

Community Hall Expansion Survey

The results are in and we are examining options



Enthusiastic fans of Jan's Workout and the Blackburn Community Hall.

by Laura Dudas, President of BCA

It's been several months since we concluded the community hall expansion survey and I wanted to provide an update as to how we have been using the information provided us by the community to establish a plan for our future.

As you may recall, the surveys were resoundingly in favour of moving forward with an expansion to the existing hall, situated at 190 Glen Park Drive. Among the main structural features residents expressed an interest in adding to the hall were a bigger kitchen that could accommodate larger events, smaller rooms where residents could reserve space for meetings, a larger space that can be sub-divided and more storage space.

Anyone who has used the existing hall is aware of its beauty, but also its limitations. Since the hall is quite literally, a one-room hall, only one group can use it at a time. This means that we have to turn away other residents who are interested in using the space at times when another group has already booked it.

Using the word "cramped" to describe the kitchen is an understatement. Squeezing more than a few people in the kitchen at a time is a difficult task to say the least. Some residents have expressed interest in cooking lessons, or holding large parties at the hall, but decide to go elsewhere because of the tight confines of the kitchen. And the community groups that regularly use the hall find that the current storage situation is inadequate.

Some of you may remember that when this hall was originally built in 1998, the plan was for a larger structure with more community amenities. It was scaled back for reasons of cost, not for lack of need.

These are just a few reasons why members of the BCA's community hall expansion sub-committee are examining the options and will be getting back to you in the coming months with a plan that reflects the needs of those who live in our community.

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TAKEN FROM THE 2011 PRESIDENT'S REPORT DELIVERED BY LAURA DUDAS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON FEB. 16, 2012

Last year, I reflected on 2010—a year I categorized as being one of change, largely experienced within the ranks of the BCA itself as some of our long-standing directors stepped down, making way for a new generation of volunteers to take over director positions.

In 2011, drawing upon this combination of enthusiasm and experience at the board level, we saw an influx of new programming for all ages, additional supports provided to existing community initiatives, and we expanded our ability to inform and engage the community through new methods of advertising and through a revamped website and signage. Here are a few of the many events and programs we offered to the community in 2011:

Friday night youth drop-in—Partnered with the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre to offer Friday night drop-ins for pre-teens and teenagers in our community. Invested \$4,500 in the pilot project that enabled the youth drop-in to provide this valuable service to our young people.

Santa Pancake Breakfast—The extremely popular annual breakfast was continued by the BCA during a well-attended event at our community hall.

We supported the following groups through reduced costs associated with using the community hall: Seniors' Bridge Group, Jan's Workout, Blackburn 50+ Club, Dappo Foundation, Boy Scouts, EORC, Global Childcare Services.

Funding was provided in support of Dappo Family Fun Day, organized by the Dappo Foundation, Ecole Ste. Marie for a community garden project and local blood clinics held at local schools.

The BCA hosts the annual Fun Fair, a community-focused event that brings neighbours together as well as the following:

- Community garage sale
- Yard-care community seminar
- Hockey Day in the Hamlet
- Outdoor rinks and park cleanup
- Various environmental initiatives
- The BCA publishes the Banar newsletter and hosts a website filled with community information
- Funds are provided for local non-profit community groups to run programming in our community
- Advocacy on behalf of area residents

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New Name and Location for Blackburn Food Bank

Welcome to the **Lifecentre Food Bank**, the new food bank that will be located at 2675 Innes Road in the Innes Road Plaza near Emily Carr School. The hours for food distribution will be Thursdays 10-12 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. The new director, Michel Castilloux, will be happy to receive your donations.



SPECIAL THANKS GO TO BOB AND PAULINE GIROUX who have directed the Joseph Storehouse Food Bank since March of 2005. The couple and several volunteers provided nutritious food including juice boxes and snacks for school lunches, Christmas hampers with turkeys and a voucher

for produce as well as new gifts for children and funds for the Snowsuit Foundation. One caring neighbour baked gingerbread cookies for the children. Others were generous with gifts, food and much needed money donations. Bob and Pauline would like to thank the community for embracing the need to fight hunger and feed hope. Pauline would also like to assure us that the food bank is in good hands and that they are enjoying retirement.

Blackburn Community Association On-line

Your resource for what, who and where things are happening in and around Blackburn Hamlet are available on-line at the BCA website. Organizations and Blackburn businesses are invited to list their website/email link. Go to: www.blackburnhamlet.ca



Check out the BCA Facebook page by going to www.Facebook.com and typing "Blackburn Hamlet Community Association" in the search box.

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Fun Fair coming June 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

by Trisha Cloutier

This year's Fun Fair will soon be here and we are well on the way to making it better than ever. Our team of dedicated Fun Fair enthusiasts are having a great time planning and organizing this event for the community.

The plan for Friday night, June 1st, is action packed with the BMX, skateboard demonstration and hip-hop dancers stepping up to show us their moves. We hope to have some musical talent to show us what they have as well. A small stage will be set up for those interested in coming forward. Friday night is being organized by **STEPHANIE CEASAR YOUNG** from the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre. If any young person in Blackburn is interested in helping her, please email Stephanie at Stephanie.Ceasar@eorc-gloucester.ca. We are looking for a group of volunteers willing to help us with the breakfast. The pancake breakfast has always been a great way to start the day.

After a nice breakfast you will want to find a place to watch the amazing parade that **SHERRI PIERCEY** is planning this year. If your business or community group would like to take part in the parade please contact Sherri at sherripiercey@gmail.com. Once again we will be collecting non-perishable food items or donations for Blackburn's **LIFECENTRE FOOD BANK**. We have started this tradition to keep us all in the spirit of what it means to be a community. *"Community is people*

helping people" (Katie Murphy, 2011 fun fair theme winner). There will also be a collection bin for non-perishable food items on the fairgrounds throughout the weekend. The community games are back again this year. We will have family activities, children's competitions, and silly challenges for every age. This activity is free and open to everyone. The tug-of-war competitions between our **BLACKBURN BANKS (TD & BMO)** are very entertaining and will be back. We are still looking for someone to be the community games co-ordinator. If you have some great ideas and would like to help with this important activity please contact us and get involved.

Once again the arena will have a local business showcase, silent auction, and used-book table. If you would like your business to be a part of this year's showcase contact **JEFF MILLER** for details at: Jeff@JeffMillerRealEstate.ca. The main attraction in the arena this year will be some special "guests" from **RAY'S REPTILES**. They will have a reptile zoo on display all day Saturday and will also put on two demonstration shows.

The community Silent Auction will be organized by **TONYA FISH AND SALLY QUINN**. We are expecting this year's silent auction to be bigger and better than ever before. You can help us with our high expectations by contributing items to the auction.

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 contact our Entertainment Co-ordinator **MIKE MURPHY** at infoblackburnfair@gmail.com

Another fun attraction will be the Pet Pride event that will be held on Sunday June 3rd from 1 to 2:30pm. Dress up the dog and the kids to match, pick a theme and be as creative as you wish. There will be contests and rewards for all competitors who have the Blackburn pooch with the longest/shortest tail, biggest ears, tallest dog, smallest, best trick, or most obedient pet? This event will be run by students and once again co-ordinated by **KAYLA DUDAS**.

And finally, if there are any people in Blackburn who have some extra time and tons of community spirit, don't hesitate to join the 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 still have some important positions that still need to be filled. If you think that you are up to the job, please let us know! We are also looking for student volunteers, so if you know any teens that need to put in their community hours, please let them know that they are needed. They can join up with friends and volunteers as a team to have lots of fun working together.

Fun Fair Chair, Trisha Cloutier can be reached at trisha-cloutier@rogers.com.

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Spring Cleaning, Transit Tweaking on April Horizon

by Councillor Rainer Bloess

April always brings not only warmer weather but also the inevitable urge to tidy up in anticipation of the upcoming summer season in the great and glorious outdoors. For the City, it marks the launch of an **ANNUAL STREET CLEANING MARATHON** with all city streets, sidewalks, medians and bus stop pads given a once-over. Sweeping is followed by flushing with water then vacuuming to remove dust, debris and sand that has accumulated over the winter. Expect to see trucks at any hour as crews work twenty-four hours a day to get the job done as quickly as possible to reduce the impact on residents and businesses. Please refrain from raking or blowing leaves, lawn clippings or other debris onto the roadway which is in direct violation of the Use and Care of Roads bylaw.

April will also see sleeves rolled up for the **2012 SPRING CLEANING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**. Registrations are well underway for this extremely successful annual program that encourages schools, neighbourhood organizations and associations, businesses, families, friends and individuals to register outdoor cleanup projects that help to keep our City clean and green again this year. The community clean-up in

Blackburn will take place on April 21st (the rain date is April 28); this is your opportunity to contribute to a cleaner Hamlet.

April also brings more **TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES AND ADJUSTMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT STARTING SUNDAY, APRIL 22, AND MONDAY, APRIL 23**. OC Transpo schedules are routinely adjusted four times a year—April, June, September, and December to improve reliability and service. Of particular interest to Hamlet bus riders are additional trips that will be provided on route 94 to increase capacity during peak times.

On another front, there is good news from the N.C.C.'s **RECENTLY RELEASED MASTER PLAN REPORT ON LAND USE** which is intended to update the 1996 Greenbelt Master Plan. The report suggests a "conservative and gradual transformation" of the Greenbelt with the addition of forest plantation lands and enhancement in the form of increased buffers and ecological linkages. None of the options negatively impact our own area and our enjoyment of the Greenbelt but the consultation results confirm once again that stakeholders want greenspace maintained, increased and improved and have real concerns about a loss of control over any current Greenbelt lands. Stay tuned as this review evolves.

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Join in on Saturday, April 21st

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This year is Blackburn Hamlet's 12th annual Spring Clean Up! We hope you can join us on **SATURDAY, APRIL 21** at 9:30 A.M. in front of the Blackburn Community Hall (190 Glenpark Drive) to make this yearly community event a success.

Families, seniors, and high school volunteers are all welcome. After all your hard work, be sure to plan to join us for a BBQ complements of the Blackburn Community Association, and group photo for all volunteers at 11:30 a.m.

We will provide garbage bags, latex gloves and a suggested area for litter pick-up. If you want, bring your own gloves to help keep you fingers warm and dry! Bring along a reusable coffee mug if you'd like to enjoy a warm beverage while you "work".

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 will ensure that these batteries make it into the City's battery recycling program.

Hope to see you there! Please note that the rain date is April 28 at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Barb Sweazey at 613-845-0861 or at bsweazey@rogers.com.

Blackburn Garage Sale

Saturday, May 5th

Rain date

Sunday, May 6th

Bargains aside, garage sales can also be a fun and social event. It's a great way to recycle and to meet people in your own neighbourhood. So remember to relax and have fun.

Tips for the day: A wise shopper will barter. If you are a buyer, remember that too much haggling can lose you the sale and be down right insulting. If you are a seller remember that retail prices are not an option since people are looking for a bargain.

Any unsold items you wish to giveaway should be placed on the curb after 4 p.m. Have a great day!



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Hockey games and challenges were held on the large rink and on the puddle rink there were plenty of activities and games for players of all ages and skill levels on the puddle rink. Refreshments included coffee, hot chocolate, hamburgers, hotdogs and snacks. Lots of fun and entertainment! A collection box was also available for donations for the Lifecentre Food Bank.



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In September 2012, English elementary schools in Blackburn Hamlet will be offering full day Kindergarten. (École catholique Saint-Marie offered full days in 2011). This change promises to be both exciting and challenging for our children, all of whom develop in different ways and at different rates. To help parents prepare their children for this transition, the Ontario Ministry of Education's abc123 site has outlined the following "10 tips to get your child ready for school".

1. Get familiar with the school. Before the first day of school, visit the school with your child so that the route, the building, and school surroundings become familiar.
2. Start the routine early. About a week or so before the start of school, begin putting your child to bed at a normal time for a school night. For a week before school starts, be sure your child then gets up, dressed, and fed like a regular school morning.
3. Practise sharing. Give your child all kinds of opportunities to be with other kids, to learn to share, wait, and take turns. That's what school is all about.
4. Children should dress themselves. You won't be at school to help your child get ready for the outdoors. Encourage children to practise at home putting on and taking off their own jacket, snowpants, boots, etc.
5. Dress your child accordingly. Your child is going to be active at school. Choose clothes and shoes that are comfortable and durable. Give your child outdoor clothing for all types of weather.
6. Teach the importance of listening. School means being able to listen. Kids need to understand and practise listening, things like: look at who is talking, don't interrupt, and think about what is being said.
7. Learn at home. Include learning in your child's everyday life. For example, a child can practise by reading package labels or weighing produce while shopping. Read to your child. Play word or counting games.
8. Develop young muscles. Give your child every opportunity to exercise and develop larger muscles by running, climbing, playing with a ball, etc. Smaller hand muscles can be strengthened with Play-Dough®, pencils, and crayons.
9. Set "at home" ground rules. Figure out priorities for after-school activities, homework, chores, TV time, and video games


before the first day of school. This will allow you to agree on a schedule and avoid confrontation later on.

10. Encourage questions. Give your child the confidence to ask questions in all situations. Let your child know that it's OK to tell the teacher if something is hard to understand.

These skills are learned in a combination of settings including home, good quality preschool programs, and other group settings such as library and exercise programs.

The change to full day Kindergarten in September means that the **PROGRAMS AT THE BLACKBURN HAMLET PRESCHOOL WILL ALSO BE CHANGING TO BETTER SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.** Blackburn Hamlet Preschool will continue to offer their morning and afternoon programs and summer camps and will also offer an extended morning program (8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.) and a before and after school program for children in JK, SK and Grade 1 at Glen Ogilvie and Good Shepherd schools. For more information visit www.bhps.ca or call (613) 824-3251.

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Blackburn community allotment garden association

by George Bushell

Last year, Blackburn's community garden association celebrated its 30th anniversary. During the early 1970s, the NCC's east-end allotment garden program was renting nearly 700 plots. The gardens were spread out at several locations—just south of Orient Park Dr, north of Renaud Rd, east of Weir Rd and west of Anderson Rd. However, by the winter of 1981, plot rental in this area was down to only 200 gardens—a similar decrease in demand had occurred throughout the national capital region, as well. As a result, the NCC shut down the program. Luckily, though, a few gardeners at the Orient and Weir Rd sites still wanted to grow organic vegetables, so

after a few meetings during the winter of 1981 between some volunteer gardeners and the City of Gloucester, the City agreed to maintain the program for the 1981 season if the gardeners would organize, collect fees and manage the gardens from then on. The first annual general meeting was held on October 6th, 1981.

One of the biggest challenges at the Anderson site over the last 30 years was the surge in wild animals living around the garden plots. Deer, racoons, rabbits and groundhogs started to eat almost all garden produce by about 2005, and many gardeners at this site started to give up their plots. Luckily, our local Councillor, Rainer Bloess, the City of Ottawa staff and Just Food provided a

grant that allowed the Association to construct an animal protective fence around the site. Since that time, plots have actually been added to the site and all are being rented. In addition, the Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre presented the Association with an Environmental Award for adopting a solution that allows both gardeners and wildlife to exist peacefully together. Demand has also increased at the Orient site during the last few years and additional plots were added to this site in 2010. The Association's total plot numbers are now up to 270 from 200 in 1981; and will continue to rise when approval is received from the NCC to add more plots on the former Budd market gardening site. The Association is responsible for the



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Pictured in photo: George Bushell with gardeners preparing gardens beds at the Orient Park allotment gardens.

operation and maintenance of the gardens. It must perform the registration, collect fees, till the plots, complete the staking, transport and distribute the compost, cut the grass on pathways and perform the fall clean-up. The City maintains the access roadways, blows the water lines each fall, supplies the compost, and funds one-time upgrades and maintenance projects. This partnership works very well, and all gardeners hope the next 30 years will be as enjoyable and successful as the last three decades have been.

See Upcoming Organic Gardening/Yard Care Workshops sponsored by the Canadian Organic Growers on page 25.



Cabaret-style Performance on May 19th and 20th

Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa and Les Balladins du dimanche d'Edmundston are proud to present *Si on chantait ensemble*, a cabaret-style performance to be held at École secondaire publique Gisèle-Lalonde, 500, Millenium Boulevard (close to Trim Road in Orleans) May 19th and 20th 2012. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: 35 \$ for adults, 25 \$ for 18 years and under. Desert and coffee will be served. Cash bar. Tickets can be reserved by e-mail at Spectacle@LesChansonniersOttawa.com, or by calling 613-834-3853.



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Three young ladies from Blackburn Hamlet, Jessica and Abby Wilson and Chelsea Hampson, will have the journey of a lifetime in August when they travel to England, Belgium and France to sing with the renowned Christ Church Cathedral Girls Choir. This group of 32 young ladies was established 10 years ago by their music director, Tim Piper, and during that period have received many accolades singing at state and ceremonial events. They have toured major cities in Canada and Washington, DC and recently recorded their 14th CD with well known Canadian soloists, Erin Wall, Julie Nesrallah and Shannon Mercer. They sang for the Queen at the opening of the Museum of Nature in



2010. This February, as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee they sang for the unveiling of the stained glass window in the foyer of the Senate of Canada. Their recent concert in March of the *Faure Requiem* was the icing on the cake before they prepare

material for their overseas tour. They will sing three services at Westminster Abbey and will be resident choir at Canterbury Cathedral for a week before journeying to Belgium where they have been invited to sing the daily ceremony at the Menin Gate at Ypres. Their tour will conclude with a performance at Vimy, France.

Their proud parents are long time residents of Blackburn Hamlet - Diana and Rob Wilson, Brad and Miriam Hampson and grandparents Garth and Eleanor Hampson and Will Wilson and the late Liz Wilson.

Congratulations girls. What a great experience!

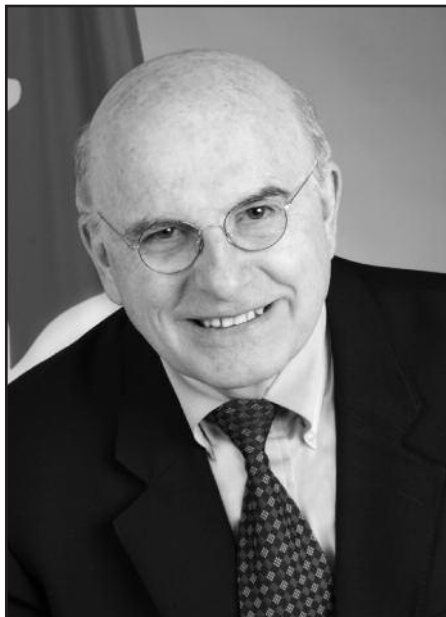


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Blackburn joins Ottawa Hospital's fight against cancer

by Bill Horne

Many of you will recall the eight years, from 2003 to 2010, that Blackburn Hamlet had its own Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure. We had a good run, and raised almost \$150,000 for cancer research. However, we had some issues with the national Run for the Cure organization, and we did not hold the event in 2011. But you can't keep a great bunch of dedicated people down, and we are now back with a bigger and better event:

To many, it might look much the same: same pleasant course through the Hamlet, same start and end point and time, (Blackburn Community Centre, 9 a.m.), same incredible support of the local business community, etc. But this time, we have partnered with the OTTAWA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, and all proceeds will stay in Ottawa, in the OTTAWA HOSPITAL'S FIGHT AGAINST CANCER that affects so many of our colleagues.

We are really excited about this opportunity: we expect you will be able to register on-line and also solicit sponsors on-line. All sponsor contributions are eligible for a tax receipt. We are the same organizing team from previous events, bolstered by several new and very enthusiastic additional team members. The team includes Lynn and Eric Sewell, Dannie and Bill Horne, Sue Walsh, Pam Thornton, Michelle Cliff, Jeff McDonald, Kathy McFarland, Christine Greenlaw-Dolan, Andrew Greenlaw, Rainer Bloess, Marty Dolan

and Paul Vanbruinessen. We'll be back again in the Fun Fair parade and we will keep you informed via the BANAR and on the www.blackburnhamlet.ca website for progress and exciting new additions to this event. If you'd like to help out with organizing, please contact Lynn Sewell, at 613.837.4792 or lynnstravel@rogers.com

If you are one of our very loyal participants from previous years, from


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Blackburn Cancer Chase

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Spring Gardening with Neil Ritchie

Please register to join this discussion on gardening. Neil Ritchie of Ritchie Feed n' Seed will be joining us Wednesday, April 18th, 7 p.m. to answer your gardening questions.

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on political matters impacting our community.

In addition to programming, our board directors attended meetings held by the National Capital Commission pertaining to the Greenbelt Master Plan and the interprovincial bridge.

I have attended meetings of the Federation of Community Associations and a association of east end community associations addressing the interprovincial bridge issue.

Additionally, the BCA is responsible for administering the City-owned community hall and this year we will be launching a large scale fundraising campaign to raise funds to build an expansion to the existing building to better serve the needs of our community. Several members of this board, myself included and interested parties from the community, meet monthly to plan for this expansion as part of a BCA sub-committee.

All of this hard work over the past year was the result of the dedication of this board of directors and our sub-committee chairs that never seem to tire of going the extra mile to help their community. Based on the eagerness and commitment of these Blackburn Community Association directors, the community will continue to benefit from the passion of these volunteers for years to come.

Laura Dudas

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Fun at the 7th Annual Polar Days Celebration

by Pamela E. Bain

What do Crazy Hair Day, Red/White/Pink Day, Hawaiian Movie Day, and PJ and Teddy Bear Day have in common? Combine them with a staff versus student sporting event, a day of fun outdoor winter activity which included sliding, relay races, hoola hoop games, snowshoeing, tug of war, add delicious hot chocolate, garnish with parent volunteers, and sprinkle with eager students and energetic staff, and you have the 7th Annual Polar Days Celebration at Glen Ogilvie Public School. The anticipation began to build in January—would we have enough snow (we hoped), would it be a 'no bus' snow day (oh, no!), would it be too icy? In the end, over



400 students and the entire staff delighted in the competitive and cooperative activities that capped off

our version of Winterlude in the Hamlet, February 13th through 16th. See you next year!



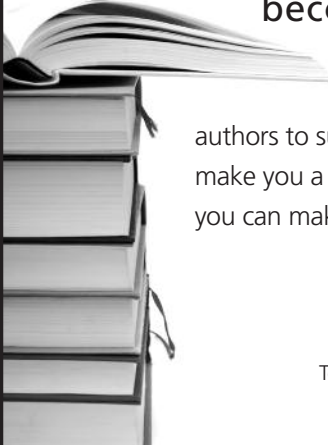
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Fifty Plus Group adding bridge lessons to mix of fun

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The Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group now meets for Pub Night the fourth Sunday of every month at D'Arcy McGee's, 260 Centrum Blvd., Orleans at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to Julie Kisch at 613-824-3778 if you wish to attend or require further information.


Bridge Lessons are held Monday afternoons from 1-4 pm at the Blackburn Hamlet Community Hall starting March 19. Participants are welcome to join any time. The cost will be \$8-\$12 per person depending upon the number of participants. For further Information, please contact Sarah Cloutier at 613-841-4114.



Left to Right: Willis Hebb, Nancy Hebb, Julie Kisch, Gladys Kilpatrick, Gerry Tompkins, Ernie Mayer, Ruth Mayer, Rene Cloutier

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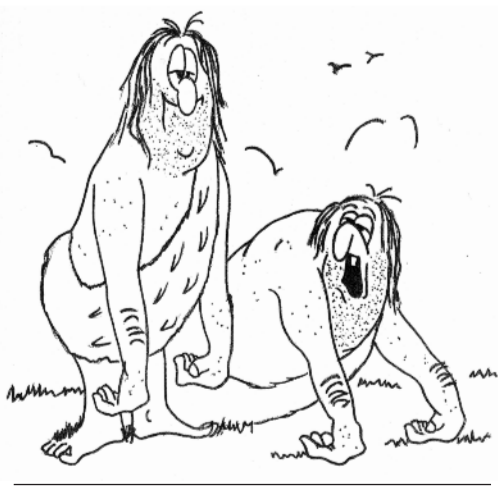
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Grandmas AIDing Grandmas Card Party April 17

Once again the grandmas AIDing grandmas will be holding their very popular card party on Tuesday April 17th with all proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother Campaign. The party will be held at the Orleans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Dr., from 1 to 4 pm, with a light lunch being served. Have an entertaining afternoon playing card games or board games, and at the same time helping to give hope and support to African grandmas raising their orphan grandchildren; they have so little and are often the sole support for many young orphans.

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- Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. *Growing Organic Veggies* and *Natural Control of Weeds and Insects*
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Ringette Scrimmage (Wed.)	Sue French	613-830-0684
St. Joseph Food Bank	Bob and Pauline Giroux	11-2336 Orient Park
Softball (Ladies)	Nathalie Godard	613-447-06018
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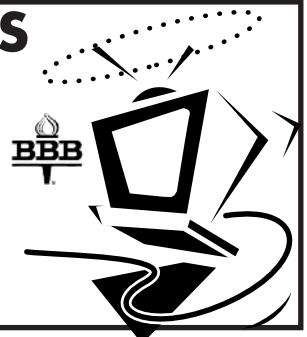
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Easter at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

Palm Sunday
April 1 — 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday
April 5 — 7:30 pm

Good Friday
April 6 — 10:00 am

Easter Sunday
April 8 — 9:00 am

Programs

At Amica Bearbrook
(2645 Innes Road)

Craft and Conversation,
7:00 pm 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Book Club
7:00 pm last Thursday of
each month

Worship Services

Sunday

Eucharist Sundays 9 a.m.

At the Church
2750 Navan Rd.

Tel.: 613-590-0677

Email: stmarys@rogers.com

Web: stmarysblackburn.ca

Midweek

1st Tuesday 2 pm Blackburn Lodge
Every Tuesday 2 pm Amica
Bearbrook - (every 3rd Tuesday is an
Anglican service)

April (See page 18 for Library events)

April 2, 1-4 pm

Wed. 4, 7:30 pm

Tues. 10, 7:00 pm

Wed. 11, 7:30 pm

Sat. 14, 10 to noon

Sat. 14, 10:00 am

Sun. 15, 6 pm

Tues. 17, 1 - 4 pm

Wed. 18, 7:30 pm

Fri. 20, 7:30 pm

Sat. 21, 9:30 am

Sun. 22, 2-4 pm

Sun. 22, 6:00 pm

Tues. 24, 7:00 pm

Wed. 25, 7:30 pm

Thurs. 26, 7:30 pm

Thurs. 26, TBC

Fri. 27, 7:30 pm

Sat. 28, 10am - 2 pm

Blackburn Fifty Plus Group – Bridge Lessons – REPEATS EVERY MONDAY (See p. 20)

Organic Gardening/Yard Care Workshops – Sandy Hill Community Centre (See p. 25)

Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome

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BlueInk Puppetry Advanced Sock Puppet Workshop (See p. 23)

Spring Fashion Show – Fundraiser – Wholesale Outlet (See p. 24)

Blackburn Fifty Plus Group - Pot Luck Dinner RSVP - Blackburn Comm. Centre (See p. 20)

Grandmas AIDing Grandmas Card Party – Orleans Legion (See p. 24)

Organic Gardening/Yard Care Workshops – Sandy Hill Community Centre (See p. 25)

Corkery Road – Celtic Band Performance – Rothwell United Church (See p. 21)

Blackburn Spring Clean – Blackburn Community Hall (See p.7 and 9)

Ottawa's own Grete Hale – Guest Speaker – Blackburn Community Hall – All welcome

Blackburn Fifty Plus Group – Pub Night – D'Arcy McGee's – RSVP (See p. 20)

Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome

Organic Gardening/Yard Care Workshops – Sandy Hill Community Centre (See p. 25)

Book Club – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Elementary Catholic School – 25th Anniversary (See p. 22)

Discovery Café – Lecture Series – Blackburn Hamlet Community Church (See p.17)

Tennis Club Registration – at the Club House (See p.23)

May (See page 18 for Library events)

Sat. 5, 1-4 pm

Sat. 5, 8 am - 1 pm

Sat. 5,

Sat. 5, 12 to 4 pm

Sat. 5, 8:30 pm

Mon. 7,

Tues. 8, 7:00 pm

May 12, 10am - 2 pm

Sat. 19, 7:00 pm

Sun. 20, 7:00 pm

Tues. 22, 7:00 pm

Fri. 25, 7:30 pm

Sun. 27, 6:00 pm

Thur. 31, 7:30 pm

Blackburn Garage Sale (See p. 9)

Good Shepherd Parish Annual Garage Sale (See p. 22)

Benefit Garage Sale and BBQ – Église Nouvel Espoir (See p. 22)

Tennis Club Open House – at the Club House (See p. 23)

Coro Vivo Ottawa Benefit Performance – St. Joseph's Church (See p. 24)

Blackburn Fifty Plus Group – Bridge Lessons – REPEATS EVERY MONDAY (See p. 20)

Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome

Tennis Club Registration – at the Club House (See p.23)

Concert – two days - Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa and Les Balladins du dimanche

d'Edmunston – École secondair public Gisèle Lalonde – (See p.15)

Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome

Discovery Café – Lecture Series – Blackburn Hamlet Community Church (See p.17)

Blackburn Fifty Plus Group – Pub Night – D'Arcy McGee's – RSVP (See p. 20)

Book Club – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome

UPCOMING : JUNE 1, 2 and 3 – Blackburn Fun Fair (see p. 5)

JUNE – Annual Strawberry Tea

OCTOBER Sun.14, 9am – Blackburn Cancer Chase – 5km Walk/Run (See p.17)

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