

Labour Day Dog Swim Best Kept Secret!



by Michèle Hundertmark

I have lived in Blackburn Hamlet for twenty years and just stumbled across this event by accident two years ago. The Annual Blackburn Dog Swim at the Bearbrook swimming pool is now permanently on my calendar every Labour Day Monday! I can't remember laughing and being that delighted for an hour since The Carole Burnett Show was televised.

The dogs are of all shapes, sizes, breeds and colours, long hair, short hair, deep voices and high-pitched yippes jumping in and out of the pool. All of them obey the command to "SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE" especially around those of us

fully dressed. The dogs are not on leashes and they all get along.

As I stood along the edge of the pool, I watched with amusement at the tiny dogs telling the big dogs what's what! They were weaving in and out of the crowd and telling them they had to come and see their "dawgs" on the other side of the pool. It reminded me of that Looney Tunes cartoon of Spike and Chester, you know, the one where Chester, hero worships Spike "cause he's so brave and strong". I can still picture one dog standing guard making sure the dogs swimming in the pool were "okay". A Boxer ran up and down the edge of the pool frantically barking trying to alert the lifeguards that there

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President's Message

Volunteers for outdoor rinks

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Okay, maybe we have a few weeks yet to go, but the time is fast approaching when the Blackburn Community's Associations dedicated team of volunteers start hosing down the ice in preparation for the outdoor rink season.

Additional volunteers are always welcome and interested individuals can contact Ali Yassine at (613)866-3126 for more details.

Annual BCA Santa Pancake Breakfast

Also coming up is the annual BCA Santa Pancake Breakfast on December 8 starting at 8 a.m. at the Community Hall, located at 190 Glen Park Dr. There will be food, fun and entertainment for the youngsters. And don't forget about Santa: he's going to pay a visit as well!

The cost of the breakfast is free for a family (two adults plus children) with the purchase of a \$10 BCA membership. Non-members can buy tickets at a cost of \$5 per child aged 12 and under and \$8 for adults.

Reserve your spot or secure a membership in advance by contacting llczekaj@yahoo.ca or by calling 613-282-4139. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

BCA Sponsored Family Skate

The BCA will also be hosting a sponsored family skate at the Blackburn Arena in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to the website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca and also Facebook for more details.

BCA Town Hall

And finally, I want to thank the many residents who attended the BCA Town Hall meeting in September. Your ideas were appreciated and in the weeks to come the BCA will be finding ways to incorporate your ideas into our planning and programming as we strive to meet the needs of Hamlet residents.

Even though the meeting is over, your ideas, suggestions and feedback about BCA programming and services is always helpful and welcome. Send me your thoughts at llczekaj@yahoo.ca any time.

Laura Dudas



Photo by Charles Kennedy

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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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were dogs in the pool. A Golden Retriever jumped in to fetch a ball drenching the Boxer for all her trouble!

Two years ago, some dogs were even courageous enough to jump off the diving board and go down the slide. I'm not sure who had more fun—the dogs or the spectators!

You don't have to have a dog to enjoy the festivities. Mark your calendars for next Labour Day Monday at 4:30 pm because the Bearbrook Pool will be the place for you and your "best friend" to be.

New Fun Fair chair—Mike Murphy

A huge thanks goes to Mike for taking up the challenge of heading up Blackburn's biggest event of the year.

Mike is already working his magic in finding the right person for the right job at the Fun Fair. Watch for his posts on Facebook and articles in the Banar. Here is one of them from Facebook:

"Hi everyone. It might seem a little early but the Blackburn Funfair Committee is always on the lookout for help. We have a new chairperson (me) and we will start meeting soon (but not too much until after the new year). If you have any questions post them here or send to Funfairchair@gmail.com. Cheers!" Mike

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They "Chased Cancer" in the Hamlet

by Bill Horne

The first annual Blackburn Hamlet Cancer Chase was a smashing success. On Sunday, October 14, some 213 Chasers took to the streets and parks of the Hamlet to show they cared about defeating cancer in Ottawa. Organizers of the first annual Cancer Chase were thrilled with the response, and are energized for next year.

"Thanks to the outstanding community support, we raised about \$21,000 to help the Ottawa Hospital Foundation in its support of the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Centre", said Lynn Sewell, chair of the organizing committee. "We were so pleased with all the help we received from many local merchants, business people, major companies, and individuals who turned out. We even got a break with the weather, as the rain held off while we were out on the 5 kilometre course."

There are so many people and groups to thank, it's impossible to cover everyone by name. Please go to the community website, blackburnhamlet.ca to find Events Past and see the dozens of great pictures of the event, taken by webmaster Helen Rosseau. We had plenty of wonderful food and drinks for the after-event reception, thanks to our traditional

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supporters: Blackburn Arms, Macs, Metro and Tim Hortons. The raffle and the online auction were overflowing with donated items; everything from oil paintings to snow removal services. Huge thanks go to these community minded groups and individuals for their donations.

Special thanks go to Freedom 55, with their annual team of runners and walkers. This enables Freedom 55 to match the money raised by that team, up to \$6,000, which is a huge part of the total funds raised.

The organizing committee and its helpers, listed below, thank all our supporters, and we hope to see you again next year. Watch the Banar and the website for the exact date. We will have our wrap-up session at the Blackburn Arms in late October, and will come forward with plans for a bigger and better Cancer Chase in 2013.

Our team is as follows, in no particular order: Dannie and Bill Horne, Eric and Lynn Sewell, Sue and Paul Walsh, Jeff Macdonald, Kathy McFarland, Christine Greenlaw, Marty Dolan, Jasmine Gosselin, Andrew Greenlaw, Steve Chestnutt, Rainer Bloess, Paul Vanbrunnissen, Laura Thomsom, June Miller, Doris Budd, Bonnie Bowkett, Kathy Greenlaw and Sarah Landry with the Ottawa Hospital Foundation.

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Hamlet Changes: New Developments on Innes Road

by Councillor Rainer Bloess

There is change in the air throughout the city as Ottawa grows in all directions. Attention has been focused on new high-rises in the downtown and in the condo developments in the Westboro area and on rezoning around future light rail stations. However, even Blackburn Hamlet is not immune from this intensification, albeit on a lesser scale.

Generally, our City is growing in every possible direction—south, east, west and even straight up and higher. Denser projects and higher buildings are being approved in numerous neighbourhoods.

Here in the Hamlet, due to our natural greenbelt boundaries, the potential for significant new development is limited. There are, however, three projects currently in the works that are noteworthy and will change the face of Innes Road. The first is occurring at the former Wally's restaurant/bar location at 2530 Innes Road. The initial phase consists of the existing commercial building being renovated and converted to a 12 unit residential building with a second three and a half storey 24 unit building planned to follow at a later stage.

The next project is a new building to be erected at 2744 Innes Road (just east of Orient Park). The zoning plans allow a three and a half storey, 14 unit condo building with the main building entrance fronting onto Innes Road and parking at the rear of the building. On the other side of Innes, across from Wally's, two semis are planned in the short term on the corner of Gravelle Crescent with additional semis to follow.

While the reaction to increased density in our established neighbourhoods is often to protest either because of a number of legitimate concerns and/or just the time-honoured "not in my backyard" defense, this type of infill development is encouraged by the Provincial Planning Act and the City's Official Plan.

Making the best use of available urban land effectively limits suburban sprawl and lowers the burden on local taxpayers by providing new housing without the expense of extended roads and pipes (both water and sewer if capacity exists).

All city residents can and should be a part

of land use planning by keeping informed about what's going on in our community and participating in public meetings to share your views and concerns with me and with city staff before decisions are made at City Council.

With our population growing, change and intensified development are inevitable throughout the city. In my years on City Council I have seen many proposed developments modified in response to criticism, comments and suggestions brought forward by involved residents. As always, your input is important and ultimately can help Council make better decisions for our community and our City.

Santa's Coming to the Hamlet for the 2nd annual BCA Santa Pancake Breakfast

Join Santa and his elves on December 8th starting at 8 a.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall, 190 Glen Park Drive for food, fun and entertainment.

Free for a family (two adults plus children) with the purchase of a \$10 BCA membership.

Non-members can buy tickets at a cost of \$5 per child aged 12 and under and \$8 for adults.

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On September 15th in the Blackburn Community Hall, four very deserving Blackburn residents were recognised for the outstanding contribution they had done for the community. They were surrounded by a host of like-minded volunteers at the annual dinner.

Community groups and BCA-supported organizations are asked each year to nominate someone who they feel have gone above and beyond the normal "helping out". This year our president Laura Dudas had the great pleasure in recognising Joanne Ingram, Trisha Cloutier, Ben Charlebois and Lynn Leduc.



From left to right: Joanne Ingram, Trisha Cloutier, Ben Charlebois, Lynn Leduc and Laura Dudas, President of BCA

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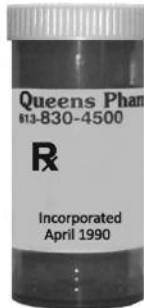


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A Slice of Blackburn Hamlet history is gone

by François Trépanier

At the end of August, a piece of Blackburn Hamlet history, Wally's "Fine Italian Cuisine", closed its kitchen for good. The Elias brothers, Bob, Wally, Nehme and Sam, originally opened the Revoly restaurant in 1979 with seating for 52 people. "The place was so packed that wives would sit on their husband's lap" says Bob! In 1982 they expanded the busy restaurant to 160 seats in the dining room plus an additional 27 seats at the bar. They renamed the restaurant Wally's, after the brother who was the head cook. Wally had graduated from a four-year culinary program in Lebanon and "could cook anything to perfection" claims Bob. Everything at Wally's was made from scratch. The pizza was the best anyone had ever tasted and sea food was always served fresh.

While Wally was busy in the kitchen, Bob looked after the hospitality of patrons. It was a meeting place in Blackburn Hamlet where people came with friends to enjoy great food and have a good time. Young people met at Wally's, got married and later their children came to Wally's! Three generations came through the doors during the 33 years of operation, one of the longer operating businesses in Blackburn Hamlet. People came for the Karaoke which was more popular than live bands. One Saturday afternoon each month was dedicated to kids Karaoke, where children and parents enjoyed time together.

In recent years, with the arrival of several restaurants around



The Elias Brothers: Bob, Wally and Nehme. Sam was busy elsewhere.

Blackburn Hamlet and changes to city by-laws, the restaurant's attendance diminished. The four brothers decided to close Wally's and transform the building into a rental complex. Phase 1 will include 12 units and should be ready in the Spring, while Phase 2 is planned with 24 high-end units to be developed in the near future.

Bob misses the food and the people, but his wife is happy that he is home! The four brothers appreciate the support they received from the residents of Blackburn Hamlet throughout the years and hope to continue contributing in the growth of the community.

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Henry Fong of Yong Chow

by Evelyn Budd

On Thursday, August 2nd at the age of 70, Henry Fong passed away. Henry was the husband of Judy (Yuet-King) and father of John and David. He was well-known to the community of Blackburn Hamlet as the owner of the Yong Chow Restaurant where three generations of Blackburnites enjoyed his delicious Chinese food.

Over the years he sponsored Blackburn sport teams, donated to the Fun Fair and

served his perfectly cooked dishes at gatherings for young and old sport teams, groups and private parties. He would generously supply the large serving containers with heaters for large banquets.

Henry and Judy retired last summer after years of cooking (and often delivering the food right to customer's doors). He served the community up and beyond the levels of customer service.



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Update on Journey to Canadian Scouting Jamboree

by Betsy Schagerl

Registration has opened for the Canadian Scouting Jamboree taking place in Sylvan Lake, Alberta next July and there are 6 Scouts and 2 leaders who will be representing our 1st Blackburn Scout Group. The group continues to raise money through bottle drives, raising over \$1,300 to date. Thank you for your generosity, Blackburn residents. The Scouts appreciate your donations and your support!

As our fundraising efforts continue the Scouts are planning one last bottle drive before the winter. The Scouts also hope to sell handmade Christmas cards and are looking at having a raffle. If you would like to show your continued support for the Scouts and their efforts to raise funds for the jamboree please contact cj2013@blackburnscouting.com. Any financial help through personal or corporate donations or raffle items would be greatly appreciated in the patrol's journey of



Photo: Betsy Schagerl

The group continues to raise money through bottle drives and have raised over \$1,300. Another bottledrive is being planned before winter sets in.

friendship, adventure, and personal development that a Jamboree experience can provide!

A Heartfelt "Thank You" to an Anonymous Blackburn Hamlet Resident

On behalf of all the walkers (with and without dogs) who enjoy the NCC land at Tauvette, I would like to extend a huge Thank You to the Hamlet resident (a man, I understand) who, earlier this year and again in the summer, kindly mowed and widened the walking trails around most parts of Tauvette. What a pleasure it's been over the last several months to walk side-by-side and chat with friends rather than walking in single file trying to catch the conversation ahead or behind, while trying at the same time not to trip over anything on the pathway. I've said a silent word of appreciation every time I've walked the trails with my dogs. Someone in the community probably knows who this thoughtful resident is so please make sure you let them know about this note, and how much their efforts have been enjoyed and appreciated by the various Tauvette walkers.



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Keeping our community safe

There was an article in the Citizen on the sentencing of Stephen Paquette for the break-ins that he and his stepdaughter, Christina Carson had been responsible for. Paquette, 45, was initially accused of burglarizing nearly three dozen homes, but pleaded guilty to eight break-and-enters.

Were these burglars aware that the computers they stole were not just machines but a treasure chest of memories, family information and photos—forever lost just to make a fast buck to satisfy a drug habit. Think of the family, whose late mother's pride and joy of Royal Doulton figurines were stolen and then taken to a pawn shop. They were never recovered.

It is interesting to note that two paragraphs written by Paquette's Defence Lawyer Tyler Botten towards the end of the article mentioned that Paquette was "now clean" and in the next paragraph mentioned that it was 25 years since his last conviction. Does this mean he wasn't "breaking and entering" or that he wasn't getting caught.

Crime Stoppers played a part in the solving of these cases. People should remember that if they see crime being

committed a call to police or an anonymous phone call to Crime Stoppers could help the police perhaps solve the crime and the caller could receive payment.

This summer a person was caught on a private security system checking for unlocked cars at 3:15 in the morning. The photo and information was posted on the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association Facebook page. We wonder if someone recognised him. Would someone turn him in?

We can help by getting to know our neighbours and being aware of the activity around neighbouring homes. By becoming the eyes and ears of our police service and reporting suspicious behaviour we can make Blackburn an unfriendly place for burglars. We are asking Blackburn people to speak up and partner with the police and Crime Stoppers. Together we can build a safe community and promote crime prevention.

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Une nouvelle année pour les guides de la 4e Cie

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Le 20 septembre dernier 14 aspirantes (futures guides) s'ajoutaient aux 8 guides inscrits dans l'unité lors de la Montée des Jeannettes aux Guides. Cette année le thème du District d'Ottawa est Kateri Tekakwitha. Cette jeune Mohawk du 17e siècle avait une grande dévotion et spiritualité ainsi qu'un amour de la nature. C'est la patronne des guides du Canada qui sera canonisée le 21 octobre.

Cette année nous allons donc mettre l'accent sur la découverte de la nature et les jeunes nous ont même demandé de faire des réunions à l'ancienne (1920...) Les 19, 20 et 21 octobre notre camp d'automne et de leadership pour les guides en sera un où l'on va cuire dehors avec différents moyens comme des cannettes, et des batons sur des petits



feux de camp. Nous ferons aussi un peu de canotage autour du chalet de chasse des parents de notre aide-animatrice, Corinne.

Nous participerons à la marche hantée d'Ottawa, puis ferons de l'escalade et une randonnée à la Mer Bleue avec les aspirantes. Le défilé du Père Noël est au

programme ainsi que la tire Ste-Catherine. Les aspirantes feront un exploit avant leur promesse du 29 novembre. Nous passerons la Guignolé le 6 décembre autour de Glen Park cette année. Merci de votre générosité.

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Nouvelles de la Chapelle Saint-Claude

par Viviane Côté-Maxwell

Depuis le début de l'année on bouge à Saint-Claude. Il y a eu la bénédiction des étudiants des niveaux primaire, secondaire et universitaire le 9 septembre, puis la remise des évangiles aux élèves de la 4e année le 30.

Le dimanche 16 septembre, Kayden Shane, fils de Treena Maxwell et Shane Terry a été baptisé par Claude Jacques sur le fonds baptismal fabriqué par son grandpère Brett. Dix enfants en bas de 7 ans étaient présents. Comme il n'y avait plus de Saint Chrème ni de cierges à Saint-Claude, notre ancien curé Daniel nous a dépanné pour le Saint Chrème et Trèva nous a trouvé un cierge. Merci à tous.

Le 22 septembre, notre paroisse Sainte-Marie célébrait son 25e anniversaire avec un superbe banquet. Le Centre communautaire était rempli et nous



avons une table de 9 personnes de Saint-Claude. Dans le programme souvenir il y avait un mot de bienvenue qui soulignait que "la paroisse s'élargit". La soirée fut enrichie par de la musique et des danses du studio Mel*au*di, ainsi qu'avec des chansons à répondre accompagné par un accordéoniste.

Nous avons quitté les lieux avec notre verre de vin au logo de la paroisse, don de notre curé, Michel. Un gros merci.

Nos célébrations eucharistiques ont lieu tous les dimanches à 11h avec de la musique et du chant. Si vous désirez vous joindre à la chorale pour Noël, venez nous voir.

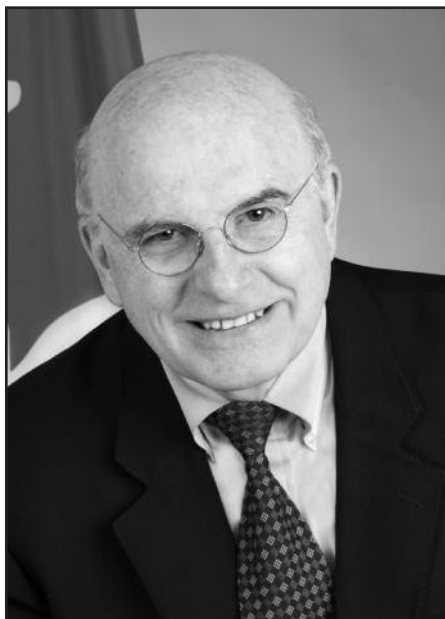


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Long-time residents benefit with recent sales

by Lysanne Brault

In 1968, prices for a single detached Costain home in Blackburn ranged from \$20,500 to \$26,900* In contrast, this year so far, the average price for a detached residential home in Blackburn hovers around \$410,000.

So who is buying in the Hamlet? The same age group who bought originally, young families and professionals in their 30's and 40's. Have you noticed that the new generation of buyers is younger than most of the houses in the Hamlet? Many cannot conceptualize the move into a house that have finishes older than when they were teens. They also want minimal maintenance and maximum performance.

How do Blackburn residents selling their home respond to this new generation of buyers? The good news is that many

homes offer 5 of the 6 criteria the new buyers are looking for;

- 1) quick access to amenities and work,
- 2) environmentally sensitive surroundings with ample green space, an ability to walk, bike rather than drive, using the walking paths,
- 3) a safe environment to raise their kids,
- 4) open concepts (split levels are ideal),
- 5) solidly built homes,
- 6) and they generally don't want to do too many renovations.

Life is already too busy.

Every 25 to 40 year old neighbourhood meets the same challenges or opportunities. Construction standards have changed over the years as well as the buyer's expectations of home design.

The recent increase in the price of the average house in Blackburn Hamlet is due to one immutable basic concept of real estate: location, location, location. It is not as far east as Orleans and offers unique large lots. Blackburn and Beacon Hill North are the next two communities after Alta Vista to offer a community of large homes with the average price below \$450,000.

The impact of the new lending policies for homebuyers has affected the average cash flow of new owners. To remedy the 6th criteria noted above, essential renovations often go on the mortgage and the rest of the renovations must wait.

Blackburn homeowners wanting to sell their homes must present their home in the best light possible. Costain homes have a reputation of having "good bones" and most homeowners have done renovations to windows, furnace and roof shingles in recent years. The biggest return lies in the presentation—staging the home properly is critical and then, by order of importance, updates to kitchen and bathrooms and letting the hardwood floors shine. You don't have to totally renovate the home. Use common sense and look at it from a young 30-year-old point of view. Alternatively, ask your kids or grand kids for an honest opinion, or ask a professional home stager or hire a realtor with staging experience.

* Prices from an original 1968 Costain pricing sheet.

Lysanne Brault is a broker with Royal LePage Performance Realty.



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Dr Phil Ritchie, a Child Psychologist with CHEO, will be giving a presentation to educate parents on how to understand, work with, and communicate with their kids as they move into, and through adolescence on November 27th at 7 pm.

As well, Emily Carr Middle School's Ottawa Police School Resource Officer, Constable Allison Moffatt will be discussing Social Media, covering what parents need to know and understand about their children using the Internet, Facebook, Twitter, and MSN.

Interested in a Small Business Fair?

There are a lot of small private and online home-based businesses in Blackburn. If you are interested in promoting your business in the upcoming future at a business fair please contact Belinda Leung at belinda.leung@Rogers.com or comment on the Blackburn Hamlet Association Facebook page.

Luciano de Crescenzo said, "we are all angels but with only one wing, and only by embracing each other, we fly!"

When: November 27th, 2012

Time: 7–9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available throughout.

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Creative fun for Preschoolers

As we watch the big kids return to school, our thoughts turn to fall activities for the smaller children. Here are some tips on preparing them for connecting with other children, building friendships and supporting their learning.

Inspire a Love of Reading

One of the most important ways to prepare your child for school is to help them develop a love of reading. Start by being an example, and take the time to share what you are reading with your children. Let them catch you reading a book, newspaper, magazine or the web!

Help your children identify their favourite books, authors, and the topics they like to read about. Establish a small bookcase for your child and fill it with these special books. Bring your children to the public library, and make use of the free library programs!

Nurture Curiosity

Encourage your child to ask questions and be curious. Don't feel the need to answer all your child's questions. Instead you can respond by saying, "That's a great question" or "Let's try to find out!" You could even start a question book to record all your family's questions.

Build Basic Skills

We all know that children need to know the letters of the alphabet and how to count but children can also benefit from practising real life skills. Tasks such as folding laundry, sorting cutlery, dressing and undressing, making the bed, setting the table, and using scissors can help build children's fine motor skills, visual discrimination, and the ability to sort and classify.


Expose Children to New People and Adventures.

Taking a ride on the O-Train, watching airplanes take off at the airport, or visiting a local pumpkin patch all provide our little people with new experiences to think and talk about. Taking photographs of your adventure and creating a book about your experience will help your children remember their experience.

Celebrate the Arts

Take time to incorporate art, music, and make-believe play into each day. Consider setting up a small table with different arts supplies or creating a little puppet theatre where children can perform a play. These types of creative experiences are a powerful way for students to develop their creativity and to learn to express themselves.

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Season Wrap-up at Blackburn Tennis Club

by Barbara Nolen

Sadly, the nets have come down following a spectacular summer and a perfect fall for tennis!

This year at Blackburn Tennis we welcomed a number of new members from surrounding areas, due to a flyer blitz we co-ordinated last April; many thanks to the volunteers who helped with this. It is important to be able to maintain our membership as older players are forced to retire. The fact that we have some of the best maintained courts in the city, the lowest membership fees, and very popular programs certainly helps in this regard.

A revamped Junior Program featuring Progressive Tennis (reduced size nets/courts and larger balls) was very successful, and we hope to see the young people who enjoyed this back next year,



and moving on to the next level. Also new this year was a “competitive” Ladies Round Robin on Monday evenings and a Mens group on Fridays, along with the regular tournaments, round robins, and social events.

For more information check out the

website at www.Blackburntennis.ca

Any suggestions regarding programs you would like to see, or improvements we could make, are welcome. Just email blackburntennisclub@gmail.com.

See you next spring!

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Blackburn Library has programs for all ages

The Blackburn Library prides itself on providing quality and exciting children, teen and adult programming. Check out the amazing programs!

The children's programmer, Cathie, will continue to give programs throughout the school year for children 6 and under. Parents and/or children are encouraged to visit the information desk and ask about the extensive and excellent databases and resources for homework, projects, book reports and more!

Owners with a new tablet or eReader that need help downloading eBooks are invited to visit the Information Desk for help in using their device.

Mille Feuilles (the Blackburn FOPLA bookstore) returns with the great promotion that was a huge success earlier in the year! **The Christmas Bag**

Sale will run from November 26 to December 10th. An \$8.00 purchase will get you 10 books AND a Library Foundation Book Bag! A great idea for that special gift for the upcoming season or simply for treating yourself!

For adults, the **Round Table Book Chat** will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. Titles as chosen by the members and new members are always welcome! No registration is necessary! Titles include: November 19: *Stephen Leacock* (from the Great Canadians series) by Margaret MacMillan and on December 17: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson

This fall the Blackburn branch has been hosting some Multicultural Arts for Schools and Communities (MASC)

programs. On Tuesday, November 6th, Colores Andinos will host **Musique Latine-Americaine (in French)**, an animated show of Latin American music, that features both traditional and contemporary songs and rhythms.

If you need help purchasing a new PC Chris Taylor of the Ottawa PC Users Group will be on hand to discuss **How to Buy a New PC** on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 pm. Chris will answer questions about the many available choices and factors to consider when purchasing these items.

Are you looking to put together or complete your family tree? Not sure where to begin? **Register for a one-on-one genealogy workshop and get help finding your ancestors** on the Ancestry Library database. Call Johanne

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at 613-580-2973 to book an appointment. Johanne has been giving these sessions at a few different branches so when calling, please specify that you are scheduling for a session at Blackburn Hamlet.

Children's Programs

Babytime (bilingual) Wednesdays, November 14, 21, 28; December 5, 12. Registration is encouraged; will accept drop ins. 30 minutes. Ages 0 to 18 months.

Toddler time (bilingual)

Thursdays, November 15, 22, 29; December 6, 13 Registration is encouraged; will accept drop ins. 30 minutes. Ages 18 to 35 months.

Adult Programs

Basic Internet/Email and Catalogue Tutorials on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons, By appointment only. 60 minutes

Booking your Vacation Online By appointment only. 60 minutes

Genealogy: One-on-One Workshop Call Johanne at: 613-580-2973 to book an appointment. 90 minutes

Round Table and Book Chat 3rd Monday of the month, 2 PM November 19, December 17. No registration. 60 minutes

Musique Latino-Americaine avec Colores Andinos (MASC) (In French) Tuesday, November 6th, 2 PM (2 hours). Registration Required.

How to Buy a PC Thursday, December 6th, 6:30 PM (2 hours). Registration Required.

For more information or to register for a program, please visit our website at www.bibliottawalibrary.ca or call 613-824-6926 x 224 or visit the Information Desk. Registration can also be done online at www.bibliottawalibrary.ca. A valid library card is required.

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Make-up / Wardrobe Guidance November 17th

With the help of many dedicated women there will be a celebration of women and the promoting of women's mental health awareness. If a woman can be helped to look good, chances are she will feel better and will be empowered to face her illness with greater confidence. Make-up and wardrobe guidance will be provided free for all who attend.

Throughout the day, 20% of all sales at the store will be donated to the Royal Ottawa Hospital for Women's Mental Health programs. We want to help shift attitudes in the way people view mental illness, and we hope to make a difference by transforming lives! Join us on Saturday, November 17th at The Wholesale Outlet, 1877 Innes Road.

Walk for Memories Sunday, January 27, 9 am–1 pm at Carleton University Fieldhouse

Join family and friends for Ottawa's premier Alzheimer Society indoor fundraising walk—The Walk for Memories. Register online at www.walkformemories.ca early in November when the site opens. The fundraising minimum is \$100. Every dollar you raise will help to support families in Ottawa and Renfrew County. For more information contact Susan Paul at [spaul@asorc.org/613-523-4004 x126](mailto:spaul@asorc.org) or Natalie deRuiter (St Amour) at [nderuiter@asorc.org/613-523-4004 x145](mailto:nderuiter@asorc.org)

New this year: Fresh Co stores will be selling coffee cup cut-outs in exchange for a donation. Visit your local store between November 8 and November 21 to support the Alzheimer Society. For more information please contact Natalie de Ruiter at 613-523-4004 x 145 or nderuiter@asorc.org

Good Shepherd Church Craft Fair November 3

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CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER—Sunday, December 2nd at the Blackburn Community Hall. Live entertainment, turkey, tea, coffee and doors prizes will be provided as usual. Bring one of your favourite dishes to share. Reservations are a must for this event. R.S.V.P. to Gladys Kilpatrick 613-824-5096 by no later than November 30th.

PUB NIGHT—The Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group meets the fourth Sunday of every month (except December). The new venue is the Royal Oak Pub at 2067 Meadowbrook Road (just off Blair). RSVP PLEASE to Julie Kisch at 613- 824-3778 if you wish to attend or require further information.

Next Meeting of the Working Group (everyone welcome)—We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall.

Scrimmage Ringette Wednesdays at 9am

Best kept secret in Blackburn are the fun times that the women are having playing scrimmage ringette at the Blackburn Arena and that any woman who knows how to skate and has ringette equipment can join in. There is a very reasonable cost to cover paying for the ice.

Prepare to play with women of all ages and varying skill levels. What they do have in common is the love of the game and good sportsmanship. Coffee at Tim Hortons and potluck dinners on special days, ie Halloween, are also a lot of fun.

The women first started playing ringette in Blackburn in 1972. Girl's ringette had started in 1968 and organizers were looking for female coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and managers but unfortunately women didn't have much experience. The new game started in 1963 by Sam Jacks in North Bay has been growing in popularity throughout Ontario. Many of the women who play today in Blackburn have contributed greatly to ringette throughout the years.

For more information check out the play Wednesday mornings or call Sue French at 613 830-0684 or email french.gs@gmail.com.

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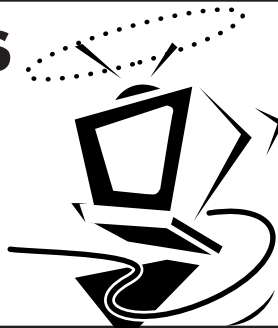
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December 16th
Lessons and Carols
Service – 9 am

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm

December 25th
Christmas Day Service –

Programs

at Amica Bearbrook
(2645 Innes Road)

Craft and Conversation,
7:00 pm See calendar for
dates

Book Club
7:30 pm last Thursday of
each month

Worship Services

Sunday

At the Church
2750 Navan Rd.
Eucharist Sundays 9 a.m.

Midweek

1st Tuesday 2 pm Blackburn Lodge
3rd Tuesday 2 pm Amica Bearbrook

November (See pages 22 and 23 for Library events)

Tues. 6, 7:00 pm **Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome.**
Wed. 7, 9:00 am Every Wednesday Women's Scrimmage Ringette – Blackburn Arena (See page 25)
Thurs. 8 to 21 Support for Alzheimer Society – FreshCo Stores (See page 24)
SUNDAY Nov. 11 **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
Sat. 17, Promoting Women's Mental Health Awareness – The Wholesale Outlet (See page 24)
Tues. 20, 7:00 pm **Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome.**
Wed. 21, 2:00 pm Hamlet 50+ Group – Working Group – Blackburn Community. Hall (See page 25)
Sun. 25, Hamlet 50+ Group - Pub night RSVP – Royal Oak Pub (See page 25)
Tues. 27, 7-9:30 pm For Parents – communicate with your youth – Emily Carr Middle School (See page 17)
Thurs. 29, 7:00 pm **Book Club – at Amica Bearbrook, All welcome.**

December (See pages 22 and 23 for Library events)

Sat. 1, 5:15 PM **Advent Messy Church – Activities and super at the Church 2750 Navan Road**
Sun. 2, Hamlet 50+ Group – Christmas Potluck RSVP - Blackburn Community. Hall (See p. 25)
Tues. 4, 7:00 pm **Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome**
Wed. 5, 9:00 am Every Wednesday Women's Scrimmage Ringette – Blackburn Arena – (See page 25)
Sat. 8, 8:00 am BCA Santa Pancake Breakfast – Blackburn Community Hall (See page 7)
Sun. 16, 9:00 am **Lessons and Carols Service, St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church**
Tues. 18, 7:00 pm **Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome**
Wed. 19, 2:00 pm Hamlet 50+ Group – Working Group – Blackburn Community. Hall (See page 25)
Sun. 23, Hamlet 50+ Group - Pub night RSVP – Royal Oak Pub (See page 25)
Mon. 24, 7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service, St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church**
Tues. 25, 10:00 am **Christmas Day Service, St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church**
Thurs. 27, 7:00 pm **Book Club – at Amica Bearbrook, All welcome**

January (See pages 22 and 23 for Library events)

Tues. 8, 7:00 pm **Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome**
Wed. 9, 9:00 am Every Wednesday Women's Scrimmage Ringette – Blackburn Arena – (See page 25)
Wed. 16, 2:00 pm Hamlet 50+ Group – Working Group – Blackburn Community. Hall (See p. 25)
Tues. 22, 7:00 pm **Craft and Conversation – at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome**
Thurs. 26, 7:00 pm **Book Club – at Amica Bearbrook, All welcome**
Sun. 27, Hamlet 50+ Group - Pub night RSVP – Royal Oak Pub (See page 25)
Sun. 27, 9 am – 1 pm Walk for Memories – Carleton University Fieldhouse (See page 24)



Join us for Advent Messy Church

Saturday **December 1st** from 5:15 to 8 p.m.
At St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church **2750 Navan Rd.**

Messy Church is an intergenerational Christian event designed especially for families and children (of all ages). Messy Church is for families who would like to bring up their children as Christians, and know Jesus but can't cope with the traditional Sunday morning church services. It's a once-a-month time of creativity, worship and eating together.

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