

Blackburn Hamlet Preschool is on the Move!



by Humaira Popal

For the past 40 years, a little white building tucked in behind the Blackburn Arena has been a warm, welcoming early-learning environment for the young children of Blackburn Hamlet and surrounding areas. On every street in the Hamlet you will find families with fond memories of their children's, grandchildren's or their own days attending the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool. In addition to providing a stimulating and enriching first experience in a school setting, the preschool

has been a place for forming childhood friendships, connecting parents and strengthening the feeling of community that makes Blackburn Hamlet so special.

Unfortunately, the Preschool's current building has reached the end of its useable lifespan. As a result, our lease will be terminating at the end of August 2015.

The Preschool is in the process of finding a new location in or around Blackburn Hamlet. Our preference is obviously to remain in the Hamlet. We greatly appreciate the support and assistance that we've received from families and the community, and invite anyone with ideas or contributions that could help with our relocation to contact the Preschool.

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President's message

Just a few weeks after its inaugural meeting, the Blackburn Community Association's Seniors Advisory Committee is moving full steam ahead with a slate of ideas to improve services for seniors in our community.



The Committee decided that the best way to find out what older residents want was to ask them. That's why you will find a survey published in this edition of the BANAR on pages 14 and 15 that aims to find out what residents, ages 50 or more, would like to see improved in our community.

The survey can be filled out, cut out, and either mailed or dropped off at my house at 19 Northpark Drive, Ottawa, ON, K1B 3R7. You can also email me directly at president@blackburnhamlet.ca and I will pick it up. Alternatively, you can also drop off the survey at Amica at Bearbrook or Homelife Realty at 2514 Innes Road.

Although I encourage our older residents to fill out the survey, it's also helpful for residents who have elderly relatives, friends, neighbours or who work with or volunteer with seniors to answer the questions.

When it comes down to it, the work that will be done by the Committee will improve our community overall—which benefits all residents regardless of age.

We will be posting this survey on our website at Blackburnhamlet.ca in the coming weeks and promoting it on our social networks.

The Seniors Advisory Committee is a group of local individuals who are either over the age of 50 or who provide services for seniors in the community. This committee will advise the community association on all matters pertaining to seniors. If you are interested in getting more information on this group, or want to attend its next meeting, contact me at president@blackburnhamlet.ca.

Laura Dudas



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Blackburn Hamlet Preschool (Cont'd from pg 1)

Jody Mitic, Councillor for Innes Ward 2, and his staff are committed to assisting the Preschool in a smooth transition to a new home, and we appreciate their ongoing support.

In anticipation of the extra expenses associated with relocating we have set up an online crowdfunding page at <http://gofundme.com/bhpreschool> for anyone who wishes to make a donation.

While it is sad to say goodbye to the building we've called home for over 40 years, a new location offers new opportunities. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is ongoing, and the Preschool's dedicated and experienced staff look forward to continuing to offer the same quality programs for children ages 1.5 to 4 years in a new location in September.

You can visit our website (www.bhps.ca) and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/blackburnhamletpreschool) for updates on the move or for information on our quality programs.

Thank you Blackburn Hamlet for your ongoing support. As a proud partner of this community since 1971, we look forward to being part of the early childhood education of future generations.

Blackburn Community Association BCA Membership Renewal Form

Blackburn Hamlet is known across the region for being a friendly, active and progressive community. Please show your support for the Blackburn Community Association by purchasing your \$10 family membership. The membership fee helps pay for the BANAR and many of the other exciting projects.

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Join us for the Annual Spring Clean-up

Please mark your calendars — the 15th annual Blackburn Hamlet Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. The rain date is Saturday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m. This is our community's opportunity to make the neighbourhood shine, through litter collection, graffiti clean-up and collection of household batteries.

And, we've got room for everyone:

- If you are new to the community and are looking to meet some friendly faces, the annual Spring Clean-up is a great place to start;
- If you are a high school student looking for volunteer hours, please come on out;
- If you are a family with children attending school in the area (now or previously), there's room for you too; and
- For those of you who love Blackburn's first social community event of the spring season, come on down, we'd love to see you too!

Meet us in front of the Blackburn Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive) at 9:30 am. We will provide garbage bags, latex gloves and a suggested area for litter pick-up. If you want, bring your own gloves to help keep your fingers warm and dry! Bring along a reusable coffee mug if you'd like to enjoy a warm beverage while you "work", compliments of our local



Tim Hortons. And, don't forget to drop off your used household batteries.

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

If you have any questions, call Barb Sweazey at 613-845-0861 or bsweazey@rogers.com. Let's make this year the best yet. Hope to see you there!

Annual Blackburn Community Garage Sale

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Blackburn Hamlet, it's time to get to know your Funfair committee. This year many of the annual Funfair volunteers will be returning. Your Funfair team has been working hard for the last three months to prepare for the June 5-7 event.

Co-chairs **Brent Lawrie** and **Laurie Trepanier** are new to their roles but not to the committee. This year they hope to lead the team to the best Funfair ever!

We are in the process of updating and moving our website. **Sherri Cameron**, our Webmaster is hoping to have this completed shortly.

Ben Charlebois, returning Treasurer will ensure that our budget is maintained and the bills are paid.

Betsy Schagerl and **Trisha Cloutier** will be leading the Sponsorship team. If you would like to donate to the Funfair, please let them know.

Mike Murphy and **Kevin Wright** will provide an outstanding musical line-up and stage coordination.

Sarah Dawson will coordinate the Sunday Fun Run. The committee would love to see an increase in participation for both the 1K and 5K runs.

Jennifer Belanger and **Angele Brown** will be coordinating the "Fair Play: Sport Theme Parade".

Plan on bringing the whole family for the Pancake breakfast and a burger for lunch later. **Sherri Piercey** will be the food coordinator again this year.

We are always looking for volunteers —this is a great event to meet members of the community and help a long-standing tradition. Contact **Ali Yassine**, our volunteer coordinator for more information.

Darlene Avarar will be our Showcase / Arena Manager this year. Contact **Darlene** if you would like to book a table for your business or organization.

Julie Bisson will be organizing the Friday Movie Night in the arena.

Cliff Seibel and **Jeff Miller**, our backbones, will provide facilities management support.

And lastly, the Girls Softball team, led by **Trudy Millette**, will be running the beer tent bar again this year. Thanks again for the great support!

If you would like more information or to join our team, please email us at infoblackburnfair@gmail.com or funfairchair@gmail.com.



Funfair co-chairs **Brent Lawrie**, **Laurie Trépanier** and the Funfair co-ordinators look forward to hearing from you.



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By Bill Horne

The 2015 Cancer Chase team

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The Running Room has set up a sponsorship page in conjunction with the registration so you can easily recruit friends and family to sponsor you. Online registration costs just \$25, plus a small administration fee, and includes another great locally produced t-shirt signifying the Greenbelt where we will walk and run. Just show up after 8:15 a.m. on September 27th.

If you cannot make it to the event or sponsor a participant, you can still support the cause by going to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation at <http://ohfoundation.ca/our-events/blackburn-cancer-chase> and make a donation. All donations over \$15 will receive a tax receipt.



The Cancer Chase will start and finish at the Eric Danis Clubhouse, Hornets Nest, 1660 Bearbrook.

Contribute what you can. T-shirts will be available for sale, depending on supply, with priority to Running Room registrants.

If you have a business in Blackburn or vicinity, you can email Eileen Lindsay at erl1945@gmail.com to make a donation to the silent auction or raffle prizes. Your business will receive plenty of recognition.

As well, we are always looking for volunteers to help before and during the event, especially course

marshals, so if that interests you or you know any teenagers needing volunteer hours, contact Shirley Shea, Volunteer Coordinator, at shirley.shea@bell.net.

You can keep up with developments on the BCA website, www.blackburnhamlet.ca or the Blackburn Community Facebook page.

And if all else fails, you can always email the Race Director, Bill Horne, wghorne@rogers.com or the Cancer Chase Chair, Laura Dudas, lldudas3@gmail.com.

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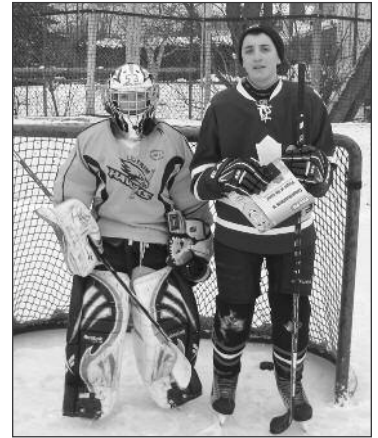
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Councillor's Message: Safety Issues in the Hamlet

by Councillor Jody Mitic

I want to begin by highlighting an important topic that has come to my attention in the form of safety issues in the Hamlet.

As several residents are aware, there have been several recent incidents of concern from door-to-door sales people making false claims about drinking water quality, to people being followed home by strangers. While the Hamlet is and always has been a wonderful and safe community to live, work and play in, I wish to convey the importance that when something suspicious or threatening happens in Blackburn, please call the police before turning to social media to vent. Several issues went unreported to the Ottawa Police and By-Law Service.

It's why my office held a community safety information night in February at the Community Hall with Staff Sergeant Brad Hampson and Constable Heather Cooper from our Community Policing Office. We want every resident to know that if they feel their safety or security is at risk, it doesn't hurt to call police and file a report. That way there will be a record if the incident develops into a pattern or occurs again.

I've heard from some residents that they feel these issues aren't important enough to clog a telephone line at 911 but that's why the Ottawa Police have a non-emergency line, 613-236-1222 that residents can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to file a report or to give the Police information.

Recognition of Volunteers

Here at City Hall, I had the opportunity to officially recognize a handful of the Hamlet's esteemed personalities in early March who have spent years giving back to our community.

On March 6th, I paid tribute to five women leaders from the Innes Ward community in recognition of International Women's Day. Joined by former Ottawa journalist and trailblazer, Kimothy Walker, I presented Certificates of Recognition from myself and Mayor Jim Watson to BCA President Laura Dudas and Hamlet businesswoman Janet Gray, among others from the Ward. Being able to invite these leading women to breakfast at City Hall and recognizing their efforts to the cause of women and girls was a small way for me to let them know how proud I am of everything they've done, are doing and will continue to do for our community. I am truly honoured to have celebrated their accomplishments.

The evening prior I had the opportunity to honour five local community sports volunteers with Certificates of Recognition, as well as invitations to Ottawa's Key to the City presentation to Daniel Alfredsson. The Key to the City is a prestigious honour bestowed upon Ottawa's biggest icons who have given so much to our City and our communities. In that same spirit, I invited Gord Gray who has been running the Initiation Program with

the Blackburn Stingers for over 20 years, as well as BCA Parks and Rinks Director Ali Yassine, among others from the Ward, as my guests for the evening so that I could honour their volunteerism and commitment to making local, organized sports a reality.

It also came to my attention that four members of the Blackburn Minor Hockey Association Board are retiring at the end of their terms this year: Wally Montpetit, who has served as President of the Board for 9 years; Fiona Campbell, who has also served for 9 years in various roles from Registrar to Vice-President of Finance to Convenor; Bev McKeown, who has served as Director of Discipline for 15 years; and Maurice Archambault, who has given 25 years to the BMHA as President, Vice-President and Equipment Manager. These four individuals have given years of volunteerism to the Stingers, and it was an honour to recognize their accomplishments at their Board meeting in mid March on behalf of the community.

I'm incredibly proud that Innes Ward is home to so many incredible leaders who contribute so much to the development, growth and livelihood of our community.

Should there be anything I or my staff can assist you with, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my office at 613-580-2472 or send me an email at Jody.Mitic@ottawa.ca.

Thanks, everybody, and have a great spring!

Business Profile: BGM Real Estate Team

As many of you have undoubtedly noticed over the years, Christine Bussieres and Laurie Gagnier, as well as Jeff Miller, have been active in Blackburn Hamlet. Whether helping residents with their real estate needs, or contributing to the community through the BCA or various sponsorships, their contribution is well known. That's why, in their ongoing commitment to providing first-class service, they have joined forces and are now the BGM Real Estate Team!

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Christine Bussieres



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Jeff Miller

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You may not be ready to buy or sell yet, but if you have any home-related questions, or if you have any family and friends who do, don't hesitate to contact them. You can find them at www.myottawateam.com or at www.youtube.com/myottawateam and Facebook at www.facebook.com/myottawateam. Don't forget to watch the amazing video they did on Blackburn Hamlet on their YouTube channel!

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Le mois de mars étant celui de l'alimentation, nous sommes allées au Superstore préparer un repas puis le déguster. Tout ceci aide les jeunes à se préparer pour les camps mais aussi à réaliser la réalité des autres.

Nous allons décorer des œufs de Pâques le 26 mars puis le mardi 1er avril nous aurons un repas Seder ou de la pâque juive où nous mangerons du pain azyme avec de l'agneau et des herbes amères.

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Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa : une 41e saison dynamiquement en branle

by Ghislain Dubeau

L'année 2014, pour la troupe Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa, fut remplie de festivités et de merveilleux moments soulignant le 40e anniversaire de sa fondation par Gilles Julien.

L'année 2015 s'avère déjà très bien partie. Le vendredi 13 février dernier, Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa ont été invités à chanter l'hymne national à la Place TD lors du match opposant l'équipe des 67 d'Ottawa aux Bulls de Belleville. Ce fut également une occasion pour les membres de la Troupe de vivre une nouvelle expérience musicale et de socialiser dans un cadre inhabituel et amusant.



Dans le cadre de sa vocation communautaire et caritative, la Troupe est activement impliquée au sein de la collectivité. C'est dans cet esprit que le dimanche 29 mars dernier, la Troupe a présenté un court spectacle au Pavillon de l'Île à Gatineau ainsi qu'au Centre d'accueil Champlain à Vanier. Dans une ambiance chaleureuse, le cœur des résidents vibrait d'émotions accompagnées de merveilleux sourires remplis de joie.

Maintenant, en route vers Québec! En effet, du 15 au 17 mai prochains, la Troupe sera à Québec dans le but de présenter un spectacle à l'Église de la Nativité de Notre-Dame à Beauport. Ce spectacle, qui se veut une collecte de fonds, sera présenté avec le Grand chœur Claude Léveillé sous la direction musicale de François Provencher, de François Julien et de Gilles Julien. Au programme, chaque chœur présentera diverses pièces musicales de son répertoire respectif, ce qui sera suivi d'une prestation en commun de diverses chansons rendant hommage à Claude Léveillé, pianiste et auteur-compositeur-interprète québécois décédé en juin 2011. Pour ceux qui seront ou qui ont de la famille et des amis à Québec, le spectacle sera présenté à 19 h 30 et les billets au coût de 20 \$ sont disponibles en composant le 418-661-6985 ou à la porte le soir du spectacle.

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Help improve services for seniors by filling out this survey

The Blackburn Community Association Seniors Advisory Committee wants your ideas on how we can better serve the needs of older adults in our community. All information will be kept confidential and will be used to guide the community association in its funding and decision-making going forward.

How old are you? (*circle the category that applies*)

- a) 50 to 60
- b) 61 to 70
- c) c. 71 to 75
- d) d. More than 75

As a senior, what are your top concerns in respect to our community (*circle all those that apply*)

- a) Safety
- b) A lack of social services for seniors
- c) Being able to physically get around our community (accessibility)
- d) Improving transit
- e) Protecting the local environment
- f) Other (*please specify* _____)

How do you prefer to get information from the community association? (*circle your choice*)

- a) Website (www.blackburnhamlet.ca)
- b) Signage
- c) Posters at local businesses
- d) Posters at the BCA bulletin board in the library
- e) Email notifications
- f) The BANAR

What programs would you like to see offered in Blackburn Hamlet for seniors?

- a) Sports/exercise programs
- b) Arts activities
- c) Speaker events
- d) Social outings/gatherings
- e) Other (*please specify* _____)

The BCA Seniors Advisory Committee is for people who are seniors, offer services for seniors in our community or who care for the elderly. The Committee will provide information to the BCA on matters concerning seniors.

Are you interested in finding out more about how to get involved in the Seniors Advisory Committee? If yes, please provide your name and contact information.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts. For more information about this survey, or any other Blackburn Community Association matter, contact Laura Dudas, BCA President, at president@blackburnhamlet.ca or 613-282-4139. See President's Message in the BANAR or Blackburnhamlet.ca for drop off locations.



Merci de compléter ce sondage afin d'améliorer les services offerts aux aînés

L'Association Communautaire de Blackburn (ACB/BCA) a besoin de vos suggestions afin de mieux répondre à toute la clientèle de notre communauté diversifiée. Vos commentaires, traités de façon confidentielle et respectueuse, seront transmis à l'ACB/BCA comme amorce de réflexion.

À quel groupe d'âge appartenez-vous ? (*encerclez votre choix*)

- a) 50 à 60 ans.
- b) 61 à 70 ans.
- c) 71 à 75 ans.
- d) Plus de 75 ans.

Quels sont vos priorités concernant les aînés dans votre communauté? (*encerclez vos choix*)

- a) La sécurité
- b) Les services sociaux
- c) L'accessibilité aux personnes à mobilité réduite.
- d) Le transport en commun.
- e) La protection de l'environnement du quartier.
- f) Autres priorités (*SVP précisez::* _____)

Quel serait le meilleur outil de communication pour vous rejoindre? (*encerclez votre choix*)

- a) Site Internet (*www.blackburnhamlet.ca*)
- b) Pancartes extérieures, en bordure de la route
- c) Affiches dans les entreprises locales
- d) Affiches sur le babillard de l'ACB/BCA à la bibliothèque
- e) Envois par courrier électronique (*courriel*)
- f) Le journal mensuel de l'Association (*BANAR*)

Quels sont les programmes qui devraient vous être offerts à Blackburn Hamlet? (*encerclez vos choix*)

- a) Sports et autres programmes d'activités physiques
- b) Activités artistiques (*arts visuels, musique, etc.*)
- c) Conférences et présentations
- d) Rencontres sociales
- e) Autre programme (*SVP précisez: _____*)

Le Comité Consultatif des Aînés (CCA/SAC) oeuvre pour mieux servir les gens et les organismes qui travaillent auprès de cette clientèle. Suite à ce sondage, le CCA fournira ses recommandations à l'Association communautaire de Blackburn (ACB/BCA).

Seriez-vous intéressés à en apprendre plus sur ce Comité ? Souhaiteriez-vous vous impliquer auprès de ce Comité? Si c'est le cas, ajoutez votre nom et vos coordonnées sur ce questionnaire (*facultatif*).

Merci d'avoir répondu au questionnaire. Pour toute autre question au sujet du présent sondage ou au sujet de l'Association, veuillez contacter Laura Dudas, présidente ACB/BCA par courriel à president@blackburnhamlet.ca ou par téléphone au 613-282-4139.

Blackburn History: Blacksmith at the Corners

by Don Budd

Leo Mainville, a bachelor, was a blacksmith when I was a child growing up in Blackburn. His gray wooden shop with two big doors that swung wide open was located in Blackburn Corners (where the daycare facility is located on Innes Road at Cleroux Crescent). He could do anything from shoeing horses to building complicated pieces of farm equipment, of his own invention, such as the potato digger that could be powered by our tractor in the 1940s.

Leo owned one plate, one fork, one knife and one cup and after each meal he would use his bread to carefully clean his plate, cutlery with an expert swipe and then turn these utensils upside down onto his table, ready for his next meal. As a blacksmith, he was a genius, but as a homemaker, he was lacking.



Pictured above is Mike Budd, second generation gardener at Budd Gardens, with his horses.



I found this horseshoe, with the nails still intact, in the fields where we now plant our perennial flowers. The fields use to be pasture land on the Kemp homestead. My father-in-law, Eldon Kemp always said when hanging a horseshoe in your home to always have the open end pointing up. If you hang it in reverse, all of your luck will fall out.



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1) Releasing the *Creative Writer in You* by Jenny Burr. A presentation that will encourage you to look within and around you to create

and write from your knowledge, experiences and your imagination.

2) *Can I be a Writer in the age of Internet?* by Denyse O'Leary. Explores key questions around writing, publishing, and marketing your work in the digital age. Message to share? Second career?

3) *Advantages of Belonging to a Critique Group* by Mary Haskett. This workshop will explore the advantages of critiques and the

applications that can be applied in the process. Participants will learn how to give constructive feedback and how to accept it, in order to further their own writing prowess.

4) *Trials & Triumphs of the Writing World* by David Kitz. Drawing from personal experience, David Kitz outlines the successes, failures and frustrations that most writers face. How do you avoid the downward spiral of discouragement and instead pivot from one triumph to the next?

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Courts are open, weather permitting, from mid April to October 31st. Registration takes place at the clubhouse Saturday, April 25 and Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or you may sign up any time the clubhouse is staffed. We have activities for members of all ages and skill levels. Everyone is welcome!

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Library's new digital media service—Hoopla

Take the opportunity to re-discover the library! With a valid library card, you can book a computer, use our databases (look for jobs, book reviews and more), pick up museum passes, download music, check out the latest DVDs and books off of the Express shelves, enter contests, register for programs and so much more.

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Customers must register for an account with an email address and a valid OPL cardnumber, in order to access the service.

Orleans Can-Do Grannies' Second Annual Spring Dance May 2nd, 7:30 to midnight

To be held at the Orleans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Road, Orleans. Terry McCann will be providing the music. Price is \$25.00. All proceeds goes to the African Grandmothers supporting children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. Tickets available from Norma Higgs 613-824-1250 or Darlene Janega 613-837-5406.

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Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (30 minutes)

Session 2 – April 2nd to April 23rd

Session 3 – May 7th to May 28th

ADULT PROGRAMS

Round Table Bookchat

We meet the 3rd Monday of each month, except in July and August. All are welcome.

We will be reading and discussing the following:

Monday, April 20th – *One Summer: America 1927* by Bill Bryson

Monday, May 25th – *Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

Monday, June 16th – *Extraordinary* by David Gilmour

Felt Art Workshop

Maggie Glossop will explain the history and techniques of felting while helping you to produce your own piece of colourful felt. You might choose to make a landscape, an abstract piece of art or just a celebration of colour. No experience in either painting or textile art is required. Presented in partnership with MASC (an association for arts—www.masonline.ca).

Protecting Your Computer (presented by the Ottawa PC Users Group)

Wednesday, April 29th at 2 p.m.

The average time it takes for an unprotected computer to be compromised after connecting to the Internet is under 15 minutes. Don't let it be yours. Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users' Group will show you the simple steps you need to take to keep your computer from being hacked.

Computer and Tablet Tutorials

Saturday May 16th at 2 p.m.

Basic computer, Internet, Email, eBook and Library Catalogue Tutorials. Learn on one of our public PCs or bring your own laptop or tablet. Please call the branch to book a one-on-one appointment.

Artwork at Library courtesy of local art organization, Arteast

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The Card Party will once again be held at the Orleans Royal Canadian Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Drive, from 12:30 to 4 pm. A light lunch prepared by the grandmas will be served. We have a terrific assortment of door prizes and Kazuri jewellery for sale. This will be your last chance to pick up a unique piece of jewellery, as it will no longer be available to us after this date.



Last year’s card party raised over \$4,000 to help support African grandmothers caring for children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. Special thanks to Rothwell Gallery, J. A. Laporte Flowers and Nursery, Queenswood Villa, Beacon Heights Retirement Residence,

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It is time to dust off your cowboy boots and get ready for a good time! We are pleased to have the Classic Country Re-Vu group back again! Mike Fahey and cohorts will be bringing the best of the Golden Era of country music to Rothwell United on Friday, May 29th at 7:30 pm.

Be prepared to “Walk the Line” and do the “Boot Scootin’ Boogie”. The band will be paying tribute to country music legends like Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, and Merle Haggard, as well as more recent artists such as Alan Jackson, George Strait, and Brooks and Dunn.

Members of Classic Country Re-vu include: front-man Mike Fahey, North American Hall of Fame Fiddler Peter Dawson, Ben Teevans on drums, Wilf Arseault as lead guitarist, Bob Cleary on bass and vocals, and Hubert Corriveau on vocals/steel.

Refreshments, door prizes and free parking. The Rothwell United Church is located at 42 Sumac Road, Gloucester Centre. Tickets are \$15 per person and available by calling Bob at 613-833-2685 or Bill at 613-824-3666.



With shows booked almost every day, Mike Fahey is one of the Valley's busiest and most popular performers. As an interactive entertainer, Fahey encourages sing-alongs and proves to be a strong presence on stage. He has been playing professional music for over 40 years.

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If you don't have enough items to run your own garage sale please consider donating to this project. Books, children's clothing, toys, 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 2nd between 1:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Coro Vivo Ottawa presents Lux Aeterna: Songs of Light on Friday April 24 at 8 p.m

Under the baton of Antonio Llaca, Coro Vivo Ottawa presents *Lux Aeterna: Songs of Light* and is delighted to perform this uplifting piece with orchestra for our Ottawa audience.

Lauridsen has described this composition as an intimate work of quiet serenity centered on a universal symbol of hope, reassurance, goodness and illumination. In addition to *Lux Aeterna*, this concert will feature celebrated acappella and accompanied choral works.

We invite you to experience these unique pieces. It will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 174 Wilbrod St., Ottawa. Tickets: \$ 25, children 14 and under free. Available at the door, Leading Note, Compact Music or call 613-841-3902. More information at www.corovivoottawa.ca.

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Clean out those closets, basements and garages! Most everything that plugs in will be accepted. Electronics- TVs, computer monitors, VCRs, DVD players, cell phones, stereos and lots more!

More information at www.blackburnscouting.com.

Gloucester Horticulture Society

Gardeners are welcome at the monthly meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Top Generation Hall, 4373 Generation Court, Ramsayville.

On April 20, 7:20 p.m. guest speaker Judith Cox will speak on *Making Scents of your Garden*. While we can see the beauty of a garden and hear the whirl of insects and taste our produce, the sweet smells of our garden are often forgotten. Judith will explore our sense of smell throughout the seasons. The beauty of scent adds a delicious layer to our gardening experience.

Rothwell Plant Sale May 16th

Check out the great deals from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rothwell United Church annual plant sale that is held at 42 Sumac Street in Gloucester Centre. Vegetable seedlings to indoor and outdoor annual and perennial plants. For more information visit www.Rchurch.ca.

Blackburn Art Group

Newcomers are welcome to come to the Blackburn Community Hall on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring a cover to protect the table, your current art project and your mug for tea break. Upcoming dates are April 9 and 23.

Children's Explore Forest and Field Program

Earth Path's nature program for ages 6-10 will be offered on Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm, from May 9 to June 6 at the Just Food Farm, 2389 Pepin Court. Exploring forest and field, we will play games, track animals, learn naturalist and wilderness skills, build shelters, craft, cook wild edibles, tell stories, and more.

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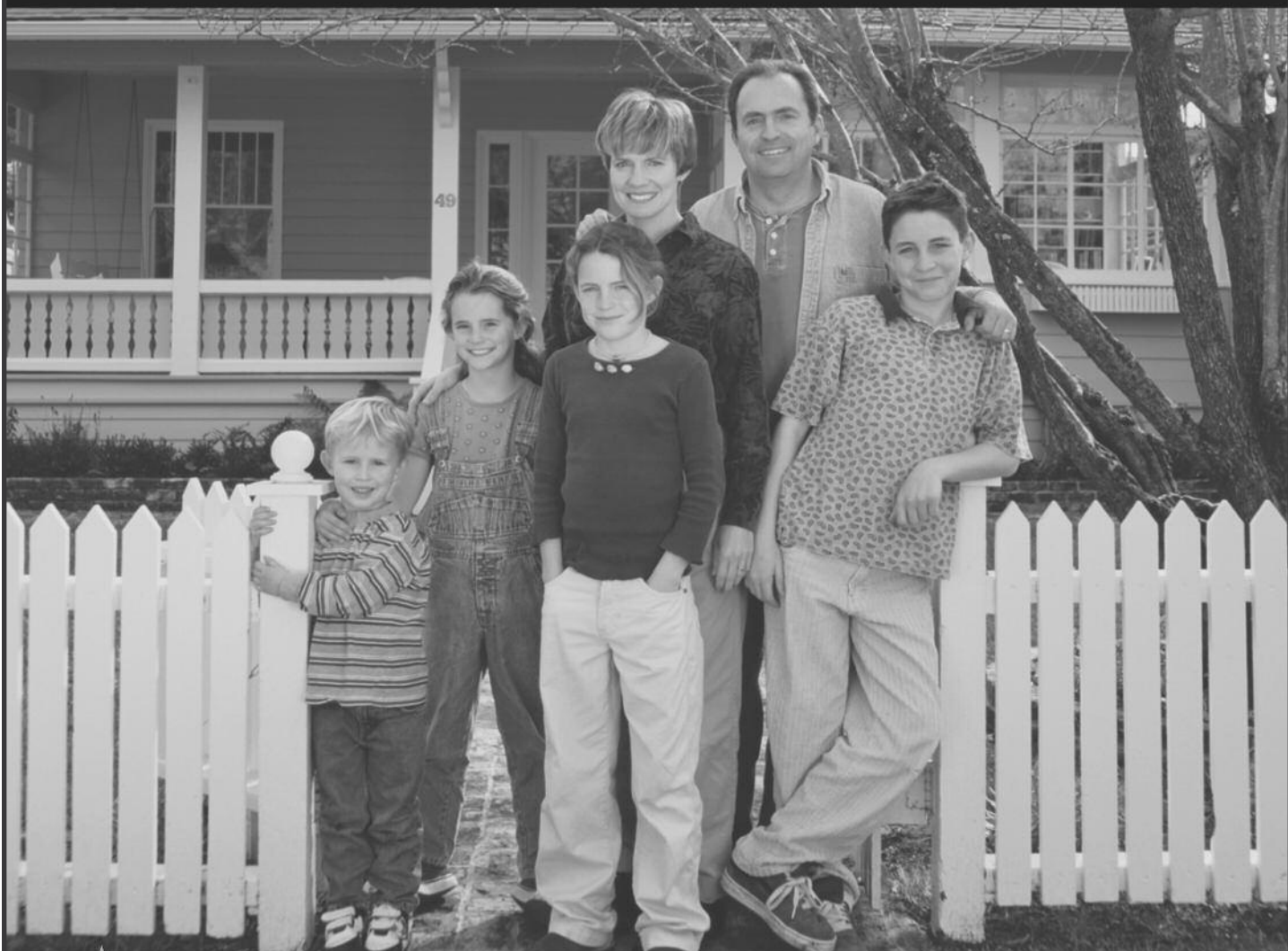
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