

Hockey Day in the Hamlet



This mural was painted by Norman Johnson School students and displayed in the Norman Johnson skating shack.

Please note that Jody Mitic's article on page 9 has been updated in the online version of the Banar.

The weather has not been co-operating! Please check the status of this event on the BCA website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca to verify that Hockey Day in the Hamlet will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Rink conditions may require it to be rescheduled.

Hopefully we will have the perfect day with family and friends playing hockey, skating and enjoying a BBQ and hot chocolate (brought to us by the BGM real estate team—see page 11).

If you have never skated on an outdoor rink, it is an experience not to be missed—during the day or late at night—it is magical and you will feel so Canadian!

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Mathieu Pigeon

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Mathieu Pigeon is a sales manager at Myers Nissan in Orleans and has been in the car business for 12 years. He's no stranger to the Blackburn area, though. He moved there at 12-years-old and was very involved with the Blackburn Hockey Association. Not only did he play center for various Stingers teams over 11 years, he coached his sister Christine's team, refereed and even volunteered with the Timbits program. Today, when he's not busy educating his customers on how to properly buy a vehicle, you can find him at a variety of local rinks or fishing on the Ottawa river.

Jessica Lavigne

Warranty Administrator

Born and raised in Belleville, Jessica Lavigne is a frequent rock concert-goer who comes from a very diverse background of expertise. As a child she spent the majority of her time in competitive dance with a love for theatre. This would lead her to become a dance instructor in early adulthood. However, she would eventually change paths to take on a position doing promotions at a radio station in Belleville and she even worked on the oil fields in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Now, Jessica is proud to part of what she says is the best dealership in Ottawa.



Warren Desserud

Parts Manager

Warren Desserud is a true veteran of the car business. He spent the majority of his childhood in Orleans and went to Terry Fox elementary school before graduating and attending Cairine Wilson. At just 16 years of age, Warren got a job washing cars in the very building he works in today. He's held a job in every department from sales to parts and has now been working in the building for nearly 25 years. Today, Warren spends his time with his wife and kids in Ottawa while simultaneously being a role model for workplace dedication.



Dom Campagna with Frederic Cadieux photos
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President's message

“So what exactly does the community association do?”

It's a question I've heard before from some Hamlet residents. It's a valid question and I would be happy to shed some light.

If you've attended a community event that was free of charge, participated in a public meeting where you learned more about a project or issue affecting the Hamlet, rented the community hall, skated on an outdoor rink, watched your children play in the newly-raked sand at the playground, or needed support advocating for an improvement to our community, such as lowering speed limits, then you have experienced firsthand what the community association does.

The community association is composed of individual volunteers; Hamlet residents who share the common goal of bettering our community in small and big ways that make a difference.

On January 19, at the Blackburn Community Association's (BCA) Annual General Meeting, an election was held to fill all positions on the board of directors. There were many directors who resumed their roles, including myself as President, and some new additions to the ranks. *See page 4.*

The new board is teeming with ideas, enthusiasm and dedication to our community. A sure sign that 2017 will be a spectacular one for the Hamlet in respect to larger-than-ever events, advocacy and engagement opportunities. I, for one, am incredibly excited.

There are many wonderful things being planned for this year that you will learn about in the coming weeks and months. Some of these we will be asking for your input and help, including a community beautification project that is in its infancy. And while the BCA's elections are now over, the board will always welcome new volunteers at any time during the year.

The next time I am asked what the community association does, I will respond by saying that it does whatever the community asks it to do to make Blackburn Hamlet a better place for everyone.

Laura Dudas



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DEADLINE May 10th / DELIVERY May 27th weekend

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Blackburn logo represents our community

As you read the BANAR about the many events and initiatives happening in Blackburn you will likely agree that the volunteer spirit in Blackburn remains very strong. The Blackburn logo was originally designed by Alan B. Beddoe in 1960. What it reflected then is still happening today.



Alan B. Beddoe wrote:

Over a red circle background the black wavy diagonal stripe edged with white is a symbol for the many streams of running water in the area, the word "burn" being an Old Country term for a brook or stream. Naturally, this "burn" is black in colour, for Blackburn.

The hornets or wasps (bees) as well as the black wavy stripe are derived from the Arms of Blackburn, Lancashire, England. The bees are an emblem of skill, perseverance and industriousness and may, in our badge, be regarded as an indication of the ambition of the members of the Blackburn community. They express these qualities not only as participants in sports but as spectator-supporters.

Renew your BCA Membership!

Blackburn Hamlet is known across the region for being a friendly, active and a progressive community. BCA memberships are only \$10 for the family and run from June to June of each year. Your contribution helps pay for the BANAR, and a multitude of various events and projects as well as being a liaison with the various governments.

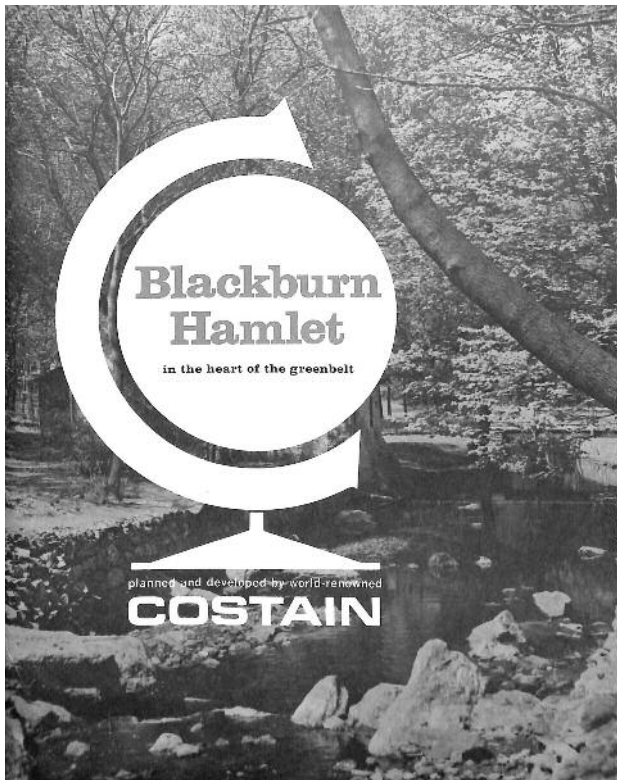
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We appreciate your support!



50 Years Ago — Blackburn Hamlet is under construction



by Evelyn Budd

Pictured to the left is the original cover of Costain's Blackburn Hamlet brochure. Inside are all the plans of the homes with "Introductory Prices" from \$20,500 to \$23,900. We wondered how anyone would be able to afford that! Some people, at the time, were worried and others were excited with this change in the community.

In 1967 the Blackburn Community Club was made up of 40 paid-up members (family rate \$3.00 and single rate \$1.50) from families that lived on Renaud Road, Navan Road (up to Notre Dame Deschamp (NDC community), Cyrville Road (now Innes Road) starting at Blair Road and going east to and including families on Boyer Road and Belcourt Blvd.

In February 1967 the community was busy planning for a big Centennial Day event on July 1st with games, a parade, a best beard contest and lots of food. The highlight would be the Scouts carrying a torch from the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill to the Blackburn Public School yard where the community Centennial flame would be lit by Centennial queen, Patty Bradley and princesses, Janet Cooper and Evelyn Kemp.

The new residents "from the hill" who had arrived in the spring joined in. This was a celebration of Canada's Centennial as well as the beginning of Blackburn Hamlet.

Traffic IS slowing down in the Hamlet



Tweaks are still being made to the city's temporary traffic-calming program throughout Ottawa that will reduce a "bottleneck" of requests and speed up the installation of yellow flex stakes, planter boxes, road markings, signage and speed-display boards to slow down vehicles. People in Blackburn are saying they appreciate how the speed-display boards are making a difference on Innes and Bearbrook Roads by making them be more aware of the speed they are driving.

Total BCA 2016 Financials

	2015		2016	
City Grants				
Community Rec Funding	21,154.00	21,154.00	21,472.00	21,472.00
Outdoor Ice	10,700.00	10,700.00	10,764.00	10,764.00
Other Revenue				
BANAR	21,889.00		21,292.00	
Community Hall	17,016.00		18,443.00	
Membership	720.00		1,572.00	
GIC Income	1,934.00		1,226.00	
Misc Income & Fun Fair shares	512.00		175.00	
		42,071.00		42,708.00
Total revenue		73,925.00		74,944.00
Expenses				
Park Grooming	2,335.00		1,945.00	
Administration	1,825.42		2,335.00	
Community Hall	5,748.00		5,122.00	
Programming	14,434.00		11,572.00	
Banar Expenses	26,029.00		26,673.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	1,587.00	51,958.42	1,028.00	48,675.00
Outdoor Ice Total Expense	13,759.00	13,759.00	17,781.00	17,781.00
Outdoor Ice Surplus	(3,059.00)		(7,017.00)	
Other Expenses				
Entrance signs	0		-	
Misc	50	50.00		-
Total Expenses		65,767.42		66,456.00
Net Profit		8,157.58		8,488.00



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Illegal Marijuana Dispensaries In Blackburn Hamlet

Who We Are:

We are parents, homeowners, business owners and long-time Blackburn Hamlet residents who want to prevent illegal marijuana stores from opening in our community. Please support our efforts to stop the proliferation of illegal dispensaries in our communities.

Did You Know...

Marijuana dispensaries are illegal and a flagrant violation of the narrow exemption granted by Health Canada?

Numerous marijuana dispensaries in Ottawa have been targeted by local criminals, broken into, held up at gunpoint and robbed, thus compromising community safety?

Marijuana dispensaries have been set up in or near the same buildings as children's tutoring clinics, tae kwon do gyms, schools, daycares and restaurants?

Businesses that find themselves beside newly opened marijuana dispensaries suffer financial losses due to a drop in business?

Property values face downward pressures because of the proximity of marijuana dispensaries?

What We Wish To Achieve...

Prevent these stores from opening in our residential communities.

Protect our businesses from these illegal operations setting up beside them.

Ensure legal marijuana dispensaries are subject to the same laws, by-laws, and other regulations as other businesses.

Encourage a full and transparent discussion about all the known health facts around marijuana usage.

Be a counter voice to the well-funded and thus far unchallenged marijuana lobby that seeks to commercialize marijuana in our communities before it becomes fully legal.

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Illegal Marijuana Dispensaries in Blackburn Hamlet

by Richard Bergman, BComm., LLB
Blackburn Resident, 1977-1991

Who we are and why we came together

We are a volunteer group of concerned parents, business owners and residents of Blackburn Hamlet who banded together in September 2016 after observing the proliferation of illegal marijuana store fronts opening across the city. The two locations which concerned us most, were the locations on Innes Road in Blackburn Hamlet and St. Joseph Boulevard and Orleans Boulevard which is in the same building as the Kumon Tutoring Clinic. This has been widely reported in the news.

Addressing the Ottawa Police Services Board, October 26th

On October 26th, 2016 members of our group attended the Ottawa Police Services Board. I addressed the Chair and the Chief of Police on behalf of Blackburn Hamlet but also

the city in general about the lack of enforcement of existing criminal laws with respect to distribution and sale of marijuana. The location in Blackburn was beside a restaurant, a real estate office, a residence that was operating as a day care right behind the building and was close to several elementary schools.

The store fronts were operating in clear violation of law and it was put to the committee that existing businesses next to these stores were concerned about losing business, heightened security risks due to robberies, and downward pressure on real estate values. Parents were concerned about the presence of these shops in proximity to schools, residences as well as the sale of marijuana in the form of brownies, cookies, lollipops and other formats that are attractive to youth.

Reaching out to the landlord

In November, I spoke directly with the landlord of the property in

Blackburn Hamlet and explained our concern. He agreed to cancel the lease and the tenant left the property which is now vacant but unfortunately not before the pre-existing businesses that were there had suffered financial loss.

The results of our efforts

As a direct result of our efforts, the Ottawa Police began enforcing the existing laws and seizing drugs from these shops across the city. Some eighteen shops have been searched and most of them have shut down permanently. We plan to solicit members of the community to gather support and continue liaising with federal policy makers to ensure that our community remains free of marijuana shops.

If you would like to share your concern or support us please call us at 613-824-3775 or complete the form on the other page and drop it in the mailbox at 105 Westpark Drive.

BCA Pancake Breakfast with Santa was Fun!



Photos by Evelyn Burd

Thanks go to to Darlene Avelar for organizing, Sarah Dawson and Belinda Joy for crewing the kitchen, and the Blackburn Girl Guides and Blackburn Stingers Pee Wee players for helping. Special thanks to Santa's helper Rainer for arranging our special guest! More photos at www.smugmug.com/gallery/n-Bn6d4q

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City Councillor's Corner

by Jody Mitic

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Since the last edition of the BANAR, we have been busy in Innes Ward.

I was happy to participate with MPP Marie-France Lalonde and MP Andrew Leslie in the re-opening of the Blackburn Arena on November 12th for the 2016/17 hockey season. As you know, I was pleased to help bring some necessary lifecycle upgrades to the arena including a new ice surface, roof, rink boards and lighting. It's great to have our Blackburn Stingers back on home ice!

On December 3rd, I was thrilled to attend the BCA's Pancake Breakfast and was even able to have a chat with Santa and let him know what was on Innes Ward's Christmas List!

It was truly a joyous experience delivering much needed Christmas baskets with the Knights of Columbus on December 22nd to those families in need our community.

We are excited about the upcoming 2017 events in



and around Innes Ward. This will be a memorable year as we celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

I would like to congratulate the Blackburn Community Association Board of Directors on a successful 2016 that was filled with many great community events. Best wishes to the newly elected board for 2017.

Make sure to save the date for my 3rd Annual Family Skate Day on February 20th from 1:00-3:00 at the Blackburn Arena. There will be hot chocolate and timbits for everyone! See you there!



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- Other good food ideas happening in Ottawa?

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The PETS Tip: Your dog or cat's mouth

When was the last time that you took a peek in your dog's or cat's mouth?

By the age of two, 80% of dogs and 70% of cats have some form of dental disease. Just like us your pets need dental care. There are many ways to keep your critter's teeth and gums healthy, such as brushing daily with a pet approved toothpaste and a soft bristle tooth brush, dental chews, dental diets or oral rinses. A complete dental cleaning under anesthesia is also sometimes needed to remove the build-up of plaque and tartar.

When do you start oral care and how can you stick to the program? The idea is to get your pet to like getting his mouth touched (which is often the biggest battle). To make it fun, have a set routine and give a small treat or a special attention after

brushing their teeth. Not only kids like to get a surprise if they were good at the dentist! It can take up to a month before a pet accepts general oral hygiene—be patient and don't give up.

When choosing an appropriate toy for your pet make sure it isn't too hard. Avoid sticks, rocks and bones as they can damage gums, cause fractures, wear down teeth or worse, be swallowed.

So tonight be brave and take the time to inspect your pet's mouth. If you notice bad breath, bleeding gums, swelling or anything that you feel shouldn't be there, make an appointment with a veterinarian. They can recommend the best course of action to get your pet's mouth to smell fresh and be healthy.

You can send ideas or questions for the next article to: info@thehamletveterinaryhospital.ca.

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They have 34 years of combined experience caring for pets. Dr. Vincelette has a special interest in surgery and dental health. When he is not working, he enjoys hiking in the woods with their four kids.

Dr. Seguin loves educating people on how to take care of their furry friends and treat various illnesses. She is interested in all aspects of medicine but holds a special place in her heart for aging cats/dogs.



During her free time, she volunteers as a scout colony leader. The Hamlet Veterinary Hospital is located in the same mall as the public library and the TD bank. This brand new facility has state of the art digital dental and full body x-rays. Its team is fully

bilingual and is looking forward to meeting you. Their goal is to offer honest, caring and professional care for everyone. Stop by to visit this new hospital or to make an appointment.

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FUNFAIR 2017—Celebrate Canada's 150th

by Brent Lawrie, Blackburn
FUNFAIR Chair

The biggest event in Blackburn Hamlet is coming June 2nd to 4th! 2017 is Canada's 150th birthday and this year's FunFair will be joining in the celebrations with a Canadian themed fair. We are going to add more events and entertainment to have one BIG three-day birthday celebration. Planning has already started and the FunFair committee is pulling together to give the community a great weekend for all to enjoy. Over the next few months, our schedule of events will be posted in future BANARS and on the FunFair website, so stay tuned.

As you know, the FunFair is organized and run by volunteers and every year we put the call out for more people to commit some of their extra time to help bring the FunFair to its full potential. We still need help from individuals or groups to take on the organizing and operation of some events, so that we can maximize the activities that our community has come to enjoy over the years. When you or your group help take on an event it qualifies you for one or more honorariums which will be distributed back into the

I would also like to give thanks to Kowalski Hearing Solutions, PNE Propane and Sally's Grooming who were sponsors that were missed in the last BANAR.



CANADA 150

Blackburn community to the organization, club or school of your choosing. I am requesting help from dedicated individuals to organize and run the Used Book

Sale, the Dunk Tank, Field Games, Fish Pond and some other events that make our fair great. So come and join the FunFair team; have fun, meet some new people and continue making this a great community event for all. Send me an e-mail for more details.

Contact Brent Lawrie, Chair at Funfairchair@gmail.com. General information: infoblackburnfair@gmail.com and Blackburn Hamlet Funfair website at www.blackburnfunfair.ca.



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2017 Cancer Chase 5k Walk/Run Preparations have started

by Bill Horne, Chair

The 2017 Cancer Chase team is working to make the Sixth Annual Cancer Chase another huge success. We are updating our website for 2017 and encourage you to visit www.cancerchase.com.

Everything you need for the event is there: online registration via the Running Room, donations to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation to support cancer research, view of the race course, pictures from last year, and much, much more.

You do not have to register in advance. You can just show up between 8:15-9:00 on September 24th at the Eric Danis Clubhouse, 1660 Bearbrook, in front of the SuperDome. Bring whatever donation you can and sign up there.

We also have a thriving silent auction, and a raffle draw with oodles of prizes. Food and refreshments will be available for your enjoyment.

If you have a business in Blackburn or vicinity, you can email our new Sponsorship Chair Belinda



Leung, sponsor@cancerchase.com, to let her know you want to make a donation to the silent auction or raffle prizes.

Huge thanks to our former Sponsorship Chair Eileen Lindsay, the human perpetual motion machine!

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Transportation Projects

by John Balint, chair of Environment and Transportation Committee

The BCA Environment and Transportation Committee are tracking transportation projects, including active transportation (pedestrian and cycling) and improvements in traffic flow and safety within the Hamlet.

Projects we are keeping an eye on:

- The City of Ottawa's 2017 Transportation Budget includes plans to re-pave Westpark Drive and Bearbrook Road between Centerpark Drive and St. Joseph Blvd.
- The extension of the LRT eastward as far as Trim Road is planned to run along the 174 corridor with a station on the 174 at Montreal Road overpass.

If you have any questions, concerns or are interested in helping, please let us now by contacting jbalint@rogers.com.



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Recruiting seniors for Seniors Action Committee

by *Laura Dudas/Linda Gray*

The Blackburn Community Association is looking for older adults from our community who can provide ideas and feedback on community initiatives as part of the Seniors Action Committee.

The Committee has replaced the disbanded BCA 50 + Group and provides the BCA with important insight into the services, events and advocacy needs of older adults in our community.

In the past year they have worked on creating Seniors Information Night, a Seniors trade show, showcasing

services and companies geared to the senior population.

The Committee will:

- Meet quarterly in 2017 or as required, meeting dates to follow. First one to be in March 2017
- Will include up to 20 members, all of whom must be 50 years of age or older.
- Members must live, work or volunteer in Blackburn Hamlet.

Interested members of the community can contact the Seniors Action Committee at seniors@blackburnhamlet.ca.

Blackburn Community Walk Audit


The Blackburn Community Association partnered with the Council on Aging Ottawa for a Walk Audit on January 21st. Amica Bearbrook sponsored the event and graciously served specialty coffee and treats.

Sixteen residents of all ages walked predetermined routes though the community and identified areas that are not fully accessible and would pose an issue for

those with mobility issues. Because of the mild weather some of the areas on the pathways and sidewalks would have been dangerous if the temperature had dropped a couple of degrees.

Watch for the Council's report on the information gathered that will help advocate for accessibility improvements in our community.

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Join in some fun environmentally conscious crafts!

by John Balint, chair of Environment and Transportation Committee

On February 11th, join the BCA's Environment and Transportation Committee for some fun environmentally conscious crafts!

The BCA Environment and Transportation Committee will be hosting a drop-in craft



morning for children and youth with Valentine's Day related crafts at the Blackburn Community Centre, 200 Glen Park Drive. Some beverages and snacks will be served. Please dress accordingly.

Each child/youth between 4 and 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. While this is a drop-in event, in order to help us prepare we would ask those interested in participating to send an email to Sarah Morgan-White at sarah@morgan-white.ca indicating your interest in attending, number of participants and ages.

Other events in 2017:

Interested in helping? The newly constituted BCA Environment and Transportation Committee is looking for volunteers to help out with our events. Give us a shout. Email jbalint@rogers.com if you can help with one or more of following events:

- **Annual Spring Cleanup**, Saturday April 22 from 10AM to 12 Noon. We will be focussing on cleaning up Innes from Tauvette to Glen Park Drive at Bearbrook and the park area and ball diamond near the Blackburn Community Hall.
- **Annual Community Garage Sale**, Saturday May 6 (rain date May 7).
- **Bicycle Re-Cycle and Kids Bike Skills Development Day**, Sunday May 7 from 9am to 4pm, *see details on page 17.*
- **Annual Tree Planting Day**: more information to come
- **Nature Walks**: more information to come.

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Bicycle Re-Cycle and Kids Bike Skills Development Day

by John Balint

The Environment and Transportation Committee of the Blackburn Community Association is partnering with Velofix Ottawa to hold our first annual Bicycle Re-cycle and Kids Bike Skills Development Day on Sunday May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall (200 Glen Park Drive).

We will be accepting donations of all children's bikes, no matter the condition. Velofix will assess, and make any required repairs before the BCA takes the used bicycles (tricycles, scooters and skate boards) for recycling into the community. With each bicycle donated, our friends from Velofix will provide a quick free tune up and mechanical fitness check of one of your "keeper" bikes.

Also, the BCA will be offering an opportunity for children and youth ages 6 to 13 to participate in developing their biking skills at no cost. They will learn essential bicycle handling and traffic skills for young cyclists in a fun festival type atmosphere. Topics include helmet fitting, bicycle maintenance, handling, signalling, gears, braking, avoiding road hazards and more. Participants must know how to ride and must wear an approved cycling helmet.

This bike skills development day is being organized by Adam Kourakis, owner of Velofix Ottawa. He is an experienced cyclist and coach with the triathlon club Bytown Storm. The City of Ottawa Safe Cycling team is linked with the Canadian Cycling Association's CANBIKE project and they have been invited to participate in this event.

A session will be held from 10AM to 1 PM for kids from 6 years to 9 years of age and a session for kids from 9 years to 13 years of age will follow from 1PM to 4PM. We will set up on line registration system on the BCA website in order to have an idea on how many to expect.

If your child does not have a bike but can ride and would like to participate we should have a few loaners available from the bicycle re-cycle donations but please supply the helmet.

The location for the Bicycle Re-cycle and Kids Bike Skills Development Day will be in the parking lot in front of the community center near the arena. May 7 follows the annual Blackburn Hamlet Community Garage Sale on May 6 so dig out those old childrens' and grandchildren' bikes and plan to have the BCA re-cycle them in the Hamlet.

For further information contact John Balint, BCA Environment & Transportation Committee at 613-824-6940 or e-mail jbalint@rogers.com.



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Programs and more at the Blackburn Library

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Ski passes are now available as a one-week loan for the trails in Gatineau Park and at Mooney's Bay. Please visit the branch to check one out as they are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Jennifer and Cathie will continue to give programs throughout the school year for children 6 and under. As always, we encourage parents and their kids to visit the information desk and ask about our wonderful databases and resources for homework, projects, book reports and more!

Check back with us for complete details regarding March Break.

Babytime (bilingual) – Session 1
Wednesdays, January 11th to February 15th. 30 minutes. Ages 0 to 18 months.

ToddlerTime (bilingual) – Session 1
Thursdays, January 12th to February 16th. 30 minutes. Ages 18 to 35 months.

Family Storytime (bilingual)
Session 1 - Thursdays, January 12th to February 16th. 30 minutes. Family program.

Sessions 2 and 3 (all programs) –
Dates to be determined

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Blackburn Library (Continued from page 20)

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Round Table and Book Chat

3rd Monday of the month, 2 PM. 60 minutes No registration. New members always welcome.

Mon, February 13 The Great Escape by Ted Barris

Mon, March 20 And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

Mon, April 24 The Golden Son by Shilpi Somaya Gowda

Mon, May 15th The Back of the Turtle by Thomas King.

Fraud Protection for Seniors

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Registration Is Required for all Children's programs and Adult programs with the exception of the Round Table Book Chat are by registration. Please register online with your library card at www.biblioottawalibrary.ca or visit the Information Desk or by telephone at 613-580-2940 to register in-person. A valid library card is required for program registration.

"Embedded Images" by Mary Ann Varley

The Blackburn Library in conjunction with Arteast is proud to present an exhibition of mixed media artworks by Mary Ann Varley until April 1st.

Mary Ann's works often include photographic prints merged with creative drawing and painting. She likes to render the elements of these settings in all sorts of weather conditions making atmospheric images. These works include drawings and photo snap shots collaged with other papers into a mixed media painting. Drop in to the library and enjoy!

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par Claudette Dalpé

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Plusieurs activités sont prévues à notre calendrier 2017. Tout d'abord, deux courtes performances le samedi 8 avril au Centre d'accueil Roger Séguin à



Clarence Creek et à la Résidence Bellerive à Rockland. Le samedi 13 mai, nous donnerons un spectacle au Centre communautaire de Hunt Club-Riverside Park dans le cadre d'une initiative pour célébrer le 150e anniversaire de la Confédération. La Troupe présentera son spectacle le vendredi 9 juin et le samedi 10 juin à l'École secondaire publique De La Salle et clôturera l'année par un concert de Noël les samedi et dimanche 16 et 17 décembre au Centre des arts Shenkman où nous partagerons la scène avec la troupe

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Grandmothers Advocacy Network

by Myrtle Blinn, Co-Chair Ottawa
Orange Campaign for GRAN

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GRAN took part in the Campaign and as part of the Ottawa actions an event was held at city Hall with Mayor Jim Watson, City Councillors, including: George Darouze, Diane Deans, Catherine McKeeney, Chad Quadri, Stephen Blais, Marianna Wilkinson, Riley Brockington, Rick Chiarelli, Michael Qaqish and Jean Cloutier in attendance. MP for Ottawa West, Anita Vanderbeld, spoke on behalf of the Liberal Government supporting the work of GRAN and the UNiTE Campaign. Thank you to our local MP, Andrew Leslie, for his support in ensuring we had a Federal representative present. Mayor Watson read a Proclamation confirming the support of the City of Ottawa for the Campaign to end gender-based violence and presented a copy of the Proclamation to Hilary Elliott, National Co-Chair of GRAN.



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www.earthpath.ca, email info@earthpath.ca or call 613-858-8822. Information on field walks and workshops for adults coming soon.

Gloucester Allotment Garden Association

The association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd in the cafeteria at Louis Riel High School, 1655 Bearbrook Road in Blackburn Hamlet. Gardeners who attend the Annual Meeting and register their plot(s) will receive a discount.

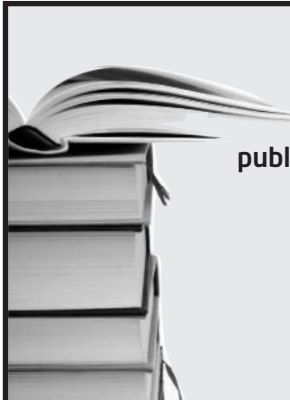
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