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# President's message

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As I sit in my new temporary “office” at home for the foreseeable future and reflect on the events of the last months and weeks, it can be difficult to comprehend the changes we have seen in the world around us. While we face a global pandemic, and ever larger portions of our community retreat into isolation, the ties that bond us seem to shine through all the brighter.

As spring quickly approaches, I would normally be writing about our upcoming spring clean up to bring the community out of its winter slumber, or informing you of the upcoming Bike Skills Development Day, or a friendly reminder that the ever popular Blackburn Fun Fair is just around the corner. We, as a Board work tirelessly to help bring these events to you, and as we discussed them at our recent BCA meeting a common theme was echoed: what can we as a community do during these uncertain times?

We did not have to look far for answers—you the residents are providing inspiration daily. I have never seen as many people out for walks in our community as I have this past week, and while we aren't stopping to chat and every one practices social distancing there remains a sense of community. I've seen friends and neighbors lost to the long winter out for a regular walk, families searching windows for hidden treasures, and positive messages left on driveways in chalk. Personally, I very much enjoyed the 'Blackburn Strong' message I saw earlier today! On Facebook, we cheer on those working the front lines to provide us with the essentials and health support and we help each other in sharing supplies. I am very proud of how our community has responded to this crisis.

While some of our events may be cancelled, or postponed, our volunteers see multiple opportunities to help the community during these challenging times; I invite you to check back on our webpage and Facebook for updates as we hope to bring you something to look forward to in the coming weeks. In the meantime, stay safe, practice social distancing, and continue to help those in need.

One final item before we leave winter behind: I would like to send a special thank you to our Facebook moderation team who keep our Facebook group safe and our rinks volunteers for another excellent season. While we did not have the best weather, our rinks team of volunteers spent many a cold night to keep the rinks running and for that, we all thank you!

*All the best, Mark Lister, President*



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**Please note that the deadline date of the next BANAR will be June 10th, delivery will probably be online and delivery between June 26th–28th. Hopefully we will have a better grasp of where we are at to go forward safely. Updates will be on BCA WEBSITE AND BCA FACEBOOK.**

<b>REVISED: Banar Deadline &amp; Delivery</b>		
<b>* June</b>	<b>June 10/20</b>	<b>June 26-28</b>
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# Most reliable information is from Ottawa Public Health

In light of the current COVID-19 situation and the flood of information, both accurate and inaccurate, the BCA wants to encourage residents to follow and access correct and official sources. For our region, the most direct source for up-to-date and accurate information is Ottawa Public Health.

**Ontario government's list of essential workplaces updated April 3rd. For more info visit:**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/list-essential-workplaces>

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## Ottawa Public Health

Twitter: @ottawahealth

Facebook: facebook.com/ottawahealth/

Web: <https://www.ottawapublichealth.ca/en/index.aspx>

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Health Canada are also providing Ontarians and Canadians with updates as to the coronavirus pandemic.

## Ontario Ministry of Health

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Web: [www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov](http://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov)

## City of Ottawa Updates:

**Stay up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 developments by following Ottawa Public Health on Twitter and Facebook.**

Every day at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., the Province of Ontario's novel coronavirus (COVID-19) web page will be updated with the most up-to-date information including the status of cases in Ontario.

**City of Ottawa has enacted a declaration of emergency** to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the public.

Parks are closed and there is to be no vehicle access to Greenbelt trails or dog parks. Safe park practices that are permitted include running, walking or jogging through the park, while keeping a two-metre distance from others— which is equal to the length of a hockey stick,” the new park regulations read.

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To keep up-to-date on local matters, and to see how your neighbors and community are doing during this time, the BCA maintains an active website and Facebook group for residents of Blackburn Hamlet.

**1) The official BCA Facebook page:** The BCA's Facebook presence, posting only official news from the BCA board. "Like" our page to receive notifications. You can also browse the page without a Facebook account.

**2) The Blackburn Hamlet Facebook community discussion group:** Community-generated announcements and discussion. Members are screened to determine they have a connection to the community prior to joining, and there is some moderation on content and discussion. Rules are found in the side board; advertising of businesses must be done only as participation in a monthly business promotion thread created by a moderator. Much of the Facebook page's and website's content is cross posted to the discussion group. You can adjust which activity in the group sends you notification in Facebook settings. You must be signed in to Facebook and join the group to participate.

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**STAY HOME:** Staying home may be harder than it sounds. Regular errands and groceries are discouraged unless absolutely necessary.

**Note:** The Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre has been supporting seniors in our community since 1979. We will continue support with services that will help you stay in your home during this time. Whether you need help accessing your medications, food, additional resources, or transportation to essential medical appointments our team is here to help.

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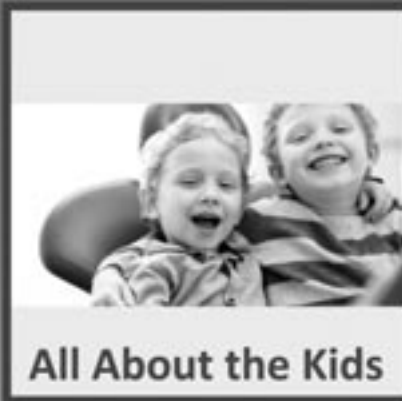


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# Ontario Closing At-Risk Workplaces

*Business-owners encouraged to continue their operations through work-from-home policies and innovative business models*

TORONTO — Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Ontario government will be ordering at-risk workplaces to close-down, while encouraging businesses to explore opportunities to continue operations through work-from-home and innovative business models. At the same time, the government reminds businesses to put in place protocols for physical distancing and regular hand-washing in order to protect the health and safety of employees and the general public.

Earlier today, Premier Doug Ford was joined by Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance and Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General to announce that the government will be closing at-risk workplaces to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Essential businesses include, but are not limited to grocery stores and pharmacies, telecommunications and IT infrastructure service providers, and businesses that support power generation, natural gas distribution and clean drinking water. Essential businesses are being asked to put into place any and all measures to safeguard the wellbeing of their employees on the front-lines.

Teleworking and online commerce are permitted at all times for all businesses.

"While this was a difficult decision, we trust that Ontario's business leaders will be able to promote safety while carrying out business and protecting jobs," said Premier Doug Ford. "The grocery store clerks, transit and hydro workers and truckers are out there on the front lines making sure the people of Ontario continue to have access to the products and services they need. It is essential that their workplaces be kept as safe as possible so these local

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heroes can return home to their families worry free." At-risk workplaces will be ordered to close and where possible, take the necessary measures so staff can work from home allowing operations to continue.

"Our government applauds the sacrifice and hard work of all Ontario workers and businesses, and will stand by them through this crisis," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "We call on workplaces that remain open to be vigilant and to enforce the highest possible standards of cleanliness and caution as we continue the fight together against COVID-19."

Visit Ontario's website to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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# Hockey Day in the Hamlet was a great success!

Lots of fun, delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks to fuel young and old hockey players. Pictured to the right are this year's winners of the fun hockey challenges geared to all ages.

Thanks go to the organizers, Mark Lister, and sponsors Ryan Johnston with his Canadian Edge instructors who also filmed the players on a drone. It was a beautiful winter's day!



# Blackburn Hamlet Spring Clean Up

by Kendra Brett

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the BCA decided to not hold our traditional spring clean up. However, we would still like to organize a modified community clean up since the melting snow has revealed a lot of trash on our streets and in our parks. While we cannot hold a group photo or annual BBQ, picking up litter and cleaning our neighborhood is something we can still do while maintaining physical distancing! As of now, we will plan to hand out garbage bags and gloves to those who are interested in cleaning the neighborhood on Saturday April 25th, from 10am to 11am at the community center (190 Glen Park Drive). This

year we will need to ask people to bring the garbage bags home for disposal, but fortunately that Tuesday is garbage day!

If you feel inspired to clean up the Hamlet on your own while out on a walk, make sure to snap a photo and send it to me along with the location you cleaned. I'll keep track of all the areas that have been cleaned, and everyone who participates will be entered to win a prize!

**Winter is done,  
Here comes the sun,  
And the birds, and the grass,  
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As this is an ever changing situation, please check the Blackburn Hamlet website and Facebook page for updates.

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# The Villa Saint-Louis Convent tragedy

by Shawn MacWha

May 15th will mark the 64th anniversary of one of the greatest, and least known tragedies to ever befall the area around our community. At 10:37 pm on that night in 1956 a CF-100 Canuck interceptor from Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Station Uplands, tail number 18367, crashed into the Villa Saint-Louis Convent in Orleans. Falling from a height of over 10,000 metres the plane hit the convent's main chapel almost vertically at almost 1100 kph and tore through the building, setting it alight with burning kerosene jet fuel and exploding "Mighty Mouse" rockets. Inside the three-story brick facility, which sat alone beside the Ottawa River surrounded by hundreds of acres of fields and forest, were 38 people, many of whom had already retired for the evening. In the resulting inferno both pilots, 11 Sisters of the Grey Nuns of the Cross (hence Grey Nuns Drive in Orleans), a priest and a cook were killed. It was one of the worst accidents in the peacetime history of the RCAF.

Unlike today, when Canada's fighter jets normally operate out of only two airbases (Cold Lake, Alberta and Bagotville, Quebec) during the Cold War interceptor, squadrons were stationed throughout the country. One of them, the 445 All-Weather Fighter Squadron, was based in Uplands to protect the National Capital. At approximately 9:00 pm on that fateful night radar operators from Air Defence Command in St. Hubert, Quebec detected an unknown plane approaching the region from the north and, fearing a Soviet bomber, dispatched two CF-100s to investigate. The intruder turned out to be an RCAF transport plane returning to Montreal from the Arctic and the fighters broke off their chase. One of them returned directly to Uplands while the other, piloted by Flight Officers William Schmidt and Kenneth Thomas, circled the skies east of the city



Photo by Evelyn Budd

On a path near the river behind the hospice a memorial cross now stands amidst 15 blocks of debris from the Villa Saint-Louis. This memorial cross mark the lives of each of the victims of that sad night.

to practice maneuvers and burn off excess fuel. For reasons which have never been determined the pilots lost control of the aircraft and it plummeted to the ground. The prevailing theory is that a malfunction in the oxygen supply system resulted in hypoxia and the pilots losing consciousness although this will never be proven for certain.

Unrelated to these events, at the beginning of November 1956 445 Squadron was moved from Ottawa to Marville, France where it joined the Number 1 Air Division Europe on NATO assignment until being disbanded at the end of 1962. Four years later the Saint-Louis Residence opened on the site of the former convent and it is still operating to this day.

# Other Plane Crashes tragedies

by Evelyn Budd

**There have been plane episodes**, some very close to Blackburn and some were actually fatal.

- Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh arrived on Bowesville's soil, now known as the Ottawa International Airport, on July 2, 1927. "Lindy, as he was dubbed, arrived in the Spirit of St Louis, the craft in which he had completed two months previously, the first-ever trans-Atlantic solo flight, from New York to Paris. The arrival of this world-acclaimed gentleman for the weekend celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee brought thousands of spectators to the landing field to see him and his twelve-plane American escort arrive. Sam Haining was taking hay off the Parson property just east of the landing field. He saw Lindbergh's safe arrival but was then horror stricken when one of the twelve escorting planes crashed near his wagon resulting in the death of the pilot Lt. J. T. Johnson as he had bailed out too late.

- In 1931 in Blackburn, a moth plane that was dropping leaflets crashed landed. Luckily both occupants, although shook up were not seriously hurt.

- In 1943 or 1944 an RCAF Harvard training plane crashed

into Ray McNeely's bush (the bush just east of Good Shepherd's Church) Both occupants were instantly killed.

- In 1960 a glider plane landed in a field in Budd's fields.

Fortunately it was not damaged. It was taken apart and taken away in trucks.

- In the winter of 1964 a 1919 fighter plan came down in the same location as the plane in 1943/4. The two occupants, Dave Wilson and Davi (Leo) Sabourin were badly injured and both had broken backs. The neighbours helped Mr. McNeely open a road to the edge of the bush and bring out the two men on stretchers.

- On the 1990 Canada Day celebration a life was once more claimed at the Ottawa International Airport when one of the Snowbirds performing in the air show crashed and killed the pilot.



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# Virtual meeting coming up: Blackburn's Trilliums

by Patrick Phillips.

Growing up in Toronto, I actually had access to a lot of green space and urban wildlife. I have fond memories of fishing and catching crayfish in Humber River, finding salamanders in local ravines, and marking spring with trilliums and wild blue lupins in High Park. My partner, who grew up in Blackburn, has similarly fond memories of our local parks and greenbelt trails - including the abundance of trilliums in the woodland parks interconnecting Blackburn. Such spring ephemerals, as they are termed, are a sign of a healthy Ontario woodland habitat; an abundance and variety of native plants signals that the local ecosystem is intact, and that there is an abundance of habitat and food for native wildlife. If you were growing up in Toronto now, finding a wild



trillium is akin to finding a living unicorn. Along with vanishing insect, amphibian, and bird species, the City of Toronto's parks resources dwindled. I watched as native plant species were smothered and displaced by aggressively spreading invasive species, leaving the local soil inhospitable to most of the plants and animals I grew up with. An invasive species is a species that: grows and reproduces quickly; spreads aggressively and displaces native plant or animal species; and constitutes a serious threat

to local (Ottawa) and broader (Ontario) ecological health, economic stability, and public safety. Some species, like Garlic Mustard, outcompete native species, eventually altering the soil while replacing a diversity of native plants with a single, suffocating blanket of vegetation that native animals can't eat. Others, like European Buckthorn, act as carriers of economically-damaging pests and pathogens. A growing number of invaders in Ontario are also noxious -- such as giant hogweed, the sap from which can cause severe chemical burns or even blindness.

The aforementioned species have already been spotted thriving and spreading in Blackburn's local parks and trails. As part of the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association (BCA) environment team, I conducted my own survey of our local parks and green spaces, including our allotment gardens and trails connecting to NCC greenbelt. Along with Giant Hogweed growing near park play structures and garden plots, I found many more invasive species spreading unchallenged. These invaders are one of the reasons our local trillium population has declined over the last decade. Many

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Blackburn natives, including my partner, remember seeing fields of our provincial emblem shining amidst the dappled spring sunshine along our local residential wooded trails. He, like many other residents I spoke with at my Blackburn Trillium Project presentation last fall, want to bring back these symbols of our local natural heritage.

### **The Goal**

The Blackburn Hamlet Trillium Project is a community-driven environmental stewardship initiative currently being developed by myself and volunteers within the BCA environment team. The primary goal of the project is to restore the natural woodland habitats of our parks -- habitats which we have identified as significantly compromised by several invasive species, to the point that the community has almost completely lost its ecologically important and culturally cherished native species. Beyond a single residential community, Blackburn is in fact surrounded by NCC / greenbelt land, and many of the species identified so far are beginning to spread out of our parks and into the broader greenbelt system. While this project focuses on

**We want to bring back  
Blackburn's trilliums—  
and I invite you to get  
involved!**

plant species, it implicates the entire ecosystem of the Ottawa Valley. The project aims to: 1) connect and educate residents in the environmental health and potential cultural resources of our local green spaces; 2) empower local residents with opportunities to take direct action; 3) participate in restoring native species to our local parks; 4) contribute to the strengthening of local community through long-term stewardship of our parks. It can take several years to restore the health of a park's native ecosystems, but such a project will also be a lasting source of community engagement and strength.

If you would like to learn how you can get involved, as a volunteer or donor, and make a positive difference—even within your own home garden—please keep an eye out for event announcements on the BCA website and BCA Facebook page.

Because of the current and evolving COVID-19 crisis, I am planning to hold a virtual information session this spring—likely the first weekend of May, with the hopes of organizing in-park activities in the autumn or whenever it becomes safe for us to do so. You may also feel free to contact me directly at [Patrick@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:Patrick@blackburnhamlet.ca) to ask any questions.

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*Bienvenue à la Bibliothèque de Blackburn Hamlet, la version en ligne! Pendant cette période difficile, la Bibliothèque publique d'Ottawa a modifié le site web pour mettre en valeur les ressources en ligne. Visitez le site de la biblio à [où vous trouverez beaucoup d'idées pour vous occuper pendant que vous êtes chez vous](#). Nous espérons vous revoir bientôt.*

Here is a sample of what you will find on our bilingual website. Click each title to visit the website. It's easy!

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## Blackburn Art Group

by Camille Marion

The City of Ottawa has closed its recreational and cultural facilities until end of day April 5th. Our next art sessions will be hopefully be on April 9 and 23.

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.

The Blackburn Art Group can be reached at:

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The Blackburn Community Hall telephone number is (613) 841-7396 just in case you need it.

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April 5 9:45 am **Palm Sunday** Service St. Mary's Navan only.  
(Trim & Smith Rd )

April 9 7:30 pm **Maundy Thursday** service at SMTV Blackburn only.

April 10 10:00 am **Good Friday** service St. Mary's Navan only.

April 12 11:15 am **Easter Sunday** service at SMTV Blackburn.

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*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here; he has risen!"  
(Luke 24:5-6)*

**Have a blessed Easter!**

### WORSHIP IN THE TIME OF COVID 19

Our bishop has advised us that all gatherings for worship will be cancelled at least until April 5 when the situation will be reassessed.

In the meantime, you can join us for Sunday worship online at 10am by going to Facebook Livestream.

### Listen to these words from St. Paul:

*"We do not want you to be uninformed about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure...But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead...On him we have set our hope..." (2 Corinthians 1:8-10)*

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# Feeling isolated?

## *Get some exercise in our local gardens—but show some respect!*

Spring is in the air and gardeners everywhere will soon be itching to get their hands dirty and start the planting season.

In Blackburn Hamlet, the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association (GAGA) administers the largest community garden in the city comprised of almost 400 plots in two locations—on the NCC lands behind Orient Park Drive and at the roundabout near Anderson Road—and our gardens will soon be sprouting life once again. Once the ground has dried and thawed in early May, these lands will be plowed and turned over before preparation and seeding.

As a community garden, the terrain is on open land and accessible to all local residents for walks, dog walking, cycling and even the local fair running race which winds its way through the plots as part of its course.

The majority of our gardeners are local residents and happy to share this space while striving to grow something local for their dinner plates.

However, five specific complaints are made every year to the GAGA board:

**1) Dogs off leash.** Please keep your dog on a leash when walking through the gardens. It is the law. And there's nothing more hurtful to a gardener who has spent many hours nurturing a plant than an off leash dog that tramples a plant just beginning to sprout or tears off a nearly ripened vegetable.

**2) Pick up after your pet.** While all gardeners are generally appreciative of manure—your dogs droppings are not welcome.

**3) Litter.** The gardens are not a dumping ground yet many in the community treat the area as a garbage site and particularly abuse the compost area for garbage. Please put your garbage where it belongs.



**4) Dust.** Do you drive around the gardens? Please respect the posted speed limit of 20km/h to avoid kicking up dust which settles on all plots located near a gravel road.

**5) Theft.** All gardeners look forward to harvesting their hard earned labour. If you didn't plant it - you shouldn't be taking it. Not all gardeners are able to come to their plots daily. Just because something looks ripe and has been for days does not mean it's free food available to all. Please respect the work that went into producing it and leave it for the registered plot owner.

If you want that tomato so badly— consider registering for a plot yourself!

*Our annual registration night was cancelled due to the corona virus pandemic but registrations have continued online and by mail and we do have a waiting list anyone can join. If you're lucky there just may be a plot or two still available.*

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# Busy Fingers active in Blackburn Hamlet

To the residents of the Bearbrook Retirement Center, their family and friends, and the Blackburn Hamlet community.

Thank you to the residents of the Bearbrook Retirement Residence for organizing a wool drive for the Busy Fingers, a group of volunteers who knit and crochet items for charity.

The Busy Fingers have been working for ten years, using donated wool to make hundreds of items that have benefited the community.

The Busy Fingers was featured a couple of times on Regional Contact, a local CTV

production. You can easily find it on the internet to see what our organization is all about—google “busy fingers seniors”.

In the spirit of giving, thank you to the extended Bearbrook community for answering the call for wool by collecting so much of it. Your donations will be turned into various items that will bring warmth to many recipients in the various charities where we distribute knitted goods. Not only will they feel the warmth of the wool itself, they will also find comfort in knowing that someone actually gave their time to make them something—something just for them.



Twenty-nine different groups have benefited in this past year. Without your wool and the generosity of other donations, we could not answer to the demand of those who need it most. Our sincere thanks!

*Eileen McCaughey, Founder and Coordinator of the Busy Fingers*

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by Supattana Bolger

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## Community Garage Sale Postponed

by Kendra Brett

Due to the current COVID19 pandemic, the BCA has decided to postpone the annual community garage sale. We will be continuing to monitor the ever changing situation, and if it is possible, we will organize a community wide garage sale in the fall.

## Blackburn Ladies Softball League

In light of current events, we wanted to provide an update on our plans for the 2020 season.

We are still preparing to kick-off at the beginning of May. While we encourage you to plan for a full season, it may be adjusted due to the COVID-19 pandemic but the City of Ottawa will ultimately decide when we can play.

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