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From the Editor

We want to keep you informed of what is happening in and around our community, but we need your input to do it

The BANAR focuses on news in the Blackburn Community, common areas of collaboration and the many talented and dedicated people that live in our community.

This is your publication, and we want to cover issues that you consider relevant. We welcome your pictures, stories, suggestions and news tips. Articles may be dropped off or forwarded in the body of an e-mail or MS Word attachment.

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We hope you enjoy reading The BANAR

It has been a pleasure working with such a great group of community-minded people over the past four years in my role as editor. The energy, time and talent our volunteers have and continue to contribute has made Blackburn Hamlet a community "extrodinaire".

I wish to thank the BCAdirectors and numerous contributors for e-mailing in the many informative and well written articles. An extra measure of thanks goes to those that submit them by the deadline date. I have also been blessed to have the help of Ray du Plessis who is a very thorough and knowledgeable proof-reader.

With the publishing of this first issue of the thirty-fifth volume of The BANAR, you will notice a new masthead and look. What will not change is the content, which will highlight and communicate what Blackburn is all about. Happy reading!

Upcoming BANARS

Deadline date:

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Delivery date:

November 17th

Additional Banars are available at the Library and Arena.

Blackburn celebrates at the 30th anniversary

by Michael Binda

It was another exciting year for the Fun Fair on June 1st and 2nd. Although we had some rain, the fair was enjoyed by the community of Blackburn Hamlet and surrounding area. The fair attracted great crowds to all events on both days.

I would like to thank all of our various corporate sponsors who gave so generously. Some of our major sponsors included the TD Canada Trust, who sponsored the Bavarian Garden, Loeb Blackburn Market for all the donations of food and for their staff who helped prepare everything, and Lafarge for sponsoring the fireworks. Due to a planning glitch, the fireworks had to be cancelled. Plans are already in place to have them for next year.

We also had many other sponsors that helped in a variety of ways such as the auction, prizes and cash donations. Please note that the Balloon Ride sponsored by Sarah Cloutier of Remax was for two people not one as

listed on the auction sheet. As chairman, I'd like to thank all the sponsors once again for all the time and effort they gave to Fun Fair 2001.



Fair goers started the day right with the Fun Fair Pancake Breakfast.

This year we tried a few new things that were a pretty big hit with the residents. We had the Blackburn Hamlet Showcase in the General Store as a means to profile stores and services that are in our community. We expanded the Midway and added an extra castle for the kids so as to

avoid line-ups. Demonstrations and the reptile show were also very well received by the fair goers. We even had great music throughout the day with the Swampwater Jazz band on the outdoor stage. Of course we kept many favorites such as the petting zoo, candy floss, pancakes and Dr Danic's Blues Berry Jam band on Friday night.

This type of event would not have been possible without the help of the many volunteers and fair directors. I would like to applaud all their efforts and time to make this 30th anniversary Fun Fair a success. The Fun Fair Board of Directors is a team of dedicated volunteers who usually work for months doing all the planning. This year, time was short and the planning was done in less than two months. BRAVO!

Fun Fair 2002 must now start to plan. We need people to fill vacancies (see below) on the board of Directors. Please call Paul Graham, Chairman for Fun Fair 2002 at 830-2868.

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Fun Fair Financial Statement

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The total amount for the distribution of shares for 2001-02 was \$9,350.00. These shares are given to community groups (see below) depending on the job they volunteered to do. The Blackburn Fun Fair committee would like to extend a special thanks to Rainer Bloess and Iris Phillips for their involvement as well as to the following groups for their generous support towards Fun Fair 2001.

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Fun Fair 2001 — Financial Statement

Program	Expenses	Income	Balance
Administration*	\$845.56	\$10,639.23	\$9,793.67
Agriculture	\$1,359.73	\$0.00	(\$1,359.73)
Auction	\$280.00	\$709.00	\$429.00
Beer Garden	\$9,660.01	\$16,737.14	\$7,077.13
Children	\$2,655.35	\$990.85	(\$1,664.50)
Facilities	\$5,794.83	\$968.00	(\$4,826.83)
Fireworks	\$1,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$750.00
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General Store	\$784.37	\$1,987.16	\$1,202.79
Home Show	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Midway	\$2,809.73	\$0.00	(\$2,809.73)
Shares 2001	\$9,350.00	\$0.00	(\$9,350.00)
Tickets	\$1,357.27	\$16,588.45	\$15,231.18
Youth	\$795.15	\$821.10	\$25.95
Total	\$42,303.45	\$52,240.93	\$9,937.48

* includes income from Fun Fair 2000 carried fwd
 Note: Reserve fund for 2002 will be \$9,937.48



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Blackburn impresses Visitors from Far and Wide

Gardeners from Cornwall, Montreal and Toronto were among the over 200 visitors that toured the eleven lush gardens and had a delightful tea at the Bearbrook Court Retirement Residence. The exciting variety of gardens featured cooling water ponds, unique patios and decks, lush perennials, incredible vegetable gardens, beautiful rose displays, mature hosta gardens and even an amazing display of bonsai. Art Phelan, current president of the Bonsai Society had a display of the tools he uses as well as bonsai in various stages of development.

Aspecial thank you to our gardeners: Gill and Mike Greenham, Nancy and Art Phelan, Mira and Zbig Wasilewska, Chris and Brian Lalonde, Kathy and Doug Cushman, Rita and Sam Hill, Mary and Emile Ghie, Francine Paquette and Grahame Bailey and Evelyn and Don Budd.

Congratulations to our winners in the draw: Tammy Herring, Mandy Brady and Phyllis McEwen.

It would not be possible without our volunteer organizers and generous sponsors. Gail Kajiura of *Divine-Do's Event Planning Par Excellence!* and Evelyn Budd of *Budd Graphics/Budd Gardens* combined their talents, energy and love of gardening again to make sure the tour was an enjoyable experience for all.

Special thanks go to Ritchies Feed and Seed, Blackburn Home Hardware and Budd Gardens Perennials for the draw donations, Bearbrook Court for hosting the tea and Budd Gardens as our major sponsor.

The planting of gardens around the entrance signs should be completed by early September.

Photos by Sarah Cloutier



Don't forget, we need new gardens for next year's tour so please call Evelyn at her office number 824-9707 if you would like more information about showing your garden next year. Our mouth watering planning and wrap-up sessions are another great reason to join us!

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BCA Family Fun Run growing in numbers

by Paul Graham

On June 10th seventy-one runners, joggers and walkers participated in the very popular BCAorganized Family Fun Run. Athletes were able to accept the challenge of the 2k or the 5k distance route. All of the finishers received ribbons and shared in the chance to win one of the numerous draw prizes.

The volunteers who looked after the registration, controlled traffic, yelled out times and handed out water deserve our heartfelt thanks for being so supportive. Participants were also very appreciative of Mike Dube's refreshments from LOEB and Councillor Bloess's numerous prizes.

✱ **Mark your calender now for the next
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Photo by Paul Graham

These participants of the June 21st Family Fun Run certainly know how to combine the fun with the run.

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New Blackburn Community Association Board of Directors

A very interesting BCA Annual General Meeting was held June 21st at the Blackburn Library and a new Board of Directors for 2001-02 was elected. We are pleased to announce that Al Ross, formerly Director of Civic Affairs will be leading the new board as President of the BCA with the assistance of vice-president, Chris Noyes. New directors to the board are Jennifer Collins (secretary), Jessica Tranquilli Doherty (Civic Affairs), and Paula Rosenquist (Education). Directors returning from last year include Marion Jones, Cate Palmer, Sandra Quaia, Barbara Sweazey, Monica de Römer, Paul Graham, Sarah Cloutier and Gord Hawley. Paul Graham has also volunteered to be chairman of Fun Fair 2002. Other returning members are Rainer Bloess (City Councillor), Jan Whitehouse (Community Hall), Helen Rousseau (web) and Evelyn Budd (BANAR).

Special thanks and plaques were presented on behalf of the community to retiring members Iris Phillips, Lois Kemp and Diane Smyth for their vision and volunteer work on the BCA Executive. They will be greatly missed on the board, but we have no doubt they will remain "involved".

BCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2002

Beginning in October

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Photo by Paul Graham

On the Saturday of the May long weekend our Community Hall got a new patio. Under the skillful direction of volunteer foreman Dana Doherty, over twenty members of our community installed over 14,000 bricks while constructing a 60' by 30' patio. The costs of the project were shared by councillor Rainer Bloess, City of Ottawa Operations Department, and a cash donation from the Blackburn Senior Hardball Team.

Jackie Madill goes to ITU World Triathlon

Christopher Robin has just asked Pooh a question:

“What do you like doing best in the world, Pooh?”

“Well,” said Pooh, “what I like best -----” and then he had to stop and think. Because although Eating Honey was a very good thing to do, there was a moment just before you began to eat it which was better than when you were, but he didn’t know what it was called.” (From the Tao of Pooh. By Benjamin Hoff)

There are many of us who are so busy that we know not where we come from or where we are going. Jackie Madill tried very hard to avoid this race. Because it would take a lot of her time. Because it is an expensive sport. Because she did not feel ready. Because she could not find any good reason to do it....

Photo by Evelyn Budd



as a hard race and that was because it was fun”. She happens to like the sport, loves the feeling of grabbing the water and of feeling her legs pushing against the pedals. Although she doesn’t enjoy the run in a race so much, she loved to see the wildlife as she trained along the footpaths in the Gatineau Park. The race was going to be in Canada and she is proud to be a Canadian. So Jackie got her Ontario Association of Triathletes membership and took it step by step. From then on, every minute of every day was filled with training and preparations. Time was taken off from work and by July 21st Jackie had succeeded in winning the right to be in the 2001 Edmonton ITU World Triathlon for women ages 50 to 54.

On May 3rd (Jackie’s birthday), she finally let what was becoming an obsession take control, admitted to herself that “there was only one reason to do something as stupid

Although Jackie did not bring home a medal, she did honour the triathlon’s motto “Mind, body and soul” both in the race and in her being. Well done, Jackie!

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Blackburn's Art Price Moving to Toronto

by Evelyn Budd

The Price family were the first city slickers to move to the small community of Blackburn 54 years ago. Art built a home, shop and studio with his father's help on Innes Road where he and his wife, Dalila raised their four daughters H el ene, Caroline, Nina, Tania and a son Ren e.

Not only is his work found in art museums around the world but he has considerable satisfaction in knowing that his work is accessible and a part of everyday life. In Blackburn, his sculpture, THE BLACKBOARDgraces the front of the Norman Johnston Alternative High School, while just a few miles away in front of the National Research Council, we can appreciate the amazingTHE UNIVERSE IS YOU, made of nickel stainless steel . The Canadian Museum of Civilization is home to many of his sculptures, paintings and photographs. He is probably best known as the artist that was instrumental in bringing Canadian native art to us. Over the years Art has worked in a wide variety of materials and styles — it would be impossible to ever have him or his art "pigeon holed".

Art Price is a by-product of his way of living. He believes that it's all about what and how you eat and live your life.



Art Price pictured with THE THUNDERBIRD will be moving to Toronto to live with his daughter, Caroline, in September.

He gathers some of his food along the sidewalks; some people may call them weeds. His favourites include Lamb's Quarters, Thistles and Dandelions. His favourite restaurant is MacDonalds because of the people — "the pretty, young women at the counter always have his cup of half hot water, half hot coffee with 3 milk ready".

When he moves to Toronto at the end of September it will be a "priceless" loss for his many friends here.

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Heat Wave Hotspots at City Hall

by Rainer Bloess, City of Ottawa Councillor

As the season wind down, here are a few updates on City Hall activity over the dog days of summer.

While Tax Bills are generally not well received, the news on the eastern front is quite good in that the vast majority of residents in Innes Ward will see a reduction in their taxes. This, despite the fact that there have been some fairly complicated behind-the-scenes machinations used to reach our goal of a tax cut.

One of these is a 1.8% additional levy (which has received some adverse publicity) being imposed across the board on both commercial and residential properties. This levy was necessitated by a whopping 29% increase in commercial and industrial assessments, a burden which few businesses, especially smaller ones, could afford to shoulder. To put this increase in perspective, the rise in assessment value for residential properties across the City was only 4.59%. Putting local

business under an intolerable financial strain is a no-win scenario for all of us. Therefore, funds generated by this levy will be used to defray some of this 29% increase in commercial assessment.

The good news is that in spite of the 1.8% levy and increases in overall assessment value increases, most Innes Ward residents will see a decrease in their property taxes. This is largely due to the fact that our overall assessment increase is only 1.9%, less than half that of the rest of the City. This, combined with the much-trumpeted tax rate reduction of 10% will mean that the majority will see a real tax cut this year. While reserve funds have partly funded this year's tax rate reduction, by 2003 it is projected that savings from amalgamation alone will maintain this lower tax rate.

There is further financial good news from the Blackburn Community Association. The City's Community Development Fund will be providing a \$7500 grant to the B.C.A. to help subsidize the construction of additional (and much-needed) storage space at the Community Hall.

Other City Hall news includes the controversial No Smoking bylaw (i.e. no smoking in public places) which has been in full force since August 1. I encourage all of those who may have made a habit of avoiding a variety of public places because of the hazards and nuisance of smoke-filled rooms to come out and patronize local establishments now that they are smoke-free. Let's help our local business people through this important transition, which is sure to be worrisome and difficult for many.

And finally, we have approved a number of changes within the local taxi industry. The most notable is the commitment to put more disabled-accessible vehicles on the road. Specially-equipped cabs can accommodate our disabled community will soon be eligible for licensing and, once a number of them are on the road, their availability should help to reduce the current heavy demands on our Para Transpo service.

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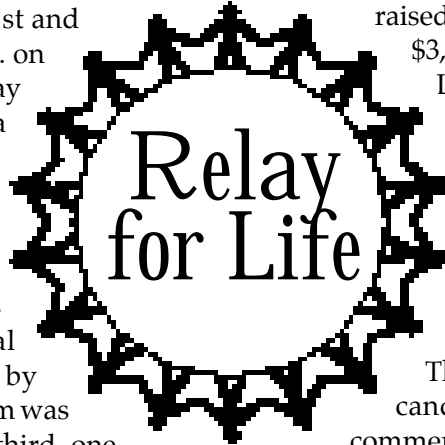
Over \$5,800 raised for Canadian Cancer Society

For the second year in a row Hamlet residents generously demonstrated their support for the Canadian Cancer Society at the third annual Relay for Life held on June 1st and 2nd at Lansdowne Park. From 7 pm. on Friday evening until 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning a total of 116 teams braved a constant downpour, running, walking or shuffling around the oval track at Lansdowne Park to raise funds for cancer research.

Once again Blackburn Hamlet was very well represented. The original Omelette team was joined this year by two more local teams. The second team was formed by Lucie Durning and a third one captained by Hannah Rycroft. These team captains not only recruited team members and sponsors but also demonstrated their sprinting style in the rain. Lucie brought in a number of participants from the Hamlet while Hannah included co-workers from her company, Friends Inc., and several fit and feisty firefighters.

Team members paid ten dollars to participate and were encouraged to raise an additional \$100.00 each for the cause. In all, 115 teams, with a total of 1,356 members, raised \$323,373.00! Locally, the Omelettes raised \$3,327.00, Hannah's group raised \$1181.00 and Lucie's team raised \$1,395.00, all above average contributions. In addition, the Hamlet provided many much-needed volunteers both in advance of and during the event. The Relay for Life's main contact in Blackburn, Kevin McGuire, sends a huge thank you out to all of those who made this year's relay such a success.

The event's candlelight ceremony, when candles and nameplates surround the track commemorating those who have lost their lives to cancer, was both moving and motivating. Participants hope to field even more Hamlet teams next year for this worthy cause including, perhaps a couple of teen teams from local high schools. All are welcome and any contribution is appreciated. Plan now to include this annual pre-summer event in your 2002 calendar.



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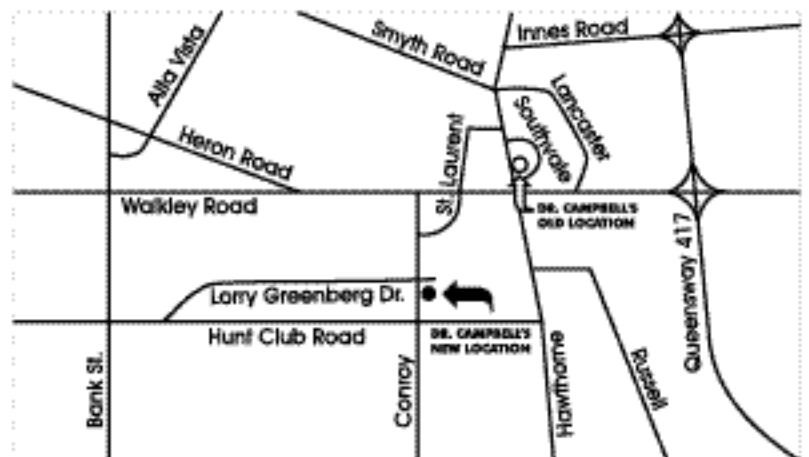
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Blackburn Chorus —An Exciting Spring Concert

Blackburn Chorus, the 70-voice mixed choir based in this community and including many Blackburn Hamlet residents among its members, presented an energetic and highly entertaining Spring concert at Orleans United Church on the evenings of May 11 and May 12. In a departure from most of its previous concerts, the Chorus included as guest artists Kathy Armstrong and her Beobab song, dance and drum group, presenting West African Gahu dance numbers. Many of the Chorus joined in the dancing and traditional Ghanaian singing, with drum accompaniment and authentic dance-calling, against a spectacular African sunset backdrop.

The near-capacity audience gave the Gahu numbers a standing ovation each evening.



The Beobab drummers performing with the whole Blackburn Chorus choir and against a spectacular African sunset backdrop.

The program also included a wide variety of choral numbers, ranging from the classical Easter Hymn from "Cavalleria Rusticana", Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu", through Scottish and Canadian folk songs, old

and not-so-old, to Broadway and Hollywood show tunes, such as "The Sound of Music", and "Hakuna Matata" from "The Lion King". Blackburn Chorus also put on a third, shortened version of the concert the following Sunday, for charity fund-raising purposes, at a church in Kanata. The enthusiastic reception of the audiences at each performance said all that needed to be said about the musical quality and entertainment value of the concerts.

Now the Chorus is starting to put together and rehearse its annual Christmas concert, again to be held at Orleans United Church. The dates are Friday December 14 and Saturday December 15. More details will be available in the next issue of The Banar. For information, call 837-0938.

Blackburn Chorus was established in 1984 by Blackburn Hamlet residents. It now numbers some 70-75 voices, and operates under the professional direction of musical director David Chin and accompanist Louise Léveillé. At least two concerts are presented each year. Select groups from the chorus are also available to sing at fund raising events, charity occasions and senior citizens homes.



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by Barbara Sweazey

It's been 32°+ for countless days and the end does not seem in sight. To cope, I've had the air conditioning on in the house, in the car and at work, all the while feeling guilty because I call myself the "Environmental Director" at the BCA! Summers like this remind us that climate change doesn't just affect people across the oceans. Instead, they reinforce the message that each of us can be affected by the impact of increased greenhouse gases.

While greenhouse gases (GHGs) form naturally, many human activities add additional GHGs to the atmosphere. Heating and cooling buildings, using energy at home and work, driving vehicles to move people and goods, powering industrial processes – most things we do that consume energy contribute to the problem.

Radiation from the sun enters the earth's atmosphere, and GHGs act like the glass on a greenhouse to block this heat from escaping back to space. There is a direct link among rising atmospheric GHG concentrations, particularly carbon dioxide (CO₂), global warming and more frequent extreme weather events. In Canada this will affect many individuals and industries, including fisheries, agriculture, forestry, and the North.

Countries around the world have recognized the urgent need to take action to reduce GHGs in order to address the climate-change challenge. In December 1997, Canada and more than 160 other countries met in Kyoto, Japan, and agreed to targets to reduce GHG emissions. Canada's target is to reduce its GHG emissions to 6 percent below 1990 levels by the period between 2008 and 2012. This July, 180 countries came together in Bonn, Germany, and reached a broad political agreement on a framework that would give life to the targets set in 1997 (Kyoto Protocol) and open the way for its ratification by Canada in 2002.



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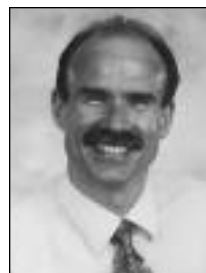
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- Join or organize a car pool. Car pooling, whether to work, for shopping expeditions or taking children to school, is an immediate step that you can take to combat the greenhouse effect.
- Stay cool at highway speeds by using your car's flow-through ventilation. The air conditioner in stop-and-go traffic can increase fuel consumption by as much as 20 percent.
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Though no one can go back and make a new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new end.

— Carl Bard

Cloning — A Brave New World

by R. Mitchell Rowe L.L.B.

The birth in early 1997 of Dolly, the cloned Scottish sheep, has brought us face to face with the meaning of life, and death. This new ability to edit the text of our genetic code has forced government, like a nervous praying mantis at an atheist picnic, to consider what if any laws should be passed to regulate how we can manipulate nature?

Genetic engineers can now take out faulty genes and replace them with good ones. As simple as cut and paste. When these new genes are introduced in germ cells, where they will be passed on to future generations, we have the classic Brave New World debate: Are we playing God?

In ancient times farmers turned wild grasses into edible cereals through selective cultivation. Today the genetic engineering of plants has increased crop yields and made them more resistant to pests. Putting a gene into an animal, so that its offspring are permanently altered, is now almost as simple in animals as it is in plants. Chickens can be made to lay tastier eggs, cows to put on more muscle and dairy cattle to produce more milk.

In not too many years, we will be able to clone humans. Spare body parts might be bought like spark plugs: Can I get a liver for a '56 Scots male please? Death will be delayed, maybe even beaten. Immortality will be as easy as a trip to the local Canadian Tire.

As an individual in a free society, you legally own your own body cells — no government should be able to nationalize them. If you want to perpetuate yourself, or tinker with your future son's genes, one might

say this should be your right. Could you really deny a parent the ability to stop an inherited disease?

Can I get a liver for a '56 Scots male please?

At the moment cloning research and its regulation are proceeding with

caution, balancing the potential for medical advancement with the nobby doggy bone of doubt that lingers when messing with nature.

I recall that not too long ago test tube babies were thought to be scandalous. Now this form of conception is accepted and a saviour for those couples unable to conceive naturally. Likewise the promise of immortality is probably too great to let slip by.

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Program

Girl Guides of Canada provides program opportunities that are centred on fun, friendship and adventurous activities relevant to today's changing society, arranged in the following areas: Camping and Outdoors, Home, Community, and the World.

Blackburn District Registration

On Tuesday, September 11th from 7 to 8:30 at Blackburn Hamlet Community Centre we will be registering girls and leaders. Anyone who has previously registered either with pre-registration in May 2001, or at a registration day in the Orleans area (either August 25th or 8 September 8th), does not need to register again. You will be contacted by the week of September 17th with details of meeting times and locations if you are already registered.

Uniforms

Experienced (2nd hand) uniforms will be on sale by consignment at our Blackburn District Registration evening. If you would like to sell a uniform through our consignment please contact Michelle Marshall at 837-5549.

New uniforms for the Guide level (ages 9-12) will be on sale at the Ottawa Area Guide Shop. To view them, come to the registration evening, visit the Ottawa Area Guide Shop, or visit our web site at www.girlguides.ca. Current uniforms are still acceptable; the next few years are considered transition years for the uniform.

Information

For information on any of the branches of Girl Guides of Canada operating in the Blackburn District, or if you are interested in being a leader, please call Brenda Sowden at 523-4003(h) or 941-4907(w), or Michelle Marshall at 837-5549(h).

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Seniors Club offers Many Choices

by Sarah Cloutier

A group of about 25 very sociable seniors attended the pot luck dinner at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Hall on Saturday May 26th. The food was delicious and the company superb. Iris Phillips, who was retiring as President of the Blackburn Community Association, was the guest of honour.

The next pot luck will be a wine and "cheese" (appetizers). It will be held on Saturday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Shirley Haggarty at 824-4664.

Special thanks to the people at Bearbrook Court – especially Jennifer Collins, for the loan of lovely linen tablecloths, etc. and all the kind help provided.

A regular Games Day will be held starting September 13th. The Community Hall has been reserved for seniors on the second Thursday of every month from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to drop by for an afternoon of table games and friendly socializing. A variety of games will be available but, if you have a favourite, bring it along to play with or to teach others. For further information, contact Val White at 837-1083

The Book Club is now running very smoothly and the numbers are growing quickly. This group meets the first Wednesday of each month. Ten members of this club enjoyed a scrumptious pot luck lunch on June 21st at Audrey Lewis' home. If you're interested in joining the book club, contact Audrey Lewis at 824-3197.

Arrangements are being made for a Walk at Meech Lake for Thursday, September 27th. Depending on numbers, we will use a bus or car pool to take the group to this beautiful destination for an afternoon of exercise and enjoyment of the fall foliage. Interested parties should contact Kuldip Jande at 841-0466.

Ideas for the seniors group and comments are always welcome. Please contact Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114.

Letter to BCA from The Beer Store

The Blackburn Community Association has received several requests from Blackburn residents asking the Committee to look into getting a Beer Store located in the Hamlet, following is the response to our request from the Ottawa District Manager of The Beer Store

June 29, 2001
Blackburn Community Association
Attn: Ms. Sandra Quaia, Business Liasion

Dear Ms. Quaia
I have received your fax dated May 14, 2001 on behalf of the Blackburn Community Association and thank you for addressing your request for a Beer Store outlet to be situated in Blackburn Hamlet. Please accept my apologies for not replying to you earlier.

Currently, our customers in the Blackburn Hamlet area are serviced by our stores located in Gloucester at Blair and Ogilvie (Shoppers City East) and in Orleans at the Convent Glen Plaza (Jeanne D'Arc and Orleans Blvds.) and the Fallingbrook Plaza (10th Line Road). All three of these locations fall within a fifteen minute drive time radius of Blackburn Hamlet and all three outlets offer extended hours of sale. The outlet at Shoppers City East is now open until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights for your further shopping convenience as well.

Again, I thank you for addressing the concerns of your Association to us and we will keep your request in mind when we complete future real estate reviews of the Ottawa market. Wishing you kind personal regards, I remain

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To reserve your seat, please call Jennifer Collins at 837-8720. Tickets are \$5.00 and include access to the after-show question period and refreshments. The show will be performed at Bearbrook Court at 2645 Innes Road on October 6th at 2:00pm. The Smile Theatre Company presents small scale musicals that captivate the audience with superb acting, a fascinating story, wonderful dancing, and enchanting music. Guaranteed to get you smiling!

Adult Art Group

The Blackburn Adult Art Group will resume sessions at the Blackburn Community Hall. The group meets every second Thursday at 1:15p.m. (see dates below) provided there is sufficient interest.

This is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to spend some time painting, drawing, sketching in any medium. No instruction and no cost is involved.

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For information: Darryl de Waard at 830-6252, ext. 6353

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Upcoming events include on September 17 - Wine and Cheese; October 15 - TBA (rumored to be an Interior Decorator); November 19 - Christmas Craft Night; December 10 - Christmas Party and Dinner

For further information you may contact: Monica at 834-8157 or Cynthia at 837-5861.

BNI Visitors Day Meeting

The Blackburn/Orleans chapter of Business Network International (BNI) cordially invites professionals, business owners and managers to the Visitor's Day meeting at Myranda's Restaurant, 2440 St. Joseph Blvd, Orleans on Friday, September 28th from 7:00 am. to 8:30 am. Denis Brisson, Executive Director, will be joining us to share the BNI secrets to success through "word-of-mouth" marketing.

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Blackburn Ladies Volleyball

Ladies wishing for an evening of fun and exercise are invited to register on September 18th to play volleyball.

The league plays Tuesday evenings, 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. from September 18 to April 30 at the Emily Carr Middle School on Innes Road.

The cost is \$35 for BCAMembers and \$45 for non-BCAMembers.

For more information, please contact Sandi Heit at 830-5847 or Sue Hawley

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