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Winter Fun Day — February 17

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Fun Fair — June 1–2

Plans are also underway for the summer Fun Fair (first weekend of June) and again — volunteers and energy are needed for its continued success. **The contact is Jenn Cloutier at 613-841-9848.** Please remember this can be a good fundraiser for your organization as well, for example, the committee is looking for a group to run the ever popular used book sale.

Security

The police have stepped up their efforts in our area on both traffic and general security issues. We can help our own cause .

Motor vehicle accidents

As we are all aware there have been a couple of serious incidents in Blackburn over the past year involving motor vehicles. Speed limits and rules on turning corners need to be respected. Please note that pedestrians, especially children and the elderly, must always be given special consideration.

Vandalism and Break-ins

Although not as large a problem as in some surrounding areas, vandalism and break-ins still continue to happen. Just being out and walking around in the community is a small step to helping keep our streets safe. Arranging for neighbours to keep an eye on each other's houses is another simple deterrent. For those with young folks, try to stay informed on your kids' activities. We simply do not have enough for 14–18 year olds to do in Blackburn.

Waste management issues

Please stay informed and involved on waste management issues. The ongoing discussions on the Navan dump and recycling are matters that will need our attention over the next few months.

Orleans Industrial Park

The new plans for the Orleans Industrial Park will be unveiled February 18th. Much work has been put into trying to ensure that plans for this area fit well with the surrounding community and that we will, eventually, be able to attract more business to the east end. It would be a big help to the traffic situation if some of the flow went east in the morning.

Roger Smiley

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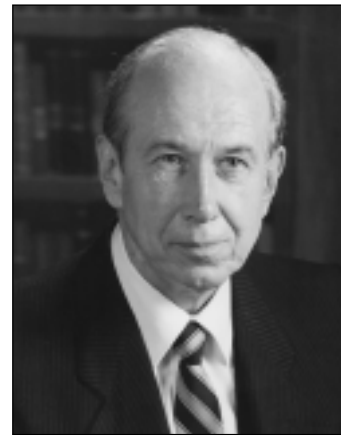
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Bob MacQuarrie, a civic visionary and a caring, generous neighbour

MACQUARRIE, Robert Waldron "Bob" Q.C., B.Sc., LL.B. November 24, 1926 – January 11, 2007 Still working and in his 81st year, Bob died suddenly at home.

Bob, his wife Eleanor and their young family had moved into one of the first homes to be built in Blackburn Hamlet. Over the years Bob worked tirelessly to shape a community that would provide a good quality of life for all. In 26 years of public service, he held numerous positions including Reeve (equivalent to mayor) of Gloucester and MPP in the Ontario Provincial Parliament.

In 2004, the County of Carleton Law Association honoured Bob for 50 years of distinguished service as a practicing lawyer in Ottawa. In late August 2006, Ottawa City Council passed a motion to permanently rename the Orleans Recreation Complex in his honour.

He was a friend and respected advisor and will be missed by many.

Our sympathies go to his wife Eleanor, his children Maureen (Peter Foulds), Bill (Marcia), Debbie, Marjorie (Frank Derickx), Doug (Donna) and 10 grandchildren.

Blackburn Hamlet Reunion at Fun Fair 2007

by Evelyn Budd

During the summer of 1967 Blackburn welcomed the purchasers of the new homes that were being built at that time by Costain Estates. Houses in the Hamlet were selling for prices ranging from \$21,500 to \$28,475.

This year's Fun Fair is hosting a reunion to celebrate Blackburn Hamlet's forty years. There are many original homeowners still living in the Hamlet as well as a second and third generation who have returned to their roots here. Over the years Blackburn has attracted many more families that believe in community.

Jenn Cloutier is the Fun Fair chairperson and is looking forward to organizing an exciting event that will bring old and new friends and neighbours together on June 1 and 2.

It is still early in the planning process and too soon to provide the Fun Fair schedule but the outcome is clear with activities being planned for ALL ages. We need your help to get the word out to all who have ever lived in the community to mark their calendars and come for a good time on the first weekend of June.

Re-union banners will be prominently displayed so that everyone can "sign-in" during the Fun Fair with comments, pictures and stories. Hopefully some of the unsolved "mysteries" will unfold on the canvas.



Patti Bradley, who was crowned Miss Blackburn, lights the Blackburn centennial flame from the torch the Blackburn Boy Scouts carried from Parliament Hill on July 1, 1967. The lighting of the flame in Blackburn signified Canada's hundred years as a country and the beginning of a new community, Blackburn Hamlet.

We want your ideas and invite you to get involved in the Blackburn event of the decade. You may also send your stories and pictures to Jenn Cloutier at 24 Woodhill Crescent, Ottawa, ON K1B 3B6, call 613-841-9848 or email jacc@rogers.com.

Get involved. It's going to be a blast!

3rd Annual Chili Contest at Family Winter Fun Day Feb. 17

The Blackburn Hamlet Community Association, in conjunction with the Family Winter Fun Day, is sponsoring its 3rd Annual Chili Contest on Saturday, February 17th at the Hornets Nest Soccer Club. If you think your chili is a prizewinner, come help celebrate winter with your recipe. There will be many great prizes including \$100 cash.

After local celebrities complete the judging, the chili will be sold — for a small fee — to Winter Fun Day participants with the proceeds going to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard. Yes, you will also be helping a worthy cause.

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Ottawa 2007 — “Under New Management” But Facing Familiar Challenges

by Rainer Bloess, City of Ottawa

In this first issue of the new term, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the residents of Blackburn Hamlet and Chapel Hill, indeed, all of Innes Ward for your overwhelming and gratifying vote of confidence on election day this past November. I especially appreciate the help I received from so many of you in making the campaign work. Your support both during the campaign and at the ballot box was overwhelming. I am humbled and honoured to have been re-elected with such a resounding percentage of the vote. Rest assured that I remain committed, as ever, to the protection and representation of your interests at City Hall throughout the next four years.

Ottawa residents turned out in record numbers to cast their ballots in this past Fall's municipal election, choosing a radically new Mayor but, for the most part, a familiar City Council to govern our City through the next four years.

Light Rail Project

The first order of business for this term was the annulment of the highly controversial proposed north-south light rail project (albeit after one unplanned, hastily called, and premature vote of approval). The move “back to the transit drawing board” is good news for east-end residents and their representatives as it provides all of us with another opportunity to ensure that east-west traffic congestion woes are given priority treatment in our transit

planning. If all of the “to-ing and fro-ing” that has transpired regarding this issue over the past several months results in a more focussed approach this time around, it will all have been worthwhile. It is my intention to continue to press for transit relief for Ottawa's east-end, which sends more commuters into the downtown core each day than any other area of our City.

Budget Top Priority

As we move into each new year the budget, of course, is top priority. In response to the new Mayor's stated preference for a compressed and speedier timeline, the first phase of the 2007 budget process was initiated in December. The first round of public delegations took place on January 10 and 11, and on January 15 Council approved the Budget Directions providing staff with principles and guidelines to be followed in developing the 2007 Draft Budget. February 7 will mark the tabling of this draft budget, which will be followed

by a round of public consultations in local communities from February 12th through the 16th, and a final round of public delegations from the 19th to the 23rd. Watch for the announcement of a specific date, time and location for our own community consultation in the very near future.

The actual discussion, debating and approval of the 2007 budget by City Council will take place from February 26th to 28th, at which time we will all know whether Mayor O'Brien's ambitious target of no tax increase whatsoever (a target I support wholeheartedly) will actually be realized. I am optimistic that there is enough support for the Mayor's goal around the Council table for us to at least come in close to a tax freeze. As always, the maintenance and, where necessary, the improvement of core services is crucial and, once again, your input regarding your own concerns, priorities and needs is requested.



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Every year a deserving cadet is appointed Commanding Officer for the day. This year it was Leading Air Cadet Megan O'Brien. LAC O'Brien is in her first year of Air Cadets at the 51 Canada Aviation Museum Air Cadet Squadron.

As Commanding Officer for the day, LAC O'Brien is saluted in the march past, inspects the squadron and addresses the squadron with a message.

LAC O'Brien was selected by the Level 1 staff along with two other semi-finalists, the final selection being made by Major Robert Robinson, Commanding Officer and Christina Dib, Chair, Sponsoring Committee and Carol Hinde, Past Chair, Sponsoring Committee.

The Canadian Cadet program offers a great opportunity for young men and women aged 12 to 18 to develop maturity, responsibility and citizenship skills through cadet training. Activities include overnight camps, glider and flight training, parades, athletic competitions, social events, leadership training, marksmanship, drill teams and bands. All for FREE.



LAC Megan O'Brien is pictured above with the Commanding Officer, Major Robert Robinson.

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Katherine Fairfield was one such woman when she caught a glimpse of herself in the mirror and realized that if she were to be blessed with grandchildren, she would like to be healthy and fit enough to enjoy them.

She checked out the local *Changes for Women Inch-Lost Centre* and there was no looking back. The change within was immediate. She walked with a new confidence and within a few short weeks was a changed woman. So much so, that she left her long-term career and purchased the Blackburn *Changes for Women Inch-Lost Centre* this past fall. She wanted to share this great feeling with other women.


The Blackburn *Changes for Women Inch-Lost Centre* is located at 2603 Innes Road, two doors over from the

TD Bank and is open Monday to Friday from 7 am to 8 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm.

The *Changes for Women Inch-Lost Centres'* hydraulic circuit workout ensures that members of every age and fitness level can strengthen, shape and tone all their major muscle groups, while improving their cardiovascular health, in only 30 minutes.

This sounds great but to take it one step further Katherine has made it her mission to make the club as warm and welcoming as the ladies in this community had made her feel when she started out in November.

Katherine would like to thank the ladies that have made this possible. For the ones she has yet to meet, she would like to invite you to stop in and say hello.




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Glen Ogilvie Public School joins Ben Mulroney at the national celebration for UNICEF

Grade five students from Glen Ogilvie Public School in Blackburn Hamlet represented Canadian children at the National celebration for UNICEF on Parliament Hill on October 31. Students met Nigel Fisher, President and CEO of UNICEF and Ben Mulroney ambassador for UNICEF. Glen Ogilvie students, Parisa Yazdany and Taffy Scoggan, spoke on behalf of Canadian children underlining the vital work that is being done by UNICEF for African children. Glen Ogilvie is one of many schools participating in the campaign and has raised enough money to build over three new schools in Malawi. As their teacher and UNICEF co-ordinator, Marlene Estabrooks, said: "It is about children helping other children."

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Pictured l to r: Joyce Bryant, Bob Screaton, Elaine Screaton and Fraser Mahar. Students at Glen Ogilvie had an opportunity to meet and talk to the guests of honour at the Remembrance Day Assembly.

Afghanistan; Mr. Rainer Bloess, our local counselor and Mr. Brett Musikov, an active member of our armed forces.

The ceremony was filmed by CJOH and a segment appeared on the local television news.

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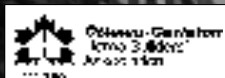
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Senior Events

The Fifty Plus Group had a wonderful Christmas Pot Luck Dinner with a fantastic variety of foods. The group's collective culinary expertise was certainly evident. Entertainment was provided by Pierre Coderre, as usual, and many danced the night away. Rainer Bloess, our local councillor, was a hit as "Santa", helping in the draw for door prizes.

Upcoming events that the Fifty Plus members of our community are invited to attend include:

Dinner and Games Night at the Tartan Pub, on Innes Road (at Jeanne D'Arc). Time: 6 p.m. and every fourth Sunday of the month afterwards. RSVP to Val White at 837-1083 if you wish to attend or require further information.

Euchre/Cribbage Tournament at the Community Hall February 4th at 7 p.m. Please bring an appetizer and your beverage of choice. We will be providing tea and coffee. RSVP to Joan Tompkins at 830-4751.

Trip to Stanley's Olde Maple Lane Farm leaving the Community Hall at 11 a.m. March 28th. Entertainment and a buffet brunch will be provided at a cost of \$11.25. RSVP to Irene Beazley at 834-2743.

Planning meetings

Events are always being considered and planned. Please feel free to come to our planning meetings at the Community Hall at 2 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month or call Sarah Cloutier at 841-4114 with your ideas or requests.

BANAR Christmas Shoebox Appeal a Success

A big thank you from the church of St. Mary the Virgin to all who responded to the Christmas shoebox article in the November BANAR. Although we ourselves had been filling shoeboxes with gifts for the poor for several years, we had not considered asking for any public support of this project. This fall we invited you to join us.

In late November and early December, several of you brought in shoeboxes or gift bags full of warm hats, mitts and socks and assorted toiletries. Some provided bags of colourful hand-knitted toques and mitts. One enterprising teacher had her classes collect over 50 boxes of items for other children. Altogether people from Blackburn Hamlet and area contributed 117 bags and boxes of gifts.

Thanks to your generosity (and that of many others in the Ottawa region), there were presents to give to hundreds of needy people. The items were distributed at two events: the giant Christmas party for clients of Centre 454 at Christ Church Cathedral, and the party for women and children at The Well on Elgin St. Centre 454 is a drop-in centre offering services such as food, clothing and counseling to its clients. The Well offers the same to women in need and their children.

The volunteers who help serve at these parties have just as good a time as the guests. This year one of the volunteers was a former client who has got his life back on an even keel. He took a day of annual leave from his new government job to be there! Between them, these two events provided a hot turkey dinner, live musical entertainment and gift packages to 875 people. Any items not distributed at the parties will be shared among these and other agencies and will given out where needed during the rest of the winter. Your generosity will continue to give those in need not only practical help but also hope for the future that comes from knowing someone cares what happens to them. Thanks again!

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by Charlie McDonald and Caroline Harris-McDonald

There is increasing evidence that human-induced climate change is happening. Reducing carbon emissions is critical. Because activities, which cause carbon emissions, involve burning or using carbon-based fuels, and because those fuels cost money, reducing use of them will also often lead to savings. Here are three of the easiest ways to save money while helping the environment.

Switch to Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs — This is now a mature technology. The bulbs are available at any hardware or home store and can replace incandescent bulbs in most situations (one exception is that of dimmer switches). Although the initial cost of a compact fluorescent bulb is higher than an incandescent bulb, the compact fluorescent lasts 5 to 10 times as long. The added cost therefore justifies its longer life. We have some compact fluorescent bulbs (the old Ikea bulbs), which are at least five years old and still working. An average house has between 25 and 30 lightbulbs. Each 60-watt incandescent bulb replaced by an equivalent 14-watt compact fluorescent will save about \$3.50 per year. Approximate savings therefore are between \$83 and \$105 yearly.

Operation Porchlight states that if every household in Canada replaced just one regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent, the reduction in pollution would be like taking 66,000 cars off Canadian roads. Why not replace them all, help our air and save some money.

Lower The Thermostat — Heating our houses involves burning carbon-based fuels, either oil or more common these days natural gas. How warm do we need to keep our houses? We find that 18 degrees Celsius is a very comfortable temperature, even if we have to ignore the kids complaining at times. Before we go to bed we lower it to 15 degrees.

Every one degree Celsius you turn down the thermostat translates into a saving of 2% on the heating bill. You may find 15 degrees a bit cold, however with a programmable thermostat you can have the heat go down after you go to bed and increase again before you get up. You probably would not even notice it unless you had to get up to let out the dog (or let in the teenager!).

Stop Idling — This has become an emotional issue, probably because children are particularly vulnerable to exhaust fumes (they are closer to the tailpipe, breathe faster and inhale more per pound of body weight). The government of Canada estimates that Canadians idle their vehicles 5 to 10 minutes a day. Just 10 seconds of idling consumes more fuel than restarting your engine. Idling wastes fuel and sends harmful gases into the air contributing to smog and climate change. Also, contrary to popular belief, unnecessary idling damages vehicle engines. It is also not an effective way to warm up your vehicle, even in cold weather. The best way to do this is to drive the vehicle. With today's modern engines, you need no more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days before driving away. You also save gas, money, and the air we breath by turning off the car and restarting it when you need to. If every driver of an average vehicle in Canada avoided idling for just 5 minutes per day, we would save 1.6 million litres of fuel (worth more than \$1.2 million) and would prevent more than 3,800 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere. This is definitely a case of a small act making a world of difference.

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Fighting the Bugs

By Barb Sweazey

It seems that families here in the Hamlet have been experiencing more than their fair share of colds and flu bugs this winter. And although there is probably no way we can keep someone from ever getting a cold, there are some simple things we can do to reduce the risk, especially for those with young children. Here are some quick tips to keep in mind as you "battle the bugs" this winter:

Bug fighter #1: Hand washing! Washing your hands thoroughly with soap or detergent, and teaching your children to do so, can remove or decrease the level of viruses on your hands and lower the chances of sharing those cold viruses with others. The general rule of thumb is a 20-second handwashing. For preschoolers (and their parents), this may feel like an eternity. Our family has adopted the singing of "Happy Birthday" or "This is the Way you Wash your Hands" to help wash away those 20 seconds!

Bug fighter #2: Avoid the bugs! Help children learn to avoid touching their fingers or hands to their eyes and nose, in order to reduce the risk of transmitting infection. And, where possible, avoid people with colds, especially during the first few days of their cold symptoms. Unfortunately, cold bugs tend to be a family-affair!

Bug fighter #3: Cleaning up! Remember that nasal secretions with cold viruses will stay on utensils, toys, play equipment and most objects for some time, providing a

good source for the spread of infection. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting of toys and common equipment may be helpful at home when infections are spreading through the family.

Bug fighter #4: Support your immune system. Children's immune systems help to fight off infections. Good nutrition is essential for good health and certainly helps maintain a

healthy immune system. Eating healthy, getting plenty of rest and trying to reduce stress are all components of a plan to optimize the body's ability to fight off infection.

Hope you win the war on bugs!

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Sliding down the slopes safely

by Deborah Johnston, Public Health Nurse

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sliding sport. Adults are encouraged to promote safety while sledding. Children between the ages of five and nine, account for 40 per cent of all sledding related injuries in Canada. Over 20 per cent of these injuries involve concussions, internal injuries or broken bones (Statistics: Canadian Hos-

pital's Injury Reporting Prevention Program). Most injuries are caused by colliding with an object (i.e., trees/rocks/signs) or from being thrown off from the sled.

Here are some simple safety tips that can help you enjoy this fun activity:

- Only sled down on a hill with a gentle slope and lots of room to stop.
- Put a helmet on children; even hockey helmets will do.
- Tuck in scarves, strings and toques.
- Wait until the path is clear before starting down the hill.
- Kneel or sit and face forwards while sledding down the slope.
- Children under 5 years of age must be with an adult on the toboggan.

Ottawa Public Health works with the Parks and Recreation branch to provide a safe environment for all sliders. The outcome is to make this sport affordable and accessible to all ages. Some of the strategies include looking at the physical aspect of the hill and having an open/close procedure. The physical assessment includes positioning the hill so that it is not in direct sunlight, placing play structures at a safe distance from the hill, placement of outdoor rinks and landscaping. The open/close procedure involves assessing the weather and its impact on the safety of sledding, such as too much ice on a hill or too much exposed ground.

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Parents need to bring proof of their child's age, such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, registration of

birth or passport as well as the child's immunization record and health card. The board notes that Ottawa Public Health requires proof that your child has received proper immunization.

Ottawa Catholic School Board

Registration for junior and senior kindergarten at the Catholic board takes place the week of January 29 to February 1. The board asks parents to call their local school to verify registration dates and times.

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

Those looking to register their child for kindergarten with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board can do so from February 12 to 16. The choice of either AM or PM placement is made on a first-come, first-serve basis.

An open house for parents interested in learning more about Glen Ogilvie Kindergarten programs will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at Glen Ogilvie School from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents will have a chance to see a typical kindergarten classroom and speak with Kevin Adair, a Glen Ogilvie kindergarten teacher who is a long-time Blackburn Hamlet resident.

The transfer application timelines are between February 19 to March 2. To be eligible to be considered for a transfer, parents must make their transfer application during this time period.

For questions, call or drop by your designated school. If you don't know your child's designated school call Planning at 613-596-8780. (Local school phone numbers on page 26.)

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