

There's Room for Everyone at the Annual Spring Clean-up!

Please mark your calendars — the 13th annual Blackburn Hamlet Spring Clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 am** (*N.B. The rain date is Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 am*). This is our community's opportunity to make the neighbourhood shine, through litter collection, graffiti clean-up, and collection of household batteries.

And, we've got room for everyone to help:

- If you are a high school student looking for volunteer hours, please come on out;
- If you are a family with children attending school in the area (now or previously), there's room for you too;
- If you are new to the community and are looking to meet some friendly faces, the annual Spring Clean-up is a great place to start; and
- For those of you who love Blackburn's first social community event of the spring season, well come on down, we'd love to see you too!

Meet us in front of the Blackburn Community Hall (200 Glenpark Drive) at 9:00 am. 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 your fingers warm and dry! Bring along a reusable coffee mug if you'd like to enjoy a warm beverage while you "work". And, don't forget to drop off your used **household batteries** on this same day.

Following the neighbourhood clean-up, join us back at the Community Hall at 11:00 am for the annual group photo, and a BBQ complements of the Blackburn Community Association.

If you have any questions, call Barb Sweazey at 613-845-0861 or bsweazey@rogers.com. Let's make this year the best yet. Hope to see you there!

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services the association offers in the Hamlet, but you will be eligible for deals at local businesses as well.

The BCA will be featuring information about local businesses who are offering either discounts or incentives to membership holders on our website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca on a dedicated webpage. We have already had two businesses offer membership holders deals and we'll be adding more in the coming months. All you have to do is show your membership card. Information about how to buy a membership is also available on our website or in the Banar.

If you are a business owner interested in getting involved in this rewarding initiative, contact me at president@blackburnhamlet.ca or 613-282-4139.

Let's keep our local businesses strong and support our neighbours and our neighbourhood.

Laura Dudas



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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
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Looking for Creative Youth for new graffiti art design for Skateboard Park

The Blackburn Community Association and the Eastern Ontario Resource Centre are looking for a local youth to help us give the Blackburn Hamlet skateboard park a new graffiti art design.

The community association will be hosting a White Out Party on May 25 during which we will give the skateboard park located near the arena a fresh coat of base paint, over which we will have a new artistic design painted by a lucky and talented youth who will make their design concept a reality.

Interested young people can submit a design idea for the skateboard park to president@blackburnhamlet.ca by May 3. Submissions will be judged and the winner will be announced at the EORC youth drop-in held at the community hall May 17. The top three winners will win gift cards to a local mall and other prizes. The top winner will work with a local graffiti artist mentor to paint the skateboard party on May 25. All those who enter submissions will also be invited to participate in the party.

More details will be available on the BCA website at www.blackburnhamlet.ca in the coming weeks.

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Excitement building for 42nd Annual Blackburn Funfair to be held on Friday, May 31st to Sunday, June 2nd

By Mike Murphy, Funfair Chair

From Friday night's new release family movie (shown on a giant screen in the arena) to a Sunday afternoon community picnic, Blackburn's 42nd Annual Funfair is packed with new and exciting events—along with the most popular from previous years.

While the full schedule will be available in the next issue of BANAR, here is a taste of what is being planned by the event's dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers:



- ✓ Saturday will kick-off with a Pancake Breakfast, followed by the exciting Funfair Parade. With a "masquerade" theme, the parade is sure to be colourful as participants vie for prizes and bragging rights.
- ✓ There will be plenty to do throughout the day including games, a BBQ lunch, Little Ray's Reptiles Shows, a silent auction, the popular bouncy castle and a book sale. Book donations can be brought to 4 Burnview Crescent.
- ✓ There will be a spectacular fireworks display after dark and the day-long musical entertainment will continue

Saturday evening. Only those 19 and older will be permitted in the Beer Garden after 8:30 p.m.

- ✓ Other popular returning activities are the Dunk Tank and the midway, which will operate all weekend, starting at 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.
- ✓ "Community" is definitely the theme of Sunday's activities, including the introduction of the First Annual Blackburn Fun Run in conjunction with the Running Room. There will be a 1k and 5k run, both finishing at the fairgrounds. Those registering before May 10th will receive a free T-shirt and with event participation limited to 1,000, residents are encouraged to register early. The event is a great bargain at \$5 for children and \$10 and \$15 for adults for the 1k and 5k respectfully. Register online at www.events.runningroom.com/site/?raceId=9046
- ✓ The much-loved pets in our community will be in the spotlight on Sunday with the return of The Pet Pride Parade, with prizes being awarded in many quirky categories to be announced later.
- ✓ Organizers have invited members of the Ottawa Senators to join the community Sunday for hockey-related events in the



Funfair chairman, Mike Murphy says "The Funfair takes place rain or shine, but organizers are hoping for a little less rain and a lot more sunshine than last year, which despite the rain was a stellar community event!"

arena. While none have yet confirmed, organizers are hopeful. Details of the activities will be announced in the next issue of the BANAR.

- ✓ To close off the weekend, residents are encouraged to pack a picnic basket and join their neighbours on the fairgrounds at another first for this year's Funfair, a Sunday afternoon Community Picnic.

Everyone attending the Funfair is reminded that the event takes place on City of Ottawa property and is subject to enforcement of the City's smoke-free bylaw.

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Co-existing with quarry not exactly a blast for hamlet residents

by Councillor Rainer Bloess

We have received a number of complaints over the past several weeks regarding recent blasts from the Lafarge Bearbrook quarry that seem to be more forceful than usual. As a result we have been in contact with Lafarge management to not only pass along the complaints but also to determine what can be done to alleviate the concerns of those residents most directly impacted by blast vibrations.

Concerns and complaints regarding the existence of the quarry in such close proximity to residential development have been around as long as the Hamlet itself and no one disputes that our forced co-existence with a quarry where blasting takes place is less than desirable. Over the

years, I have spoken many times with contacts at Lafarge about the extent of the blasts and the controls in place.

To be fair, management at the quarry have always been extremely cooperative and the company has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to work with the community and to respect existing blasting regulations. In the past, Lafarge has committed to taking into account the area of the quarry in which they are blasting, and reducing the force of the blast when working in areas closer to the homes in Blackburn.

Five years ago Lafarge management developed a number of initiatives which it adopted at that time to address public concerns. These

initiatives included adjusting the many variables which can influence vibration such as hole patterns, sizes and numbers, adjusting the timing and frequency of blasting, adjusting volume based on location, and purchasing newer, more costly detonators to provide more control over vibration levels. They have clearly made the effort to seek out new technologies and techniques and to meet with the community.

Lafarge attended the BCA meeting on March 21, provided technical information and background as well as answered questions and concerns. They will be holding an open house in the next few months (details will be available in the next Banar) and will continue to work with residents to address concerns.

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Ultimately, the limiting regulations behind the blasting are not City by-laws, but rather a set of provincial Ministry of the Environment regulations. The Ministry of the Environment has jurisdiction over the noise and vibration related to blasting (the Ministry of Natural Resources oversees the extraction of aggregates). Any time there is a blast, it is measured by a third party (Explotech) with seismographs located in close proximity as directed by the MOE. The data is submitted to the provincial agency for review and the operation is monitored on that basis. The role of the City is thus extremely limited but, in view of the recent complaints, I have alerted our MPP regarding the force of recent blasts and have asked that he provide immediate attention to the issue on

behalf of Blackburn residents.

I continue personally as well, as I have over the years, to meet with Lafarge representatives on a regular basis both to ensure that your comments and concerns are conveyed to management and to insist that everything possible is done to reduce the impact of quarry blasting on our community.

If you have any comments or questions about this matter or any other issue, please feel free to contact me at rainer.bloess@ottawa.ca or at 613-796-1182.

Editor's note: Letters and emails received as well as any future letters will be posted on the BCA website at: www.blackburnhamlet.ca/issues.html

Sincere sympathies go to family and friends of Jeff Bussière, co-owner of the J&S Service



Station, who passed away February 27th. Jeff and Stéphane Crête had opened the J&S Service Station together in 1994. He will be dearly missed by his business partner/friend Stéphane and close friends Carol, Alex, Rick as well as the Blackburn community he served so well. He leaves behind his mother, Florence. Donations in his memory can be made to the Heart & Stroke Society.

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Les guides de la 4e Cie St-Claude racontent...

En septembre nous étions 22 guides et aspirantes mais en mars on se retrouve à 18 avec 3 animatrices et 2 aides-animatrices. Voici des descriptions de quelques activités.

Myriame nous dit que le camp des chefs et secondes était au chalet de Corinne du vendredi au dimanche 19-21 octobre. Il y avait plein d'activités et le soir d'arrivé était rigolo avec un spa (masque pour le visage, cire sur les mains). Nous avons aussi fait une boîte de conséquences pour nos actions .

Amélie G. poursuit en disant que nous avons commencé le samedi matin en essayant de cuire des oeufs et du bacon sur un feu mais nous n'y sommes pas arrivés. Par la suite on a fait du canot, d'autres cuissons, du jello dans l'eau puis nos ongles pour terminer le spa. Nous avons eu un gros feu de camp samedi soir.

Le 25 octobre on a fait une marche hantée à Ottawa. Notre guide nous a dit des histoires et la plus terrifiante était vraie. On a visité un musée où on a vu "the dead man's hand" Tout le monde était en costume de Hallowe'en. C'était super amusant mais épeurant nous dit **Sara-Jane**.

Le 4 novembre tout le monde était au gym Coyotes. **Émilie** a préféré monter sur le mur sans cable avec ses amies. Après cet amusement nous, les aspirantes sommes allées à la Mer Bleue...qu'elle belle vue de la nature! Comme notre loi: la guide aime la nature. Nous avons fait des sketches qui représentent les lois guides. Amélie T et moi avons formé les cazelles (castors et gazelles)

Audrey nous raconte que le 15 novembre les guides se sont rendues à la cuisine de l'ÉSLouis-Riel pour faire de la tire Se-Catherine. Les 4 équipes se sont amusées beaucoup et ont eu un peu de difficulté en enlevant la tire du papier parchemin. Les castors étaient 2 et les autres les ont aidés, les aiglons ont brûlé un peu leur tire. C'était ma première cuisson dans une cuisine avec les guides.

Le défilé du père Noël s'est déroulé par une merveilleuse et froide nuit nous dit **Jessica L.** Les guides ont marché derrière un camion en passant des cannes de Noël. Ils ont aussi chanté des chansons.

Pendant la promesse on a fait plein de choses amusantes nous dit **Emma**. D'abord on a commencé par le fer à



cheval ensuite chaque nouvelle fille a fait sa promesse guide avec le drapeau. Les parents étaient là. Les guides de 2e et 3e années ont présenté leur sketch et on leur a fait un ban. Nous avons fini par une collation.

Nous sommes allées sonner aux portes pour récolter des denrées non périssables pour la banque alimentaire de Gloucester et Joseph's House le 6 décembre. J'ai bien aimé chanter aux portes et ramasser les denrées et l'argent nous dit **Amélie T.** J'ai hâte de le refaire l'année prochaine.

Nous avons reçu 200 boîtes et 309\$. Un gros merci!

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La réunion du 10 janvier 2013 était pour apprendre les codes comme le code des numéros et le code à l'envers. C'était très amusant. Nous avons appris 4 codes mais avant ça nous avons joué au jeu du téléphone nous dit **Victoria**.



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Isabelle continue: quand nous sommes allées à la petite cabane avec les raquettes on s'est dépêché un peu parce que nous étions très excitées. Certaines savaient quelles raquettes prendre mais d'autres devaient essayer plusieurs sortes comme: en plastique, plus lourdes, plus grosses, plus petites. Nous avons marché jusqu'au grand champ et nous avons joué à pleins de jeux comme une course à relais... difficile en raquettes! A la fin tout le monde était fatigué, avait mal aux jambes et ne voulait que dormir. Rien d'autre! Mais il fallait bien faire une veillée alors nous avons choisi un sketch, un chant et un ban qui avait rapport avec le thème du camp: Coureurs des Bois. Nous nous sommes amusées très beaucoup!

Daphné nous raconte que nous avons commencé avec la descente des couleurs par les chefs dimanche matin car le drapeau était encore là. Puis nous avons fait la montée des couleurs par les secondes, un déjeuner de crêpes et fruits, des exercices et nos bagages. Ensuite on a fait des badges de la carte d'exploration (une rue par region) expliqués par les chefs.

Quatre guides et une animatrice Sonia ont bien dormis dans le tombeau le samedi soir et en était très fière. Ce fut une superbe fin de semaine.

Le 31 janvier on se retrouvait toutes les guides du district pour un jeu d'hiver à Louis-Riel car il y avait trop de vent pour un feu de camp. Le 9 février nous avons fait du bénévolat aux enfants perdus au Bal de Neiges, puis, le 14 ce fut la soirée amène une amie et habille-toi en rouge, blanc ou rose. Le 24 février nous avons célébré Baden Powell avec l'animation d'une messe à St-Claude suivit d'une vente de pâtisseries pour 238\$...merci. Le 21 mars c'est une sortie pour apprendre comment se défendre "au féminin". Un gros merci pour votre encouragement. Et on continue...

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Le potager écolier Sainte-Marie

L'école Sainte-Marie est maintenant parmi les écoles qui participent au programme Grandir bio (Growing Up Organic), financé par l'organisme Cultivons Biologique Canada (Organic Growers of Canada). Le programme a pour but d'initier les jeunes à la production biologique des aliments. Sainte-Marie est la première école du conseil catholique à y participer, et la deuxième école francophone dans toute la ville à recevoir ce financement.

À l'automne 2011, les étudiants de la troisième et cinquième année ont participé dans la construction du premier potager écolier à Sainte-Marie, situé dans la cour intérieure de l'école Sainte-Marie. Le potager fut construit avec des carrés de bois rempli de terre biologique à l'aide des élèves, du personnel, des bénévoles, ainsi qu'une représentante du programme Grandir bio. Ce printemps, les élèves ont préparés leurs semences dans la salle de classe et celles-ci ont été transplantées dans le potager.

Au mois de juin dernier, suite à leur première récolte, les classes de 3e année et de 4e/5e année ont eu la chance de manger une bonne salade verte avec des radis venant

directement du potager écolier. Ce fut un grand succès et tous les élèves ont aimé l'expérience.

En septembre, les élèves de la classe de 5e année de Mme Josée Curtis ont cueilli les légumes plantés au printemps dernier. Ils ont récolté des betteraves, des zucchini, de petites fèves et beaucoup de laitue. Grâce à tous ces légumes, les élèves ont eu la chance de déguster des betteraves en conserve, du gâteau au

chocolat et aux zucchini ainsi que de la crème de zucchini. Certains des élèves n'avaient jamais eu la chance de goûter à de tels aliments et ils ont tous aimé l'expérience. Il ne reste plus qu'à préparer le potager pour l'hiver; une activité qui aura lieu prochainement.

Finalement, les élèves ont tous très hâte de vivre l'expérience de la préparation et de la semence du potager au printemps prochain.



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Healthy Watersheds

Ecology Ottawa is a not-for-profit, grassroots, volunteer-driven organization working to make Ottawa the green capital of Canada. Of particular importance to us is the health and vitality of Ottawa's many watersheds. We are working with people across the city to "green our streams"; first by taking action to stop the dumping of untreated sewage into the Ottawa River, and second by working with local leaders to restore and protect our creeks and streams. When it rains in Ottawa's downtown core the sewage and stormwater mix together and often overwhelm our treatment plant's capacity to process the wastewater, so we dump the untreated sewage directly into the Ottawa River. Because of these contaminants, swimming areas are

closed and the risks of sickness and infection are greatly increased. The City of Ottawa has a plan to build an underground reservoir to retain the contaminated water until it can slowly be fed through the wastewater treatment system. Ecology Ottawa is running a petition calling on the federal and provincial governments to pay for their fair share of the cost associated with this new infrastructure. We have already collected over 7000 signatures! To sign the petition and learn more about this important issue, go to www.ecologyottawa.ca and click on the 'Take Action' button. Ecology Ottawa is also working with volunteer leaders across the city to protect local rivers, streams, and creeks such as Greens Creek. We think that Greens Creek is a local treasure and we



are interested in working with people who want to restore and protect the watershed. If you are already taking action we are interested in what you are doing. If you want to get more involved please contact us at info@ecologyottawa.ca. We want to inspire people to get their hands dirty for the sake of healthy rivers!

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Pictured above is the City's volunteer outdoor rink operator and two children from the "I love to skate" program dropping the puck on centre ice during a recent Sens game with Winnipeg Jets. Despite the poor weather, Gloucester Recreation Development Organization has continued to offer this program to Hamlet children who otherwise couldn't afford hockey lessons or equipment.



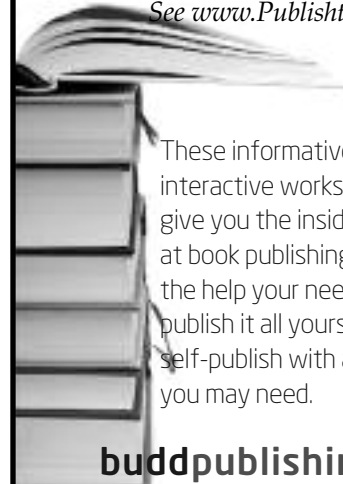
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Second Annual Cancer Chase in Blackburn

By Bill Horne

While it might seem like a long time to October and the *Cancer Chase*, it'll be here before we know it. Building on a very successful string of cancer fighting events over the past nine years, we have raised almost \$165,000.

"We created the local run as an alternative for people who want to stay here in Blackburn, and see their funds support cancer research right here in Ottawa" said Team Captain Lynn Sewell, "and it just keeps getting better and better. We are determined to maintain the Blackburn Hamlet and surrounding area neighbourhood spirit. We really appreciate the support of many Hamlet and area businesses, and hope this will keep growing."

Mark your calendars now for **Sunday October 20**, at 9 a.m., and plan to be at the Community Centre for the second annual *Blackburn Hamlet Cancer Chase*.

If you'd like to help with the organizing, contact Lynn at 613-837-4792 or email at lynnstravel@rogers.com, or Bill Horne at 613-837-2166, wghorne@rogers.com. All you

need is a belief that cancer can be beaten and that the *Cancer Chase* is helping in that fight; we'll find a rewarding job for you that matches your skills and available time.

The 5k run/walk benefits the Ottawa Hospital Foundation, and its support of the Ottawa Research Institute. Learn more about the

Foundation at www.ohfoundation.ca. You can see all the pictures from the 2012 *Cancer Chase* if you look at "Events Past" at www.blackburnhamlet.ca.

We'll be in the upcoming Fun Fair parade on June 1; why not join us?

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Something for Everyone at Blackburn Tennis Club

Registration will take place at the clubhouse from 10–2 pm, at 2669 Innes Road.

Come out and join us on April 27 and May 11 to talk about what's planned for tennis during the summer of 2013! Registration will take place at the clubhouse from 10–2 pm, at 2669 Innes Road. Our summer program includes instruction for beginners, clinics, adult round robins, a ladder and competitive tournaments, and much more.

New this year will be a Spring Junior Instructional Program for kids ages 8 to 13 during the last two weeks of May. This early start to the season promises to be lots of fun.

It will be held three days a week from 6–7:30 pm. The regular summer Junior Tennis Program will start July 2, and run for four weeks.

Write That Book! Program

In the past two months participants in the Write That Book workshops have been working on very compelling stories for their memoirs.

Evelyn Budd, who over the years has been publishing memoirs, fiction and non-fiction books, had been asked by Amica to organize and work with the seniors on writing.

The next workshop, will be held Tuesday, April 9th from 2:30–3:30pm, is free and is also open to the community.

Contact Geraldine Dixon at Amica by calling 613-837-8720 ext. 225 or email g.dixon@amica.ca to reserve your seat. More information is available at www.WriteThatBook.ca.

An Open House will be held May 4th and 5th from 12–4 pm for anyone who would like to try out the courts at no cost, and meet the staff and other players. There will be an opening Round Robin and Pot Luck Supper on June 15, everyone welcome, part of an ongoing program of social activities, tournaments, drills, and junior and adult instruction.

Registration for membership and/or programs will be ongoing when the clubhouse is open. Email blackburntennisclub@gmail.com for more information, call Barbara at 613-824-3524, or for more details check the website www.blackburntennis.ca.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Round Table and Tea Bookchat (No registration required). 3rd Monday of the month at 2pm.

April 15th – *The Best Laid Plans* by Terry Fallis

May 13th – *The Ottawa Valley's Great Fire of 1870* by Terence M Currie

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Spring Gardening with Neil Ritchie

Join this discussion on Spring/Summer gardening. Neill Ritchie of "Ritchie Feed n' Seed" will be joining us Wednesday, April 9th at

6:30 pm to answer your gardening questions!

Indian Head Massage and Reiki

Introduction information session on Reiki and Indian Head massage natural, relaxing and healing methods with experiential exercise to sense the body's energy. The program will take place April 10th at 6pm. Hosted by Reiki master, Juane Conroy-Laflamme (certified with the Canadian Centre for Head Massage and registered with the Canadian Reiki Association).

Write On! Creative Writing Workshop

Write On is a two-hour, creative writing workshop promoting the creation of original works in literature on May 4th at 2 p.m. Writing is not about tricks and recipes, but about getting out of the way and surrendering to the page.

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Tuesday, April 16 grandmas AIDing grandmas will be holding their third annual popular Card Party, at the Orleans Legion, 800 Taylor Creek Drive, from 1-4 pm. Once again they will serve lunch, have colourful Kazuri jewellery from Kenya for sale, and many great door prizes to win! Tickets are \$25.

Enjoy an entertaining afternoon playing any card or board game, while at the same time supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation "grandmother" campaign in its inspiring work with African grandmothers in over 15 countries, as they struggle to care for millions of children orphaned by AIDS.

Save your pennies; we will be happy to collect them for African grannies!

For more information go to www.grandmotherscampaign.org.

Tickets are limited. Please call Barbara Nolen at 613-824-3524 or Sally Ryan at 613-824-5219.

Grocery Bus Service for Seniors and Adults living in Blackburn

The Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre offers a door to door bus service and helping hand onto the bus to the Blackburn Metro grocery store. Cost is \$9.00 for a round-trip bus trip and includes delivery of your groceries on the following dates: May 3, 17; June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 16, 30; September 13, 27; October 11, 25; November 1, 15; December 13.

Please call 613-741-6025 for more information or to register.

Coro Vivo Ottawa: Music for Romantics

A Benefit concert for the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario will be held Saturday, May 11, 8 pm. and Sunday, May 12, 2:30 pm at Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa, 550 Cumberland Street.

This performance of some of Europe's best choral compositions of the XIX century will showcase the music of composers such as Brahms and Schubert.

This concert is part of our popular concert series where our director, Antonio Llaca, will share his remarks about the music between each piece.

Tickets are \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets email cvo@corovivoottawa.ca or call 613-841-3902.

Ottawa New Edinburgh Club (ONEC) Open House May 11th

The ONEC and its associated children's sports day camp offers tennis, rowing and sailing opportunities at the unique Ottawa River Boathouse located on the Rockcliffe Parkway.

An open house event is being held on Saturday, May 11th and will include a round-robin tennis match free to non-members, a Mill Street representative serving a variety of their beers, racquet demos by Kunststadt, and a barbeque. Visitors are welcome to drop in at any time after April 30th and informally learn more about the tennis camp and the Club.

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Gloucester High 50th Anniversary & Reunion

May 3rd: Reception for teachers, staff, and all current and former students and will feature decades rooms, music, refreshments, cash bar, and more.

May 4th: Alumni music rehearsal/jam, alumni sports events, barbeque lunch and the banquet and dance

May 5th: Following up—feel free to contact friends and classmates to get together.

Visit www.ghs50reunion.com for more information, to send personal messages and to register.

Spring Fashion Show: Saturday, April 13th, 10 am

20% of all sales will go to the Ottawa Hospital for Cancer Research and for the Look Good Feel Better program for women who have gone through treatment of cancer. Thanks go to the models (all cancer survivors), volunteers and The Wholesale Outlet at 1877 Innes Road, near Blair Road. Free admittance and coffee. Arrive early for a seat!

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From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Good Shepherd Parish will host its annual giant garage sale. This year all proceeds will go to the Church Landscaping Project and the Life Centre Food Bank. The key to success for this endeavour is having lots of quality things to sell and members of the community can help by donating useful items and coming out to find some bargains. Books, children's clothing, toys, working electronics, sports equipment, household items and tools etc are good sellers. Unfortunately we cannot accept tires, large furniture, major appliances, old CRT TVs or old computers with CRT monitors. If you don't have enough items for your own garage sale please consider donating to our sale. Donations can be dropped off at the Church, 3092 Innes Road on Friday, May 3rd between 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. Any questions call Cliff Seibel at 613-837-2869 or Gerry Tompkins 613-830-4751.

Rothwell Plant Sale on May 11th

Check out the great deals from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Rothwell United Church annual plant sale that is held at 42 Sumac Street in Gloucester Centre. Vegetable seedlings to indoor and outdoor annual and perennial plants. For more information visit www.Rchurch.ca.

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1st Blackburn Toastmasters Club meeting on Thursday, April 11th

The kick-off meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Amica, 2645 Innes Road. People who get ahead in life are those who can communicate effectively. Wouldn't you like to develop this priceless skill? Now you can. Toastmasters will show you how to listen effectively, think on your feet, and speak confidently. You will learn valuable leadership skills.

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Contact person: Paula 824-5062.

Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, May 5th (same times)

Place "giveaways" on your curb after 3 p.m.

Amica's Spring Fling on April 24th, 1-4 pm

Ah, c'est la vie, et vous êtes invitées! Join us Wednesday April 24th, 1-4 pm as we host a complimentary "April in Paris" afternoon, featuring breads, gourmet coffees, cheeses, tapenades, a chef's demonstration and entertainment. Homemade treats and memories of Paris matinee. Drop in or stay for the afternoon! See you soon! À bientôt! RSVP by calling Amica at 613-837-8720.

Summer Student Employment Opportunity

The Blackburn Community Association is looking to hire a student to clean the Blackburn Hamlet community parks. Duties include: Cleaning each park and structure area as well as ensuring that the sand boxes are free of debris and reporting on the general condition of the parks. Employment hours are flexible but are generally 20-30 hours per week from Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving weekend. Please contact Ali Yassine by email at aliyass789@gmail.com for more information.

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PUB NIGHT on the fourth Sunday of the 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.

SPRING POT LUCK DINNER at the Blackburn Community Hall on April 14th, 6 p.m. Please bring a dish to contribute to the dinner and be prepared to enjoy a great evening.

A GROUP EXCURSION is planned for Thursday, May 2nd to visit The Unrefined Olive in the Glebe. This will be an interesting and educational tour that will last about 45 minutes. Following our mid-morning tour we plan to browse the Glebe shops and have lunch. Please call Julie Kisch at 613-824-3778 for carpooling details if you would like to join us. Next meeting of the Working Group (everyone welcome) will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Blackburn Community Hall.

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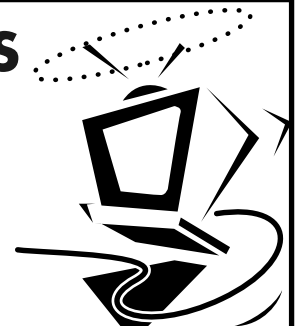
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Worship Services

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

April (See page 18 for events at the Library)

Tues 9 - 2:30 pm
Tues 9 - 7:00 pm
Thurs 11 - 8 to 11 am
Thurs 11 - 6:30 pm
Sat 13 - 10 am
Sun 14 - 8 pm
Tues 16 - 1 to 4 pm
Wed 17 - 2 pm
Sat 20 - 9 am
Sun 21 - 2:00 pm
Tues 23 - 7:00 pm
Tues 24 - 7-8:30 pm
Tues 24 - 1 to 4 pm
Thurs 25 - 7:00 pm
Fri 26 - 7:30am
Sat 27 - 10 to 2 pm
Sat 27 - 4 to 6:30 pm
Sun 28

Writing workshop - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome (See p.19)
Craft and Conversation - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
Rothwell Plant Sale - Rothwell United Church (See p. 23)
1st Blackburn Toastmasters Club meeting - Amica Bearbrook - (See p.23)
Spring Fashion Show and Fundraiser - The Wholesale Outlet (See p. 23)
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group -RSVP (See p. 25)
Grandmas Aiding grandmas Lunch and cards - Orleans Legion (See p.21)
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Working Group Meeting (See p. 25)
Blackburn Spring Clean-up - Blackburn Community Centre (See p.1)
Music for Spring Concert - St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church - All Welcome
Craft and Conversation - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
Winter Storage of Fruits & Vegetables Seminar - Blackburn Library (See p. 22)
Amica's Spring Fling - Amica Bearbrook (See p. 24)
Book Club - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
Discovery Café - Redesigning our Newspapers (See p. 19)
Tennis Registration - 2689 Innes Road - (See p. 19)
Messy Church - Blackburn Community Centre - All Welcome
Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Royal Oak Pub Meadowbrook RSVP (see p.25)

May (See page 18 for events at the Library)

Thurs 2
Fri 3
Fri 3; Sat 4; Sun 5
Sat 4 - 9am to 1 pm
Sat 4 - 9am to 3 pm
Sat 4 and Sun 5 12 to 4 pm
Tues 7 - 7:00 pm
Sat 11 - 10 to 2 pm
Sat 11
Sat 11 - 8 pm
Sun 12 - 2:30 pm
Fri 17
Tues 21 - 7:00 pm
Thurs 23 - 7:00 pm
Sat 25
Fri 31 - 7:30
Fri 31

Blackburn Hamlet Fifty Plus Group - Group Excursion RSVP (See p. 25)
Deadline for submissions - Skateboard park graffiti art design (See p. 4)
Gloucester High 50th Anniversary & Reunion (see p. 22)
Good Shepherd Parish Garage Sale (See p. 23)
Blackburn Hamlet Yard/Garage Sale (See p. 23)
Tennis court Open House (See page 19)

Craft and Conversation - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
Tennis Registration - 2689 Innes Road - (See p. 19)
Ottawa New Edinburgh Club Open House - See p. 19)
Coro Vivo Ottawa - CHEO fundraiser - Tabaret Hall (See p. 21)
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EORC Youth drop in - Winner Skateboard graffiti art project announced (See p. 4)
Craft and Conversation - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
Book Club - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
White Out Party - Skateboard park graffiti art project (See p. 4)
Discovery Café - Current Aboriginal Issues (See p. 19)
Blackburn Fun Fair (See p. 5)

June (See page 18 for events at the Library)

Sat 1 and Sun 2
Sat 1 - 10 to 3 pm
Sun 2 - 7 pm
Tues 4 - 7:00 pm
Tues 18 - 7:00 pm
Sun 23 - 1 to 4 pm
Thurs 25 - 7:00 pm

Blackburn Fun Fair (See p. 5)
Garage Sale - Blackburn Hamlet Community Centre
Ottawa Fiddle Ensemble Concert - St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church - All Welcome
Craft and Conversation - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome
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Strawberry Social & Silent Auction - Blackburn Community Centre
Book Club - Amica Bearbrook - All Welcome

UPCOMING

Sunday September 8 at 2pm - Annual Memorial Service - St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church - Navan Road near Innes

Sunday October 6 from 2 to 4 pm - Afternoon Tea and Baked Goods Sale - Blackburn Community Centre

Sunday October 20 Blackburn Cancer Chase (See p. 18)

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