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Hockey Day in the Hamlet Sunday, February 16th

Weather permitting at Norman Johnson Rink at Cleroux and
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Updates will be posted on the BCA Facebook page and website.

President's message

On January 16, 2020, the Blackburn Community Association (BCA) held its annual general meeting and a new board of directors was elected to serve this community. We thank all of you who came out to support us in our work, debate the issues at hand and to vote in a board who are very excited about the contribution they can make over the next year. The new board's contact information is available at www.blackburnhamlet.ca and on page 4 of the BANAR and we encourage you to reach out to us to get more information, to share concerns, or to get involved.

The board does have vacancies in several portfolios including Education and Youth and Community Relations and we will be actively seeking volunteers to fill them. If you are interested in getting involved, check out the website for more information. We would love to have you join the team.

I want to thank everyone who put their name forward to volunteer for a position; this is a strong community with many passionate individuals who, together, can accomplish great things. I personally have worked the last two seasons with a core team of dedicated individuals who ensure we have access to outdoor skating rinks and associated programming, and I look forward to continuing to serve this community in my new capacity as President. I also want to thank Ali Yassine, past President and outgoing director, who has been actively involved in our community for years. Your dedication, time and energy has directly benefitted and will continue to benefit Blackburn Hamlet for years to come.

In terms of what we have coming up in 2020/21, there will be lots of exciting things to keep an eye out for! For example, next month we will be celebrating Hockey Day in the Hamlet on Sunday, February 16, which coincides with Family Day weekend; bring your family and friends out for a skate, some games, prizes and a BBQ lunch. To keep informed of upcoming events, programming, or new projects you can check out our website, look in the BANAR, or reach out to me or any of our board members directly.



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Santa's Pancake Breakfast a memorable event



These photos plus others at "BCA-Santas-pancake-breakfast-2019-2" by Evelyn Budd—Free download for parents of their children only.

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49th Fun Fair coming June 5th through 7th

*by Ian Chamberland, Chair
Blackburn Hamlet Funfair Chair*

It is the start of a new year and with that the BCA and the Fun Fair Committee is already working on the preparations for this year, our 49th Blackburn Fun Fair. This year will also see several changes to the organization. After several years as the Fun Fair Chair, Brent Lawrie has stepped away and I have stepped into the role. I have been involved for several years on the Fun Fair Committee and I am very excited to take on this new role. I want to thank Brent for all his hard work over the years and realize I have some big shoes to fill.

This year will also see some other exciting changes. As the Blackburn Arena is going to be renovated and upgraded, it means the Fun Fair will be moving to a new temporary location for 2020. There are still several locations still being considered, so stay tuned for updates. While this move means that there will be a new parade route, new fireworks display location, etc., I can promise that this year you will also see some of the best live music ever seen at the Fair, and the carnival rides and games that we have all grown to love as part of the Fair.

As I mentioned, this year marks the 49th Fun Fair in Blackburn Hamlet, and even with all the planning for this June's Fair, we are also mindful of how big next year's 50th will have to be to mark such an exciting anniversary. With that in mind, later this year the BCA will be having a contest for residents to help come up with the perfect logo for our 50th. Stay tuned to the BANAR for more details later in the year, but to all of our artists, young and old, start thinking now on how we can mark this amazing semicentennial.

As always, the Fun Fair will run on the first weekend in June. June 5th through 7th, and we are always looking for volunteers to come out and help. Whether you can come for the whole weekend or just one day, we would love to have you come help.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions. This is going to be an amazing year for the Fun Fair, and I know I am not alone when I say that I cannot wait for the snow to melt and June to come.

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Councillor's Update — Blackburn Arena Expansion is a go!

by *Laura Dudas, Councillor*

I have some exciting news to share: the long-awaited expansion of the Blackburn Arena is around the corner.

In just a few weeks, construction crews will break ground on the approximately \$5-million project, adding new seating, a viewing platform, accessible changing rooms, more parking, new washrooms, and new meeting space. Construction is scheduled to finish in May 2021. City staff are working closely with the local sports groups and the BCA to minimize the impact of the Arena closure on their programming and to provide alternative space solutions.

This project, which is funded by the City with the assistance of a \$1-million contribution from the Federal Government, will make our arena more accessible, ensuring everyone has equal access to this cherished community space.

Due to the construction, I am being evicted from my Ward Office. Until we can find an alternative temporary location, residents can contact me at Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca or by calling 613-580-2472. You can also stop by one of my frequent pop-up offices, which I promote on my website: Laura.Dudas@ottawa.ca and on my social media.

I am pleased to also share that once the Arena construction nears completion, work will commence on a splashpad that will be located in the adjacent park. City staff are still finalizing the details of the timing and the location on the site. However, I will be holding an open house closer to the date where residents of all ages can help choose elements of our community splashpad!

The Arena is at the heart of our community, and this much-needed expansion will ensure it continues to provide future generations of sports teams, community groups, and residents with an enjoyable, and accessible community hub.

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Environment Committee Update

by Kendra Brett

2019 was a great year for the Blackburn Environment Committee. We had over 180 volunteers for the Spring Clean Up, we launched an environment speaker series, and one of our members, Sarah Morgan-White, launched The Tree Team. If you're interested in learning what The Tree Team accomplished this year, and what they have planned for next year, check out the NeighbourWoods announcement on page 13 and the Blackburn Hamlet Tree Team on page 14.

Protecting our local parks

This year, we plan to work on protecting our local parks from invasive plant species, and work towards restoring the health of our native ecosystem. Keep your eyes open in the spring for more information!

New members are always welcome to join the Environment Committee; whether you would like to contribute to ongoing projects, or you are interested in leading new initiatives.

We are currently looking for people to assist with the Annual

Spring Clean Up on April 25 or 26, 2020 by helping to organize the event; soliciting prize donations; finding someone with a pickup truck up; and approaching local businesses who may be able to donate a prize to the event.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Environment Committee please contact:
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NeighbourWoods is coming to Blackburn Hamlet

by Clifton Charie

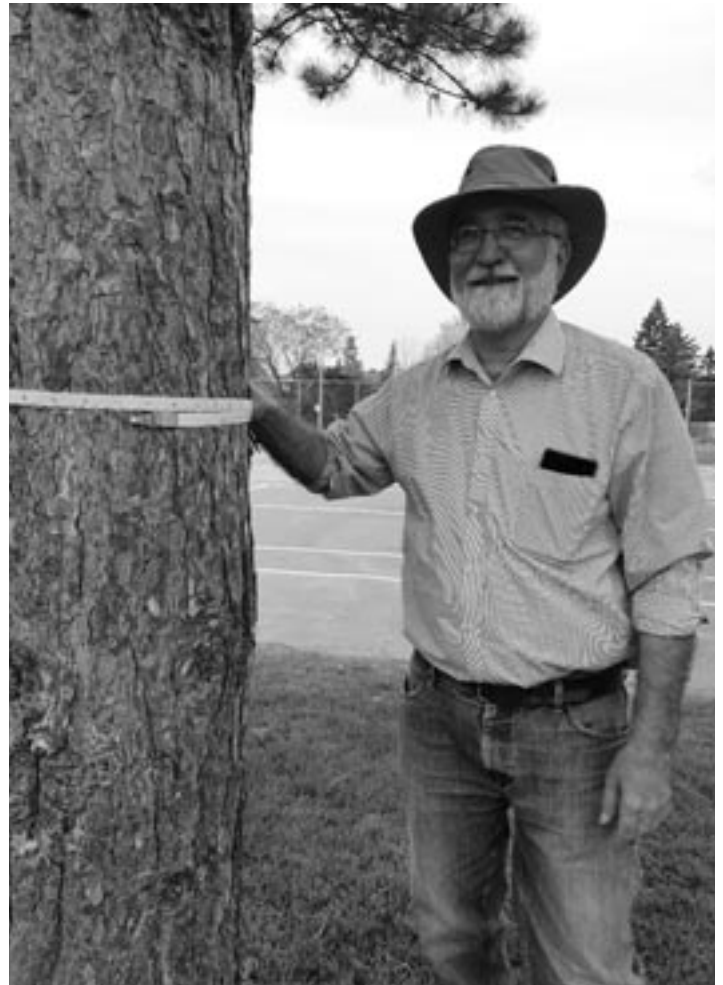
NeighbourWoods is a volunteer-based program designed to take an inventory of trees on private property. Trees are valuable natural resources that improve the quality of life and make our neighbourhoods greener and more livable while providing many other social and ecological benefits.

In the city of Ottawa the majority of urban trees are located on privately owned residential lands. The city does not have any detailed information about the trees on private property, nor do they actively manage this part of the urban forest. The city simply doesn't have the resources or jurisdiction to manage privately-owned trees. The city does have a comprehensive set of data regarding the trees on city property—ie. in its parks and the front 3 feet of your property next to the road. Data from NeighbourWoods could have many applications such as helping to protect and grow our urban forest. Afterall, you can't protect what you don't know.

Neighbourwoods was developed by Dr. W.A. Kenney and Dr. D. Puric-Mladenovic to assist volunteers in collecting the tree information they need to strategically plan and manage urban forests. Since its inception in 1995, NeighbourWoods has been used and applied by many communities across Ontario including Beaverbrook in Kanata.

NeighbourWoods is an exciting way to be active, spend time outdoors, connect with people in your community and learn about the trees in and around where you live.

The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now.
— Chinese proverb



Dr. Kenney will be teaching the NeighbourWoods program

To start the project the BCA will be sponsoring a training session May 29 to 30th at the Bearbrook Retirement Residence.

We are recruiting volunteers to: distribute flyers, schedule volunteers, work in teams of 3 to do inventory, and data entry. The training will involve learning to identify trees, measure their size and determine what their state of health is. If you would like to get involved or would like to attend the free training session please register / contact

TreeInventory@blackburnhamlet.ca. For more information about NeighbourWoods visit neighbourwoods.org.

Blackburn Hamlet Tree Team

Year in Review and our 2020 Outlook

We have had a great first year with many successes!

When the Blackburn Environment Committee surveyed the community in 2018, the deteriorating health and reduction in number of trees was our community's TOP environmental issue. In April 2019, the Environment Committee sent out a beacon in the BANAR to see if others were interested in working on issues relating to trees and to form the "Tree Team". Many people attended the first meeting, and the Tree Team was formed. We don't have any superpowers, but in eight months, the Tree Team, a group of volunteers with big hearts accomplished the following:

We wanted to promote more trees on our main streets so we distributed to 100 homes on Bearbrook Road flyers to promote the City of Ottawa's Trees in Trust Program!

We worked with the City of Ottawa to identify locations in our parks to plant trees. This resulted in 24 trees planted this fall (up from 20 trees in 2018)!

We worked with a community partner (Earth Path) to not only help identify areas in the Hamlet that could benefit from a large scale tree



planting, but also to help them connect with key stakeholders such as the City and NCC. One of our volunteers even designed mock-ups to determine the number of trees that could potentially be planted in one location. During the fall they planted over two hundred trees on the Just Food farm!

We worked with a local primary school to submit an application for a Schoolyard tree planting grant to have more trees in their schoolyard. The application was accepted, more details are forthcoming.

We created a Facebook Page @BHtreeeam and we have 75 followers!

Finally, in October, we held "CommuniTree Conference" in Just Food's big red barn. Our

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Blackburn Hamlet Tree Team

tree-mendous volunteer, Nina Ryan, creating our amazing logo! CommuniTree was a half-day of speakers on various tree-related topics, with networking breaks, local food and walking tours of the Nanabush Food Forest and the Just Food Farm. We had over 65 people attend from across the City and the survey results are in... everyone wants to see it again in 2020!

In 2020, you can expect more trees and more information about them! We will continue working with the City to find suitable locations to plant trees, and hope to also work with the NCC. We will continue to promote the City's Trees in Trust program. Through our first fundraiser "Toonie for Trees", you will be able to plant more trees! We will be distributing white pine and white spruce trees to residents during spring.

Look for us on the 1st weekend of May during the Blackburn Hamlet garage sale. We will kick

off Neighbourwoods, a tree inventory project through which you will learn about trees and together we will continue to keep our community green. You can also expect another CommuniTree Conference, more articles in the BANAR, a hosted guided tree walk, and a tree self-guided walking tour. Thanks to the help from one of our tree-rific volunteers, Supattana, we are working on a small project to plant flowers in front of our Blackburn entrance signs. We will continue working with the City to obtain the proper approvals to do so.

We would like to extend a special thanks to those sponsors and groups that helped us this year namely: Just Food, Nanabush Food Forest, Blackburn Tennis Club, City of Ottawa, Metro, Giant Tiger, and Ecology Ottawa.

If you are interested in getting involved contact us! TreeTeam@blackburnhamlet.ca.

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The Return of the Rails

by: Shawn MacWha

On a quiet night local residents can still hear the VIA trains running to and from Montreal down along Russel Road but its been almost 70 years since anyone could actually catch a train anywhere near Blackburn Hamlet. Fortunately, the on-going construction of the Montreal Road LRT station on highway 174 heralds the return of rail transportation to the area. Once the Confederation Line East Extension is complete in 2024 it will be possible for residents of the Hamlet to walk, bike or take a short bus ride to the new station. From there they will be able to take a train heading east to Trim Road and the beach at Petrie Island or west into the city and places such as the Byward Market, the University of Ottawa, Carleton University, Algonquin College and the airport. By then OC Transpo's light rail network will consist of almost 65 km tracks and 41 stops stretching across the city.

As exciting as this is, it is by no means the first time that trains have run past our little community. Trains first came to Blackburn in the fall of 1898 when the Canadian Pacific Railroad (CPR) opened its line from Ottawa to Montreal south of Renaud Road. This route carried passengers between the two cities until VIA cancelled its transcontinental service at the end of 1981. Following the decommissioning of that line, the tracks were pulled up in 1989 and later, the railbed was converted to the Prescott-Russel Trail Link. This multi-use pathway now runs from just east of the city garage at the end of Cyrville Road all of the way to the Quebec border. Eagle-eyed walkers along this path can still find treasures such as lumps of coal, piles of steel slag once used as track ballast and even the odd railway spike.

During much of that line's 83 years of operation local residents could catch a train into Ottawa from Blackburn Station, which stood at the southwest

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What is a mortgage "Refinance" and how does it affect me?

Refinancing a home is one of those things where people understand what it is but have trouble explaining how it works. To put it simply, refinancing your home allows you to access the equity you have built up, by changing the mortgage amount. You are essentially borrowing money from the lender while also adding money back on top of your mortgage.

This is why people will refinance their home to make larger purchases or to pay off high interest debt. The bank will lend you the money now and get it back in the future, plus interest, because it is being added to the mortgage.

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The Return of the Rails

corner of Anderson Road and the current rail-trail. This station, which was likely built when the line was first opened, stood until it burned down on Christmas Eve 1953. An excellent account of that building's existence and demise can be found in the June 2019 issue of BANAR (Blackburn Station, Banar. Vol. 52, No 5., June 2019, p. 18).

North of Blackburn, and closer to where the new O-train will run, lies another abandoned railbed. From 1909 until 1939 the Canadian Northern Railway (CNR) followed the south shore of the Ottawa River from Sandy Hill all of the way to Hawkesbury where it crossed into Quebec and met up with the Carillon and Grenville Railway. Unlike the old CPR line this right of way has not been maintained and for the most part the path of the old steam trains is hard to follow save for a short walk behind the parking lot at the Green's Creek toboggan hill. Those who do follow this trail will

reach a lookout where they can see the old concrete footings of the railway's trestle bridge over Green's Creek. There are also many signs of this old thoroughfare visible from Highway 174 including a beautiful stone culvert over Cardinal Creek just past Trim Road, several rock cuts heading out towards Cumberland and, further east, the bridge pilings where the line crossed the South Nation River at Jessups Falls. While sometimes not obvious from the ground, much of the old right of way can still be discerned using Google Earth.

While the new O-train has obviously had its teething pains, one can hope that they'll be all settled by the time that the Stage 2 extensions are complete. Once that happens we will once again be able to take a train downtown or, with a simple stop at the Ottawa train station and a little bit of courage, all of the way out to Halifax or Vancouver.



Photo by Ann Zottoli of abandoned railbed of the Canadian Northern Railway located north of Blackburn, a short walk behind parking lot at the Green's Creek toboggan hill. More photos on Blackburn Hamlet Community Association-BCA Facebook page

Ringette in Blackburn since 1971

Ringette is a Canadian invention that has become one of the fastest team sports on ice. Sam Jacks, a recreation director and sports enthusiast from North Bay, Ontario, invented the sport in 1963 when he saw the need for a winter team sport for girls.

Since the early 1960s, the sport has continued to grow. Blackburn first introduced the game to girls and women on the Cleroux Crescent outdoor rink in 1971.

Ringette, like hockey, is played on ice by men and women with skates and sticks with six players per team on the ice at once. The objective is to score goals by shooting the object of play into the opposing team's net at either end of the rink during stop-time periods of play. But this is where the comparisons between ringette and hockey really end. The stick is straight. The object being pursued by the players is a rubber ring, not a

puck. There is no intentional body contact. And the rules of ringette make it a wide-open and dynamic sport.

Scrimmage games are held at the Blackburn Arena, October to the end of April, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9 am.

Women of all ages are invited to join us!

Tuesdays: Contact Jane Ross at aljaneross@sympatico.ca or Wednesdays: Sue French at french.gs@gmail.com

The emphasis is on play-making and skating skills. Players cannot carry the ring across the blue lines on the ice. Only three players from each team, plus the defending goalie, are allowed in the end zones at the same time, which keeps the play open, puts a premium on sharp offensive moves, and requires defending players to skate close to their opponents. These features of the game demand the development of keen skating skills that give ringette players fantastic skating speed and agility.

Internationally, ringette is played in a number of countries around the world. Ringette has had a presence at the Canada Winter Games since 1991.

Source: www.ringette.ca

Gloucester Cumberland Ringette Association GCRA

The girls from U14A Dearing got a special treat the end of January when World Champion Junior team player Julie Vandal (#28) brought her gold medal to their practice. She spent time talking to the girls about her experiences, her passion for the sport and then led a fun practice putting the girls through some of the same drills that Team Canada uses. The GCRA girls loved it and their enthusiasm showed.

Julie was selected as player of the game in the recent World's gold medal match as a defence, and during last Spring's Canada Games she was tournament top scorer plus netted the double overtime winner for a gold medal, but playing as a centre. We are lucky to be part of such a wonderful ringette community.



Source of photo and story is from Facebook.

Gloucester Cumberland Ringette @ GCRA ringette.

For information on registration and programs visit:

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GAARA Silver Spoon Tournament Feb 28th–Mar 1st

The Gloucester & Area Ladies Ringette Association (GAARA) Silver Spoon Tournament will be held from February 28 to March 1st at the Fred Barrett Arena and at the Ray Friel Arena.

This will be the 43rd year hosting the tournament. There will be 34 teams in 5 divisions from Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto and Montreal.

GAARA's very first tournament was held in April 1978 and organized by the Blackburn "A" and "B" teams.

They carefully selected sterling silver spoons that were available bearing the crest of the Gloucester Municipality to present to the winners. The consolation award was a silver coffee spoon with the letter "G" engraved on it. This tradition has been proudly kept over the years.

Blackburn ladies decided to reciprocate the tournament invitations they had received from the Woolwich and Ajax ladies. Lorna Wyslouzil was the first tournament chairperson.

They booked the Leitrim Arena (now the Fred Barrett Arena) and the upstairs hall for the weekend. The newly formed "B" team had not had any experience with tournaments but willingly got into the swing of things and acted as hostesses for the teams arriving from out of town as well as

helping to make chilli, desserts, sell tickets and helped make the tournament a success.

More information and the schedule will be posted at on the GAARA.ca website.

The Blackburn "A" team included Lois Kemp, Eleanor MacQuarrie, Evelyn Budd, Lorna Wyslouzil, Joanne Cavers, Pat McLeod, Virginia Berube, Jean Laramee, Debbie MacQuarrie, Ellen Legault, and Becky Searle. Coaches were Diane Kemp and Karen Legault.

The Blackburn "B" team included Carl Van Koughnett, Sally Tyan,

Ruth Near, Susan Zdyb, Linda Penny, Jane Sinclair, Flora Desjardins, Gail Glandon, Madeline LaRose and Dawn Grant. Coaches were Lois Kemp and Eleanor MacQuarrie.

Doug MacQuarrie, who refereed at the first Silver Spoon tournament and is still highly involved says the first penalty he gave—the woman looked at him and said "I'm NOT going in THERE!"

The Beacon Hill "A" team beat the Blackburn "A" team in a close game and were so excited they volunteered to host the tournament in 1979.

Source: 1987 SilverSpoon program book



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Round Table and Book Chat

For adults, the book club will meet on the third Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. Please join us as we discuss exciting new reads. New members are always welcome!

Monday, February 10 – Give Me Your Hand by Megan Abbott

Monday, March 16 – Before the Fall by Noah Hawley
No registration necessary.

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Wednesday, Feb. 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Registration required.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Jennifer and Cathie will be offering programs for all ages. Please check below for program information. We encourage parents and their children to speak with our knowledgeable staff about our wonderful databases and resources for homework, projects, book reports and more!

Babytime (Session 2) – bilingual
Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00 am

April 1 – April 22. Please register. Ages 0 to 18 months.

Family Storytime at 10:15 am
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April 2 – April 23. Please register. Ages 0 to 6 years.

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The Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (BMHA) is thrilled to have hosted another successful season in delivering hockey programs for children and youth aged 4 years and up. The BMHA catchment area includes Blackburn Hamlet, Chapel Hill South, and Bradley Estates. The Initiation Program is for children ages 4 to 6 and provides the opportunity for

children to learn to skate along with the fundamentals of hockey.

Children and youth are welcome to start at any age and are supported in their development to fully participate and enjoy the sport.

We are looking forward to hosting Spring “4 on 4” hockey that begins in April so that players can maintain their skills in a relaxed and fun environment.

Early bird registration for regular season hockey starts in June at a discounted rate.

Registration details for these programs and more can be found on the BMHA website at blackburnstingers.com.



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Blackburn Art Group welcomes newcomers

The call went out in the April 1999 Banar for people who were interested in creating the Blackburn Art Club. "This would be for people who would like to get together to draw and paint without instruction." Today the group still exists and has created a impressive creative community.

Through the years, the members have helped as teachers and mentors to new people.

Choice of project is up to you with the one restriction—oil painting because of a lack of clean-up facilities. Bring your art project, a cover to protect the table, a mug for tea and your indoor shoes or slippers so we can keep the floors clean.

Next few sessions of 2020 are: February 13, March 12 and 26, April 9 and 23.

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Book Club: Thursday Jan. 30th, 7:30 p.m.
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Fri, Feb 28, 7:30pm

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Fri, Mar 27, 7:30pm

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February 26, 7pm
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Blackburn Ladies Softball League

The league is recruiting new players!

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Games are held Monday and/or Wednesday nights.

There are also recreational and competitive tournaments, meet and greet gatherings on opening night and end of year banquet as well as other exciting activities throughout the season.

Visit www.blackburnladiessoftball.com or contact Johanne Danis, BLSL Vice-President, at blslvicepresident@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Euchre Party and Board Games

Play scrabble or bring your cribbage boards or other games **February 8, 1 pm. Win prizes and enjoy some light refreshments!**

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The Gloucester Allotment Garden Association annual general meeting and registration for the 2020 gardening season will take place 7:30pm on Tuesday March 24th 2020 in the cafeteria of the Louis Riel High School located near the dome in Blackburn Hamlet.

The AGM will take place first with a quick update on the past year's gardening activities followed by registration for the new gardening season. Current gardeners in good standing have the opportunity to renew their gardens and the remaining plots will be open to new registrants.

Drivers...please completely clear your vehicles of built-up snow and ice before hitting the road. Spending five to 10 minutes clearing off a car could save a life.

Grass Cutting Services Needed

The Gloucester Allotment Garden Association (GAGA) is seeking a contractor to provide grass cutting services to its two garden sites housing 385 garden plots during its gardening season—April to October. Sites are located behind Orient Park Drive in Blackburn Hamlet and off Weir Road north of the roundabout at Anderson Road.

GAGA seeks:

- Operator to provide grass cutting services to all boulevards and roadsides between gardens
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- Operator to provide all required equipment and transportation
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