

## Well-deserved tribute to Founder of Allotment Gardens

*by John ApSimon, President GAGA\**

**George Bushell, who has been** the founding influence on the community gardens in Blackburn Hamlet at Orient Park and on the gardens on our Anderson Road site at Weir Road, is leaving the city. He and his wife Joanne are moving to Kitchener in late March to be closer to family.

George was President of the Gloucester Allotment Gardening Association for over three decades and before that was instrumental in setting up and designing the great facilities at both sites. His relations with all, from the NCC, the City, sponsors such as Friends of Mer Bleue and LaFarge were instrumental in our success. His gentle, but persuasive manner coupled with his comprehensive knowledge and experience has enabled the gardens to operate seamlessly and successfully for decades. He has inspired many local gardeners to get their hands dirty and produce great organic produce annually. Today nearly 400 plots are under cultivation each year with participation from hundreds of gardeners from Blackburn Hamlet and elsewhere throughout the city.



On

March 14th the GAGA Executive Committee paid tribute to George and his wife Joanne (somebody has to prepare and freeze all of the produce) at Makita Kitchen Bar restaurant on Bank Street. At that time we announced that the garden sites would henceforth be identified as the George Bushell Gardens although name of the Association remains the legal entity.

All from GAGA wish George and Joanne all the very best of luck and peace in their move. Many thanks for years—even decades.

\* Gloucester Allotment Gardening Association (GAGA)



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# President's message

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A recent question posted by the Blackburn Community Association on the community Facebook page ignited a flurry of responses from residents; more than 200 comments to be exact.

The question that started this outpouring of feedback asked residents to identify issues affecting our community.

The responses were wide ranging, covering things like improved cycling networks, more garbage bins, a splash pad, additional benches, and much more. The list was as diverse as our community.

But there was a commonality among the comments: our shared desire to work together to maintain the positive aspects of our community, while making improvements that would enhance our quality of life.

Not everyone is on Facebook. Not everyone's comments were heard as a result of this exercise.

However, it will assist the community association in focusing our efforts to best serve you. I was pleased to note that several of the items you listed, such as the splash pad, are projects we are already working on or have on our radar.

Our commitment to you is to continue working on your priorities and to advocate on your behalf. We'll keep coming back to you in different ways, through social media, our website, the BANAR and most importantly, in person, to find out what means the most to you.

If I could leave you with this thought, however, it would be that we can't do it alone. Everyone that posted a comment recognized a need in our community. Many of you added ideas on how we could address those needs. It's easy to post something and then hope someone else picks it up and runs with it. But by working together, we can check off all the items on your priority list.



Laura Dudas

**P.S. Have you enjoyed skating on Blackburn's outdoor rinks? Well, we are in danger of losing them.** The position of Rinks Director is currently vacant on the BCA board. If this position remains unfilled, there will be no outdoor rinks in operation next year because there is no one to coordinate the dedicated group of guys ready to continue doing the actual physical work. If you enjoy using the rinks, consider stepping up so you and other residents can continue to enjoy them in the years to come. If you have any questions, please email me at [president@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:president@blackburnhamlet.ca). For a detailed outline of what is involved please go to the BCA website: [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca) and follow the link posted on the home page. Thank you Satinder Sahota for posting this on the Blackburn Hamlet Community Facebook page March 23rd.



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DEADLINE Aug 15th / DELIVERY BY Sept 3rd

To verify dates or for more information go to [www.banar.ca](http://www.banar.ca)

## What's happening in the Hamlet?

Much of the Hamlet information you may be looking for can be found on the front page of the BCA website. A quick visit can show you the list of the next six community events and links to the most recent blog posts. Links to the BANAR, our contact list, and other pages are at your fingertips. Drop in often to see what's new! or check out these other ways of connecting to what is happening in the hamlet.

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**Blog Posts**— Go to the BCA website and link to a blog post RSS feed.

**Our Events Calendar**—You will find a list of the next six community events on the website's front page with a link to full descriptions on the events page. Because the pages are automatically generated by Google you can link it to Google or other calendar applications.

**Facebook Pages and Groups**

- The official BCA Facebook page: You do not need a Facebook account the official news posted from the BCA board.
  - Blackburn Hamlet Facebook community discussion group: Community-generated announcements and discussion. Members are screened and there is some moderation on content and discussion.
  - Blackburn Hamlet Vibrant Seniors: Keep in touch with other seniors in a group moderated by BCA's Senior Action Committee.
  - Blackburn Hamlet Business Facebook group (not maintained by BCA)
  - Blackburn Hamlet Buy, Sell, and Trade group (not maintained by BCA)
- Twitter**— Follow us on Twitter (@BlackburnOttawa) for reminders and the most up-to-date information even without an account of your own by simply visiting [twitter.com/BlackburnOttawa](http://twitter.com/BlackburnOttawa).

**Visit [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca) for more details on all the above so you can choose what works best for you!**

### BCA Meetings (Open to the public)

April 19, 2018 @ 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Blackburn Community Hall, 190 Glen Park Drive

Join the BCA board of directors at the community hall to discuss current issues. Agendas are made available in the week leading up to each meeting and minutes posted shortly thereafter at <http://blackburnhamlet.ca/minutes>.

Meetings are generally held the third Thursday of every second month, but please check our website or calendar to confirm the date as we no longer follow a strict pattern, and nights or times may change.

# Bike Rodeo Day

**Saturday, April 28** (Rain Date Saturday, May 5)

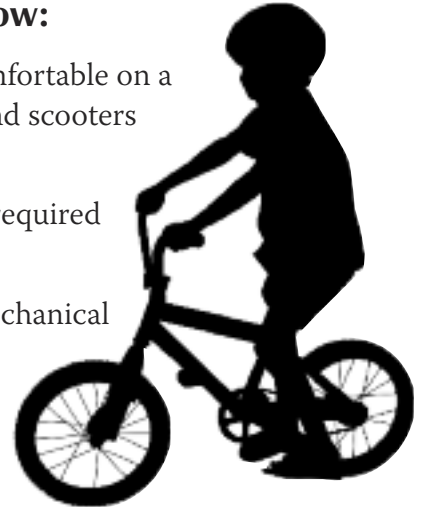
The Blackburn Community Association's Environment and Transportation Committee is planning a Bike Rodeo for **kids in grades 3, 4 and 5**. Certified CANBIKE instructors and volunteers will be going over some basic bicycle riding skills (starting and stopping, shoulder checks, riding in a straight line, etc.), safety tips and helmet fit. Each session of the skills development will be divided into various stations with some practice on the nearby pathways. There will be no riding on roads.

*The Bike Rodeo will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic School. Check-in will start at 9:45 a.m. for Session 1, Session 2 at 10:45 a.m. and Session 3 at 11:45 a.m.*

Each two hour session will be broken into groups of 10-15 kids based on numbers registered. They will spend about 15-20 minutes at each of the six stations. Session details, waiver and registration are on the BCA website.

## Things you and your kids need to know:

- Children should be comfortable on a bike (training wheels and scooters acceptable)
- Certified bike helmets required for bikes/scooters
- Bike must be in safe mechanical condition
- Sessions are described in more detail on the BCA website—  
[www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca)
- Parent or guardian must provide a signed waiver form at check-in.
- Waiver form is on the BCA website.



**Register on-line before April 27th at [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca). Questions? Call 613-824-6940.**

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- Ask your veterinarian about tick prevention or if the Lyme vaccination is a good option for your dog.

**Tick species:**

- There are several species of ticks. Please make sure the tick prevention you are using for your pet is effective against the Deer Tick (*Ixodes Scapularis*). This tick is the one that can transmit Lyme Disease.
- A good tick prevention should protect your pet for a minimum of one month against several tick species. Although less common, there are several other diseases that ticks can give your dog besides Lyme.

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## Blackburn Garage Sale

Saturday, May 5th (Rain date May 6th)

**Blackburn Hamlet** has been holding the annual community-wide garage sale on the first weekend of May since 2000— May 6th, 2000 to be exact!

Each spring, families and groups in Blackburn Hamlet have held their garage/yard sales on the same day in May to help draw crowds from all over town. Anything you don't sell and wish to giveaway can be placed on your curb after 4 pm.

The BCA is compiling a list of sales in order to create a public map of participating homes and streets. You can list your block instead of exact address if you would like to protect your privacy ahead of the sale. Send a location, hours and a short description of items to [garagesale@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:garagesale@blackburnhamlet.ca). The map will be shared on our website the week before the sale. Check the main page and events page for links.



## Annual Spring Clean-up

Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. (Rain date Apr 28)

**Meet us in front** of the Blackburn Community Hall, next to the arena at 190 Glenpark Drive

Every April, people across Canada celebrate Earth

Day, and what better way to celebrate than by cleaning up the hamlet. This is our community's opportunity to make the neighbourhood shine!

We will provide garbage bags, latex gloves and a suggested area for litter pick-up.

Following the neighbourhood clean-up, join us back at the Community Hall at 11:30 am for the annual group photo, and a BBQ complements of the Blackburn Community Association.

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by Sarah Morgan

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The walking school bus program allows children that live in the walk zone, to walk to school with friends and a trained leader. The walking school bus has many benefits for children including: promoting healthy and active

living, teaching children how to walk around safely, promoting independence, and also allowing children to know their neighbourhood. And let's not forget, children also have fun!

**Good habits formed at youth  
make all the difference."**

**~Aristotle**

The walking school bus also benefits our community by reducing traffic, congestion and therefore reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution.

Students can sign up to the program throughout the school year.

For more information or to get a program like this started at your school, please visit:

- <https://ottawasafetycouncil.ca/walking-school-bus/>, Walk zones and routes are available online:
- <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/helpful-resources/walking-route-walk-zone-maps-by-school/>

*The Environment & Transportation Committee has as its mandate to work collectively with residents of Blackburn Hamlet and stakeholders to bring positive environmental change to our community by promoting energy efficiency, waste reduction, protection of green space, sustainable transportation, increasing biodiversity and water protection.*



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# COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

by Councillor Jody Mitic

**On Family Day**, I was pleased to host Innes Ward families at my 4th Annual Free Family Day Skate Party at the Blackburn Arena. It was great to have the chance to speak with so many residents and also to our elected representatives, MP Leslie, MPP Lalonde and Mayor Watson. Thank you to the Toscano Walker Team for their generous sponsorship of keeping everyone fed with pizza!

I will be hosting a FREE Easter Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 31st at Saint Kateri School, 6400 Beausejour Drive from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Come for pancakes and sausages, colouring and a bouncy castle. Hope to see you there!

As a result of resident enquiries, and through my Temporary Traffic Calming (TTC) budget, there will be a few new TTC items added in Blackburn such as pavement markings on Innes and permanent "Slow Down for Us" signs on Centrepark.

In George's honour, the Gloucester Allotment Community Gardens will be renamed the George Bushell

Gardens. Thank you to Just Food for helping out with this. We wish George and Joanne all the best in their future endeavours.

I am pleased to partner with Ottawa Fire Services to distribute carbon monoxide detectors free of charge to seniors in Innes Ward. We still have a limited number of these at our ward office so if you require one, please get in touch with my office.

As always, feel free to get in touch anytime.

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# Seventh Annual Chase takes place on October 14

by Bill Horne

## Thanks to a newcomer in

Blackburn Hamlet, Lee Stach, who took up the last BANAR challenge, the Seventh Annual Blackburn Hamlet Cancer Chase will take place on October 14. Big shout out for Lee and her husband Ruwan!!

We will be a bit later in the year than usual, due to availability of the Hornets Nest soccer clubhouse, the start and finish of the event. 1660 Bearbrook Road, with free parking at the Clubhouse. See photo below.

Long term weather records indicate there will only be a couple degrees difference from the usual late September date, and the same chance of rain. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. and event starts at 9: a.m.

We expect to have all the features you have come to enjoy, like the silent auction, raffle draw, food, Running Room online registration including a T-shirt, and as usual, all the proceeds go towards cancer research at the world-class Ottawa Hospital. And while we hope many will register online, as usual, you can participate for free. And stop by our great partner, the Metro in Blackburn Shoppes on the preceding weekends and get rid of your loose change, or heavy plastic money.

## Here's a bit about Lee and Ruwan:

Lee and Ruwan moved to Blackburn Hamlet a few years ago. Prior to that, they lived in the northern Ontario town of



Bill Horne is moving to southern Ontario this month. Blackburn wish you well and want to thank you for your dedication over the years you have volunteered in Blackburn as president, chairperson of many committees, a shaker and a mover and overall dedication to the well-being of our community. P.S. The photo Bill sent in for this article can be seen below.

Sudbury. Both Lee and Ruwan are avid fans of the outdoors and spend much of their time enjoying outdoor activities. In fact, one of the big reasons why Lee and Ruwan chose to settle in the Hamlet is because of the proximity to the beautiful NCC trails. Lee is very excited to keep the tradition of the Cancer Chase alive; not only because it raises much needed funds for a worthy cause but also because it gives people a welcome opportunity to enjoy the lovely NCC lands in Blackburn.

We know that Lee is building her team of helpers, with several of

our long-standing committee members already on board, but she would love to hear from anyone who shares her passion for this event, and who would like to join the team. All you need is desire. Just put your hand up and email [info@cancerchase.com](mailto:info@cancerchase.com). Lee will be in grateful touch with you to find a spot for you on the team.

If you are any kind of business that would like to be a sponsor, send a note to the same email address.

You can keep in touch with all the news at [www.cancerchase.com](http://www.cancerchase.com), and in the BANAR.



# Plan ahead for FUNFAIR—June 1st to 3rd

by Brent Lawrie, FunFair Chairman

**Hope everyone is getting excited** about the spring and Blackburn Hamlet's annual FunFair. Your organizing team has been working hard to put together an abundance of activities and events for the whole community to enjoy. Get ready to have one of the best weekends to kick off your pre-summer festivities!

Some highlights of this year's FunFair are the return of the Craft Brew Night, our always awesome Parade, this year's theme "A Day At The Beach", three amazing events put on by Glow Sport, the Mixed Softball Tournament, a fantastic lineup of entertainment on our new stage and in our new large tent, Movie Night, Fireworks, the addition of the Paint Party and N.U.T.S., (Neuron Upgrade Training Station) and a whole lot more. Check the current schedule below for a listing of all the exciting events we will have at this year's FunFair:

## Friday June 1st

- 4 pm to 10:00 pm Midway Opens - on the grounds
- 5 pm to dusk Recreational Mixed Softball Tournament - Tauvette ball diamonds
- 6 pm to 8 pm Movie Night featuring 'To Be Announced' - Arena
- 6 pm to 10:30 pm - Craft Brew Night - with three east Ottawa brewers - Beer Gardens - no cover!
- 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm - Stage Show - behind Community Centre (check Friday line-up page)
- 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm Youth Fun Night presented by GlowSport - Arena
- Grounds close at 10:30 pm


## Saturday June 2nd

- 8 am to 10 am Pancake Breakfast - in Community Centre
- 10 am to dusk - Recreational Mixed Softball Tournament - Tauvette ball diamonds
- 10 am to 10:45 am FunFair Parade - Bearbrook Road (start at Louis Riel School; end Community Centre)
- 10 am to 3:30 pm Showcase - Arena
- 10 am to 3:30 pm Used Book Sale - Arena
- 10 am to 3:30 pm Silent Auction - Arena
- 11 am to 11 pm Midway - main grounds
- 11 am to 3 pm FunFair BBQ - near Community Centre

(featuring Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Sausages)

- 11 am to noon, 1 pm to 2 pm, and 3 pm to 4 pm - Ray's Reptiles, Arena
- 11 am to 3 pm Fruit Stand - east of Community Centre
- 11 am to 4 pm Bouncy Castle - Arena
- 11 am to 7 pm Glitter Tattoos - east of Community Centre
- 11 am to 4 pm Dunk Tank - west of Community Centre
- 11 am to 11:50 pm Stage Show - behind Community Centre (check Saturday line-up page)
- 11 am to 8:15 pm Beer Garden - behind Community Centre (closed for 45 minutes, reopens 9 pm, cover charge after 9 pm)
- 12 pm to 3 pm Family game area (free games with prizes like a throwback to the original FunFair) - soccer fields next to Community Centre
- 1 pm Cake cutting ceremony - Beer garden
- 1 pm to 3 pm Paint Party - Community Centre
- 5:30 pm to 10:30 pm Glow Wars - Team Challenge - Arena
- 9 pm to 11:45 pm Beer Garden - behind Community Centre (Cover charge, no minors)
- 10 pm Fireworks Show - Blackburn park baseball diamond
- Grounds close at midnight

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**Real Estate Philosophy #1**

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# Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa

Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa se préparent à célébrer leur 45e année d'existence en 2019 après un concert de Noël à guichet fermé

par Claudette Dalpé

C'est la tête pleine de mélodies du temps des Fêtes que « Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa » ont uni leurs voix à celles du groupe « Les Jeunes de cœur » et des enfants de la chorale « Le p'tit chœur de Sainte-Kateri » de l'école élémentaire catholique du même nom pour remémorer les plus beaux moments de cette période de réjouissances.

Tout près de 150 voix ont fait vibrer le Centre des arts Shenkman les 16 et 17 décembre dernier en

présentant à guichet fermé « Le Temps des Fêtes depuis 150 ans », clôturant ainsi les événements organisés par la « Société franco-ontarienne du patrimoine et de l'histoire d'Orléans (SFOPHO) » dans le cadre des festivités du 150e de la Confédération du Canada.

Il est maintenant temps de se consacrer à la planification des événements qui marqueront 45 ans de chansons en juin 2019. Le



Photo de la Troupe Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa en compagnie des deux autres chorales lors du concert de Noël « Le Temps des Fêtes depuis 150 ans » présenté les 16 et 17 décembre 2017 au Centre des arts Shenkman.

directeur musical, François Julien, et le directeur musical adjoint et fondateur de la Troupe, Gilles Julien, ont trimé dur depuis décembre pour harmoniser les nouvelles mélodies qui seront intégrées au répertoire. Les danseurs aussi se préparent sous la direction de leur chorégraphe en chef, Monique Cuierrier, épaulée de Claire McArde et de Lucie Parenteau, pour entourer les voix d'un petit tour de piste. Un court aperçu de ce que la Troupe présentera à son spectacle anniversaire de 2019 sera offert à deux mini-concerts en juin 2018. De plus amples informations sur ces deux performances suivront bientôt.

Avec les nouvelles voix qui se sont jointes à l'automne 2017 et les quatre recrues qui ont exprimé l'intérêt de se joindre depuis janvier 2018, la Troupe compte à ce jour 63 dynamiques choristes et danseurs accompagnés de leur pianiste Bertrand Crépeault. Nous sommes

en période de recrutement et la Troupe est toujours heureuse d'accueillir de nouveaux choristes motivés pour augmenter ses effectifs ou remplacer les membres qui doivent nous quitter. Des auditions sont offertes sur demande. Les critères d'audition sont décrits au [www.leschansonniersottawa.com/wp/auditions](http://www.leschansonniersottawa.com/wp/auditions). Les personnes intéressées peuvent envoyer une demande via le site web, la page Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/LesChansonniersdOttawa/>), le lien Twitter (<https://twitter.com/chansonniersott>) ou en téléphonant à Claire McArde au 613-830-5012. Les auditions ont habituellement lieu le mercredi à l'école secondaire Louis-Riel au 1655, chemin Bearbrook, Blackburn Hamlet.

Entre temps, nous vous invitons à nous suivre sur notre site au [www.leschansonniersottawa.com](http://www.leschansonniersottawa.com)



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# Funfair 2018 (continued from page 13)

## Sunday June 3rd

9 am In-person registration for Fun Run - Community Centre

10 am to finish - Recreational Mixed Softball Tournament (if necessary)

10 am to 11 am 5K Family Fun Run - start and finish on main field (check Fun Run webpage for route)

11:15 am to 12 noon 1K Kids Fun Run - start and finish on main field (check Fun Run webpage for route)

10 am to 3 pm Knowledge Based Obstacle Course, (powered by N.U.T.S. and Glow Sport) - Arena

11 am to 3 pm Midway - main grounds

11:00 am to 12:00 noon - TBA, Stay Tuned

12:30 to 1:30 pm FunFair Dog Show - stage behind Community Centre

1 pm to 3 pm to be announced - main field

Grounds close at 3 pm

Planning continues, so keep checking out our FunFair web page for all the latest updates and schedule of events at: [www.blackburnfunfair.ca](http://www.blackburnfunfair.ca).

As always, if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on the FunFair web page or e-mail me!



**We are always looking for help and new ideas!**

Brent Lawrie, Chair—[Funfairchair@Gmail.com](mailto:Funfairchair@Gmail.com)

General info—[infoblackburnfair@Gmail.com](mailto:infoblackburnfair@Gmail.com)

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**PLEASE NOTE: Bearbrook Road between Louis Riel High School and Innes Road, will be closed on Saturday, June the 2nd, from 10:00 am until approximately 10:45 am for the FunFair parade.**

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# Results of Environment & Transportation Committee survey

**We would like to thank all** those who took the time to complete the BCA's Environment and Transportation Committee survey about your top three environmental concerns. You have showed your community you care, and took a first step towards positive environmental change in the Hamlet. Two hundred and sixty residents responded.

**Why did we perform this survey?** Back in January, Ecology Ottawa approached community associations across the city of Ottawa to better understand neighbourhood and community led environmental concerns in order to improve their community engagement strategy. While our Committee certainly had many environmental issues that were top of mind, we created the survey to see what the most important environmental concerns to the community are.

## **What were the results?**

The top environmental concerns for our community were:

- 1.** Deteriorating health and reduction in number of our trees (101 votes)
- 2.** Litter left lying in public spaces (100 votes)
- 3.** Growing volume of vehicle traffic and associated effects on the environment (94 votes)
- 4.** Effects of various environmental nuisances on our ability to use greenspaces such as wild parsnip and ticks (Lyme disease) (89 votes)

*For the complete results of the survey we will be posting these on the BCA's website at: [www.blackburnhamlet.ca/environment](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca/environment).*

**"Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, nothing will change, it will not, it will not". ~ The Lorax**

**What happens now?** We will be submitting our findings to Ecology Ottawa and explore with them ideas to take action on these matters. This is what we have planned for this year.

- ✓ It is our intention to consult with you and third parties to create a long-term plan for reforesting the Hamlet and preserving our urban forest.
- ✓ We will be holding a community tree planting event in the fall, stay tuned.
- ✓ On June 9th we will be having a Park Day to celebrate and learn more about our parks and the urban forest.
- ✓ On April 21st we will be holding the annual spring cleanup to help address the litter.
- ✓ We will also examine and identify ways we can work with others to address the issue of litter in our community.
- ✓ At the funfair, on June 2nd, we will have a table in the arena to provide information on waste, recycling and different waste-related initiatives. This is your opportunity to give us ideas of

how you think we can deal with the issue of litter.

- ✓ We will continue to attend city, NCC and other meeting relating to active transportation and advocate for connectivity in the Hamlet of our trails and bike routes.
- ✓ We will be holding a bike rodeo on April 28th to promote cycling with our youth. *See* page 5.

We will continue publishing articles to educate on these important issues and to encourage action on behalf of residents. In this edition of the Banar we are publishing an article promoting the Walking Bus program to encourage parents and guardians to participate. *See* page 9.

In September, we will be holding an "Environment Education Day" which will focus on these top environmental concerns for our community. This is to provide you with more information, "Do It Yourself" solutions, and having open and frank discussions about what needs to happen.

We will continue to listen to you and ask for your thoughts and feedback.

More than ever, the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association's Environment and Transportation Committee needs your help. We are a committee of four individuals and while we dream big and have wonderful aspirations for our community, we need you to join us.

**Please contact us at [enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca).**

# Grandmas AIDing Grandmas 8th Annual Card Party

**Tuesday April 17** is the date for the grannies' very popular lunch and card party, held to benefit African grandmothers caring for children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, through the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

Again we will be at St. Helen's Anglican Church, 1234 Prestone Drive, Orleans. Lunch (all prepared by the grandmas) will be served at 1 pm. Doors open at 12:30. Play any card game with friends, and perhaps win one of our many door prizes, or find a treasure at the Mini Market and silent auction. Tickets \$30 and they are limited.

**Grandmas AIDing Grandmas** is proud to have raised \$53,655. over eleven years for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The "grandmother campaign" has then assisted more than three hundred



grassroots organizations in fifteen sub-Saharan countries, directly at the community level, with no bureaucracy involved.

To reserve tickets or for more information email [grandmas59@gmail.com](mailto:grandmas59@gmail.com) or call Barbara at 613-824-3524. A donation for the local food bank would be welcomed.



## Amica Helping Hands helping not-for-profit organizations

**Every December**, residents of Amica at Bearbrook prepare special baskets filled to the brim with non-perishable foods, a warm blanket and gift certificates for local grocery stores and pharmacies. This year the seventy-five baskets were valued at more than \$100 each. Resident Mrs. Annis Abel donates a lovingly hand-knitted item (scarf, hat, slippers or mittens) to every basket. The gift baskets were then delivered to the Eastern Orleans Resource Centre. Most of the recipients of the baskets live alone and in poverty.

"It feels good to know that we are giving seniors in need some comfort over the holiday season," says DeVries. "This basket will be the only gift many seniors will receive over the holidays and throughout the year."



# Brigil—Ski Heritage East's first corporate sponsor

by Ian Gadbois

Ski Heritage East is proud and excited to announce their first corporate sponsor, Orléans' premiere developer, Brigil. In addition to a substantial investment in the Trail, which allows increasing grooming the trails twice a week, Brigil has produced the Trail signs which you might already have seen. Ski Heritage East also expects they will benefit from Brigil's marketing expertise.

The sponsorship was a logical one for Brigil as the Trail comes right to the doorstep of their growing Petrie Landing development and fits well with their outdoor living theme.

Although this funding will be sufficient to keep the Trail groomed through the inevitable March snowstorms, Ski Heritage



East will continue to build for the future and welcome additional corporate sponsors.

## About Ski Heritage East (Facebook)

Ski Heritage East is a group that's hoping to create something similar in Ottawa's east end to the groomed multi-use winter trail along the Sir John A. Macdonald (SJAM) winter trail in the west.

The official launch of Ski Heritage East was held January 17, 2018.

For those who consider donating,

it is now possible for you to e-transfer directly to [skiheritage.east@gmail.com](mailto:skiheritage.east@gmail.com) (which will avoid the gofundme surcharge).

The trail stretches along eight kilometres from Green's Creek to Trim Road for classic skiing, snowshoeing, fat-tire cycling and walking, and if successful would eventually be extended to 16 kilometres in length.

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# Nature programs at Just Food Farm

**Earth Path**, a local non-profit that runs nature programs for children and adults at Just Food Farm/Green's Creek natural area, has a few programs coming up that you might like to check out. For details, please visit our website: [www.EarthPath.ca](http://www.EarthPath.ca) or call our main line 613-858-8822.

**Nature School Programs** - weekly programs for children ages 4-5 and 6-12, throughout the school year. Ask about subsidies if needed.

**Earth Roots Apprenticeship** - a 3-weekend course for adults and teens 14+ who want to deepen their nature knowledge and wilderness/survival skills while learning transformative approaches to nature connection/mentoring. Teen program runs on three Saturdays plus one evening per week and a final weekend camp-out in June. Adult program starts April 20.

Space still available in two summer camps: Teen Wilderness (Day) Camp (ages 12-16) and Earth and Wood Camp (ages 7-12).

**Come celebrate Just Food's 15th Anniversary!**



**When:** April 29th 11am-4:00pm  
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The Blackburn Hamlet Community Association's Environment & Transportation Committee in collaboration with Earth Path and Ecology Ottawa present:



**Saturday June 9th, 2018**  
**10 am to 3pm**  
**Harold Diceman Park**

Join us for various activities including: nature walks, reading in the park, community picnic, and more. **Fun for all ages.**

More info, registration for nature walks & schedule: [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca)




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# What's happening at the Blackburn Library

**This spring, we are offering** lots of new children and adult program ideas. We have storytime for the kids, as well as crafty afternoons, book clubs and creative writing programs for the adults. Everyone is welcome at the Blackburn Hamlet Library. Pop by and ask us what's new!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Round Table Book Chat

For adults, the Round Table Book Chat will meet in April on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Please join us as we discuss

exciting titles chosen by our members. New members are always welcome!

Monday, April 16th – *Stalin's Daughter* by Rosemary Sullivan

### Thursday Evening Book Club

**NEW!** For those who prefer to meet in the evenings, we have a new book club who have chosen great books to read. Come and join the lively discussion on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. New members are welcome!  
Thursday, April 5 – *Frog Music* by Emma Donoghue

### Crafternoon - Après-midi créatif

**NEW!** Are you looking for a place to knit, scrapbook, or practice your favorite craft in the company of friends? This is a great opportunity to show off your skills, share your knowledge or just have a cozy chat in a sunny room. Every other Friday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Next meeting on April 13. Please register.

### Short Story Writing Workshop - OPL 50+ Short Story Contest

Join Deborah-Anne Tunney, one of the judges for this year's OPL 50+ Short Story Contest, as she discusses the elements of a good story and answers your questions about writing. Please register. Tuesday May 01 at 2:30 p.m..

### Computer and Tablet Tutorials

We offer basic computer, Internet, Email, eBook or Library Catalogue Tutorials. You can bring your own laptop or tablet or learn on one of our public computers. Please call the branch to book a one-on-one appointment. 60 minutes.

## 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 and ask about our wonderful databases and resources for homework, projects, book reports and more!

**Babytime (Session 2) - bilingual**  
Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
April 4, 11, 18. Please register.  
Ages 0 to 18 months.

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## Blackburn Library (Continued from page 20)

### Toddlertime (Session 2) - bilingual

Thursdays from 10:15-10:45 a.m.  
April 5, 12, 19. Please register.  
Ages 19 to 36 months.

### Family Storytime (Session 2) - bilingual

Thursdays from 11:00-11:30 a.m.  
April 5, 12, 19. Please register.  
Ages 0 to 6 years.

*Artwork on our walls is courtesy of Arteast.*

### Art Exhibition of paintings by Maureen Mitchell Rooney and Danielle Beaulieu from March 31 to June 9th.

Both artists are well known for their insightful, well executed paintings. Maureen's works in oils are figurative, using people she knows in sometimes surreal settings. Danielle specializes in watercolor, using a variety of detailed subjects beautifully realized and interpreted.



## REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

for all children and adult programs with the exception of the **Round Table Book Chat and Thursday Evening Book Club.**

Register online with your library card at [www.biblioottawalibrary.ca](http://www.biblioottawalibrary.ca) or by calling 613-580-2940 or by visiting the Blackburn library and registering in person.

A valid library card is all that is required for program registration.

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## Recycled Art Challenge—Transform Trash into Treasure

Transform old or discarded materials into something new—a new purpose, a new look, useful or esthetic and then display your treasure at the Navan Fine Arts Show that will be held April 21 and 22.

Perhaps you might make a shopping bag from the cloth from an old umbrella. Or turn colourful papers into paper beads to make a necklace. Recycle old CDs, candy wrappers, socks, or reclaimed wood into something new. The possibilities are endless and is limited only by your own creativity!

Take the Recycled Art Challenge and register by April 11 at [navanarts.com](http://navanarts.com) to display your repurposed trash at the Navan Fine Arts Show at the Navan Memorial Centre Arena, 1295 Colonial Road. Monetary donations will be accepted at the show for the Orleans-Cumberland Food Bank.

## Spring Fashion Show 2018

Saturday, April 7th at 10 a.m.

Come and enjoy a fun fashion show where all the models are customers and also cancer survivors. Admission is free and there will be draws for lots of prizes that have been donated by friends and businesses.

On the day of the show 25% of all sales go to the Ottawa Hospital for cancer research and a donation will also be made to Victoria's Quilts Canada. Arrive early as seating is limited to 125 people.

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### BHCC GIVEAWAY!

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### THIRD THURSDAYS

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# Exciting Season Ahead for Blackburn Tennis

As soon as weather permits nets will be up in preparation for another great tennis season. We are very happy to announce that, by the end of June, courts 1–4 will have a new Laykold Fibreglass Membrane Court Restoration—beautiful to look at and even nicer to play on! Many thanks to Jody Mitic, our city councillor, and the Blackburn Community Association for their assistance in making this happen; it is an improvement that was very much needed.

Registration dates are April 21 and 28 at the club house, 2669 Innes Rd. or any time after this when staff is available. As usual, first time members save 25%, and new this year, Blackburn Community Association members save 10%. Scheduled activities begin May 5th (continuing May 12 and 19) with a “Drills and Skills” clinic open to all from 9 to 11am. Brush up on your skills for the coming season. On Saturday May 25 we hold an Opening Round Robin and BBQ for all—families welcome.

For junior players, our popular Full Day Tennis Camp starts July 2 and runs for five weeks, and the Junior High Performance program starts May 8. We have a weekday adult drop-in round robin for all levels, and a competitive adult evening league, as well as many social events happening during the summer, including a planned Rogers Cup trip.

Group and private lessons are available from our certified pros. Check our website [www.blackburntennis.ca](http://www.blackburntennis.ca) or email [blackburntennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:blackburntennisclub@gmail.com) for more information.

Even better drop by and talk to our friendly staff as soon as weather permits; we look forward to seeing you.



## BLACKBURN TENNIS CLUB

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### 25% discount for first time members!

### REGISTRATION

Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Register at the Clubhouse between 10am - 2pm

### Membership Fees

Adults: \$120.00	Couples: \$ 160.00	Family: \$195.00
Juniors: \$70.00	Seniors: \$95.00	

**The Blackburn Tennis Club offers a full slate of tennis activities for all ages and skill levels!**

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- Adult Evening League Play
- Weekend Drop-in Round Robin
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- Cardio Tennis & Stroke of the week
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Session 2: July 9 - July 13	Non Member: \$250.00
Session 3: July 16 - July 20	<i>Register early as spaces are limited!</i>
Session 4: July 23 - July 27	
Session 5: July 30 - August 3	

For more details on all our Junior tennis activities and programs, visit [www.blackburntennis.ca](http://www.blackburntennis.ca).

### Have Fun, Be Active!

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*Saturday, May 5th, 8 am to 1 pm*

Join us for great bargains at the largest garage sale in Blackburn Hamlet. If you don't have enough items to run your own garage sale please consider donating to this project. Books, children's clothing, toys, bicycles, working electronics, sports equipment, household items and tools would be welcome. Unfortunately we cannot accept tires, large furniture, old computers with CRT monitors, old TVs and major appliances. Donations can be dropped off at Good Shepherd Church, 3092 Innes Road, Friday, May 4th between 1 and 6 p.m.

## City of Ottawa Summer Camps

Register for the City of Ottawa Summer Camps in Blackburn Hamlet! Summer camps are being offered at the Blackburn Community Hall and at Emily Carr Middle School. All camps are programmed with active, engaging games and activities.

Visit <https://ottawa.ca/recreation> and click on "Spring and Summer Recreation eGuides"

## Rothwell Plant and Yard Sale

*Saturday, May 12, 8 am. to 12 p.m.*

PLANT SALE—Come and get your perennial/annual flowers, house plants, tomato and vegetable plants, herbs, ground covers and grasses.

Plant donations would be welcomed and can be dropped off at Rothwell United Church, Thursday or Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Contact John Peddie at 613-837-4336.

YARD SALE—Are you spring cleaning and have clean items in good condition for a yard sale? Kitchen items, decorative objects, toy, books, tools, etc. would be most welcome. No clothing or furniture please. Donations can be dropped off at Rothwell United Church the week of May 7 to May 10., 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or Friday, May 11, 9 a.m.–12 noon or 5 p.m.–7 p.m. Contact Judith Kotila at 613-745-5516.

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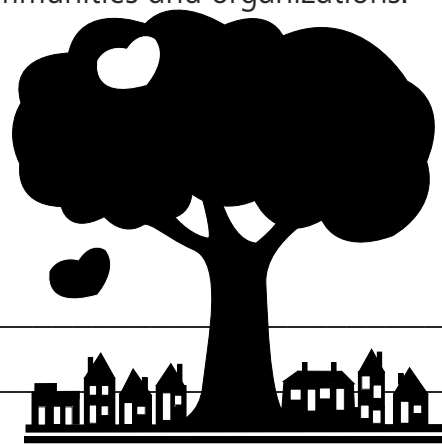
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