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BLACKBURN'S OWN WEBSITE

So much information only a click away

by Jennifer Avis

Did you know Blackburn Hamlet has its own website? Surprisingly, most people don't or if they do they don't appreciate all it has to offer.

A Hamlet resident, Helen Rosseau created the site four years ago with the help of Marion Jones. The women started the website because they believe it is important to have a point of access to local information. The website includes everything from links to local businesses and organizations through to fun links for kids.

The "Contacts" portion of the site is extremely useful. It includes all the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of our community officials. The section titled "Issues" is an area where articles or notes can be submitted about issues that need to be addressed. A "History" link takes you to the history of Blackburn Hamlet. Also available on the website are past and present issues of the Banar that can be read on-line or printed off. Sometimes an issue is on-line before the delivery date.

The "Kid's Links" is an excellent resource for children and includes search engines, a virtual museum and bedtime stories. You will be surprised by the number of organizations available for all ages and interests!

The section of the site called "News Groups" is an excellent place for residents to advertise for any local events or causes (e.g. garage sales, fundraisers or charity walks) for free! Unfortunately this section has been under utilized but has the greatest potential for usefulness for people in the community.

Ms Rosseau said the biggest challenge she faces when it comes to keeping the webpage current is getting accurate and up-to-date information. "The website can only be as good as the people of our community make it," says Ms Rosseau.

With so much information only a click away, it makes sense to go to the website to contribute your organization's link, send in information on events or to find out about the many activities happening in Blackburn and surrounding communities.



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Treasurer/Fun Fair reporting

This year in my dual role as BCA treasurer and Fun Fair chairman I expect to have a full schedule.

Treasurer's Report — Together with our BCA president, Al Ross, we are developing a detailed review of our association's financial records and our unique relationships with our associate organizations for whom we provide banking services.

In the February Banar we will be publishing a 2003 budget for the association, together with last year's audited financial report summary and a breakdown of the 2002 Fun Fair results.

We hope this will give a clear picture of our accomplishments during the current year and a focal point for next year's operations.

Fun Fair Report — As the new Fun Fair chairman, I would like to thank the 2002 committee for the solid commitment to providing a GREAT Fun Fair in a one-day format. The feedback that was received indicated that a vast majority of fair goers preferred this to the previous two-day event and made it more manageable for our volunteers.

For 2003 we are sticking with the same format. The date will be Saturday, June 14th. It is going to be a little later so as not to conflict with the Gloucester Fair and also to hopefully gain warmer and dryer weather.

As always we are looking for volunteers and organizations to take lead roles in the development of programming for the Fair. All interested parties are welcome to call me to discuss how you can help out. My cellular phone number is 612-1089.

BCA Youth Director Needed— Because of my increased role as treasurer with the BCA and ongoing activities with the Blackburn Hamlet Youth Association I have chosen not to carry on as the BCA Youth Director. I would like to see some new blood with new ideas take on this important position. Please contact myself or Al Ross if you would like to become more involved with youth in this community.

Gord Hawley

I wish to thank Jennifer Avis who chose to volunteer with the Blackburn Banar. She has done an excellent job writing, taking photos and doing the invoices for the advertising.

Evelyn Budd, editor of the Banar

From The President

Greenbelt Use and Maintenance

One of the great resources we have in Blackburn Hamlet, and probably the most underused when considering our population, is the Greenbelt. The Greenbelt virtually surrounds us and gives our community a unique identity. It is important we respect this area and protect it from those who would like to break it up and commercialize it as well as those who abuse the privilege of having such a resource in our backyard. I refer to the dog walkers who don't follow the poop and scoop philosophy and those who violate the privacy of the lessee of the greenhouse gardens at Tauvette. Our Greenbelt Director, Mike van Aanhout has held discussions with the management of the greenbelt and he will be reporting the NCC's plans for our area on a regular basis in the BANAR. Please read his column on page 5 and let's get out and use this great natural facility.

Bearbrook Road Traffic Concerns and Use of Pesticides

Since the last BANAR, we have held a public meeting to discuss the traffic situation on Bearbrook Road, and attended another public meeting on the use of pesticides in the City of Ottawa. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit public input for the development of a city pesticide policy. Our Environmental committee will be reporting on the

pesticide meeting in the BANAR, and if anyone has questions they should call Caroline Harris-MacDonald (837-3818).

The BCA is here to assist and/or investigate any problems the residents of Blackburn have within our community. The traffic issue on Bearbrook is one example where we worked with our city councillor, Rainer Bloess to organize a public meeting, and another recent one I am trying to get some data on is the level of blasting at the Lafarge quarry. If anyone has any information on this problem, please contact me and, with sufficient data, I think we can do something about it.

Membership Campaign

On a parting note, we are in the midst of our membership campaign, and I urge every family to support our community and purchase a \$10 membership. The money is used to subsidize the BANAR and allows us to organize community events such as Fun Runs, the Fun Fair, the Outdoor Pool, and public meetings. Please join when your volunteer canvasser comes knocking on your door. If you have an idea for the BCA that would help the community, please contact any director and we'll definitely look into it.

Al Ross

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Hamlet traffic woes tackled on two fronts

by Rainer Bloess

I am pleased to provide an update on a number of traffic issues of concern to the Hamlet residents. These issues pertain to speeding on Bearbrook Road, the status of Innes in Blackburn, and the congestion on Innes Road west of the Bypass.

On October 3, approximately 125 local residents attended a public meeting held at the community hall to discuss Bearbrook Road's long-standing traffic and speeding problems. This significant showing was no doubt indicative of the high level of community concern over the stretch of Bearbrook, lined with homes and schools, which cuts directly through our community. Although data presented at the meeting indicates that traffic volume has decreased over the

last decade, Bearbrook remains the only north-south link between Innes Road and St. Joseph Boulevard and, as such, is still heavily travelled. The message heard loud and clear at the public meeting was for more action to slow down heavy-footed drivers.

In the three weeks directly following the public meeting, over thirty tickets have been issued (prior to the meeting, 99 tickets for various infractions were issued over the summer). Since the meeting, plans have been finalized to install a second pedestrian-activated crosswalk across Bearbrook between Centrepark and Westpark (at Bush Park). Watch for this installation to be completed before the end of November. In addition, Bearbrook will see increased use of the City's electronic speed warning signs as well as a beefed

up police presence. School boards are also being contacted and asked to remind bus drivers, students and teachers to slow down. We will continue to work to get the message out to slow down on this busy roadway.

A second Hamlet pet peeve, the Innes Road bottleneck problem, is also finally getting welcome attention. October 11 saw the official public announcement that combined federal and provincial funding will be coming our way for the widening of Innes Road. The Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program will contribute \$30,240,000 which, along with City funding, will finance the widening of Innes between Blair Road and the 417 west of the Hamlet and from Orléans Boulevard to Trim Road to the east. Both projects will include the installation of sidewalks, the addition of bicycle lanes and construction of noise reduction barriers. The western stretch is to commence at the beginning of the 2003 construction season and the Orléans leg, which will be completed in two phases, will be fully operational by 2005.

Finally, as you have noted, another phase of Innes in Blackburn has been brought up to an urban standard. At the time of writing, the City's draft budget contains funds for the remaining phase (east of Eastpark) to be undertaken in 2003.

Thanks again to all of those who came out on October 3 to provide input on the Bearbrook Road issue. I encourage all of you to keep in touch and voice your opinions on all municipal and local community issues.

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The Greenbelt — Blackburn's Hidden Treasure

by Michael van Aanhout

As residents of Blackburn Hamlet, one of the benefits of our neighbourhood is our proximity to the NCC Greenbelt. Whether you use it regularly as a place to walk, run, explore, or ski, or if it's just for that feeling of getting out of the city on your drive or ride home, the Greenbelt greatly enhances our quality of life. The Blackburn Community Association has resolved to raise the profile of the Greenbelt to ensure that everyone is aware of and has access to this wonderful resource.

As mentioned in our first Greenbelt report, we have established a line of communication with NCC Staff and we are now expanding that network to include other Greenbelt users and contributors including the Orleans

Nordic Ski Club. The BCA would like your input and suggestions on plans and activities that will help to conserve and enhance the attributes of the Greenbelt.

Proposed activities include: development of a Community Trail Map and placement of trail markers, a Community Ski Day this winter, soliciting and supporting community group interest in trail maintenance and tree planting activities, and monitoring development plans. These ideas are just a start. If you have any other areas of interest or concern, drop in to a BCA meeting or contact me, the BCA Greenbelt Representative, at 824-5380 or e-mail mikedipk@magma.ca.

Look for a map of the proposed Greenbelt "spine trail" running from the Ottawa River to Mer Bleu on the BCA web site

(www.blackburnhamlet.ca) in coming weeks.



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BCA joins the Equality East campaign for an Arts and Cultural Facility

The Equality East Citizens' Coalition officially launched on October 23rd, a campaign to press members of City Council to commit a minimum of \$8-million to establish a permanent, multifunctional community arts and cultural facility in Ottawa's East District. The campaign is just now getting under way and help is needed! To show your support you are invited to:

- ☛ send an e-mail to members of city council and select city staff (link to email form is available on website)
- ☛ call or e-mail city councillor Rainer Bloess 837-5975
- ☛ download a petition and collect signatures

The Blackburn Community Association has signed onto the Declaration of Support. Although the East District Arts Facility project was removed from the 5-year capital forecast, a motion was passed by Council to fund \$100,000 in study money for 2002. This money is now being used to study the arts facility project and is undertaking an Arts Needs Assessment..

What is Equality East?

Equality East is an independent, non-partisan community-based citizens' coalition committed to promoting the cultural, economic and social development of the city of Ottawa's East District community. The coalition is working with the Gloucester Arts Council and the Visual Arts Centre on a joint lobbying effort for the establishment of a permanent, multi-functional community arts and cultural facility in Ottawa's East District.

Although primarily an umbrella organization for existing community groups and associations, (sports, recreation, arts and culture), membership in Equality East is open to all individuals. Equality East is currently headed by a steering committee made of representatives from arts and cultural organizations, the business sector and community associations. For more information or to volunteer your services for Equality East, call 837-7950, send an e-mail to equalityeast@sympatico.ca or visit their Web site at <http://equalityeast.tripod.ca>.



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Drop in and meet the new doctor – for your pet

by Evelyn Budd

Dr. Sabah Mobarak, DVM, has been providing veterinarian care in the Hamlet through the Blackburn Hamlet Pet House Call Services and is pleased to announce the opening of the Blackburn Animal Hospital at the corner of Innes and Bearbrook.

The doors opened on October 30th and he is looking forward to treating not only companion animals such as dogs and cats and but also birds, reptiles, rabbits and other animals that can be kept as pets. He is also licenced to treat larger animals – his favourite animal being horses.

Dr. Mobarak received his Degree of Veterinary Medicine in 1975 and his Masters degree in Veterinary Parasitology in 1978 from the

Baghdad University. He has also taught in three universities in Iraq and Syria.



Dr. Mobarak, DVM, and Joey

With his extensive education and experience, Dr. Mobarak is exceptionally capable in diagnosing animal health problems, vaccinating against diseases, such as distemper and rabies, medicating animals suffering from infections or illness, treating and dressing wounds, setting fractures, performing surgery and dental care and advising owners about animal feeding, behavior and breeding.

The Blackburn Animal Hospital is located at 110 Bearbrook Road, Unit 5, provides bilingual service and is open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. He can be contacted by calling 590-0466 or in case

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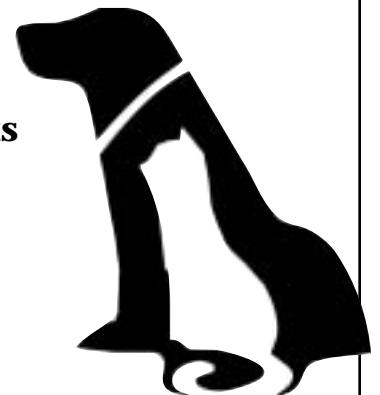
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Woodview End of Summer BBQ

by Angela Splinter-Neumann with "historical" input from Sydney Swanson

The 2002 Woodview Crescent BBQ was full of busy kids, chatting neighbours, delicious food and all around good fun.

Young and old, everyone strolls out, lawn chairs in one hand and food in another. The weather provided a perfect backdrop for the end of summer get together of neighbours. The street BBQ is just one way we are able to get to know neighbours a little better while also having some fun!

Blackburn residents may recall the days when the Fun Fair had mixed softball competitions among streets in the Hamlet. The residents had such a great time getting together that they kept on having summer parties. This led to birthday parties, farewell parties, welcome to



Woodview parties, corn roasts, Canada Day parties, and Christmas parties. On Woodview, almost any celebration is reason enough to get together with neighbours.

Over 100 people from Woodview Crescent gathered on several front lawns. We bid farewell to two families who had been part of the street crowd for 10 years and more. Of course new neighbours move in and what a warm welcome we were able to provide (well, we hope!).

Thanks to Sydney Swanson for her lead in organizing the day, to those who provided BBQ's and helped feed the masses, Patricia for her festive lighting, to Bill for providing drinks for the kids, to everyone who shared their culinary talents (included delicious dishes of salad, beans, cakes, pies, veggie plates, ice-cream cones, cookies, squares and of course the ice cubes which I believe were to have been left in the coolers for drinks) . . . kids will be kids and that is what our street BBQ is all about! Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun!

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Home Interiors that are Personally Yours

by Jennifer Avis

When both adults in a household are working, things like interior decorating tend to get put to the side. Dual income families becoming more and more common, a new demand for interior decorators has been created. Personally Yours Interiors is one of the many businesses that have been started up to meet this growing demand.

Personally Yours, run by Susan Avis (a Blackburn Hamlet resident) and her partner Debbie MacIsaac, helps people to plan and execute home decor projects that some homeowners simply would not have time to do on their own. They offer services such as color consultations,

furniture placements, drapery designs and much more.

Now in business for two and a half years, Personally Yours is doing very well with a steadily increasing number of clients from all over the Ottawa area.

Both Susan and Debbie have moved frequently and between them have lived in (and decorated) 18 homes! Their tag line, "How to better use what you already have," is the cornerstone of their business and their personal motto when decorating their own homes.

The future of this home-based interior decorating business is bright as their reputation for customer satisfaction continues to grow.



Susan Avis and Debbie MacIsaac

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by Fred Sherwin, Orléans Online

The Orléans Online and The Eastender are proud to announce the establishment of a fundraising campaign to help one of the east end's top athletes achieve her goals.

Caitlin Renneson is a model of perseverance, sportsmanship and fortitude.

The 19-year-old Blackburn Hamlet resident and recent Gloucester High School grad started wheelchair racing when she was just eight years old. At the time she got involved she was looking for a way to keep physically active and meet new friends.

Over the years, she progressed to the point where she could compete with the best cerebral palsy wheelchair racers in the world.

In 1996, at 15 years of age, she

qualified for Canada's Paralympic team heading to Atlanta. Unfortunately, she had to stay home because she did not meet the minimum age requirement.

In 1998, she broke the world record over 1500 metres and held it for over a year. That same year, she won two bronze and two silver medals at the 2nd IPC World Track and Field Championships for the Disabled in Birmingham, England.

She is only one of a handful of CP wheelchair racers who have gone under 4:30 in the 1500 metres, having gone 4:29 in a timed training session in 2001.


In 2000, Caitlin finally got to go to her first Paralympics in Sydney, Australia and won a bronze medal in the 400 metres. This was an especially significant accomplishment since the International Paralympic Committee

had dropped Caitlin's specialty races, the 800 and 1500 metres, from the Paralympic schedule six months before the competition. In just six short months, she had to transform herself from a middle distance racer to a sprinter.

Since Sydney, Caitlin has been diligently working on completing the transition to world class sprinter in preparation for the 2004 Paralympics in Athens, Greece. This summer she placed third in the 400 metres at the 3rd IPC World Track and Field Championships in Lille, France.

Like any sport, an athlete's success depends a great deal on their equipment. Wheelchair racing is no different. The top racing chairs can cost upwards of \$4,000. And while Caitlin's chair is only two years old, her wheels are over 10 years old.

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In order to help Caitlin be the best that she can be and continue to compete at the highest level on an even playing field, Orléans Online has launched a campaign to raise enough money to buy Caitlin a new chair.

Ten per cent of the advertising revenue generated by *Orléans Online* and *The Eastender* will go towards this effort. As well, Orléans Online will be accepting contributions to the fund from its many visitors and the community at large. **Donations can be dropped off at any TD Canada Trust branch. Simply indicate the funds be applied to account number 3283-5200219.**

No amount is too small. One hundred per cent of all contributions will go directly to buying Caitlin new equipment. The initial goal of the campaign is to raise \$3,000 to buy Caitlin a new set of wheels for the world championships. After the first phase of the campaign is achieved, money will be raised to buy Caitlin a new frame and hardware.

During the duration of the campaign, Caitlin will be making regular contributions to an online diary (www.orleansonline.ca) so supporters can keep track of her progress during training tune-up meets and the big events.

Hopefully, through Caitlin's efforts and those of *Orléans Online* and its many supporters, physically challenged children will be inspired to become active earlier and maybe, one day, go on to become Canada's Paralympians of tomorrow.

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Blackburn Chorus Prepares for Christmas 2002

by Walter Hagar

The Blackburn Chorus invites you to bring your kids and "get into the Christmas spirit" at their upcoming Christmas concerts which will take place this year at Orleans United Church, 1111 Orleans Blvd. on Friday, December 6th, and Saturday, December 7th, 2002, at 7:30 pm each evening.

On the concert menu this year will be: Gabrieli's Magnificat for 3 Choirs,



and Jubilate Deo for 2 Choirs with brass and organ. You will also be treated to "The Many Moods of Christmas", a medley of favourite

carols arranged by Robert Shaw, with piano and organ. In addition, the choir will sing John Rutter's Gloria, and Alleluia Gloria, an arrangement by Tom Fettke with brass, as well as other Christmas carols.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free.

The Chorus, which was established in 1984, by two residents of the Hamlet, now has members from various parts of Ottawa among its 65-voice mixed membership. The choir presents two or three concerts a year, differing widely in style and content.

Looking forward to 2003, please mark Feb 21st on your calendar for an 8:00 pm concert at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church featuring Vivaldi's Gloria and Four Seasons with the Virtuosi Orchestra and Ioan Harea. In May, 2003, the choir will present a spring concert with the 35-member Central Forces Band featuring "Music from the Stage and Theatre".

As you can see, we are a busy group under the leadership of conductor David Chin, and accompanist Louise Leveille.

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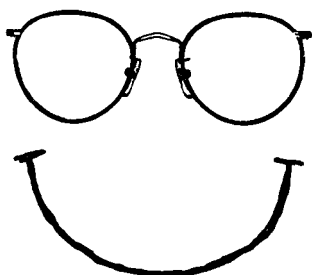
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Blackburn Tennis wraps up Summer 2002

by Barbara Nolen

The 311 members of the Blackburn Tennis Club said good-bye to summer when the nets were taken down on October 31st, closing a very successful season. One-hundred-and-forty-five children took part in four 2-week sessions of the Tennis Camp, coached by John and Monique Benfield. There were many new faces at our numerous social events — BBQ's to celebrate opening and closing, Wimbledon Brunch and the "Davis Cup". Some 50 members attended each event. Round Robins held Monday to Thursday each week were very well attended as players appreciated the flexibility to come and go as they please.

President, Michel Haddad, is stepping down after serving the club well for seven years. Michel accomplished a great deal during his term, including the resurfacing of the courts, procuring parking space for the club and then having it paved. He

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spent many long hours cheerfully working toward improving the club and the members are grateful for his efforts. Welcome to a very capable

Dan Duchesneau who will take over the reins as president.

In addition to the general bonhomie at the courts, members congratulated each other this year on recent research which found that men (and presumably women) who play tennis from a young age have a lower incidence of cardiovascular disease and heart attack than those who play other sports such as football, basketball, or golf! So says the American Journal of Medicine, after a survey of 1019 medical students done in 2002. The secret, apparently, is that tennis players continue the sport throughout life. And yet, three times as many people play hockey than tennis in Canada — at least for now. See you on the courts next spring!

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New Play Structures for parks in Blackburn

by Monica de Römer

There is a new play structure in Centrepark Park and another in the planning stage for Diceman Park. The following will give you an idea of the process involved for the replacement of such a structure:

1. Identifying a structure that is beyond its serviceable life.
2. Establishing a budget based on replacement value.
3. Issuing a questionnaire to the neighbourhood to determine preferred components.



Matthew Rathwell has been enjoying the new playstructure in the park on Centrepark Crescent.

4. Using the results of the questionnaire to draft a request for proposals.
5. Arranging for proposals to be evaluated by the Recreation and Parks committee, including our community representative, Monica de Römer.
6. Selection of the successful bid based on best match, best design and best value.
7. Removal of the old structure and installing the new one.

Some expansion of the existing play area on Centrepark was required. The total cost was \$25,100 of which \$5,000

was contributed by the BCA. Thank you to Carol Kerwin who organized the questionnaire.

If you are interested in assisting with the Diceman Park structure site, please call Monica de Römer at 834-8157.



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Environmental Committee make plans for 2003

by Caroline Harris-McDonald

An environmental committee of the Blackburn Community Association is now up and running. A variety of activities are planned including:

1. Environmental evenings focusing on such issues as energy efficiency. Hopefully scheduled for November so keep an eye out for notices or call me at 837-3818
2. Anti-idling campaign — see “Anti-idling — The Facts”
3. Spring Clean Up (April 2003);
4. Session on ecology friendly lawn care (Spring 2003)
4. Blackburn Garage Sale (May 2003);
5. Fun Fair Environmental Booth, displaying and demonstrating such items as rain barrels, composters, and manual lawn mowers (June 2003).

We need volunteers for the planning and running of these events. If you are interested in helping out, want more information on the environmental committee and its activities, or have ideas or other issues in which our group could involve itself, please call me at 837-3818.

Anti-idling — The Facts

Fact: Canadian motorists idle their vehicles an average of five to 10 minutes per day. A recent study suggests that in the peak of winter, Canadians voluntarily idle their vehicles for a combined total of more than 75 million minutes a day – equivalent to one vehicle idling for 144 years.

Fact: If every driver of a light-duty vehicle in Canada avoided idling for just five minutes per day, we would save 1.6 million litres of fuel worth more than \$1.2 million.

Fact: If every driver of a light-duty vehicle in Canada avoided idling for just five minutes per day, we would prevent more than 3,800 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.

Fact: Idling for more than 10 seconds costs more than turning off your engine.

Fact: A recent study in the City of Toronto found that more than a third (35-45%) of parents idle their vehicles while waiting to pick up their children.

Fact: Children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution – they breathe faster than adults and inhale more air per pound of body weight. **Fact:** Health Canada estimates that more than 5,000 Canadians die prematurely each year because of air pollution.

Fact: Service delivery vehicles spend 20-60% of their time idling, which costs fleet owners a lot of money and gets them nowhere.

Fact: Molson Canada, a participant in the Repair Our Air "fleet challenge," estimates that it is saving \$225,000 annually from its idling control program.

Fact: Stopping unnecessary vehicle idling is one relatively easy way to contribute to improved air quality and respiratory health in our communities.

How can you decrease unnecessary vehicle idling?

- 1) Reduce "warm-up" idling to 30 seconds.
- 2) Turn your engine off if parked for more than 10 seconds.
- 3) Avoid using a remote car starter.
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Blackburn Hamlet Preschool enjoying fall season

by Barbara Sweazey

As it happens every fall, Blackburn Hamlet Preschool quickly got into the full swing of things! The year started off with the annual Blackburn Hamlet Preschool corn roast, held September 8. The school's playground was transformed into a happy and busy family affair, with old friends catching up on summer stories while new families were introduced to the fun and to the superb community feeling for which the preschool is so famous!

The children have been enjoying the celebration of autumn with a walking trip to the community gardens where they harvested fresh vegetables from Lynn Bisset's plot and made vegetable soup. The students have also explored themes such as apples, Thanksgiving, leaves and squirrels, and of course Hallowe'en.

As many of you know or may recall, one of the core components of the preschool program is the outdoor play time, during which children are encouraged to develop

motor skills through active play on equipment, tricycles, and in the sand box. Unfortunately this fall has been particularly discouraging with vandalism causing a significant amount of damage to the children's equipment. At points, some of the equipment has been rendered unsuitable for the children to play on.

The teachers and Board of Directors at the Preschool are requesting the community to "be on alert" for vandalism at the school. Whether you are driving by the school by way of the arena parking lot on your way home some night, or a discussion with individuals in your family who might be aware of how this vandalism is being caused, any and all efforts to help make the playground safer for the children will be appreciated. If you do notice any vandalism occurring, please contact the police. If you have any information on the vandalism please contact Mary at the preschool at 824-3251 during the afternoons.

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Security cameras serve to both detect and deter trespassing and vandalism by late-night revellers who often target unattended public properties and facilities. In the case of Bearbrook Pool in Blackburn Hamlet, the number of troublesome incidents has dropped from eleven prior to installation to one since the new security measures were implemented and, because of the evidence provided by the on-site camera, this one incident was effectively dealt with in conjunction with the Ottawa Police Service.

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- The Community Seniors Book Club
- Pot Luck Dinners
- Travel Club (mostly day trips)
- Discussion Groups or Seminars
- Restaurant Dinner/Games night

Social Evenings

An evening of dinner, socializing and games (if you want to stay on and play) will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, November 10th at Blackburn Hamlet's own Lighthouse Grill. The only cost will be whatever you choose from the dinner menu. If you can't make dinner but want to join the group for socializing or games, around 7:30, that's fine too. For more information call Shirley Haggerty at 824-4664.

Pot Luck Christmas Dinner

A pot luck dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Hall. There will be draws for some excellent door prizes. This is the event that everyone so looks forward to. For details or more information call Shirley Haggerty at 824-4664.

Planning meetings

Planning meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Issues or concerns

Issues or concerns you would like to have addressed at a future discussion group or seminar? Contact Iris Phillips at 824-3641.

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