

A Tribute to Eleanor MacQuarrie



Photo collage created by Debbie MacQuarrie

by Marjorie MacQuarrie-Derickx

Everyone has gifts and strengths that can be used to make their community stronger. My Dad, Bob, utilized his knowledge and abilities to create a stronger Gloucester township as well as a more responsible and responsive regional and provincial government. He was able to offer political service because his partner was Eleanor.

She used her gifts raising five kids and running a very busy household, actively contributing and participating, forging lasting friendships at every turn, all while chauffeuring Bob (a non-driver) to the multitude of meetings he needed to attend.

Eleanor and Bob moved to the Hamlet in 1967 from nearby Cardinal Heights. Blackburn Hamlet, the new Costain development was a planned community in the Greenbelt with green space, extra wide streets and underground services. It was the perfect location for a family with five very active and growing children. Although the Costain development was new, it had the advantage of the existing community of Blackburn—with a rich history of pioneering families and a welcoming atmosphere. Hailing from PEI, our parents knew the importance of community and they came to Blackburn with a strongly entrenched commitment to service, including having worked hard to support and establish Rothwell United Church.

It did not take long for Eleanor and Lois Kemp to connect and for a formidable friendship to develop. Like my parents, Lois and her husband Eldon were active participants in their community. They emulated the principle that 'if you want to have a voice in how things in your community are being done, then you better be prepared to be part of making it happen.' The combined energies of Lois and Eleanor created a force to help make things happen in Blackburn and beyond. The fact that they each

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President's message

The Blackburn Community Association (BCA) just wrapped up its Annual General Meeting (AGM) this past January and I am happy to say that we not only accomplished our goals for 2015, but we exceeded them. I want to welcome the new 2016 BCA Board of Directors. A full listing of directors and their contact information is posted on page 4 and also on the BCA website at blackburnhamlet.ca.

Take for instance the Canada Day fireworks. For the first time ever the BCA hosted an event on July 1st, and it was an incredible success. As a result, we will be holding the fireworks again for Canada Day 2016.

At the AGM we passed a balanced budget that will see even more programs and services offered to residents than ever before, and we continue to be an active voice speaking on behalf of the community about things that matter to the people that live here.

This coming year will be one filled with events for all ages, programs at the community hall, activities at our outdoor rinks and parks, and information sessions as the need arises.

Our community association is one of the oldest and most active in the entire City of Ottawa. I am proud of that. You should be proud of that too.

The reason why we are so active and engaged is because of the wealth of volunteers who offer their support, expertise and time throughout the year. Their help is invaluable and I want to thank each and every one of them.

We always have room for more volunteers and if you have ever considered taking part in your community, I would encourage you to consider becoming part of the Blackburn Community Association. Together we can make this community the best place it can be.

Community Health Hub Update

I have invited a representative from MPP Marie-France Lalonde's office to attend the BCA's February 18th meeting (7:30 p.m. at the community hall, 190 Glen Park Dr.) to provide an update on the status of the Orléans Community Health Hub that was slated for construction.

This is an important project that will provide necessary health services on our doorstep. Residents can come to the meeting and ask questions and provide feedback.



Laura Dudas



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had large families—a built in workforce—was just an added blessing and an excellent way to foster a positive attitude for community service into the next generation. These ladies were ahead of the curve in many respects, expecting community service from their offspring—long before the mandated Community Service hours required by the Ontario Government for graduation from high school.

We have memories of the hand-crank Gestetner moving between our basement and the Kemp's front room as we each took turns to roll out mimeographed copies of the BANAR (Blackburn Area News and Reports). Thanks to their combined troop of kids (and their friends) dividing the distribution area they ensured that residents were informed about the many activities that were happening in the community.

Together with a host of like-minded community volunteers, Lois and Eleanor organized and convened the first Blackburn Fun Fair, which was held on the grounds of Glen Ogilvie Public School. Heavy on 'Fun' and offering something for all, it provided a great opportunity for neighbours and families to gather and has become a Blackburn mainstay.

Mom was a keen recycler before it was popularized. Born into the age of 'waste not—want not' she could always find another use for just about everything. She made this ability work to community advantage by collecting newsprint and paper, filling our garage to the rafters and then transporting it to a depot where it was converted to cash by weight. Others in the community followed suit becoming depots for their surrounding neighbours and soon the paper drive had outgrown Eleanor's station wagon. Eldon Kemp's truck was called into service to pick up the excess. They had again seemingly created something from nothing, and only the investment of volunteer energy, time and some vehicle wear and tear. The dollars that came streaming back to the community helped to provide improved facilities or equipment, whatever the priority required by the community at the time. Interesting to recall this memory now that recycling programs are commonplace.

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Mom pitched in at the various schools and was quick to volunteer in many other ways. She regularly drove us to and from sports, camps and other events and filled the car with others also needing a ride. She was a regular score-keeper and helped to manage teams in baseball, hockey and ringette (more about this later), fundraising, organizing tournaments and the like.

Mom also volunteered in other ways in the community. She distributed, collected, counted and deposited Penny-saver banks for Save the Children Canada. She greatly appreciated the handful of area businesses which supported the cause and allowed these banks to be displayed in their shops. She also worked for over 40 years as a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society, transporting educational materials to area schools, including a large 'smoking' model that demonstrated to students firsthand what would stream into their lungs with each cigarette smoked. Additionally, she served as area captain for the April door-to-door canvass for the Cancer society. She had a network of committed and reliable neighbours who made overseeing this task a pleasure. Much has changed in the realm of charitable fundraising with the door-to-door canvass being displaced by other activities such as Cancer Chases, Walks, Runs, and lotteries—everything in its time. All that said, her true passion was revealed with her introduction to

the game of ringette. Lois, Eleanor, and some good friends were determined to see ringette come to the area and in 1970, brought the sport (invented in 1963 in North Bay) to Blackburn. The sport quickly took root and spread throughout Gloucester and soon thereafter through much of Eastern Ontario. For several years both ladies were quite involved in coaching and managing the early teams of youngsters and young adults (known as the 'Deb' division back then).

As active women and avid skaters, it wasn't enough to watch the youngsters play. Eleanor and Lois were quick to note that ladies ringette should have a place and in 1975, a group of ladies in Blackburn sowed the seeds of what would eventually become the Gloucester & Area Adult Ringette Association. A few years after getting the ladies out on the ice, it was agreed that a tournament would be a great addition. Again, Lois, Eleanor and a small group of their determined friends collaborated to organize the inaugural Silver Spoon Tournament. The tournament took on the name of its unique approach—awards offered to teams were collectible souvenir spoons rather than medals. The 39th Silver Spoon runs March 2016 and for the first time since its inception, two of its founders, Eleanor (1928–2015) and Lois (1930–2015) will not be present, except in spirit.

Mom was a true ambassador for the sport of ringette—playing until



Photo by Bruno Schlumberger and published in the Ottawa Citizen November 5, 1987

hip and knee replacements necessitated she no longer play competitively. However, that did not prevent her from celebrating her 80th birthday on the ice, enjoying a family and friends invitational ringette game. She was an avid fan, thrilled to see the progress of the game and the skill level of the players working together as a true team.

Mom did not look for accolades for her contributions to the community. She was merely doing her part to contribute, by getting involved and helping out where she could. Blackburn was her home for forty-eight years—she loved her home and the community and it was well worth any investment she gave to it. She was always so appreciative of everyone who got involved and made an effort—giving in whatever way they could—even if only to extend a hand to a neighbour or to smile and wave when passing on the street.

President's Annual Report–2015

*Delivered by Laura Dudas at January 21, 2016
Annual General Meeting (Check against delivery)*

The Blackburn Community Association has accomplished an astounding amount of work over this past year.

In 2015, we organized:

- Canada Day fireworks;
- Annual Fun Fair, attracting hundreds of residents from Blackburn Hamlet and surrounding area;
- Hockey Day in the Hamlet;
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner;
- Santa Pancake Breakfast;
- Senior's Information Night;
- Community Information Meetings; and
- Much more...

We continued to support our regular programming, including:

- Fitness programs targeted at seniors
- Bridge Club
- Children's groups, such as Girl Guides and Scouts
- Youth Drop-in, in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre
- Sports programs for children and youth in partnership with Gloucester Recreational Development Organization
- Outdoor rinks in the winter
- Park maintenance in the summer

Additionally, we formed new groups and partnerships, such as:

- Launching the Senior's Action Committee, which distributed a survey to help identify the needs of older adults in our community

- Cancer Chase became a BCA subcommittee
- Information sessions for Neighbourhood Watch—held with the intent of launching the program in the spring 2016

The community association will continue to support these sub-committees and the work they do in the community in 2016 and beyond.

The BCA promoted its services, programs and events, through:

- Facebook (1,065 members*)
- Twitter (153 followers*)
- BANAR (delivered to more than 4,000 residents and businesses, five times a year)
- BlackburnHamlet.ca
- Signage to promote specific events
- Mail-outs as required
- Community newspaper submissions, as required

The community association continued to administer all bookings at the Blackburn Community Hall, 190 Glen Park Drive.

The Blackburn Community Association actively worked with residents, businesses and local groups to strengthen our community, support its needs and address any issues.

We will continue to deliver the programs, services and advocacy that Blackburn residents deserve in 2016 and beyond.

Laura Dudas
President
Blackburn Community Association

Blackburn Community Association 2016 AGM Elections and Budget

A full slate of directors and committee representatives was elected January 21st at the Blackburn Community Hall. Names, positions and contact info on page 4. The President's Annual Report and the 2016 Budget was also presented and passed.

2016 BCA Budget			
Revenue			
City Grants		31,660	
Memberships		700	
GIC Income		1,950	
Banar		20,000	
Community Hall		14,000	
			68,310
Expenses			
Administration		1,630	
Programming		12,980	
Civic Affairs		675	
Volunteer Appreciation		1,550	
Community Hall		7,000	
Banar		27,000	
Park Grooming		2,500	
Outdoor Ice		12,100	
Misc.		400	
			65,835
Surplus			2,475

Neighbourhood Watch Information Night

At a meeting January 21st police officers were on hand to talk to the community about Neighbourhood Watch. This is a program that encourages neighbours to watch out for neighbours and aims to get citizens involved in discouraging and preventing crime at the local level. The ultimate success of Neighbourhood Watch depends largely on the commitment to cooperation between residents and the police—and more importantly, between residents themselves.

The good news was that Blackburn has one of the lowest rate of criminal offences in Ottawa. The reality—we are not immune to offences happening here.

There have been many proactive calls for service initiated by Ottawa Police officers and with our assistance they will be better able to protect our community. One of the ways we can help is by calling immediately and knowing how to make “the right call” as outlined below.

- Life threatening emergency or crime in progress911
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Blackburn Community Association BCA Membership 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 other exciting projects.

- Please contact me as I am interested in volunteering in the community.
- Included is a \$10 cheque made out to “BCA” for a BCA Membership.

Mail to: Blackburn Community Association, P.O. Box 47062, Ottawa, ON, K1B 5B0 or contact François Trépanier at rftrepanier@gmail.com or call 613-853-9610 for more information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____

Email address: _____

The Blackburn Community Association is very active in helping to build community in Blackburn Hamlet. We meet on a monthly basis and listen to anyone who has ideas on how to make our community a better place to live—whether it be organizing an activity or supporting a local organization.

If you don't have a membership yet, please call, email and I will gladly deliver your membership card to your home. Thank you.

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Business Profile: Shane Silva – President Ottawa Real Estate Board

Local REALTORS® elect 2016 Board of Directors

OTTAWA – On December 3, 2015, Members of the Ottawa Real Estate Board elected a new Board of Directors. The Ottawa Real Estate Board is the city's largest trade association of over 3,000 sales representatives and brokers in the Ottawa area.

New President, Shane Silva, has been a Member of the Ottawa Real Estate Board for 10 years, and has served on numerous committee's and task forces for the last five years. Shane was first elected to the OREB Board of Directors in late 2013.

"I'm honoured to be leading a great group of Directors for the upcoming year," says new President, Shane Silva. "The Mission Statement for the Board is to help our Member REALTORS® succeed."

Shane has served on a variety of Committees and Task Forces for the Real Estate Board. He has chaired the Professional Standards Committee as well as served as a prosecutor for discipline hearings. Raising the level of industry Professionalism is high on his priority list.

Shane is a resident of Blackburn Hamlet with his wife Lesley and 2 daughters Kaitlynn & Deana. He and his family have lived in the Hamlet since 1994. "It's a great community" says Shane, "It's the place I choose to live and raise my family and retire someday."



In 2010 Shane opened HomeLife Capital Realty on Innes Rd in Blackburn Hamlet. They currently employ 15 Real Estate Agents and Brokers as well as 2 support staff. He also owns the HomeLife Realty office in Rockland and has plans to open another HomeLife Office in the west end of Ottawa in 2016.

HomeLife Realty has over 180 Offices across Canada and it is a Canadian Company. Shane is the Franchise owner in Ottawa and oversees the hiring and training of Agents and Brokers. The HomeLife Office in Ottawa is home to "Higher Standards Agents". Our Agents outperform the average agent according to stats from the National Association of Realtors.

Shane also volunteers his time to local Charities and Organizations. He is a member of the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus. Some of the events he participates in are the Annual Christmas Auction held at the Good Shepherd Church. He is also one of the coordinators for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Hamper program where they deliver food hampers to families who are less fortunate in our community.



Shane has been assisting people with buying and selling real estate for over a decade and has positioned himself as a trusted advisor in one of the largest transactions most people will go through. Referrals are a large part of his business says Shane. Buyers and Sellers are looking for someone they know who will carefully guide them through the complexities of a Real Estate transaction.

Because Shane lives in the Hamlet, he has a passion and a special interest in homes in the Hamlet and surrounding areas. Knowing the builders, history and fine details of the community help him to be a great resource for those wishing to buy or sell.

It's no wonder why many have chosen to work with Shane when Buying, Selling or Investing in Real Estate. If you have any questions about Real Estate or The Ottawa Real Estate Board, please contact Shane at 613-795-1021 or email: shane.j.silva@gmail.com

Also if you are interested in a Career in Real Estate, Shane would like to speak with you and help you to become a top performer!

Hockey Day in the Hamlet: Saturday, February 20th

It's going to be a great Canadian winter afternoon at the BCA's Hockey Day in the Hamlet event. The Blackburn Community Association is throwing a community event on Saturday, February 6 from 10 am until 3 pm to celebrate the great Canadian sport of hockey.

Our annual event will take place at the outdoor rink at the Norman Johnston School (corner of Innes Road and Cleroux Crescent). Enjoy a horse-drawn sleighride, dogsled rides and the comfy warm skating shack where you can put on your skates or sit and chat with friends.

There will be organized games of hockey on the large rink and plenty of activities, games and prizes for players of all ages and skill levels on the puddle rink. We will also have our annual hockey skills competition.

Enjoy nice hot coffee, hot chocolate and snacks, a BBQ with hamburgers and hotdogs and great entertainment to share with other winter enthusiasts.

A collection box for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank will be on-site for your



Postponed to February 20th due to weather

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by Brent Lawrie, Chair

The Blackburn Hamlet Funfair has always been a celebration of community spirit and this year's Funfair will be no different! We will be celebrating the Funfair's 45th year which is an amazing run for a community-organised event. Over the years, there has been a lot of changes and throughout those years there has always been great community bonding in bringing it together.

Planning is now underway and one challenge has already been unveiled. The city plans to carry out renovations on the Blackburn arena between April and August and as many of you realize—this will affect the Fun Fair. It will mean relocating our Movie Night, the Showcase, Book Sale and other activities as we will not have access to the arena. We have already been in discussions with the city and some excellent plans are now being looked at so as to keep the event as exciting as ever.

The majority of the events such as the Parade, Beer Gardens, Entertainment Stage, Pancake Breakfast, BBQ, Dunk Tank, Dog Show, Fun Run and field activities will continue in the same locations as in previous years. We will verify changes for other events such as the Midway, Fireworks and the activities that have normally been held in the arena. The specifics of our plans need to be finalized and will be presented to everyone in future BANARs so please be patient.

We would like to invite community-minded volunteers to join the 2016 Fun Fair team. Bring your ideas and initiatives and make this year's event as memorable and as fun as in past years. If interested please visit the website or send an e-mail to:

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by Bill Horne, Cancer Chase Event Director

To be held on Sunday September 25. Yes, it is a ways off, but I'd just like to get this event on your calendar. We will be using the same location and route as last year, hopefully with no signage errors this time. Start time is 9 a.m. at the Hornets Nest Soccer Clubhouse, 1660 Bearbrook Road.

This year, we will be using the Cancer Chase website at www.CancerChase.com to keep you well informed.

By the time this Banar appears in your mailbox, I hope to have all the Running Room and Ottawa Hospital Foundation registration and donation links up and running. We'll have all the same



Some of the many 2015 Cancer Chase participants.

features, with the silent auction, raffle prizes, great food, and wonderful community spirit. In 2015 we raised \$13,056 for cancer research. This year we are aiming for \$15,000.

We are always happy to welcome new organizing team members.

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Most already know that honey bees are super-important pollinators for flowers, fruits and vegetables, but do you know that they pollinate about 1/3 of our food—that means every third bite!

So it is not surprising that the farmers at the Just Food Farm off Pepin Court are happy to have an apiary on site. Beekeepers Corrie Rabbe and Ron St. Louis of Radical Homestead keep just under 30 beehives that not only pollinate the farm crops and wildflowers, but also produce delicious local honey.

One of their goals is to encourage more people to keep bees. “Honey bees are in integral part of our food system. If we need more bees, we’re also going to need more beekeepers,” says Ron St. Louis, head beekeeper. Ron’s love for nature and long-standing interest in sustainability has led him to share this passion with others.

“If you’re looking for a hobby that



Bee yard at the Just Food site

will never stop amazing you, beekeeping is where it’s at. Bees are truly fascinating and beekeeping can be anything from a great hobby or even become a career,” he continues.

Starting this spring for its second year running, Radical Homestead will be offering their “Introductory Natural Beekeeping Program.” This program is designed for those who have no or little beekeeping experience and want to learn more about bees, beekeeping, and gain

hands-on experience in the bee yard. The program, limited to eight students, includes a mix of in-class learning, discussion, as well as lots of hands-on learning with the bees and equipment. Beginner beekeepers will walk away with enough knowledge and experience to manage their own bees with confidence. Most of the activities take place at the Just Food Farm here in Blackburn Hamlet.

Visit www.radicalhomestead.ca for more information on their honey and programs.



Ron St. Louis with bees

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Good Friday, Mar. 25th - Noon St Mark's Cumberland / Noon St Mary's, Town of Navan
Easter Sunday, Mar. 27th - 8:30am St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn

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Innes Ward generous with Christmas projects

by Jody Mitic, City Councillor

My office and I enjoyed participating in several community Christmas projects with so many of you over the holidays. We collected thousands of non-perishables at Your Independent Grocer Orleans for the OC Transpo Annual Christmas Food Drive on December 5th, handed out Christmas hampers with Pastor Bobby Bruneau at the Blackburn Life Centre on December 17th and Shane Silva of HomeLife Capital Reality with the Knights of Columbus on December 21st, I am impressed by the generosity of this neighbourhood.

Meet the Councillor

Since October, I've received a ton of positive community response at our bi-weekly Meet the Councillor events alternating between the Orleans and Blackburn Public Libraries. Please continue to drop by, say hi, and share your concerns.

5th Annual Hockey Day

I am looking forward to attending the 5th Annual Hockey Day in the Hamlet on February 6th and hope to see many Blackburn residents there!

Speed Display Board

You may have noticed that shortly before Christmas, a speed display board was installed on Bearbrook Road. Working with concerned Blackburn residents about the traffic in that area, we consulted the city's automated traffic management (ATM) study and installed the speed display board in attempt to slow everyone down.

FREE Family Day Skating Party

I am excited to have you join me this Family Day on Monday, February 15th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Arena for my 2nd Annual FREE Family Day Skating Party! Last year's event was a huge hit with an amazing turnout. I hope to see you all again this year!

City Snow Removal

Thank you to residents who contacted our office after the first major snowfall of the year advising us of problem areas that required the attention of the city snow removal staff.

Innes Ward has Social Media

Did you know that Innes Ward has social media accounts to improve communication between my office and the people of Innes Ward? 'Like' Innes Ward on Facebook and 'follow' @InnesWard on Twitter to learn about local news, share your thoughts and stay connected with the community.

Wishing you all the best for 2016!

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Par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

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Le vendredi 12 février prochain, nous vous invitons à une joute des 67 d'Ottawa au Centre TD. C'est une levée de fonds mais surtout l'occasion de nous voir et entendre chanter le Ô Canada. Nous avons des billets à vous vendre au coût de 20 \$ par adulte et 15 \$ par

enfant (contactez : lesgateriesdelucie@gmail.com ou gouge76@hotmail.com).

Comme nous aimons rejoindre la communauté, en raison de notre mandat caritatif, nous irons présenter un court spectacle au CSLD Monfort à 13 h 15 puis à l'Accueil-Sagesse à 14 h 45 le samedi 12 mars 2016.

Puisque nous étions à Québec l'an dernier, nous avons hâte de chanter pour notre public d'Ottawa. C'est donc une invitation! Venez nous entendre les vendredi et samedi 10 et 11 juin prochain à l'École secondaire publique De La Salle.

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The NCC proposes another big monument?

by Graham Saul,

The National Capital Commission (NCC) is preparing a plan that could transform Ottawa, and we need your help to steer them in the right direction.

As Canada prepares for our 150th anniversary in 2017, Ottawa is gaining a lot of attention. The NCC has announced that they are preparing a 50-year plan for Canada's capital region that will be launched in 2017 and they want to identify 17 major initiatives that will transform Ottawa.

This is where we need you to get involved! The NCC has asked the public to submit ideas on possible projects. So, how do you want to commemorate Ottawa? Do you want more ill-conceived monuments and statues? Or do you want living monuments that restore Ottawa's tree canopy, protect and promote our greenspace, and foster a green future for our nation's capital.

You can submit your comments at <http://www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca/planning/plan-canadas-capital>.


We believe that a fundamental priority for the next 50 years should be to develop world class greenspace with a strong and vigorous tree canopy. One small way to start would be to launch an

initiative in 2017 to plant or give away 150,000 trees in Ottawa for Canada's 150th birthday. If we're going to achieve Tree Ottawa's million tree vision, we need the federal government to step up and help us get there. This would be a fitting gift to Ottawa and could be the beginning of a living legacy for our city and our country. We need living monuments, not more bricks and mortar.

Please go to the NCC website (<http://www.ncc-ccn.gc.ca/planning/plan-canadas-capital>) right away and fill out their online form.

Tell the NCC and the new federal government that you want a priority on developing world class greenspace, and that they could take a positive step forward by planting 150,000 trees.

There is little in the architecture of a city that is more beautifully designed than a tree. ~ Jaime Lerner




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Fri, April 1, 7:30pm

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE





February 10, 7:30pm

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

WEEK OF MARCH 20-27

Palm Sunday: 10am
 Maundy Thursday: 7:30pm
 Good Friday: 10am
 Easter Sunday: 10am


HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THIRD THURSDAYS

Soup Supper & Song

5:30-7pm, Feb 18 & Mar 17



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What's new with the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool?

by Blackburn Hamlet Preschool Board
of Directors

Thanks to all our community friends who came out to support the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool (BHPS) grand reopening on Sunday, October 4th. It was a resounding success, and both kids and kids-at-heart enjoyed the Teddy Bear Hospital, crafts, face painting, snacks, and visits from both a fire truck and the RCMP TAV vehicle, all of which were coordinated by preschool families and friends. We couldn't have done it without your support!

Preschool Members are diligently working to secure a new location for the preschool for the 2017-18 school year, and looking for ways to expand and enrich our current programming, but there is still work to be done.



Do you have expertise in an area which could be helpful, from real estate, communications, grant writing, fundraising and anything in between? Do you have a heart for our community and high-quality educational programming for some of its youngest members? We would love for you to share your expertise with one of our committees.

If you'd like to help or would like more information, please contact us at info@bhps.ca.

The preschool is well into its current school year, and while we still have limited space in our current toddler program, we'll soon begin enrollment for Preschool and Toddler Programming for next year and for our summer camps.

An Open House for prospective 2016-17 students will take place on Sunday, April 3 from 10 am–12 pm, and the summer camp enrollment will take place soon after.

Please watch our website at <http://www.bhps.ca> and Facebook page for more details.

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Preschool Fundraiser: Berries for Sale!

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We are offering blueberries, cranberries and raspberries. All products are cleaned, washed and fast frozen so they come out of the bag as you need them.

Prices are: Blueberries (\$22/2kg bag), Cranberries (\$16/2kg bag), Raspberries (\$30/2kg bag)

The order form can be found at www.bhps.ca, and orders must be dropped off or mailed to the preschool by Wednesday, February 10th. Pick up will be at 11a.m. on Saturday, February 27th. You must arrange for them to be picked up as the berries are perishable and the preschool does not have any frozen storage.

New street names for Beechmont Crt and Wedgewood Crt

Two streets in Blackburn Hamlet have officially been renamed as part of the City of Ottawa's effort to eliminate confusion over streets with similar names, or whose geographic locations are problematic for emergency responders.

Beechmont Court, which runs off of Beechmont Crescent and has twelve homes is now called Catalpa

Court. Catalpa is a genus of flowering plants in the family Bignoniaceae.

Wedgewood Court runs off of Wedgewood Crescent and has ten homes. With input from the residents and with the assistance of Councillor Mitic's office, Wedgewood Court has been renamed Autumn Court.

Préparons-nous à accueillir une famille de réfugiés de la Syrie

Nous aurons bientôt une nouvelle famille sur notre territoire. Les familles parrainées commencent à arriver dans l'est de la ville. Et si c'était nous! Pouvez-vous vous imaginer quitter votre résidence, votre famille, vos amis pour le bien de vos enfants? Recommencer à neuf de la Syrie au Liban puis au Canada. C'est pourtant ce que cette famille a choisi de faire. Ceci est juste un petit mot pour dire merci à tous ceux qui ont aidé et qui aiderons lors de cette année de transition.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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Babytime (Bilingual. 0-18 months)

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Wednesdays at 10:30 AM (30 minutes)

Session 1 – January 13th to February 17th

Session 2 – March 30th to April 20th

Toddertime (Bilingual 18-36 months)

Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers and a parent or caregiver.

Thursdays at 10:30 AM (30 minutes)

Session 1 – January 14th to February 18th

Session 2 – March 31st to April 21st

Toddertime (Bilingual 0 – 6 years)

Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers and a parent or caregiver.

Thursdays at 11 AM (30 minutes)

Session 1 – January 14th to February 18th

Session 2 – March 31st to April 21st

We're Going on an Egg Hunt (Bilingual. 0– 6 years)

Join us for a program full of colours and adventures. Stories, rhymes, songs and an egg hunt for children and a parent or caregiver. Family program. .

Thursday, March 24th at 10 AM or at 11 AM (45 minutes each) Registration needed.

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

Fizz Boom Pop (Bilingual)

Monday, March 14th at 2:30 PM (30 minutes). Ages 7 to 12.

Fantastic Flyers with Mad Science (Bilingual)

Tuesday, March 15th at 10:30 AM (60 minutes) Ages 7 to 12.

Can You Measure Up? (Bilingual)

Wednesday, March 16th at 10:30 AM (60 minutes). Ages 4 to 6.

Machines at Work (Bilingual) Family program.

Thursday, March 19th at 10:30 AM (45 minutes).

Catapult into Art with Cumberland Heritage Museum.

Thursday, March 19th at 10:30 AM (60 minutes). Ages 5-10.

Science in Motion (Bilingual)

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ADULT PROGRAMS

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Monday, February 22nd – *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

Monday, March 21st – *Honor Among Men* by Barbara Fradkin

Monday, April 18th – *The Gathering* by Anne Enright

Monday, May 25th – *The Massey Murders* by Charlotte Gray

Monday, June 16th – *Canoe Country: The Making of Canada* by Roy MacGregor

Computer and Tablet Tutorials

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.

Basic Digital Photo Editing

Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 PM (60 minutes)
It's easy to take dozens or hundreds of photos with your digital camera. But then what? Chris Taylor, President of the Ottawa PC Users Group will help you discover some easy ways of fixing up your photos to correct many basic flaws so that you will be proud to display them.

A message from Arteast

We would like to remind our customers of the artwork on our walls courtesy of the local art organization, Arteast. New artworks are hung every two months. During February and March, Blackburn Hamlet Library in conjunction with Arteast is proud to present an exhibition of photographs by David Becker. This solo show is titled "Altered Perceptions" and runs from Jan 30th to April 1st, 2016 .

These photos present subjects abstracted to remove the original context and meaning, challenging the viewer to re-examine perceptions of reality and look

at the world through fresh eyes. A self-taught artist, David is also an urban designer, which influences his subject matter.

This is a unique opportunity for the public to enjoy, encourage and support artists in their local community as well as the Blackburn Hamlet Library.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all Adult, Children and March Break programs except for Round Table Bookchat! Call 613-824-6926 ext. 224, visit the Library or go online at www.biblioottawalibrary.ca. A valid Library card is required.

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Attendance at Global Drop-ins is free of charge for you and your children.

The Community Outreach Program is a satellite of the Ottawa-Orleans Ontario Early Years Centre.

For more information about the Neighbourhood Drop-ins, call 613-742-5500.

Accueillez les enfants, accueillez-moi

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Ce service oecuménique aura lieu à la Paroisse Good Shepherd cette année. Le pays cerné est Cuba, un mot indigène qui signifie "terre cultivée". La journée mondiale de la prière existe depuis 1922. Venez donc participer le vendredi 4 mars à 19h.

Receive Children. Receive Me

This is the theme for the World Day of Prayer 2016 prepared by the women of Cuba. An Ecumenical Service will be held at the Good Shepherd Church, 3092 Innes Road on Friday, March 4th at 7pm. The World Day of Prayer has been celebrated each year since 1922.

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Amica at Bearbrook Events

Looking to get out of the house? Come and drop in at the Amica Retirement Residence on the corner of Innes and Bearbrook Road.

Feb. 5, 3:00 pm Mardi Gras Social
Feb. 9, 3:00 pm Chocolate Festival
Feb. 17, 2:00pm Chef's Demo
Feb. 26, 3:00pm Johnny Cash Day

Winter Arts Academy:
Feb. 19 Painting Class Showcase
Feb. 24 Dance Class Showcase

For more information please call 613-837-8720

Winterfest Activities

Family-friendly winter activities such as snowshoeing, craft activities, and musical entertainment will be held Sunday, February 14th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum in Cumberland Village. FREE admission.

Inuit Artists Vernissage

Come meet the young Inuit artists whose work is featured in the Doyle + Lalonde Exhibition Space on Sunday, February 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the lower level of the Shenkman Arts Centre.



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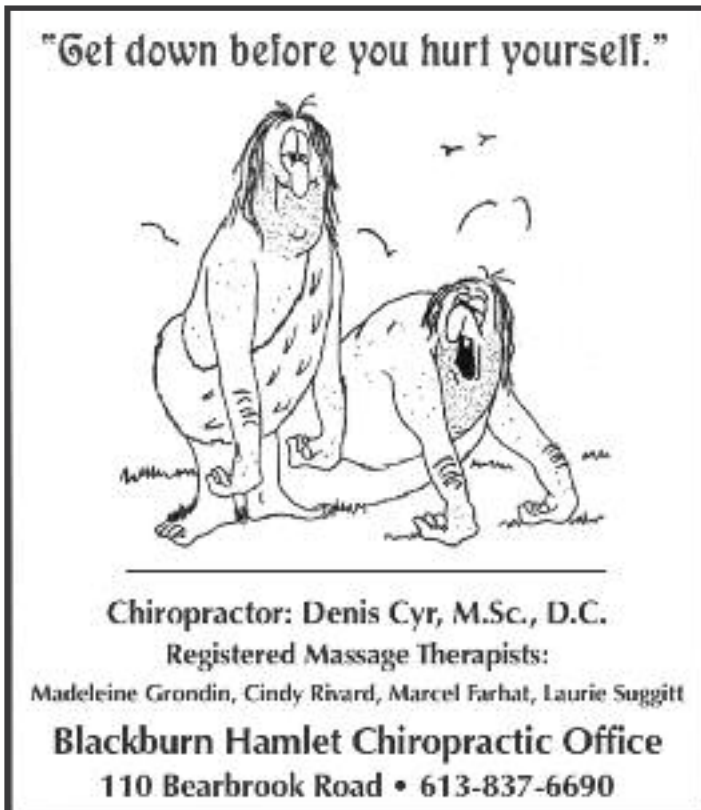
This is a wonderful group of ladies who play recreational softball and are looking to add a few more players to their league.

They play Monday and/or Wednesday nights, have recreational and competitive tournaments, meet and greet at opening night, end of year banquet, and other exciting activities throughout the season.

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North Gloucester Giants Football Association

Registration is starting for the 2016 football season. There are five age divisions for girls and boys from ages 8 to 19. Please contact Yola Tannous at for more information and upcoming registration nights.

Blackburn Art Group

Please remember to bring some comfy indoor shoes or slippers. As usual, bring your art project, a mug for tea break and a cover to protect the table.

The 2016 art session dates are held at the Blackburn Community Hall on the following Thursdays:

The new dates are as follows, all on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

February 11 and 25, March 10 and 24 (Note that the 24th could change due to school March break)

April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26

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Gloucester Allotment Garden Association

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Gardeners who attend the Annual Meeting and register for their plot(s) will receive a rebate.

For more information call the registrar at 613-824-8479 or visit our website at <http://gaga.ncf.ca>

Gloucester Horticulture Association

Monthly meetings, that are held on the third Monday of the month, feature excellent speakers. In February there is a Forced Bulbs and Preserves Show. Every year members participate in an exciting one-day road trip, members' garden tour, a flower arranging workshop, and a spring flower show. The monthly meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Top Generation Hall, 4373 Generation Court, Ottawa, a 10 minute drive from the Hamlet.

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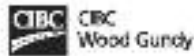
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