

## Hockey Day in the Hamlet is back Saturday, February 16th



Get ready to strap on your skates, tape up your stick and grab a puck: it's time for Hockey Day in the Hamlet. The Blackburn Community Association is helping celebrate the Family Day long weekend by throwing a community event on Saturday, February 16 from 10 am until 3 pm celebrating both the great Canadian sport of hockey and local families.

We are hoping that once again this year, Mayor Jim Watson, Innes Ward Councillor Rainer Bloess, Royal Galipeau, MP and Phil McNeely, MPP, can attend the annual event that will take place at the outdoor rink at the Norman Johnston Alternative School (corner of Innes Road and Cleroux Crescent).

There will be organized games of hockey on the large rink and plenty of activities and games for players of all ages and skill levels on the puddle rink.

The event will also feature coffee, hot chocolate and snacks, prizes, a BBQ and great entertainment to share with other winter enthusiasts.

A collection box for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank will be on-site for your donations.

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## BCA President's Report delivered by Laura Dudas, President, at the Annual General Meeting held January 17, 2013

There are three themes that come to mind when I think about the Blackburn Community Association's role in the community this past year: Serving the Community, Transparency, and Building for the Future.

### Serving the Community

In 2012, the BCA built upon its 2011 successes in serving the community by expanding its programming levels to meet the needs of even more residents in the Hamlet.

We joined forces with community partners so as to maximize our resources and add more programs and services for our residents than ever. Through our partnerships, the BCA was able to provide many community events, including Movie Night in the Park, swimming lessons for low income youth and children, and continued support for the popular Friday night Youth Drop-in at the community hall to name but a few.

This was in addition to the many enjoyable events and programs that

have become annual traditions for the BCA; Hockey Day in the Hamlet, free public skates at the arena, the Santa Pancake Breakfast, Volunteer Appreciation Night, our Garage Sale and Clean Up Day.

The BCA operates the outdoor rinks in the winter and keeps our parks clean in the summer. We also administer the Blackburn Community Hall and we will be looking at ways to improve this much-used facility in the coming year.

### Transparency

In an ongoing effort to truly reflect and act on the needs of our community, the BCA has delivered on its commitment to more accountable and transparent processes over the past year.

In September, we hosted a Town Hall meeting, inviting all residents of the Hamlet to learn more about what the BCA does and provide feedback on areas that could be expanded or improved.

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## The BCA Websites

Your resource for what, who and where things are happening in and around Blackburn Hamlet are available on the BCA websites. Organizations and Blackburn businesses are welcome to list their website/email link on the BCA website. The Fun Fair website will keep you up to date on the latest info for the big day.

[www.BlackburnHamlet.ca](http://www.BlackburnHamlet.ca)  
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Check out the Blackburn Facebook pages by going to [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and typing in the search boxes for various groups:

- Blackburn Hamlet Community
- BlackburnHamletBusiness
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DEADLINE March 20 / DELIVERY April 6-8

DEADLINE May 8 / DELIVERY May 25-27

DEADLINE August 14 / DELIVERY September 7-9

DEADLINE October 16 / DELIVERY November 2-4

Please verify dates on the BCA website for time sensitive ads.

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The turnout at the event was incredible and I want to thank all those residents who took the time to come out and share their ideas with us.

The BCA has also undertaken efforts to increase our financial accountability by publishing our annual budget and by regaining control of funds from the city that will now be distributed by our association to enhance our programming capacity and support our community partners.

We continue to work with our City Councillor, our MPP, and MP to advocate on behalf of our residents and to stay on top of issues that impact our community.

### Building for the Future

With this strong foundation of community service and accountability, the BCA is well situated to take on even greater projects moving forward.

We will be adding more programming and strengthening our relationships with our partners in the coming year. We will build upon the ideas of residents who attend the Town Hall meeting and we will continue to seek their input to ensure we are on the right track in meeting their needs.

This past year has been one of growth and community service and I look forward to expanding on our achievements in 2013.

*Visit [www.blackburnhamlet.ca](http://www.blackburnhamlet.ca) for full version of report and financials.*

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## Blackburn Community Association Budget for 2013

	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>		
City Grants (Outdoor Ice, Parks & Rec)	25,487.00	30,300.00
Memberships & GIC's	3,314.00	2,700.00
BANAR	18,212.40	21,000.00
Comm Hall	18,894.50	20,000.00
Fun Fair	5,319.09	2,000.00
Comm Support	1,150.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>72,376.99</b>	<b>77,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Admin & Insurance	1,380.00	1,400.00
Programming Seniors	1,705.00	1,750.00
Programming Youth	5,748.00	6,500.00
Civic Affairs & Environment	1,537.00	1,550.00
Volunteer Appreciation	900.00	1,000.00
Park Grooming	4,131.00	4,500.00
Misc (Bulletin Board)	575.00	600.00
<b>Total Rec Grant Expenses</b>	<b>15,976.00</b>	<b>17,300.00</b>
Comm Hall	5,752.00	6,500.00
BANAR	28,164.00	30,000.00
Outdoor Ice	8,502.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>42,418.00</b>	<b>46,500.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>58,394.00</b>	<b>63,800.00</b>
<b>Net Income to Comm Hall Fund</b>	<b>13,982.99</b>	<b>13,200.00</b>



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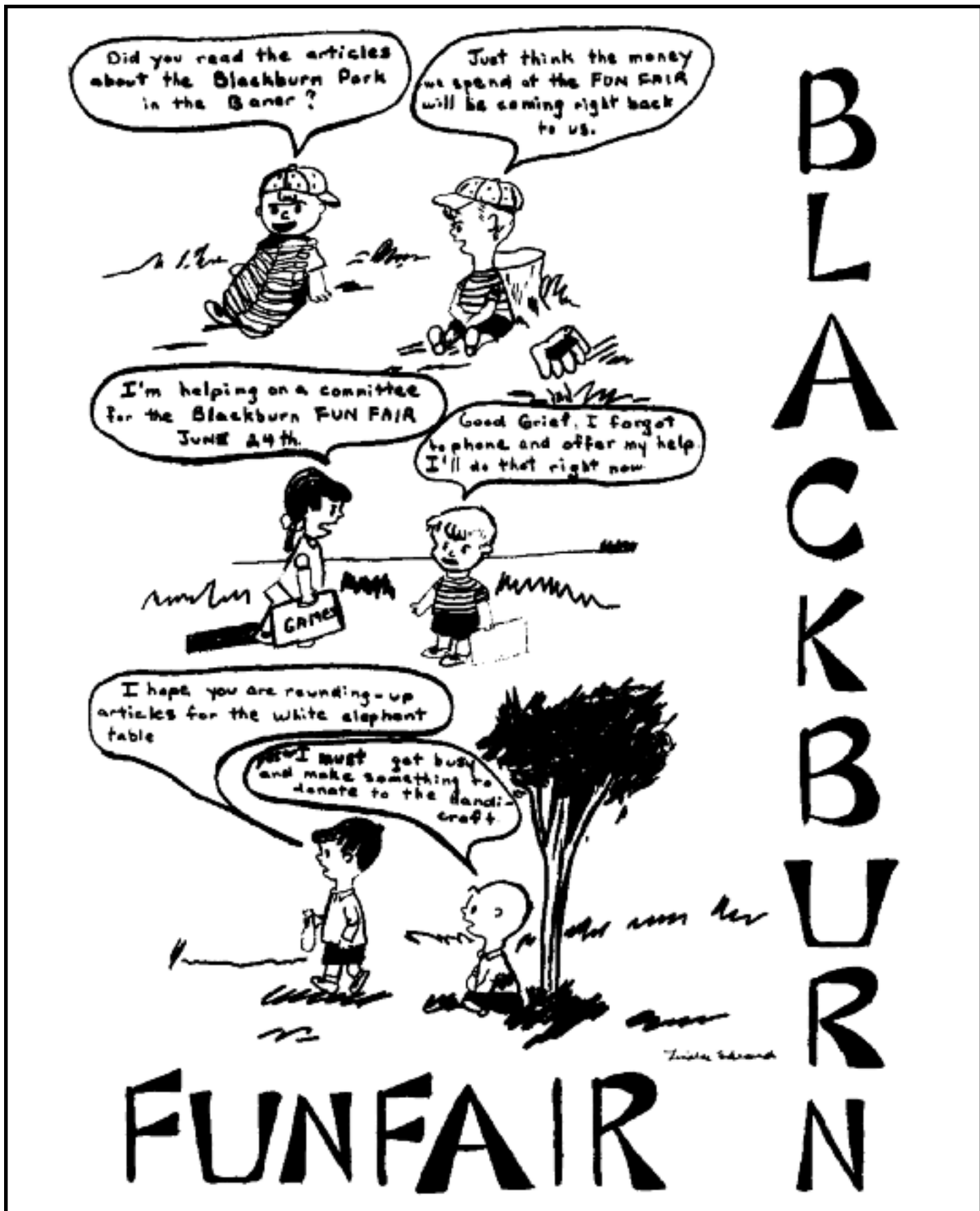
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Source: BANAR, April 1972

# FUNFAIR 2013!

## The BIGGEST event in Blackburn Hamlet coming May 31st-June 2nd

With a new chairperson, Mike Murphy, the Funfair planning is well underway and is shaping up to be very exciting. We've got some new enthusiastic volunteers who are eager to get things rolling. The Funfair has always been a celebration of community spirit and this year our 42nd Funfair will be no different.

The best of the games from past Funfairs will be returning. We're hoping to host a giant screen cinema in the park on the Friday night along with the Skateboard and BMX competition. There will be family activities, children's competitions and silly challenges for every age including a whole field of free games and competitions for families to enjoy. The Funfair stage team, with their new director Kevin Wright, is focused on finding various kinds of talent for the entertainment stage including dancing, singing, live music and other fun stuff. Once again the arena will have a local business showcase, silent auction, used book table, and Little Ray's Reptile display.

Businesses wanting to showcase their products or services are

invited to book their table. The silent auction is also a great way to promote a business or product. The books, board games and DVDs tables are also a popular draw (and fundraiser) so we always look forward to donations for that.

The Funfair parade is going to be absolutely amazing this year and we're hoping to spice it up a little. If your organization would like to send a float for the parade we'd love to have you! For the past few years we have functioned with the food drive theme for the St Joseph's Food Bank, a much-needed service located in the hamlet. We've had great feedback and will keep this tradition going. There will be over a dozen empty shopping carts and wagons ready to be filled as the parade comes down Bearbrook Road.

Do you have any ideas you think might better the Funfair? Do you want to help? If so please contact us.

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## Tauvette NCC Lands: TIME TO CLEAR THE AIR ON DIGESTOR PROJECT

by Councillor Rainer Bloess

Sometimes, there are facts and then there is misinformation. It is incredible how rumours with no legs to stand on can get around so quickly.

I feel compelled to address some of the unfounded stories and misinformation being circulated about a reasonably benign initiative being proposed for part of the Tauvette NCC land.

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) invited applications to be submitted by January 18 of this year for small green energy projects under its FIT (Feed-In-Tariff) program.

It's important to note that any and all applications to this program would require approval not only from the City, but also from the NCC, the province, and the Ontario Power Authority. These approvals would take at least a year to complete, would involve exhaustive scrutiny and would require the fulfillment of a number of specific requirements.

The Just Food Farm, which is leasing part of the Tauvette property, including the farm house, the barn and some of the lands, developed a proposal in partnership with Full Circle Energy Solutions Cycle to install an anaerobic (oxygen-free) digester on the property to generate electricity and heat for a greenhouse.

Just some facts:

- This is not an incinerator as reported in the Ottawa Sun.
- There is not a train of garbage being shipped to Blackburn.
- The NCC lands are not being sold off.
- The proposal was first presented to the BCA last November. Following

### INFORMATION EVENING

**February 7th, 7:30 pm**  
**Blackburn Community Hall**  
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that BCA meeting, I suggested to Just Food that their consultation process should be started with a community meeting for nearby residents i.e. those on Tauvette and Pepin and at the beginning of Glen Park.

A brochure was hand-delivered to these homes and a public information meeting was held in December. A second public session will be held on February 7th at 7:30 pm for the whole community at the Blackburn Community Hall to answer any questions and respond to concerns.

As stated earlier, there is a long process ahead and any number of issues could derail the project but misinformation and

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gross exaggeration, which have flourished to date, serve no one's best interests.

Some additional facts:

- the source of the materials for the proposed digester would be kitchen scraps from local businesses (restaurants)
- one truck-load of material would be delivered once a day via Pepin Court and processed daily, not stored on site
- all of the equipment to be used would be housed in a 60 by 30 foot fabric-covered hut
- the methane released would be captured to generate electricity and heat which Just Food would then use to heat one of the glass greenhouses on site
- the NCC plans to demolish the building and damaged greenhouses on site in the next few months



- organic, low-odour fertilizer would also be produced and would be applied on the fields

As you are aware, I have always been a steadfast supporter of maintaining all of our green space and have fought, during past Greenbelt Masterplan reviews, to ensure that this particular property was not jeopardized in any way. Having dealt with vandalism, dog issues and

parking problems, I am encouraged by the prospect of a practical, sustainable farm use for this land. At the same time, I want to ensure that public access to the lands is maintained for recreational purposes.

I look forward to seeing you at the February 7 meeting to answer questions and to hear your concerns, and to gather feedback on this initiative.



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Nova Scotia Frozen Blueberries are always a popular item with families in Blackburn. The Preschool is selling frozen blueberries, raspberries and cranberries as a fundraiser for the school. Orders are due February 5th and delivery is on Saturday February 23 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Please contact the preschool if you are interested.

Many parents of preschool age children in Blackburn Hamlet and surrounding areas are beginning to think about their child's early development and school readiness. A good quality preschool

program provides many excellent play opportunities for children to learn about sharing, caring about others, waiting turns, playing in a group, listening to teachers, learning new words, colours and counting, printing their name and much more.

Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the preschool and to register for September 2013 programs at our Open House on Sunday March 3 from 10:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.

This summer the preschool will be offering a variety of exciting camps for children aged 3-5. Each week will have an engaging theme that students will be exploring. Moving to the Music, Princesses and Pirates, Super Scientist, and Chefs in Training are some of the theme weeks that will be offered.



Registration for preschool summer camps will start in late March. Please check our website— [www.bhps.ca](http://www.bhps.ca) or call 613-3251 for details.



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## Two New Blackburn Hamlet Groups on Facebook

**Blackburn Hamlet has enjoyed** a Facebook group named the **Blackburn Hamlet Community Association**. It is here where residents of the Hamlet can share information and talk about items of interest in the Hamlet. What a great way for residents to communicate back and forth about all sorts of topics ranging from the condition of our outdoor rinks, to lost pets, to crime prevention tips, just to name a few.

Recently two new groups were added to Facebook named **Blackburn Hamlet Business Community** and **Blackburn Hamlet Real Estate**.

The purpose of the **Blackburn Hamlet Business Community** group is to heighten the awareness of business in our community and give local business a voice.

The **Business Community** group will:

- allow Blackburn businesses to display their menu, promote specials, or introduce their services to the residents of Blackburn Hamlet.
- be a convenient, live, online directory of Blackburn Hamlet based businesses.
- give our community a way for business and residents to interact online through social media. Just imagine, you are looking for donations for your community group from the local business community? Now you have a new way to communicate this need to them.

The **Blackburn Hamlet Real Estate** group will focus specifically on Blackburn Hamlet properties.

The **Real Estate** group will:

- provide information on private homes for sale by owner as well as homes in the Hamlet listed by a Realtor®.
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So if either or both of these new **Blackburn Hamlet Groups** sound interesting, go to Facebook and check it out at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/BlackburnHamletBusiness](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BlackburnHamletBusiness)

[www.facebook.com/groups/BlackburnHamletRealEstate](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BlackburnHamletRealEstate)

*Special thanks goes to Shane Silva for taking the initiative to create these two community Facebook groups.*



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Not only do you get two amazing hours of music, songs and stories but also homemade refreshments, door prizes and free parking. Don't miss this evening being held at Rothwell United Church located at 42 Sumac Street, Gloucester Centre.

Cost is only \$15 per person and tickets may be purchased by calling Bob at 613-833-2685, Bill at 613-824-3666 or Peter Deacon, 613-749-0363 and the church office at 613-746-0820.

## A little more about "Stream"

"Stream" is a contemporary Christian praise band made up of members of the United Church from across the Ottawa region. The group started as the pick-up band for the twice-yearly regional youth services, but quickly realized that they wanted to offer this type of worship music within the context of regular services and other church events, as well. They started rehearsing regularly and, over the last few years, have become known as the Presbytery's praise band. The group brings a mix of contemporary Christian praise music, more traditional hymns (often with a new twist!), a bit of rock and roll, and even secular tunes when the message and music is a good fit. "Stream" has sung all over the Ottawa region and, most recently, helped lead the music for the United Church's national eight-day meeting in August. The band is thrilled to be supporting Rothwell United Church in this fundraiser because not only does the church lend them a home to rehearse in, but also its minister for guitar and vocals!

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# Talking about dementia openly and honestly

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## Events for family caregivers

These Long-term Care Webinar Series are free events. Use your computer and phone to participate in one or both of these lively presentations. To register contact Indra Moffett at 1-800-616-8816 (toll free) or register online at [www.alzheimertoronto.org/edu-familyFriends.htm](http://www.alzheimertoronto.org/edu-familyFriends.htm). You must register for each webinar separately. Space is limited so please register in advance.

### "Preparing for the Move"

Wednesday, February 20, 2 pm-3pm  
Learn how to prepare for a move after making an application to long term care, suggestions for moving day and caregiver coping strategies.

### Adjustment and Day-to-day Life

Tuesday, March 5th, 2 pm-3pm  
Learn strategies that can help the person with dementia adjust into long term care, caregiver coping strategies, advocacy and communicating with staff.

## MedicAlert® Safely Home®

Exciting news! The Alzheimer Society is partnering with Canadian MedicAlert Foundation to improve the Safely Home program, incorporating the best features of both Safely Home and MedicAlert services. People with dementia may lose the ability to recognize familiar places, to communicate or to remember their own name or address. They may leave home, become confused and get lost.

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# Gloucester High School 50th Anniversary & Reunion

**NOW WE ARE FIFTY...**It's true! Gloucester High School celebrates its 50th anniversary this spring. (Yikes! How did THAT happen?)

And since jubilees call for, well, jubilation, and since 50th anniversaries have a golden, well, "aura", let's spread the word and get ready for a weekend of Guiltless Gilded Gator Giddiness. (Take that alliteration, you English dons and donnas!)

Long-time teachers Kelly Oka and George Barrett, together with a planning team of enthusiastic alumni/ae, have spearheaded plans for a fabulous homecoming weekend of exhilaration, mirth, gaiety, elation, animation, glee, delight, joyfulness, hilarity, exaltation and, well, fun.

For information, and to register, go to [www.ghs50reunion.com](http://www.ghs50reunion.com)

**May 3rd:** Reception for Teachers, Staff, and all current and former students featuring decades rooms, music, refreshments, cash bar, and more

**May 4th:** Alumni music Rehearsal/Jam, Alumni Sports Events, BBQ Lunch and Banquet and Dance

**May 5th:** Following Up—Feel free to contact friends and classmates to get together. Note that you can use the Reunion site to send personal messages.

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# Toastmaster Open House Meeting February 20th

**So you want to overcome** your fear of public speaking and/or learn good public speaking skills. This article only scratches the surface of the benefits that you'll gain from becoming a member. Here are the seven top benefits:

1. **Affordability**—The cost of joining Toastmasters is peanuts for a year's membership. Part of the cost will depend on the cost for paying for the venue.
2. **Receive feedback**—Toastmasters operates on a constructive feedback ethos—typically in the "commend-recommend-commend" format. It also helps your general everyday communication skills in learning to give people constructive feedback.
3. **Safe place to practice and learn**—Due to the constructive feedback ethos, regular speaking opportunities and the manuals members are supplied with, Toastmasters is a safe place to practice, learn and develop your speaking skills.
4. **Overcoming the fear of public speaking**—You'll learn how to become a public speaker by completing the ten speech projects from the Competent Communicators manual that you receive when you become a member.

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5. **Learn leadership skills**—Toastmasters is not just about speaking skills. Each club is run by members for members, and each meeting consists of roles that are performed by members. You'll want to contribute back to your club and by doing so further developing your skills.
6. **Meet and network with new people**—Toastmasters attracts people from all sorts of life for all sorts of reasons.

Life is a journey and so is being a member of Toastmasters. And like you're always learning in life, so it is with public speaking. Enjoy being a member, and enjoy growing your public speaking skills and confidence.

An open house meeting is being held at Amica at Bearbrook February 20th. For more information contact Chris Fraser at 819-956-7361 or email him at [chrislfraser@hotmail.com](mailto:chrislfraser@hotmail.com)

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Stories, rhymes and songs for toddlers and a parent or caregiver. Jan 17-21st

## MARCH BREAK

### Mystery of Diefenbunker

March 11: 2-3 pm, Ages 7-12

### How to build Log Cabin

March 12: 2-3 pm

### Block Party

March 13: 2-3 pm/Ages 6-12

### Home Sweet Home (Storytime)

March 14: 1030 am, Ages 3-6

### This is my House

March 14: 2-3 pm, Ages 7-12

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Round Table and Tea Bookchat

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### Computer Tutorials with Michel

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### Nature Art with Marc Walter

February 6th, 2:30 pm  
Create with Nature with landartist Marc Walter. Participants are invited to develop their creativity and use their senses while manipulating various elements from nature. This is a hands-on activity.

### Taking Care of your Health

February 20th, 6:30 pm  
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# Amica holding free writing workshops for public

**Everyone has a story!** Amica at Bearbrook has seen, over the years, many of its residents who have great stories struggle to write them down so the stories could be shared, as a legacy, to friends and families. Amica has decided to hold monthly "Write That Book" workshops that would guide and support them along the way.

The great news is that it will be available FREE to anyone who wants to join in. You can come with a friend or relative and perhaps become book buddies to support each other. This fun and interactive workshop will help writers explore easy ways in which to gather their information and then to publish a book, ebook or photobook. They might also want to consider presenting it as a video.

Evelyn Budd, who over the years has been publishing memoirs, fiction and non-fiction books, has been asked to organize and present the workshops.

The first workshop will be held Tuesday, February 12th at 2:30 pm. The following two workshops will be held March 12th and April 9th at 2:30 pm. Workshops will be approximately an hour long and handouts will be given out.

Contact Geraldine Dixon at Amica by calling 613-837-8720 ext. 225 and leaving a message with your name and phone number or you may email Geraldine at g.dixon@amica.ca to reserve your seat. More information will also be available at [www.WriteThatBook.ca](http://www.WriteThatBook.ca).

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## Blackburn Art Group

Approximately every second Thursday at the Blackburn Community Hall on Glen Park Drive from 1:30 pm to 4 pm, a group of artists get together. They draw, sketch, paint or create each in their own medium as well as interact with fellow artists, get feedback and concentrate without the distractions of other "must do" projects at home

The club is open to all who wish to learn from each other, and meet new people in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Choice of project is up to you although the one restriction is sculptures because of a lack of clean-up facilities.

As it was from when the group started in April of 1999, no instruction is given and there is only a very minimal cost.

Please call Margaret Froelich at 613-824-6503 or Jean Levey at 613-742-0240 for more information.

Dates for January to May 2013 painting sessions include:

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## Gloucester Allotment Garden Association Annual Meeting and Spring Registration

The Association will hold its 2013 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria at Louis Riel High School, 1655 Bearbrook Road in Blackburn Hamlet.

WE ARE GROWING. The Association is planning to add 50 new plots at our Orient Park site in response to increased demand. Early bird gardeners will receive a \$5 reduction off their full size plot and \$3 off their half size plot fee by registering at this meeting.

For more information, please call the registrar at 613-824-8479, or visit our website at <http://gaga.ncf.ca>.

## Start-up Farm Program Opportunity

Just Food has initiated a Start-up Farm Program that will bring twelve new farmers to the Tauvette site as of this spring. Training options are also being made available to new farmers throughout the region. Applications for these programs must be sent in by February 22. Please visit [www.justfood.ca](http://www.justfood.ca) for more information.

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## Hamlet 50+ Group

This is a loosely organized welcoming group that gathers to promote activities for Blackburn Hamlet citizens 50+ years of age. Potluck dinners, day trips, discussion groups and seminars are held from time to time, often at the Blackburn Community Hall.

**PUB NIGHT**—The Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group meets the fourth Sunday of every month at 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.

The Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 2nd was enjoyed by all with friendship, lively conversation, delicious food and many door prizes. Thanks go to Blackburn Pharmacy, J.S. Service Station, Shane Silva of Homelife Realty, One Step Caribbean Take Out, Line It Up Hair Studio, Joe's Auto Repair, Blackburn Arms, Joe's Barber Shop, TD Bank, Hair Alive, Metro, Shoppers Drug Mart, Amica at Bearbrook and a special thanks to "Santa" Rainer Bloess for his help.

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

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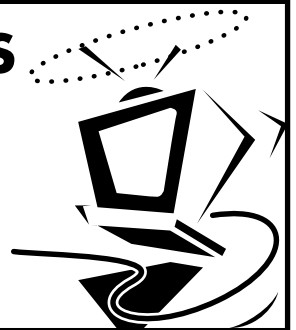
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at Amica Bearbrook  
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Craft and Conversation  
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Book Club  
7:30 pm last Thursday of each  
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## Worship Services

### Sunday

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### Midweek

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 2 pm Blackburn Lodge  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2 pm Amica Bearbrook

## February (See page 22 for events at the Library)

Tues. 5, 7:00 pm  
Wed. 7, 7:30 am  
Tues. 12, 2:30 pm  
Tues. 12, 7:00 pm  
Tues. 12  
Wed. 13, 7:30 pm  
Thurs. 14  
Thurs. 14  
Sat. 16, 2 - 3 pm  
Sat. 16, 5 - 8 pm  
Tues. 19, 7:00 pm  
Wed. 20, 2 - 3 pm  
Wed. 20, 2:00 pm  
Fri. 22, 7:30 pm  
Sat. 23  
Sun. 24, Pub Night  
Thurs. 28, 7:00 pm  
Thurs. 28

Blackburn Hamlet Preschool - Berry fundraiser orders due (See page 13)  
Information session re: Tauvette NCC lands - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 8-9)  
Free Writing Workshops - Amica Bearbrook - (See page 23)  
Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Information sessions - École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Marie (See page 16)  
Ash Wednesday - Service at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church  
Information sessions - École élémentaire catholique Sainte-Marie (See page 16)  
Blackburn Art Group - Painting Sessions - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 24)  
Hockey Day in the Hamlet at the Norman Johnston Alternative School (See cover page)  
Messy church at St. Mary the Virgin Church on Navan Road - All welcome  
Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
"Preparing for the Move" - Long-term Care Webinar Series (See page 19)  
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Working Group - Blackburn Comm. Hall (See page 25)  
Discovery Café - Blackburn Hamlet Community Church (see page 19)  
Toastmaster Open House Meeting (see page 21)  
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Royal Oak Pub Meadowbrook RSVP (see page 25)  
Book Club - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Blackburn Art Group - Painting Sessions - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 24)

## March (See page 22 for events at the Library)

Sun. 3, 10 am - 12  
Tues. 5, 2 - 3 pm  
Tues. 12, 2:30 pm  
Tues. 12, 7:00 pm  
Thurs. 14  
Tues. 19, 7:30 pm  
Wed. 20, 2:00 pm  
Fri. 22, 7:30  
Sun. 24, Pub Night  
Tues. 26, 10:00 am  
Thurs. 28  
Thurs. 28, 7:30 pm  
Fri. 29, 10:00 am  
Sun. 31, 9:00 am

Open House Blackburn Hamlet Preschool (See page 13)  
"Adjustment and Day-to-day Life" - Long-term Care Webinar Series - (See page 19)  
Free Writing Workshops - Amica Bearbrook - (See page 23)  
Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Blackburn Art Group - Painting Sessions - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 24)  
Gloucester Allotment Garden Assoc. - Meeting and Registration - Louis Riel H.S. (See p. 24)  
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Working Group - Blackburn Comm. Hall (See page 25)  
Community Café - Blackburn Hamlet Community Church (See page 19)  
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Royal Oak Pub Meadowbrook RSVP (see page 25)  
Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Blackburn Art Group - Painting Sessions - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 24)  
Maundy Thursday - Service at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church  
Good Friday - Service at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church  
Easter Sunday - Service at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

## April (See page 22 for events at the Library)

Tues. 9, 2:30 pm  
Tues. 9, 7:00 pm  
Thur. 11,  
Fri. 12, 7:30 pm  
Fri. 12, 7:30 - 9:30  
Sat. 13, 8 - 4:30  
Wed. 17, 2:00 pm  
Sun. 21, 2:00 pm  
Tues. 23, 7:00 pm  
Thurs. 25,  
Thurs. 25, 7:00 pm  
Sat. 27, 5 - 8 pm  
Sun. 28, Pub Night

Free Writing Workshops - Amica Bearbrook - (See page 23)  
Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Blackburn Art Group - Painting Sessions - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 24)  
Stories, Songs and Music - Rothwell United Church (See page 17)  
Rise up, O Men of God - Blackburn Community Church (see page 19)  
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Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Working Group - Blackburn Comm. Hall (See page 25)  
Spring concert at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church  
Craft and Conversation - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Blackburn Art Group - Painting Sessions - Blackburn Community Hall (See page 24)  
Book Club - at Amica Bearbrook. All welcome  
Messy Church - Hosted by St. Mary the Virgin Angl. Church - Blackburn Comm. Centr  
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Royal Oak Pub Meadowbrook RSVP (see page 25)

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church - Easter Services  
See Calendar for details: February 13 and March 28; 29 and 31

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