

# BANAR

## Volunteer efforts make Blackburn a better place to live



BCA 2011 Board: Back row: Roger Smiley, Al Haggerty, Charles Kennedy, Jeff Miller. Middle row: Evelyn Budd, Al Ross, Ali Yassine, Paula Rosenquist, Annick Laporte, Sheryl Tracy, Amie Duquette. Front row: Trisha Cloutier, Laura Dudas, Helen Rosseau. Photo insert: Chris Fraser.

by Laura Dudas, President of BCA

It was when I was preparing to document the many activities, programs and events this association either organized or participated in during 2010 that I realized how easy it would be to sum up this community's strongest attribute: dedicated volunteers who care about this community and who want to make it a better place to live.

I want to thank all those volunteers who donated their time, which is priceless and irreplaceable, to make this community such a wonderful place in which to grow up, raise a family, or enjoy one's golden years.

I also want to recognize the efforts of those who sit on the association's board of directors: who are always willing to make the extra effort to ensure the best interests of this community are represented at the municipal level; who come early and stay late to make sure each event runs smoothly; and who attend each meeting ready to share their ideas and opinions.

I would like to recognize the ongoing efforts of Jan Whitehouse for ensuring the community hall bookings are well run and organized. The community hall will be a large focus of this association in the coming years as we determine the best strategy for meeting the growing demand for the facility's space. In the past year alone, the hall has hosted over 5,900 adult and children's events and more than 2,000 hours of usage. The steady demand on this space is a clear indication of the need to expand in ways that will best suit the community's needs.

The BCA offers a range of programs through the community hall, as well as our continued sponsorship of such community-based groups such as the Scouts, community gardens, and the

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# President's Message

It's no secret that the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association has been **looking at expanding the existing community hall for several years** now. Well, Hamlet residents, it's now your turn to have a say and to tell us, your association, how you would like to expand this facility. We need to know what you think and whether you would support what would be a significant community undertaking, which may require volunteers, community input, and quite possibly fundraising.

The hall, located at 190 Glen Park Drive, is architecturally attractive and suitable for smaller events, requiring a limited amount of space. However, this one-room facility, has several significant flaws: it's too small to host larger events, it can only accommodate one group at a time due to the inability to sub-divide the space—meaning we frequently have to turn away community members interested in renting the hall—and there is limited storage space. Last year alone, the hall was used by more than 5,900 adults and children, at more than 2,000 hours of usage.

We have engaged a City staff member and our Councillor to provide support and expertise as we move

forward. But before we do this, we need your feedback.

In the coming weeks, I ask that you go to the community association website ([www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca)) and fill out the survey questions. Volunteers will also be recording your responses at our upcoming Spring Clean-up on April 16 from 9:30 a.m. until noon (rain date is on April 30) and the Fun Fair in June.

On a similar note, there is **an important project that is being considered for the vacant greenhouses located at 16 Tauvette**. Just Foods, a local non-profit organization, is asking for community input on their plans to transform the NCC property into a centre for promoting urban agriculture.

The Greens Creek Farm project would become a community hub featuring a wide array of agriculture programming and would demonstrate sustainable farming techniques. The group is considering a variety of options for the site and are looking for community feedback. The BCA will post information on our website as this project develops, or you can find more details at [www.justfood.ca](http://www.justfood.ca).

*Laura Dudas*

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- Please contact me as I am interested in volunteering in the community.
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DEADLINE Oct 26 / DELIVERY Nov 11-16

## VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

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Fifty Plus Group to name a few. Some of the community events we either organized or supported last year include: the Fun Fair, all-candidates' debate, the annual Spring Clean-up, local community groups, and blood donor clinics.

Once again, Blackburn Hamlet's parks and rinks have been expertly managed and maintained, making them a source of pride for this community. I would like to acknowledge the work of Tom Scott, outgoing director of parks and recreation, and his team of dedicated volunteers who spent many hours in freezing temperatures making sure our rinks were in phenomenal shape.

The many events and programs we offer are always well publicized on our website, thanks to Helen Rosseau's ongoing dedication, and Evelyn Budd, who oversees the editing and publication of the Banar. These two communication vehicles are the BCA's primary sources of sharing information with residents.

The Fun Fair has seen its share of changes and expansion in 2010. Under the leadership of Trisha Cloutier, this annual weekend-long event grew in size and scope, offering entertainment and programming for everyone in the Hamlet. I want to thank Trisha and her team of volunteers for undertaking such a herculean task of organizing this event.

After many years of serving their community Sarah Cloutier and Tom Scott have decided to step down from the board. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank them once again for their work and for making a difference by volunteering their time to help others.

I would also like to welcome our new directors: Al Haggerty, Jeff Miller, Ali Yassine, Aimie Duquette, Chris Fraser. I look forward to working with all of them as we develop new events and improve existing traditions in the year ahead.

### GROUPS EARN \$250-\$350 BY DOING A BANAR DELIVERY

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# Fun Fair is going to be great! June 3rd, 4th, & 5th

Once again this year's fun fair is coming up fast and this year we are leaving it up to the youth in our community to pick the theme. We are having a contest to see who has the best idea for this year's fair. Anyone under 12 who would like to have a centre stage spot at the fair please enter the contest!

The plan for Friday night is action-packed as usual with the BMX and skateboard demonstration. There will be a few hip-hop dancers stepping up to show us their moves, and we may even have some musical talent to show us what they have to offer as well. Our Friday night action plan is organized by **Stephanie Cesar Young** from the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre. If there are any young persons in Blackburn who are interested in getting involved, please contact her at Stephanie.Cesar@eorc-gloucester.ca.

Please join us on the Saturday morning for a pancake breakfast that will be put on by volunteers from **The Children's Welcome Centre**. After a nice big breakfast you may want to take a stroll and find a place to watch the amazing parade that **Sherri Piercey** has planned this year. If your business would like to take part in the parade please contact Sherri at: sherripiercey@gmail.com. Once again it will be a food drive parade to collect non-perishable food items or donations for Blackburn's food bank the **St Joseph's Store House**. We will have a collection bin on the fairgrounds throughout the weekend as well.

Community games are back again this year. We have family activities, children's competitions, and silly challenges for every age. The tug-of-war competitions between our Blackburn banks (TD & BMO) and the very entertaining "fire department vs. police challenge" will also be back. Our BCA president **Laura Czekaj Dudas** will be organizing the field games. If you have some great idea's or you would like to get involved to help out with these events, please contact her at LLCzekaj@yahoo.ca.


Once again the arena will have a local business showcase, silent auction, used-book table and an inflatable bouncy slide for the children. If you would like your business to be a part of this year's showcase, contact Jeff Miller for details at: Jeff@JeffMillerRealEstate.ca Our main attraction in the

Arena this year will be our special guests from **Ray's Reptiles**. They will have a Reptile zoo on display for us on Saturday and they will also put on two demonstration shows throughout the day. The community silent Auction will be organized by **Amie Duquette**. If you would like to make a donation or contribution to the silent auction please contact her at Amie@JeffMillerRealEstate.ca. We are expecting this year's silent auction to be bigger and better than ever before.

As always, the stage will be available to show off our community's impressive talent. If you enjoy dancing, singing, stand up comedy, or you have a band that would like to be a part of our stage line-up please feel free to contact our Entertainment Co-ordinator **Mike Murphy** at infoblackburnfair@gmail.com.

Another fun new attraction will be the Pet Pride event that will be held on Sunday June 5th from 1 to 2:30pm. Dress up the dog and the kids to match, pick

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**Blackburn children, here is your chance**  
  
**to become a community star.**

The BCA is holding a contest for children, 12 years old and under, to pick the 2011 Fun Fair theme. Contestants are asked to finish the phrase: "Community is \_\_\_\_\_"

Along with the theme, that can be as short as a few words, please include a brief explanation as to why you chose your theme and how it represents Blackburn Hamlet.

The winner will receive the following prizes:

- ◆ A story about the winner and their theme in the Banar
- ◆ Parade Marshal for the Fun Fair parade
- ◆ Cut the Fun Fair cake and be in the official fair photo
- ◆ Free tickets for the carnival rides at the Fun Fair
- ◆ The winner's family will receive a 2011-2012 BCA membership valued at \$10.

Submissions must be emailed to infoblackburnfair@gmail.com before May 1st for consideration. Please include your name, age, parents name and a parent's contact information. The winner will then be chosen by the BCA board of directors.



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# Annual Spring Clean-up — Saturday, April 16th

Please join us for the annual Spring Clean-up in Blackburn Hamlet on Saturday, April 16 at 9 a.m. in front of the Blackburn Community Hall, 190 Glenpark Drive. Families, seniors, and high school volunteers are all welcome. After all your hard work, be sure to plan to join us for a BBQ, compliments of the Blackburn Community Association, and group photo for all volunteers at 11:30 a.m.

**Don't forget your household batteries:** Please bring your used household batteries to the Community Hall on the day of the clean-up. Rainer Bloess has offered to ensure that these batteries make it into the City's battery recycling program.

Hope to see you there! Note that the rain date is April 30 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call Barb Sweazey at 845-0861.



- S Sparkling – Our community clean up makes the Hamlet sparkle!
  - P Pollution reducing – Removing litter and graffiti in our parks and streets
  - R Rite of spring – Every April the BCA supports this event
  - I Inspiring – Everyone pitching in can make a difference!
  - N Never cancelled – Rain Date April 30
  - G Gloves are provided – Bring a rake or leather gloves if you wish!
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- C Community Hall – It's where we meet to kick off the event
  - L Lunch – A BBQ is provided at 11:30 am to all who volunteer
  - E Everyone can pitch in!
  - A Annual – This is our 11th annual Spring Clean up in Blackburn Hamlet!
  - N Neighbours – See the folks that have been hibernating all winter!
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  - U U can do it!
  - P Participate – we need everyone!

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**SAVE**

**Blackburn  
Garage Sale  
May 7th**

**Rain date:  
Sunday, May 8th**

Place "giveaways" on your curb after 4 p.m.

by Paula Rosenquist

In these days of re-use, recycle and repair the benefits are obvious. If these reasons don't inspire you I suggest a certain curiosity to get out and see what amazing collections of curios are hiding in the basement and cupboard catacombs of Blackburnites. So get out and make some extra cash while emptying your spare room, basement or garage or find that will make you smile and keep our landfills, well, not full. Contact: Paula 824-5062 .

## Fun Fair (continued from page 5)



a theme and be as creative as you can. There will be contests and rewards for all competitors. Who has the Blackburn Pooch with the longest/shortest tail, biggest ears, tallest dog, smallest, best trick, or most obedient pet?

And finally, if there are any people in Blackburn who have a little extra time and a lot of community spirit, please don't hesitate to join our fun fair team. The more the merrier, the bigger the team, the better the Fun Fair! Get your business and staff involved to organize, host, or sponsor a specific event. We do have a very important position that still needs to be filled: we need a student volunteer co-ordinator. If you think that you are up to the job please let us know! We are also always looking for student volunteers so if you know any teens that need to do their community hours please let them know that they are needed. They can join up with friends and volunteer as a team to make it even more fun.

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# Transportation issues among budget highlights

by Rainer Bloess, City of Ottawa

On March 8, City Council approved its 2011 budget, the first of the new electoral term, that will result in a 2.45% tax increase for hamlet residents. The increase is slightly lower than the 2.5% ceiling Council had imposed in December and translates into roughly \$75 per property, considerably less than the triple digit increases of the past three years.

My own personal focus, as always, was on protecting and improving the services our residents consider the most essential and I am pleased to report that we will see progress on several important fronts. Paramedic and fire services will be beefed up, additional funding will be provided for housing and poverty reduction programs and, for the first time since amalgamation, recreation fees will be frozen.

In addition, environmental and cycling initiatives will receive additional funding and we will be moving forward aggressively on the Ottawa River Action Plan, our upcoming light rail project and the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park.

Transportation issues remain a very high priority, particularly for those of us who represent suburban residents and, here again, we are making significant headway. Allocations to our east end road network include funding for the Hunt Club Exchange to the 417, nearly \$30 million for the expansion of Trim Road, \$17.3 million for the extension from Navan Road to Tenth Line and \$4.5 million for Mer Bleue Road.

\$161 million will also be directed to projects and programs to improve and streamline the bus system. Most recently, OC Transpo has been evaluating existing routes with the goal of making changes that will streamline service and improve productivity without causing great inconvenience to customers. It is in the best interests of all our taxpayers that we "optimize" our transit network by balancing service with financial efficiency.

We also need to introduce/extend routes into growth areas to encourage more widespread use of our transit system. The optimization proposals, to be presented to the Transit Commission on March 23, will be brought forward for public input at a series of meetings including our local session on Tuesday, April 5th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Shenkman Arts Centre on Centrum Boulevard.

Finally, the annual month-long **Spring Cleaning the Capital campaign**, which mobilizes schools, neighbourhood organizations, businesses, families and friends each year, starts on April 15. You can help by joining the BCA on the 16th or choosing a cleanup location on any public property where litter or graffiti has accumulated over the winter months and register online at [ottawa.ca/clean](http://ottawa.ca/clean) or by calling 3-1-1 (TTY: 613-580-2401).

Cleanup Starter Kits for litter pickup or graffiti removal projects are available to all registered volunteers. Submit an online Cleanup Report to be eligible to win one of the prizes donated by our generous sponsors and register on or before April 14th for the chance to win early-bird prizes.

As usual, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 613-580-2472 or email to [rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca](mailto:rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca).

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# La Paroisse Saint-Claude, Une Chapelle

par Trèva Cousineau

**Bonnes nouvelles** pour la paroisse St-Claude de Blackburn Hamlet! Suite à une consultation avec les paroissiens et les paroissiennes, la Paroisse ne ferme pas ses portes comme certains le craignaient. Elle continuera son ministère comme une chapelle de la Paroisse Ste-Marie, sur le chemin Innes. Elle aura donc l'avantage de faire partie d'une plus grande communauté chrétienne, de partager les responsabilités du maintien d'une paroisse, de jouir de nombreuses activités paroissiales tout en conservant intacte sa célébration dominicale. Tout ce qui change c'est la gestion de la paroisse. Qui sait, certaines personnes qui habitent plus près de Blackburn viendront peut-être célébrer avec nous.


Ce message est donc une invitation à tous de venir nous rencontrer les dimanches, à 11 heures, pour célébrer la messe



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# From Punk to Priest

by KC Miller

Marty Levesque visited an Anglican church for the first time in Ottawa, his home city. Looking like a “punk rocker,” he admitted, with his dark and leathery apparel and waxy barb-like hair, he was unsurprisingly seated in the back pew under surveillance. Although someone welcomed him with, “it’s so nice that someone like you has come here today,” he knew they feared that he would cause a scene. “They did not want me there.” And taking the hint, he never went back.

Fortunately this experience did not impede his search for a higher power and after a while he found spiritual refuge at the St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Parish House in Blackburn Hamlet. In reminiscing, Levesque noted that what contributed to his



continued attendance was the fact that “nobody ever asked me about my past.” His first service there made him feel much more accepted than his previous experience, and when the priest invited him afterward to stay for coffee, he knew he had found the right church for him.

Introduced to drugs and cruelty at an

early age, this self-proclaimed punk rocker admits that he became “too much” for his parents to take. Leaving his home and parents at 15, the decade to follow would be filled with tribulation. In due course, however, the light at the end of the tunnel shone for him in the form of an apprenticeship. Thrilled by this opportunity, he graduated from college after five years of coursework as a certified mechanic.

During the early phases of his transition, Levesque decided to give up drugs and had been clean for many years before St. Mary the Virgin came into view. Reverend Ray Fletcher mentored him into the kind and sympathetic community he now craved, in place of the substance once longed for in the past. The charitable and

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supportive attitudes that surrounded him inspired his curiosity for the priesthood, and piqued his desire to go to university and become one himself.

Receiving part-time education at Carleton University while working as a mechanic was of no hindrance to his spiritual pursuits at St. Mary's. The Parish became his second home where he volunteered on various committees and helped to foster spiritual communion among churchgoers. Before he could accept a position as church warden, Levesque had graduated from Carleton and was accepted into Huron University College in London, Ontario where he would take part in their active seminary.

Although shocked by his commitment, friends reassured him

that "the church needs someone like you." Glad to be accepted by old friends, as well as church affiliates, Levesque offered even more

“He had a great deal of passion and a desire to make this a better world for everybody.”

volunteer services at London's Daily Bread food bank. This gave him a chance to relate to people who had faced struggles similar to his own; "Send me down with the drug addicts and the homeless and I'll tell them all about God."

After graduating with distinction from Huron University, Levesque settled into the St. Andrew's Memorial church in London, Ontario,

officially becoming its rector on November 30. Fellow council member at that time, Debbie Burch, comments that he had "a great deal of passion and a desire to make this a better world for everybody." He was "willing to look outside of the box."

Fulfilling his natural inclination to serve, Levesque has drawn up a layout for a community garden on land owned by the church, where 10 percent of the grower's produce will be sent to the Daily Bread to feed those in need. "My ministry is about teaching people to be disciples who are going to engage as Christians 24/7." It is clear that Levesque's charity will not only benefit members of his church, but all of the members in his community as well.

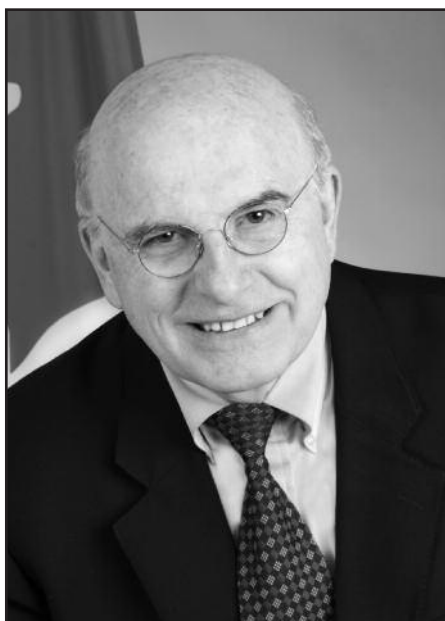


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## Quelques nouvelles de la 4e Cie St-Claude

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Lorsque vous lirez cet article, nous aurons eu nos deux dernières levées de fonds; le souper de lasagne le 9 avril ainsi que le Nage-o-thon Richelieu le 10 avril.

Depuis janvier nous sommes allées au Musée de la Nature où nous avons visité 4 des expositions, puis ce fut la réunion avec une amie pour la St Valentin. Le patinage au Bal de neige fut annulé à cause de la pluie mais Linda, une des mamans, nous a apporté des queues de



castors que nous avons dégustées au local. La journée de la femme a été célébrée en identifiant notre modèle féminin et en faisant un bricolage sur

l'estime de soi. Nous avons visité les résidents de Amica at Bearbrook Court et participé à la cérémonie du Commonwealth pour promouvoir la paix dans le monde.

Comme préparation pour notre voyage en Suisse, les équipes nous font vivre une réunion sur une ville que nous visiterons. Les Aiglons nous ont présenté Berne, puis ce sera Lucerne par les Gazelles, Lauzanne par les Castors et Interlaken par les Suisses. Merci à tous pour votre soutien.



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### Le Club Optimiste de Blackburn Hamlet

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Le vendredi 4 mars dernier, le Club tenait son premier souper spaghetti et encan silencieux conjointement avec l'École secondaire publique Louis-Riel. Plus de 60 personnes étaient présentes et le service aux tables fut très apprécié. Des prix de presences, des échanges et de bons achats furent de la partie ainsi que la presence de notre depute, Royal Galipeau.

Les concours "Art de s'exprimer, Arts oratoires et Mathématiques" font encore partie de notre agenda. Pour plus de renseignements vous pouvez contacter Danièle au 613-824-0463.

## En spectacle les 16, 17 et 18 juin prochain

par *Éveline Perrier-Racine*

Nul n'est besoin de présenter Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa. Après 37 ans d'existence, cette troupe chorale continue d'agrémenter le paysage culturel francophone de la région et particulièrement de Blackburn Hamlet.

C'est sous le thème de l'Amour, et à l'occasion de la Saint-Valentin que la Troupe a offert trois spectacles le 12 février dernier. Plus de 140 personnes y ont assisté au Centre de soins de longue durée Montfort, au Manoir Belcourt et à la Résidence Saint-Louis.

Mais vous aurez l'occasion de retrouver Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa très bientôt. En effet, la Troupe, sous l'habile direction musicale de François Julien, vous invite à son spectacle annuel à l'École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges, à Orléans, les 16, 17 et 18 juin prochain. Après une tournée palpitante au Nouveau-Brunswick l'année dernière, Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa sont très heureux d'offrir un spectacle qui saura vous remplir le cœur de chansons et de magie, et les yeux de beauté et de couleurs!



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# Blackburn once belonged to Mississauga Indians

by Evelyn Budd

In 1784 the Blackburn area was a densely forested expanse used by the Indians as a hunting ground.

A great onrush of United Empire Loyalists coming from the south was heading for British protection on the north shore of the St. Lawrence between what is now Cornwall and Kingston. The triangle formed by the Rideau, Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers belonged to the Mississauga Indians and was "purchased" from them in 1783 in the name of the King. An order was issued for the new townships to be surveyed. The survey of Gloucester was completed likely by 1820.

Early in the 19th century, this district was bought from the government by a Mr. Erskine for a timber limit. It extended several miles along the Ottawa river and as far south as the Mer Blue. When the timber limit was exhausted the land was bought by settlers from the government in lots of two hundred acres for farms. The cost was 50 cents an acre.

The first settlers included the Armstrongs, John Kemp, the Daggs (Richard, John and Thomas,) William Purdy, William Bradley, William and Thomas Wilson, John Farmer, Andrew Daly, John Hall, Richard Dowler, John Holden, R. McArdel, Andrew Daley, Robert Hurs, John McGrath, John Coughlan, William Price, Robert Perrault and the Coombs.

The epic feat of the middle Victorian years was the building of a road to Bytown. Green's Creek and Mud Creek and miles of the worst sort of country that anyone could think of, consisting of deep muck, blue clay, swamp, dense bush, were between Blackburn and Bytown. The farmers east of the two creeks, and as far east as Navan, worked for free for months in mud. Others unable to work paid into a fund out of which laborers were hired. It took two years. Once the road was opened, Blackburn Corners came into existence. The small community included a post office, blacksmith shop, farmers and gardeners.



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## Programs and help available for all ages at library

Spring brings warmer weather, green grass and a great way to get some exercise in by walking to the Blackburn Library.

Among other things, you can plan for your summer holidays by browsing our guidebooks for ideas or by getting on the internet, free of charge, with your library card. Feel free to ask at the information desk for a one on one on-line vacation tutorial.

Feel like spending a quiet night at home? Browse our DVD collections and find something for everyone in your family! Do you want to keep the kids up to date on their schoolwork? We have math, English, science and French workbooks for all levels and grades. Our branch "Homework Help" tutor, Joanne, is available Mondays, 6 to 8pm, in our meeting room to help kids with their homework (English, limited French). The Ottawa Resource Centre is currently looking to hire a bilingual tutor for the Blackburn Hamlet Branch Homework Club for Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8pm. If this interests you, please call Stephanie at the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre for more information.

We constantly change displays in our children and adult areas and think of new themes to spotlight our diverse material. Many of these themes revolve around contests with amazing prizes. Keep your eyes and ears open.

We also continue to offer Babytime, Toddlertime and Storytime activities throughout the season. Be sure to come in and grab a pamphlet or ask Mandy for more information.

We offer free basic computer tutorials as well as teen resume tutorials. Visit the information desk for details and to book your appointment.

Ritchie Feed n' Seed will be hosting a gardening program on Tuesday, May 3rd, 7 p.m. We thank Neil Ritchie for his yearly visits!

The volunteers at Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association (FOPLA) continue to work hard with the "Mille Feuilles Booksale", located at the back of the branch in the reading area. Quality children and adult books are available at great prices! Check them out and get an early start for your summer reading material or drop off your donation of books to help support our library.




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## Join Blackburn tennis this summer

by Barbara Nolen

The Blackburn Tennis Club will be holding 2011 summer season registration on Saturday, April 30 and Saturday May 14 at the clubhouse, 2669 Innes Road, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Come and enjoy the many recent improvements to the club, including new lights, a remodelled clubhouse, and the most advanced practice board in the city. Courts 1 – 4 will be newly resurfaced in early May (weather co-operating).

We hold drop-in round robins for all skill levels each weekday except Friday, as well as Thursday evenings. Newcomers are most welcome—stop by, give us a try, your first two visits are “on the house”. A full slate of social events is planned, including drills and clinics, family round robins and BBQ’s, and a club tournament at the end of the season. Private and group lessons with professional instructors are available.

The first two-week session of the popular Junior Tennis program starts Monday July 4. Watch for improvements



to this program and further information to be posted on our website [www.blackburntennis.ca](http://www.blackburntennis.ca). As well, you can call the club at 613-824-0002 after April 28 or 613-824-3524 previous to this.

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# Ottawa Fiddlers Concert



The Ottawa Fiddlers Ensemble visited the Anglican Church of St. Mary the Virgin on Navan Road on February 13. There was large turnout of over 50 visitors to hear 11 fiddlers and a keyboardist, including Blackburn's own Graham Sheppard, play Valentine's Day songs to which we all joined in and sang along. There were lots of old style, hand clapping, toe tapping, and foot stomping fiddling as well.

The freewill offering for outreach projects enabled St. Mary's to send the balance of funds needed to buy books for the Day Spring Orphanage school in Morogoro, Tanzania. The church women's group had contributed the first half of the funds needed.

For information on future events please visit [www.stmarysblackburn.ca](http://www.stmarysblackburn.ca), email [stmarys@rogers.com](mailto:stmarys@rogers.com) or telephone 613 590-0667.



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## Fun oasis for children and upcoming fundraising

Spring is an exciting time at the Children's Welcome Centre! Our regular programs are still running: Monday and Wednesday playgroups, Family Fridays and drop-in and drop-offs all the time. We are also getting excited for an Easter Celebration on Wednesday April 20th and with good weather comes the use of our outdoor play yard. We are getting ready for summer camps again this year too!

For those of you in the community that are not familiar with The Children's Welcome Centre, it is a non-profit, charitable organization offering high quality programming and short-term hourly childcare. Our safe and inviting facility is designed with fun as the focus. Some of the unique services that we offer to parents, caregivers and their children include; short-term hourly

childcare, playgroups, preschool programming, summer camps, educational and entertaining workshops, holiday theme parties and the opportunity for facility rentals.

### Upcoming Fundraisers

The Children's Welcome centre provides a high level of support to caregivers and parents alike and is looking for your support as well. In order to continue to provide high quality programs and activities the CWC will be running several fundraisers in the months ahead.

Come and see us during the **Blackburn Community Garage Sale on May 7th for some great deals as well as a BBQ**. Keep a look out for our **silent auction book, which will debut at the end of May and will close the 2nd week of June**. There are always excellent family passes to exciting places and many wonderful items to be bid on.

On Saturday June 4th volunteers from The Children's Welcome centre will be running the **Pancake Breakfast at the annual Blackburn Fun Fair**, so bring the kids and have breakfast with us!

If you would like to **make a donation to our auction book** please give Kerry a call at 613-834-7075. Every little bit counts and we really appreciate the help!

We look forward to seeing you soon at the Children's Welcome Centre and in the community!

### Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre VOLUNTEERS

The Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre is committed to improving the quality of life for all individuals and to building a safe and healthy community. We wish to thank our many volunteers that enable us to do this. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering and making a difference in the lives of people who require assistance. For instance, you may want to be a:

- ✓ **Seniors Day Program Assistant:** Assist staff where needed with the delivery of activity programs such as; with the meal preparation and serving (clean up after lunch and snacks), assist the clients with their lunch and /or their participation during activities.
- ✓ **Friendly Visitor:** Visiting an older person or person feeling isolated for 1-2 hours per week.
- ✓ **Meals on Wheels Driver:** Picking up meals/delivering them to clients.
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- ✓ **Volunteer Driver:** Transport clients for various (medical, legal, bank etc.) appointments.
- ✓ **Fundraising Volunteer:** Assist staff at fundraising events i.e. Charity Auction & Dinner.
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Over the years the Preschool has adapted to the needs of the community with the addition of the toddler (18-30 months) and junior/senior (JK/SK) kindergarten programs.

In September, the JK/SK program will extend to five afternoons per week. Children attending local kindergarten classes in the morning

have the option of taking the school bus to the Preschool and having lunch before the program begins at 1:00 p.m. The afternoon kindergarten program will focus on the children's developing reading and writing skills through a variety of activities including science, drama, baking, gardening, and music and movement. The program will also include an introduction to the French language component.

The joy of learning new skills is evident as the children are involved in hands-on activities; by exploring and creating, the child's overall development (social, cognitive, language/communication, physical) is enhanced.

Blackburn Hamlet Preschool continues to be a vital part of the community by supporting parents and children in early learning.

## Golfing For Change

The golfing season is just around the corner and the team at the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre are busy planning their "Golfing for Change" annual charity golf tournament in support of the many FREE programs and services that the Centre offers. Mark your calendars and join us on the course on Monday, June 13th. The Centre is also currently looking for sponsors and donors for this year's event. If you are interested, please contact Cindy MacKay at 613-830-4357 ext. 305, cmakay@crcoc.ca or visit [www.crcoc.ca](http://www.crcoc.ca). Thank you for your support! OCCRC—Your Community Caring Connection!



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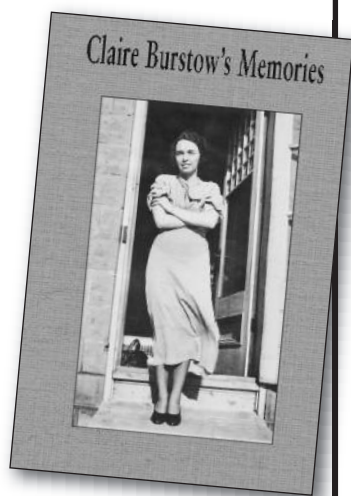
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**Pot Luck Dinner Sunday, April 17th**, 6:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall. Direct questions to or request further information from Sarah Cloutier at 613-841-4114.

**RCMP Pipes and Drums Outing April 10th**. Information regarding tickets and carpooling from Al Haggerty at 613-824-4664.

Plans for a tour of La Farge Quarry during the week of May 25th are underway. Interested parties should contact Al Haggerty at 613-824-4664.

Visitors are also welcome at the monthly Working Group Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Community Hall.

## Gloucester Horticultural Society

On May 14 the Society's Spring Show and Sale will be held at the Gloucester Library, 2036 Ogilvie Road.

Whether you are a novice or a master gardener, this group may be for you. Members enjoy sharing gardening tips and knowledge, showing their best plant specimens, touring local gardens and the comraderie of sharing a common passion. Guests are welcome at all meetings. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Top Generation Club Hall, 4373 Generation Court, Ramsayville. April 18: Solutions to some common garden problems. Speaker is Mary Ann Van Berlo, Master Gardener. For more info: [gloucester@gardenontario.org](mailto:gloucester@gardenontario.org).

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A few incidents have been committed at night, usually on the weekends. Some of the homes that have been targeted back onto pathways or park areas. Residents are not home, and thieves target small items that are easy to carry away. Several homes have been targeted during the daytime. The suspects are one male and one female, both described as having shoulder length brown hair and a slim build. The female has been seen knocking on doors in the areas of the break-ins.

We are asking residents who observe suspicious persons or who answer the door to canvassers with no ID, to call police immediately.

In addition, residents are requested to ensure all doors, including the garage, remain locked at all times. Ensure the basement and all other windows are secured. Alarm systems, window bars and deadbolt locks that lock into a reinforced door frame are recommended.

Please pass the word to neighbours. For a break-and-enter in progress, call 911. Anyone with any information concerning suspicious behaviour is asked to call the Ottawa Police Service. Ask for Det R. Reeve, Break and Enter Investigations, East. 613-236-1222 ext 3436.

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## Rothwell Plant Sale May 21

Check out the great deals from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Rothwell United Church, 42 Sumac Street. Vegetable seedlings to indoor and outdoor annual and perennial plants. For more information visit [www.Rchurch.ca](http://www.Rchurch.ca).

## Coro Vivo Concert May 7

Coro Vivo Ottawa under the direction of Antonio Llaca presents a benefit concert for CHEO; Hooray for Hollywood: Greatest hits from Broadway and Hollywood. Saturday May 7, at 8:00 p.m. École Gisèle-Lalonde 500 Millennium Blvd. Orleans. Adults \$ 20, free for children 14 and under. Tickets available at Leading Note, CD Warehouse, Compact Music, at the door or call 613-841-3902 [www.corovivoottawa.ca](http://www.corovivoottawa.ca).

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Wednesday April 20th, 2:00 pm. Bring your questions to ask the experts! This month's topics: 1) Learn how Canadians can diversify and achieve higher after-tax income guaranteed for life. 2) Interest rate lows and high gas prices, recession, political turmoil, inflation and gold. What does it mean, will it affect me and are there options? 3) Why the best "conservative" investment strategies could be a surprise.

**Earth Day Documentary:** Thursday April 28, 2:00 pm. To celebrate Earth Day/Month we will be watching a segment of the acclaimed Planet Earth series. Join us for a special showing and some treats!

### RBC Speaker Series, Part III:

Wednesday May 18, 2:00 pm. RBC is back for the final segment of this speaker series. Join us to find out the tips and tricks in the markets/investment-world.

**Moving and Transitions Expo:** May 31, 1:30-4:30 pm. An event for anyone making a move in the future! Whether it be upsizing, downsizing or moving to a retirement community.

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## Grandmas Card Party Apr 19

The Blackburn Hamlet group of Grandmas AIDing Grandmas will be holding a card party on Tuesday, April 19 from 1 to 4 pm at the Canadian Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr., Orleans. Gather your friends, play anything from bridge to scrabble, and enjoy a fun afternoon while supporting a great cause. There will be desserts, fruit, tea, coffee, and lemonade served, a sampling of Kazuri jewellery for sale, and really fabulous door prizes!

Gentlemen (even grandpas) are welcome too! All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother Campaign, helping African grandmothers in their struggle to keep families together while facing the ravages of HIV AIDS.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from Barbara Nolen (613-824-3524) or Sally Ryan (613-824-5219). Give us a call for more information, or email us at grandmas59@gmail.com.

## Fashion show April 16


Don't miss the Annual Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, April 16, 10 am at The Wholesale Outlet, 1877 Innes Road. Free admission. Funds raised will go to the Canadian Breast Cancer Network (survivor directed) and the Look Good Feel Better program (for women who have had any cancer or who have undergone treatment).

The early bird gets the worm but the second mouse eats the cheese.

## Blackburn Garden Tour returns — Saturday, June 26th

The very successful Blackburn Garden Tour returns this year and in the future will alternate each year with the Navan Garden Tour. All proceeds from the Blackburn Garden Tour will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother Campaign through our Blackburn Grandmas AIDing Grandmas. We enjoyed eight great years with very talented gardening enthusiasts in Blackburn sharing their passion. On April 15th, 7pm at 5729 Kemplane Court we invite you to come and share ideas and suggestions for the approaching Blackburn garden tour. A delicious potluck of appetizers and exchange of garden possibilities always makes for an enjoyable evening.

Please call Evelyn Budd at 613-824-9707 or email ev@buddgraphics.com to find out more about sharing your garden with others in the 9th Blackburn Garden Tour.



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Apr 21: Maundy Thursday (7pm), Holy Communion  
Apr 22: Good Friday (10am)  
Apr 24: Easter Sunday (9:30am), Holy Communion

**Discovery Café** is a series of public lectures on a wide range of topics that will stimulate your mind. Come & support a new initiative in Blackburn Hamlet! (7:30-9pm)

**Apr 29:** Dr. Mark Forbes, Professor of Biology, Carleton University. *"One World, One Health: How animal diseases affect humans."*

**May 27 :** Dr. Chris Waddell, Director, School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University, *"Can You Believe What You Read in the Newspapers?"*

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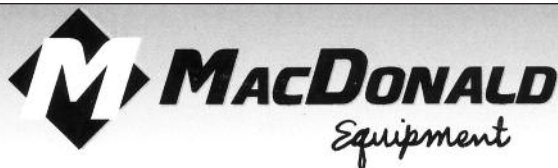
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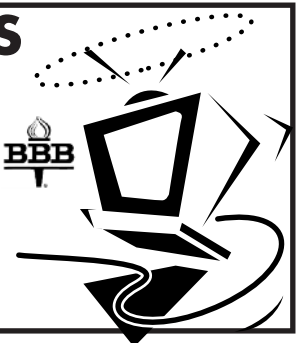
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# Blackburn and Area Community Event Calendar

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Coming Soon



**Strawberry Social**  
June 26 1-4:00  
At the Blackburn  
Community Centre

## Programs

**Craft and Conversation,**  
7:00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
at Amica Bearbrook  
(2645 Innes Road)

## Worship Services

### Sunday

**At the Church**  
**2750 Navan Rd.**  
Eucharist Sundays 9 a.m.  
Evening Payer Wednesdays  
7:30 pm

### Midweek

1st Tuesday 2 pm Blackburn  
Lodge

Every Tuesday 2 pm Amica  
Bearbrook – (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
is an Anglican Service)

## April (See page 17 for events at the Library)

Tues 5 ,7 pm	Transit Public Meeting Shenkman Centre see pg 12
Wed Apr 6 1-4pm	Amica Spring Fling see pg 24
Fri Apr 9	RCMP Pipes & Drums Outing see pg 22
<b>Tues Apr 12 7:00pm</b>	<b>Knit &amp; C raft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome</b>
Fri Apr 15	Blackburn Garden Tour Planning see pg 26
Sat Apr 1 10am	Annual Fashion Show The Wholesale Outlet see pg 25
Apr 16	Spring Clean up see pg 7
Sun Apr 17 6:00pm	50+ Pot Luck Community Centre see pg 22
Mon Apr 18 7:30 pm	Gloucester Horticultural Society see pg 22
Tues Apr 19 1-4pm	Grandma's Card Party see pg 25
Wed Apr 20, 2pm	Amica RBC Speaker series see pg 24
<b>Tues Apr 26,7:00 pm</b>	<b>Knit &amp; Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome</b>
Thurs Apr 28 2:00pm	Amica Earth Day Documentary see pg 24
Thurs 28 –May1	Pottery Guild Schenkman Centre see pg 24
Sat 30 10am-2pm	Tennis Registration at the Clubhouse see pg 18

## May (See page 17 for events at the Library)

Sunday May 1	Community Star Contest see pg 5
Sat May 7	Community Garage Sale Pg 7
Sat May 7	Coro Vivo Concert see pg 24
Sun May 8	Rain Date Community Garage Sale pg 7
Tues May 10 700pm	<b>Knit &amp; Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome</b>
Wed May 18 2pm	Amica RBC Series see pg 24
Sat May 14 10am-2pm	Tennis Registration at clubhouse see pg 18
Sat May 14	Horticultural Society Spring Show Gloucester Library see pg 22
Sat May 21	Rothwell Plant sale see pg 24
Tues May 24 7:00pm	<b>Knit &amp; Craft Night at St. Mary's Parish House. All welcome</b>
Tues May 31 1:30 4:30	Amica Moving and Transition Expo see pg 24

## Upcoming

June 4,5, &6 Blackburn Fair see pg 5  
June 26 Saturday, Blackburn Garden Tour Returns see pg 25  
June 16-18 Les Chansonniere L'ecole Beatrice-Desloges see pg 15

### Missed a few Sundays?

**Join us this Easter and Resurrect your Faith!**

*Everyone is always welcome to join us in celebration of faith and fellowship.*

**Maundy Thursday** - Apr 21, 7:30pm - Holy Eucharist

**Good Friday** - Fri. Apr 22, 10:00am - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Sunday** - Apr 24, 9:00am - Holy Eucharist



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