Place d'Orleans to anchor the FirstPro shopping centre.



Trim Road at Watters Road. Development has started on the Crown Pointe retail/services centre that includes a long list of confirmed tenants.



Help Wanted

Fallingbrook Outdoor Rinks

Rink Attendants:

- ~ Fallingbrook
- ~ Maple Ridge
- ~ Jeanne Sauve

Clean and flood ice surfaces
Monitor rink change room
\$7.50/hr

- ~ Minimum 16 years old
- ~ Mature
- ~ Reliable, hard-working
- ~ Can operate a snowblower
- Preference for candidates with First Aid training

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Happy New Year to all! I hope that you and your family have had a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2004, and that 2005 will bring more of the same. My first year as your Member of Provincial Parliament has been busy and exciting. I want to fill you in on what I've been up to, what our government has accomplished, and what the riding of Ottawa-Orléans has to look forward to in 2005.

My responsibilities at Queen's Park have involved me in many aspects of the political process. I have been a Deputy Whip for the Liberal caucus, as well as a member of three key committees at Queen's Park - the Federal, Inter-provincial, and Municipal Relations Policy Committee, the Estimates Committee, and the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

After 15 months in government, I am pleased that the impacts of increased funding for healthcare and education are



beginning to show locally. Recently, there were two major healthcare announcements that will help local residents. Two new MRIs have been opened in Ottawa, one right here in Fallingbrook. These facilities will help address the inequity that Ottawa has traditionally faced in

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terms of access to healthcare services.

Secondly, the Ottawa Hospital will receive over \$2.5 million to increase its

surgical capacity by 132 hip and knee surgeries and 212 cancer surgeries. This is a big advance in our efforts to lower wait times. Also on the health front, I will be approaching the community in early January about developing a "family health team" for Ottawa-Orléans.

I want to thank my staff for being such good ambassadors to our community. Bob Monette and Linda Kirkwood in my riding office and Victoria Pearson in my Toronto office look forward to hearing from you in the new year. I would also like to welcome Dawn Stroz to our team. She'll be doing hands-on work with community organizations, so I'm sure you'll get to know her well.

Finally, I want to thank the people of Fallingbrook, and especially the hard-working members of the Fallingbrook Community Association who have helped make our community such a wonderful place to live. I look forward to working with all of you in the New Year!

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**Rob Jellett
Cumberland Ward**

In the three years as an assistant and the lone-year as Councillor I have never had so many calls about winter road conditions as I have received in the last month. In part because of the type of weather; but, also because of a decision taken in June of 2003 when the Council of the day approved harmonized standards for roads and sidewalk/pathway maintenance.

The standards are based on a review of the standards inherited from the former municipalities, as well as a comparison of cities of comparable size and geography, provincial requirements and an extensive community consultation. These maintenance levels were designed to establish reliable, affordable and eco-friendly snow and ice control standards across the city. Whether this was accomplished is a matter of opinion and considerable debate.

City roads are classified from 1 to 5 depending on the type of road... 1 being Highway 174...to 5 being a residential street or lane. Residential streets are plowed only when there is 7cm of snow or more and salt is not applied.

I was not a member of council when this standard was adopted; however, I know that the reasons were to save money and to reduce the amount of salt in the environment. In order to have these standards changed there would have to be a resolution at Council during the budget

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debate and it would have to be approved by the majority of Councillors.

I support increased funding in this area but I do not mean by that, that it should be simply added to the tax bill. I believe the City has to get back to the basics and spend the money it takes in more efficiently. Great strides have been taken in this direction over the last year but there's still a ways to go.

Scouting in Fallingbrook

by Steven Sauve

Many of you know what Scouts look like. You might have seen us in the neighbourhood wearing our uniforms. You might know someone that is already involved in Scouting. But how many of you really know what Scouts do? (Hint: it's not just camping).

The official mission of the Scouting movement is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. Your local Fallingbrook Scout group (4th Orleans) achieves this mission by providing many opportunities for young people to grow

both as individuals and as citizens.

In the fall we spend a day cleaning up the Fallingbrook Falls to restore the beauty to this important community landmark. In the spring, we spend a day planting trees in the area to help improve our environment. We collect donations for the Ottawa Food Bank as well as volunteer our services there. Throughout the year, we also run weekend camps, overnight sleepovers, hold evening campfires, play many games and build crafts. All activities are designed to allow the youth to learn about themselves, their abilities and the role they play within the community. You can get more details on our past and future events (pictures too!) at our web-

site at <http://4thorleans.ca>.

Our group is always looking for new members, both youth and adult leaders. The Scouting movement also provides a golden opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their children by volunteering as leaders. If you would like to inquire about our group, please contact the Group Commissioner, Patrick Wall at 834-2020 or by email at pwall@canada.com.



Ray Friel Centre

Construction is progressing very well on the two new arenas at the Ray Friel Centre. With the success of the Bell Canada Cup hockey tournament held at the Sensplex in Kanata over the Christmas holidays, there is a real buzz developing here in Orléans. The new complex is scheduled to open Summer 2005.

