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The VISION Unfolds

by Barbara Sweazey

Excellent community input was received at the February 7 "Plan for the Future" meeting. Common areas of concern about Blackburn as a community were identified, including youth, environment, green space and recreation, small town dynamics, traffic, and Blackburn

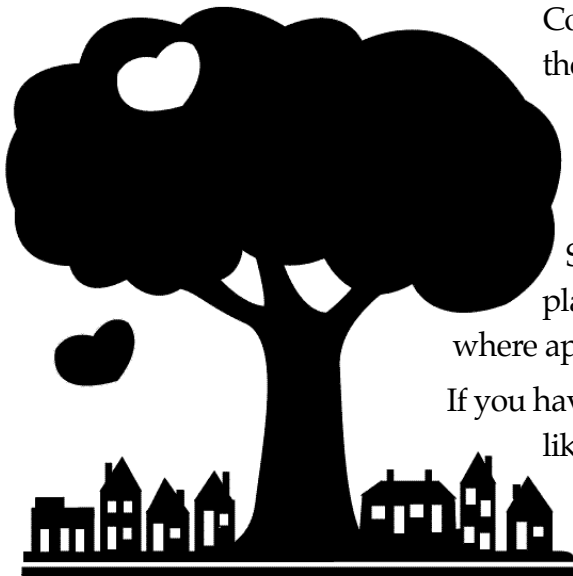
Community Association (BCA) operations. Results of the meeting were presented to the BCA in February.

Subsequently, the BCA devoted most of its March meeting to identifying projects that would respond to the concerns identified by the community's citizens.

See page 10 for the draft version of the BCA's 2001 planned projects. Still to be determined are project costs, where applicable.

If you have any questions about these projects, or you would like to help out in any way, please contact the director in charge (phone numbers are available under Board of Directors on the inside cover of the BANAR). The priorities for each project have also been identified

with (Short) = by end of Summer 2001, (Medium) = by end of December 2001 or (Long) = into the year 2002. The BCA will make efforts to ensure that the community is kept abreast of project status.



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From the President

This has been a very cold winter; it's great to see Blackburn bursting with spring fever. I love this season. Hopefully in the fall we will be planting bulbs so this time next year our parks will be bursting with tulips. Please call Barbara Sweazey.

Great News! We have a chairman for Funfair 2000. Michael Binda has graciously volunteered to head this year's Fun Fair. If you wish to get involved in the event that brings everyone together the first week-end of June, please call Michael at 590-7979. We have a host of experienced and dedicated people working on the many various sub-committees and I am sure you will find it a very enjoyable experience.

Besides the Fun Fair we are also gearing up to be part of the Capital Cleanup Day, collecting recyclables for the community garage sale, getting in shape for the Family Run/Walk and checking out your garden for our Annual Garden Tour. Opportunities abound for having a lot of fun and trying something new.

Iris Phillips

Planning for Fun Fair has started — come and join in the activities!

As this year's Fun Fair Chairman, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to come out for the 30th annual Blackburn Hamlet Fun Fair. This year the fair will take place on the first weekend of June.

We've made sure to keep some old favorites and of course to add some new surprises. The Fun Fair's board of directors is gearing up for another great year and we hope that everyone will come and join in the fun with their neighbours.

We are still looking for a few directors to help in organizing this year's fair. Should you be interested or know someone who would be, please call me at 590-7979 or e-mail me at michaelottawa@yahoo.com.

Michael Binda

Chairman, Fun Fair 2001

Upcoming BANARS

Deadline dates:

May 9th

August 3rd

Delivery dates:

May 26th

September 8th

Additional Banars are available at the Library and Arena.

Spring into Action with Blackburn Clean-up Day

by Barbara Sweazey

Although April showers do bring May flowers, the spring thaw also brings back a lot of garbage. And, we can do something about it!

This year Blackburn Hamlet has registered as a participant in the Capital Clean-up Day. Last year, over 20 tonnes of litter was collected across the city. The City provides our clean-up supplies such as garbage bags, vinyl gloves, leaf and yard waste bags, and helpful hints. All we need is YOU! along your family, friends and yours in our effort to clean up public ty in the Hamlet.



oin us on Saturday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Blackburn Community Centre (200 Glenpark Drive). Following the clean-up, enjoy a complimentary BBQ for the volunteers at 11:30 a.m. As a bonus, participants' names also will be entered for prizes from the sponsors.

For more information, please call Barb Sweazey 830-7286. Let's get our community looking good (... especially in time for the annual community Garage Sale!).

Blackburn's Amateur Archaeologists Discover "Garage Sale" Treasures

by Barbara Sweazey

Can't decide what to do with those old plaid pants that you wore to your high-school graduation? How about that extra toaster oven you received as a duplicate wedding gift? Well, maybe your neighbour would be interested! There's only one way to find out...

Participate in the annual Blackburn community Garage Sale. Taking place on Saturday May 5, 9 am - 3 pm



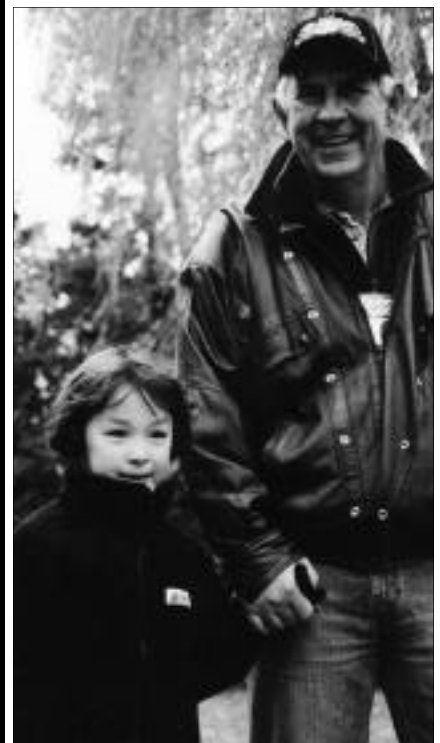
(rain date is May 6), visitors from across the city will be cruising more than 50 participating streets in the Hamlet, hunting for the garage sale treasures that you have unearthed since last May!

Anything you don't sell and wish to "giveaway", place on your curb after 4:00 p.m.

New this year! Set out any seedling plants, particularly perennials, that you would like to "exchange" with other resident gardeners.

Family 2k & 5k Fun Run

returns Sunday June 10th



Event information and applications forms will be available soon on the BCA web page. Call Paul Graham at 830-2868 to volunteer or if you need more information.

Garage Sale is on Saturday, May 5th, 9 am to 3 pm

Community Celebrations

St. Mary the Virgin Church marks 125th anniversary

by Carolyn McDougall

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Church will mark its 125th anniversary this year. This Anglican community of more than three hundred, is making plans to celebrate later in the year

In the late 1800's, a curate from the parish of St. Bartholomew (the Governor General's chapel) was sent out to Green's Creek to establish worship services. The first services were held in homes, then in a local school. By 1879, a small church and burial ground had been built on what is now Navan Road. The community grew and diminished in size several times during the first half of the 20th century, at times combining with the congregation at Navan as a two-point parish under one pastor.

With the rapid building boom in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the parish grew. It soon outgrew the small chapel on Navan Road, and moved into Blackburn Hamlet Public School, first for Sunday School, and



The community of the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin Church at Easter Vigil.

later for all of its Sunday activities.

In 1981, following the construction of Louis Riel Secondary School, the congregation moved the main Sunday service to this new location, but maintained early morning services at the Navan Road chapel for some time after that.

In recent years, the chapel on Navan Road has been used during the summer months only, and for

weddings and funerals. It had considerable restoration work on the interior in the early 1990's, and is now the focus for some exterior restoration.

St. Mary's has now served the community in three different centuries. Things have changed over that time, but the one thing that has not changed is the worship and prayer life that has always been a foundation for the community life.

The decision to abandon the idea of building a larger church changed the course of ministry at St. Mary's significantly. It meant moving away from a model of ministry that had been established in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and which is still the model for many churches today. When we did that, we set out on a new course, bringing the Good News to people in less traditional ways, and identifying ourselves as community through different means.

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Advisory Committees Provide Unique Link To City

by Rainer Bloess, Councillor, City of Ottawa

One of the commitments on the road to the new City of Ottawa was to keep local government local. In this regard, the City's Corporate Services Committee has put forward to Council a list of the fifteen Advisory Committees that will soon be established and set in motion in the new city. The names of many of these committees will be familiar to you since they mirror groups that existed in the former municipalities. Others may be new to you, reflecting as they do the much larger scope of interests and issues that the new city encompasses.

These advisory committees, composed largely of community volunteers, provide valuable links between City Hall and various special-interest groups across the City, allowing them to connect directly with City Council. In the past, many of these committees have served as valuable resources, undertaking time-consuming research and public consultation before presenting input and recommendations for Council consideration.

Of course, as a staunch supporter of grassroots community involvement, I believe that the Parks and

Recreation Advisory Committee merits special attention. It is this group that will likely be responsible for interacting with local community associations and existing recreation boards. It is crucial that these extremely effective local groups not only remain in existence but continue to grow and thrive within the new city.

I urge you to seriously consider volunteering for service on any committee in which you have an interest. Let's make sure our area, which has always been blessed with an enviable corps of talented volunteers, is well represented on these advisory committees as the new city takes shape.

Here then, for your consideration, is the list of advisory committees:

- Accessibility
- Poverty Issues
- Ottawa Forests
- Mobility Issues
- Cycling
- Seniors
- LACAC
- Environment (& Environment Health Sub Committee)
- French Language Services
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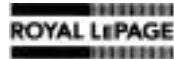
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Community Hall

by Al Ross

It appears that our long winter is finally on the wane, and the Community Hall has survived the season well. The occupancy level continues to increase with more services and programs, and in September the hall will be used every weekday morning, and most afternoons, with community-related activities.

This spring we will take up where we left off last fall and have the patio paved with interlocking stones. Wall panels, which we hope will reduce the echo and make the hall more pleasant for meetings and receptions, are in the advanced planning stage and will be installed during April.

Now that staff is being added to the new City, it is time we got to know who's who, and see if we can establish a good working relationship with Ottawa, like we had with the City of Gloucester. The first item as far as the community hall is concerned is the provision of storage space for equipment and apparatus that is so badly needed. Major expansion is out the question for 2001, and probably 2002, since the new City has serious budget problems incurred primarily by decisions made by the Transition Board. (surprise, surprise!)

The BCA has indicated to the City of Ottawa that they would be willing to continue with the management of the hall and sign a service agreement with the new City similar to that signed by the RPB in 2000.

Please remember, in order to book the hall for an event, call Jan Whitehouse at 830-8644, and visit the BCA website to find out what's going on at the hall.

Second Cell Phone Tower Looking for a Home

by Al Ross

Back in the fall of 2000, Rogers AT&T applied to the City of Gloucester for permission to erect a second cell phone tower on the Innes Rd. Fire hall site. The BCA opposed the proposal because we did not want to have two ugly towers on the same site in our community, and we asked the City to request that the cell phone providers get together with a plan to put all their equipment on one tower.

The City of Gloucester did this, and the issue is now the concern of the City of Ottawa. AT&T have not been able to reach an agreement with the current tower owners, and for technical reasons, a single tower does not appear to be feasible for all providers. We have met with the Rogers AT&T consulting engineers who are going to submit a design that would be "compatible with the fire hall and community", and less conspicuous.

Should Rogers AT&T be denied permission to build on the fire hall site, they could easily go across the street and build a self-supporting tower on the old military test site, over which we would have no influence with respect to its design or appearance. This is ongoing; please stay tuned for further developments.

Watch for Emily Carr's Daffodils

by Amy Derickx (B7R)

We are anxiously awaiting spring. Not only will you be greeted with new community signs but also with new blooming daffodils. Last year Emily Carr students in Grade 6 collected money for the Cancer Society. Half of the money went to Cancer Research and the other half went to purchasing daffodil bulbs which were planted at the three new community signs. Keep your eyes peeled and when you see those daffodils, be proud of Emily Carr because our students care about the community.

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Where was the Blackburn Station?

Written by the late Grace Johnston for
the Gloucester Leader

The Blackburn (railroad) Station structure and train-siding were southeast of the

Anderson and Renaud Road corner about two miles from the old Blackburn Corners and was the life-line for many in the community.

It looked like most of the little flag stations constructed in the 1898 era by the Montreal-Ottawa Railway, known later as the CPR — approximately 14' x 20', wooden walls painted a reddish brown, red brick chimney and wooden shingled roof. On the front side, the roof overhung a platform that was four steps higher than the track, making

embarking and disembarking less hazardous.

Sometimes when the snow was piled as high as the platform, the steps invisible, and only the tracks clear, a

... much to the displeasure of the section foreman who lived close by in a house to the east and kept his beady eye on all things.

horse and cutter with passenger could be guided to the door along the length of the platform up one side and off the other, much to the displeasure of the section foreman who lived close by in a house to the east and kept his beady eye on all things.

Mike Tanguay and Gordon Prunner are two names mentioned as being foremen. Farther east, in fact at the south end of what is now Maurice Street, was a box-like building for storage of the side-cars used on the tracks.

The old station boasted a box stove in the centre of the bare floor facing the only door. Coal in a bin to the left was ready for waiting passengers in winter to help themselves with shovel and scuttle to arouse the always glowing embers.

Wall benches and one window at the right (east) and another at the front (south) made inside watching for the Montreal train more comfortable.

Three trains from Montreal to Ottawa and return passed the little station daily — the most popular for years for quick trips to Ottawa being

the 11:20 a.m. and the 3:40 p.m. return. Clocks were set by its absolute regularity. In the 1920s the one way fare was 15 cents — return 25 cents. By the thirties the price had gone up to 25 cents one-way!

The engineer stopped to pick up passengers only when a green flag was set on a holder at the side of the building, clearly visible to him up the line. A short shrill whistle indicated the signal had been seen and then the flag could be put back in its proper place inside and the door shut. The night signal was the swinging of a lighted lantern from the platform.

Large parcels of goods would arrive by freight for local residents, in particular for Fern Chenier's store on the Anderson Road. In the 1920s the mail was picked up at the station by Charles Rheame who lived directly north. He sorted the letters and Bob White, in the twenties and early thirties, made deliveries to the rural mail boxes with his grey horse hitched to a buggy or cutter.

On Christmas Eve in 1953, due to an overly zealous need for warmth, the damper on the stove was left open. Great heat was the result, in fact so much so, that the red hot pipes caught fire after a forgetful passenger boarded the train — the remains of the station smoldered for days.

A smaller, less picturesque building was erected soon after and remained for a short time after the stop closed around 1958.

Thanks to Mary (Geymonat) Mackie, David Mackie, Anna Elliott and Fern Chenier.

Source: Lois Kemp, *Gloucester Roots*.

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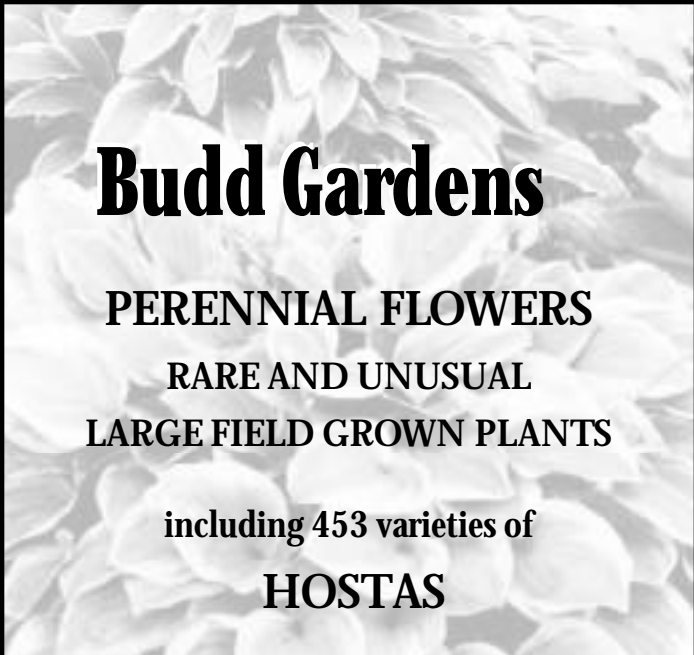
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Community Planning

The VISION Unfolds (continued from page 1)

Youth

1. Expand skateboard park (Short) *Paul Graham*
2. Apply for funding to expand Community Hall's storage space. (Medium) *Al Ross*
3. Clarify and resolve with city public access issue for tennis club. (Short) *Rainer Bloess*
4. Check with Children/Youth Director about how the BCA can better support related initiatives. (Medium) *Iris Phillips*
5. Support swimming pool's youth programs and initiatives. (Short) *Paul Graham*

Environment

1. Provide literature and signs for alternative lawn care. (Short) *Barb Sweazey*
2. Organize and publicize community garage sale, including plant exchange —May 5. (Short) *Barb Sweazey*
3. Explore environmental issues with Lafarge quarry. (Long) *Barb Sweazey*
4. Organize and publicize community clean-up initiative — April 28. (Short) *Barb Sweazey*
5. Promote spring bulb planting in community. (Medium) *Barb Sweazey / Iris Phillips*

Green Space/Recreation

1. Establish link with organization that grooms recreation trails at Green's Creek. Determine how BCA could support their work (trails, signs, winter use of club house, etc.). (Medium) *Rainer Bloess*
2. Lobby City's Leisure Department for increased pathway lighting. (Medium/ Long) *Paul Graham*
3. Promote and request leisure skating oval. (Medium) *Rainer Bloess*

Small Town Dynamics

1. Ask the Lafarge quarry to offer a community Open House. (Medium) *Paul Graham*
2. Investigate establishment of Beer Store and LCBO. (Medium) *Sandra Quaia*
3. Investigate establishment of tea room, bistro, internet café, etc. (Long) *Sandra Quaia*
4. Include "Spot Light on Business" articles regularly in BANAR. (Ongoing) *Sandra Quaia*
5. Create and maintain award program for long-standing Blackburn businesses. (Medium) *Sandra Quaia*
6. Organize fall and spring "Family Runs" (2K and 5K). (Ongoing) *Paul Graham*
7. Continue to support Fun Fair. (Ongoing)
8. Investigate possibility of organizing a Blackburn Hamlet Oktoberfest. (Medium)
9. Investigate the purchase of a large tent through Trillium Fund. Explore arrangements for managing the tent (i.e. exchanging storage/set-up services). (Short) *Paul Graham*

Traffic

1. Make traffic signs that warn drivers about increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic when soccer tournaments are underway. Request cooperation from soccer club to post these signs accordingly. (Short) *Rainer Bloess*
2. Continue to request increased policing of speeding on Bearbrook. (Ongoing) *Rainer Bloess*

BCA Modus Operandi

1. Prepare job descriptions for each Director position. (Short) *All directors*
2. Prepare annual goals for each Director position. (Annual) *All directors*
3. Update mission statement, BCA goals and objectives, etc. (by June 1, 2001). (Short) *All directors*
4. Plan and evaluate BCA performance annually. (Annual) *All directors (President)*
5. Review constitution and by-laws. (Short) *Sandra Quaia*

Other

1. Maintain a volunteer database to assist BCA directors in completing assignments. (Medium) *Monica de Römer*
2. Create a disaster plan for the community, e.g., to deal with missing child, fire, flood, ice storm, etc. (Long) *Paul Graham*

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Seniors Corner

Senior's Club offers new activities in community

by Sarah Cloutier

The seniors groups are taking off beautifully. Many busy, interested and interesting seniors are involved in this group.

Book Club

Audrey Lewis (824-3197) now heads up the Book Club. They have had two evenings together and have decided that they will be meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the homes of alternating members. There are currently seven members but room for more, so call Audrey if you're interested.

Plant Exchange

Marilyn Levesque (837-3230) has put forward the wonderful idea of a Plant Exchange. Anyone interested

in this idea or who would like to volunteer to help accomplish it is encouraged to call Marilyn.

Travel Group

Another great idea is for a Travel Group. It could be local day trips or to some exotic, far away destination. Interested individuals should call Kuldip Jande at 841-0466.

Games Club

Wally Nickerson (837-3197) continues to head up the Games Club. She would be happy to hear from you if you're interested.

Seniors Pot Luck Dinner

The seniors first attempt at doing something really social is to have a Seniors Pot Luck Dinner. This event

will be held on Saturday, May 26th, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Centre. For information or to R.S.V.P. call Shirley Haggerty (824-4664) or Kuldip Jande (841-0466).

Next Meeting

The Seniors Group's next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 18th, 2001 at the Community Centre. All seniors are welcome.

For any other information or to voice your opinion or ideas, please contact Sarah Cloutier (841-4114).

Bearbrook Court Activities

Check the many activities organized by Bearbrook Court for young and old on page 17.

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Parks and Recreation

Extra long season enjoyed on outdoor rinks

by Paul Graham

A very successful outdoor ice rink season has come to an end. The volunteers of the local Parks and Recreation Board selected the City of Gloucester to make the ice and provide snow clearing. The City staff provided an excellent service to our community. The ice was superb and the snow was promptly cleared after the many snow falls. For the first time in recent memory the weather cooperated and all rinks were open during the Christmas holidays, which extended the season by one week permitting eleven weeks of use. Many thanks to Chris Noyes who volunteered to supervise the rink attendants. Under the new City of Ottawa, the volunteer Recreation and Parks Board no longer exists. Dedicated members of Blackburn Hamlet continue to address Parks issues and are excellent advocates for our community as a Sub Committee of the BCA.



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The Sale of a Business

by R. Mitchell Rowe L.L.B.

There are two ways to sell your incorporated business — by selling the corporate shares or by selling all of the underlying business assets. Generally speaking, the vendor of a business will prefer to sell the shares of the business, while the purchaser will prefer to acquire only the assets.

There are three major reasons why the owner of a business would prefer to sell his shares — to avoid potential future liabilities, taxes and payments to terminated employees.

From a future liability perspective, when the vendor sells his shares he also transfers and thus avoids, from that point on, any potential liability for any company debts or future claims that may be made against the company. The sale of the shares represents the sale of the ownership of the business, while a sale of the business assets does not affect the ownership of the company.

From a tax viewpoint, the vendor's sale of the shares is preferred since he will likely receive capital gains treatment on the sale of his shares. Capital gains are taxed at a reduced rate, and the shareholder may be entitled to a full exemption

from the payment of this tax. On the other hand, the sale of company assets often results in the vendor having to repay Revenue Canada for depreciation the company has previously claimed on the assets, but that has not been realized as a result of the sale price received for the assets.

From an employee perspective, employment contracts are not assignable — employees cannot be sold. Thus at the sale of the assets all employee contracts are terminated and employees become entitled to termination pay — notice and severance.

On the sale of the shares, although the ownership of the company's shares has changed hands, the employment is not terminated since the "employer" of the employees, i.e. the company, has not changed. Typically, where the sale of assets is followed by an offer of new employment to all the employees, no damages can be claimed by the employees resulting from the termination of their former employment, and thus no termination pay is payable.

While the above is by no means exhaustive — there are of course other matters to be considered by the vendor of a business — the above provides some of the more important issues that must be addressed.

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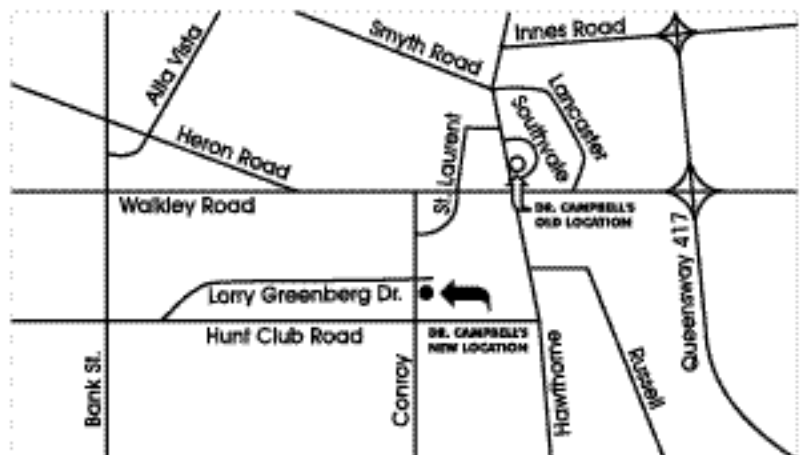
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Building Handwriting Skills for Preschoolers

by Karen Fleming

In many instances children begin to show an interest in writing between the ages of three and four, and by the time they complete junior kindergarten they have mastered writing their name and their drawings have become more detailed (stick people have arms, legs, fingers, faces, etc). Often children need to build strength in their hands and develop fine motor coordination in

order to master letter formation. Many preschool activities are geared to the development of these skills.

Here are some activities from the Blackburn Hamlet Preschool that will help your children reinforce this development.

1. Provide play dough, plasticine clay, and GAK (see recipe below) for children to manipulate. Using cookie cutters, rolling pins, potato mashers or garlic presses with play dough also

strengthens hand muscles and helps develop coordination.

2. Allow children to manipulate desk tools such as hole punchers, staplers, blunt-end scissors, stamp pads and stampers, paper clips, etc.

3. Provide play materials that develop eye-hand coordination as well as dexterity, such as pegboards, geo boards and rubber bands, sewing cards, beads to string, block to stack, fingerpaints and paper to fold and cut.

4. Fill roll-on deodorant bottles with paint and allow your children to use them to make designs.

5. Have your children help you with the following household tasks: folding clothes and napkins, dusting furniture, drying silverware, pouring their own juice or milk, mixing foods, and kneading dough.

6. Provide the tools of writing. Make available pencils, crayons, markers and paper for exploration. Draw to music with crayons, coloured chalk, etc.

7. Let children finger-paint with shaving cream right on the kitchen table. It is easy to clean and provides an exciting medium for finger movement and eye-hand coordination.

8. Prepare snacks that help develop the muscles used in writing: a plastic knife can be used to cut and spread, a grater for cheese, etc.

Blackburn Hamlet Preschool GAK

- 2 cups of white glue
- 1 1/2 cups hot tap water (not boiling)
- 1 cup cold water
- 4 tbs. Borax (powder)
- food colouring
- 2 bowls (not plastic)
- spoon (not wooden)

Let the child squeeze the mixture with their hands until it's blended.

Adapted from an article by Angela Andrews, Kindergarten teacher in Naperville, Illinois and an Editorial Advisor for the Well-Centered Child.

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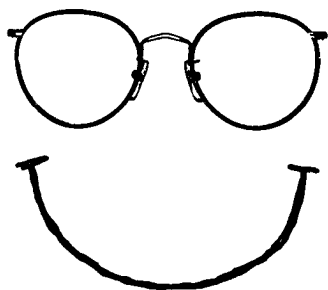
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Coming Events

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"Role of the Public Guardian and Trustee" Seminar

The Seniors Citizens' Council of Ottawa-Carleton's monthly meeting is being held on April 10 at 2:00pm at Bearbrook Court, 2645 Innes Road in the recreation lounge. The topic is the "Role of the Public Guardian and Trustee". A speaker for the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee will discuss the Office's responsibilities under the Consent to Treatment Act and the Substitute Decisions Act. Come and learn how these two acts can affect you. All are welcome to attend. For information please call Kathleen at 234-8044.

"Life With Children" Conference

The 28th Annual "Life With Children" Conference for parents, teachers and caregivers will be held on Saturday May 5th at the Sir Robert Borden High School, 131 Greenbank Road from 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The keynote speech will be "Poets & Princes/Princesses: Children as Heroes of Their Own Stories" by Jan Andrews, children's author and storyteller.

For more information or to register contact Genny Billingsley at email: ovcp@home.com or (613) 830-0630.

Car Wash and BBQ

To raise money for the growing garden at the Bearbrook Court that they show every year in the Blackburn Hamlet Garden tour, a car wash and BBQ will be held on May 5th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in conjunction with the annual community garage sale. When you're out bargain-hunting, stop in to get some lunch while your car gets washed! Located at the corner of Innes Road and Bearbrook Road.

Mother's Day Tea

Mother's Day is a great time to treat your Mom to a fun afternoon of live entertainment and delicious sweets! So join the folks at the Bearbrook Court at their Mother's Day Tea! The tea will be held in the first floor lounge at Bearbrook Court, 2645 Innes Road. The fun starts at 2:00pm. Call 837-8720 ext 16 today to let them know you are coming!

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Coming Events

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Spring Market

The Gloucester Craftsmen's Guild will be holding their annual spring sale on April 7 and 8, 10 am to 4 pm, Lester B. Pearson High School, 2072 Jasmine Crescent, corner of Ogilvie Road. Free admission.

Horticulture Society

The Gloucester Horticulture Society meets every 3rd Monday at the Top Generation Club located on the 6th Line Road, Ramsayville at 7:30 p.m.

On Monday, April 16th, Doug Bruce will be presenting "Pruning Trees and Shrubs" and on May 21st there will be some great buys in the plant auction sale.

Meetings are free and everyone is welcome. For more information call Fran Dennett at 741-4523.

Christian Women's After 5

On April 10, 7 pm at Mr. Keith's Banquet Hall, 109-1220 Old Innes Road the Christian Women's After 5 group is hosting a "Green Thumbs" night. Evelyn Budd, from Budd Garden Perennials will be sharing some hints on how to get this year's garden off to a great head start. She will also be talking about the Rothwell United Church's Bible Garden which is now in it's fourth year and growing.

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The May meeting will be held on May 14th. The topic will be gardening and there will be the very popular plant exchange once again this year.

Don't forget Fun Fair is fast approaching and when you are doing your spring clean up, your generous donations will once again be very much welcomed for the White Elephant table.

Hope to see you at the meetings. For more information please contact Colette at 834-4772 or Lee Ann at 824-8947.

Rothwell White Elephant Sale

Spring must be around the corner! Rothwell United Church will be holding their annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, April 21 from 10 am till 1 pm. Household items, good used clothing, toys and games, books and plants will be available at great prices. Refreshments will also be available. Rothwell is located at 42 Sumac Street off Appleford Crescent in the Gloucester Centre area.



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These fees, which are \$5.00 off regular fees, are for BCA members. For non-BCA members and for families with more than two adults (over 18), there will, in each case, be additional charges of \$10.00.

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Social round robins for adult club members will again be scheduled this year. These popular events are held every morning, Monday to Thursday, and every Thursday evening.

The **annual general meeting** of the club will be held on Wednesday, June 14. All club members are invited to attend.

Little League Registration

Blackburn youth are invited to register for Little League by calling Dave at 834-4459.

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Blackburn Duplicate Bridge	824-9593
Child Care Drop-In	742-5500
"No School Days" Child Care	580-2400
Guides and Brownies	824-6013
Scouts	837-0837
Registrar	841-7146
Jeannettes	824-9972
Les Guides	837-1839
Conseil de Gestion	837-3941
Blackburn Chorus	824-8219
Block Parents	824-1076
	824-3938
Le Club Optimiste	837-4645
Les Chansonniers	837-3883
Neighbourhood Watch	824-1522
Newcomers' Club	834-8157
Gloucester Horticulture	746-9564
Gloucester Seniors	749-1974
Gloucester Arts	749-4978
Quilting Groups	841-6084
	837-4081

Sports

Badminton	824-2671
Fastball (Men's)	824-1435
Football	769-0458
Gloucester Skating Club	830-1610
Hockey (Girl's)	841-7540
Hockey (Minor)	837-1344
Hockey (Men's)	824-3921
Little League Baseball	834-4459
Ringette (Ladies')	837-1504
Softball (Ladies')	834-2983
Tennis	834-1269
Volleyball (Ladies')	596-2550
3-Pitch Softball (Mixed)	834-0278

Schools

Abacus Montessori School	841-0211
Blackburn Hamlet Preschool	824-3251
Cairine Wilson (9-13)	824-4411
Carleton Board Office	721-1820
Carleton Catholic Office	224-2222
École élémentaire publique Séraphin-Marion	837-2216
École Ste-Marie (K-6)	824-3600
École intermédiaire Pauline-Vanier (7-8)	744-1922
École secondaire Louis Riel (9-13)	837-2216
Emily Carr Middle School (6-8)	824-5455
Glen Ogilvie School (K-5)	824-4014
Gloucester High School (9-13)	745-7176
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