

# Blackburn Area News And Reports

# BANAR

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## NeighbourWoods is coming to Blackburn Hamlet!

*Clifton Charie*

**NeighbourWoods** is a volunteer-based program designed to take an inventory of trees on private property. Trees are valuable natural resources that improve the quality of life and make our neighbourhoods greener and more livable, while providing many other social and ecological benefits.

In the city of Ottawa the majority of urban trees are located on privately owned residential lands. The city does not have any detailed information about the trees on private property, nor do they actively manage this part of the urban forest. The city simply doesn't have the resources or jurisdiction to manage privately-owned trees. The city does have a comprehensive set of data regarding the trees on its own property, ie. in its parks and the front three feet of your property next to the road. Data from NeighbourWoods could have many applications, such as helping to protect and grow our urban forest. After all, you can't protect what you don't know about.

NeighbourWoods was developed by Dr. W.A. Kenney and Dr. D. Puric-Mladenovic to assist volunteers in collecting the tree information they need to strategically plan and manage urban forests. Since its inception in 1995, NeighbourWoods has been used by many Ontario communities, including Beaverbrook in Kanata.

NeighbourWoods is an exciting way to be



**Dr. Kenney, who will be teaching the NeighbourWoods program**

active, spend time outdoors, connect with people in your community and learn about the trees where you live.

To start the project, the BCA will be sponsoring a two-day training session May 21 through 22 at the Blackburn Community Hall. The training will involve learning to identify trees, measure their size and determine what their state of health is.

We are recruiting volunteers to: distribute flyers, schedule volunteers, work in teams of three to do inventory, and data entry. If you would like to get involved or would like to attend the free training session, please register by contacting [TreeInventory@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:TreeInventory@blackburnhamlet.ca)

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# President's message

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It's exciting times for the community and the BCA! Winter is giving way to spring and warmer weather, and there are so many things to look forward to in the community!

The BCA held its AGM on March 24, and we looked back at all that was accomplished in the past year, including a new splash pad and community hall mural, strong youth participation in poetry and short story contests, renewed gardens at the sculpture and at the entrances to Blackburn, and the Grad Walk, to name but a few! It is always great to look back at what we have accomplished in the past year. It's even more exciting to look forward to the coming year. In March, the BCA welcomed in a new board, with many returning board members and a few fresh faces who are eager to provide exciting programming and events in the community. So, 2022 is certainly shaping up to be an exciting year!

Our volunteers have struggled the last two years, having to pass on cornerstone community events, but we are finally able to bring these events back in 2022. The garage sale (page 10), spring cleanup (page 18), FunFair (page 14) and the Cancer Chase (page 6) are all returning this year. I look forward to seeing everyone in person and enjoying the strong sense of community that makes Blackburn so unique. Hoping you can join us for these events throughout the year!

For the green thumbs in the community, we always have programming from our environment team coming up. Those looking to show off their gardens can join our Garden Tour (page 12) or possibly help maintain the gardens at the Hamlet entrances and at the sculpture (page 12) and/or join us for the NeighborWoods project to track trees in the community (cover story).

We are also excited to unveil the new and improved BCA website (page 10), which is a major upgrade from our previous site. I encourage you to go check it out regularly and keep up to date on upcoming community events.

2022 is certainly shaping up to be an exciting one for the BCA, and we look forward to seeing you out and about in the community!

*Mark Lister, BCA President*



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## BCA board meetings

The BCA has been holding their monthly board meetings virtually since the beginning of the pandemic. BCA meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. If you are a resident of Blackburn Hamlet and wish to attend, email *secretary@blackburnhamlet.ca* to receive an invitation and the Zoom access code. Board meetings follow an agenda, so if you have any questions or topics that you wish to raise, please advise the secretary at least two (2) days prior to the meeting.

**Next BCA meeting:** Thursday Apr 21, 2022

### Notice of Correction – Rink volunteers

There was an error in the February 2022 BANAR article regarding the volunteer rink caretakers. The actual volunteers for the past season at the Bearbrook rinks were Charlie McDonald, Bill Logan, Kyle Labelle, and Mark Martin. Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in keeping the Bearbrook rinks in great shape for the skating season! We'd also like to thank Caroline Harris-McDonald for her amazing behind-the-scenes work in scheduling all of the rink attendants at the Bearbrook and Norman Johnston rinks.

## BCA Membership!

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## BANAR distribution coordinator needed!

*Kendra Brett, BANAR Editor*

The BCA is currently looking for a volunteer in the Hamlet to be the distribution coordinator for the BANAR. The BANAR is delivered five times a year to homes and local businesses in Blackburn Hamlet, and this wouldn't be possible without the distribution coordinator and the team of individuals who deliver the BANARs. Responsibilities of the BANAR distribution coordinator include: accepting the shipment of BANARs from the printing company; coordinating an established team to deliver BANARs to 15 different neighborhood routes; delivering BANARs to local businesses; and recruiting new individuals for delivery routes as needed.

**Those interested in volunteering as the BANAR distribution coordinator can contact BANAR@blackburnhamlet.ca**

The BANAR is published and delivered five times a year to Blackburn homes and businesses to celebrate community and provide information on local programs and events (circulation 3500). BANARs are refilled at the Blackburn Library, Metro, and Shoppers Drugmart while quantities last, as well as online at blackburnhamlet.ca.

### **BANAR submissions**

Articles can be emailed in the body of an email or attached as a Word document. Original, high resolution photos (i.e. 300 DPI) to accompany articles can be submitted as email attachments. The BANAR editor reserves the right to edit articles for length and comprehension.

### **BANAR contact:**

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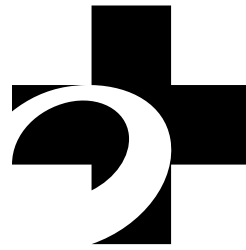
# Countdown to the Cancer Chase

Barbara Whittaker, co-chair,  
Blackburn Hamlet Cancer Chase 2022

After a two-year hiatus, the Blackburn Hamlet Cancer Chase is back! Scheduled for **Sunday, September 25, 2022**, this 5K walk/run event gives participants the opportunity to raise valuable funds to support cancer research right here in Ottawa.

## The Ottawa Hospital Foundation website notes:

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Join us for the Cancer Chase and help us support the doctors, researchers, and nurses as they continue their important work! You will get to enjoy the lovely scenery and fall colours along the Hornet's Nest/Green's Creek route, participate in a silent auction, and help us create a "Loonie Line." And, of course, there will also be many opportunities for selfies along the way.

With less than six months to go, we need your help to fill a number of key roles for the event. Whether you would like to assist with the planning, donate an item for the silent auction, or help for a few hours on the day of the event, please contact us at [cancerchase@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:cancerchase@blackburnhamlet.ca).

More details about the Cancer Chase will be available in the coming months, so watch for news in the BANAR, on the BCA Website, and on the BCA social media feeds.

*Looking forward to seeing you in September!*



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## Garlic mustard

# A woodland invader!

Laura Smith,  
BCA Environment Committee

Spring is here, and with it comes one of Ontario's most prolific invasive species – garlic mustard!

### What does it look like?

Garlic mustard grows in a two-year cycle. In year one it has wrinkled, kidney shaped leaves that grow close to the ground. In year two it sends up a tall stem with serrated, triangular leaves, topped with tiny white flowers. The best sign is smell – if you crush a young leaf and it smells like garlic, it's garlic mustard.

### What does it do?

Garlic mustard is an excellent spreader, producing thousands of seeds per year. It aggressively replaces other plants and easily hitches a ride on humans or animals. It can grow in sun or shade, and likes disturbed areas like trail edges. It leeches harmful chemicals into the soil from its roots, making it much harder for other plants to grow.

### What do you mean 'invasive'?

An invasive plant is one which is not native to the area and which is damaging to the local ecosystem. Garlic mustard is native to Europe, and was brought over by settlers as a



food source. A small patch can quickly take over an entire garden or woodland, displacing native plants such as trilliums and trout lilies. It is not a useful food source for local animals.

### Is it dangerous?

No. While the plant does contain harmful chemicals in its roots, the concentration is low. Pulling garlic mustard or handling the plant (even

the roots) is not dangerous to humans or pets.

### What should I do if I see it?

You can pull it up (the root is s-shaped – make sure to get the whole thing!). You can cut the flowering stem or remove the flowers before they go to seed. You can even mow it down! Just make sure to keep at it – it may take several years for the invasion to be reversed.

### How should I dispose of the cuttings?

Always dispose of garlic mustard in the garbage. Place the pulled plants in sealed black garbage bags and leave them in the sun for a few days before collection. Do not put it in your compost/yard waste or leave it on the ground. The seeds continue to mature after the plant has been uprooted, and can lie dormant for several years.

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Calling all Blackburn youth:

# Young helping hands for seniors

*Maureen Forsythe,  
BCA Youth Director*

Are you a young person (between 12-17 years old) living in Blackburn Hamlet who would like to give older residents in the community a helping hand with light yard work and gardening this spring and summer? If so, the BCA would love to hear from you!

In the February issue of the BANAR we invited older residents of the Hamlet who could use a young helping hand with gardening and light yard work this year to get in touch. The response was immediate and very positive! So far more than a dozen residents have reached out to register for this new youth-based volunteer service program!

If you would like to participate in this new program as a volunteer, simply



**Thomas (left) and Owen (right) Gottfried, have volunteered to lend a helping hand to seniors in the Hamlet this summer**

send an email to **youth@blackburnhamlet.ca** to register. We encourage young people to find a friend who would also like to participate so that we are mostly registering pairs of youth who would like to work together as a team. If this is not possible, you should still send an email, and we will pair you with another young person for

this program.

As part of its overall youth engagement strategy, the BCA is creating new opportunities for local youth who would like to get outdoors this spring and summer, have fun with their peers, and support older residents in the community. Volunteer hours will be credited to all young participants.

Special shout-out to Owen and Thomas Gottfried, thirteen-year-old twin brothers who attend Emily Carr Middle School, who reached out immediately to volunteer for this program when they saw the initial article in the February BANAR. In a spirit of twinship, Owen and Thomas had also jointly submitted an entry for the recent Very Short Story Competition for Youth 2022. Well done, Owen and Thomas!



# grandmas AIDing grandmas plant and garden sale

*Barbara Nolen*

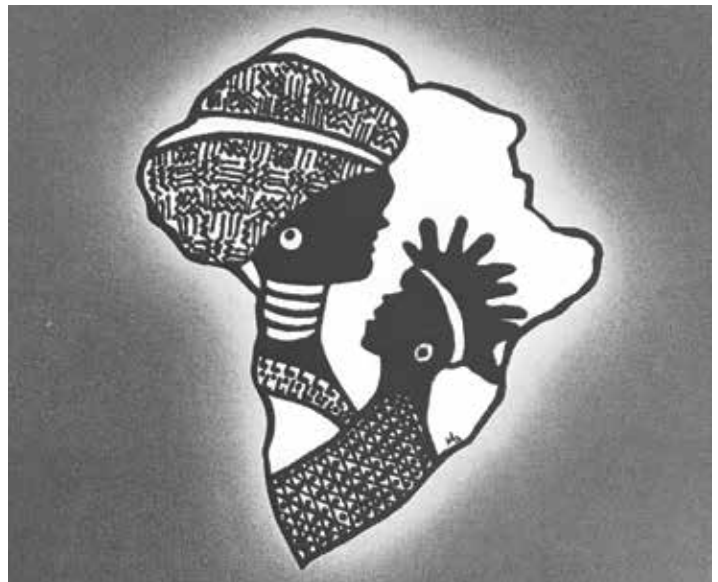
On Saturday May 28 grandmas AIDing grandmas, together with Bearbrook Retirement Residence, will be holding a plant-and-garden-themed sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the corner of Innes and Bearbrook. We will feature annuals, perennials, hostas, houseplants, crafts, baked goods and gently-used garden supplies. And a surprise raffle!

Pick up something new for your garden while supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation "Grandmothers to Grandmothers" campaign. We assist brave, determined African grandmothers caring for a generation of children orphaned by the AIDS pandemic, and now complicated by the coronavirus. Donations of plants etc. are very welcome, pickup available.

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# Blackburn Hamlet Community Garage Sale

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The Blackburn Hamlet Garage Sale is a popular BCA-organized community event which was suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and 2021. I am sure that many are looking forward to decluttering their homes after collecting much “stuff” over the last two years!

A community garage sale allows homeowners in the Hamlet to be primary vendors selling their items from their front lawns, driveways and porches. Collectively, they make one giant sale (and awesome recycling event) attracting many

people to the neighbourhood.

Hamlet residents do not need to register or sign up – simply put out a table and join in! However, in past years Lino Demasi has been kind enough to put together an unofficial map of participating houses. If you would like your house to be included on the map, please let him know at [garagesale@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:garagesale@blackburnhamlet.ca).

This year we would like to make special efforts toward environmental stewardship and the responsible, proactive disposal of left-over items. We hope to provide a drop-off point to donate to local organizations or charities for reuse or recycling. Visit the BCA website for up-to-date information as it becomes available. If you are interested in helping deliver donations, please contact us at [enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca).

## New BCA website!

In 2020, the BCA recognized that there was a pressing need to update our website in order to reflect BCA activities. From the fall of 2021 to March 2022, our dedicated volunteers, Steve Vesely and Lynn Lefevre, took on the challenge to work with the rest of the BCA board to design a new and improved website. We are happy to announce that this site was published in time for our March annual general meeting and can be viewed at <https://blackburnhamlet.ca>.

On the site you will find:

- Information about the BCA
- The work that the BCA carries out
- Information about Blackburn Hamlet (including its history)
- The Latest BCA news
- Upcoming BCA events
- Current and archive issues of the BANAR dating back to 1967!

We hope that you find the content relevant and interesting and invite you to send your feedback to [webadmin@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:webadmin@blackburnhamlet.ca) so that we can ensure the information remains relevant to our community.

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## Registration is open for the Blackburn Ladies Softball League (BLSL)

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To register, go to [blackburnladiessoftball.ca/registration](http://blackburnladiessoftball.ca/registration).

For questions, reach out to [blslvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:blslvicepresident@gmail.com)



## Love to garden?

Interested in beautifying your neighborhood? Eager to give back to the community? We would love to hear from you!

### BCA is looking for volunteers to:

- help with the maintenance and watering of gardens by the Blackburn Hamlet gateway signs and art sculpture
- assist in organizing a Blackburn in Bloom or Blackburn is Beautiful photo contest
- share garden ideas to help beautify our community

**CONTACT:**  
[beautification@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:beautification@blackburnhamlet.ca)



## Blackburn Hamlet garden tour

After a long hiatus, the Blackburn Hamlet Garden Tour is back! Calling on all gardeners to join us in showing your garden this summer, for a Blackburn Hamlet Garden Tour.

Put on your walking shoes and join us in viewing the Hamlet's gardens. The date is **July 9th and 10th 2022**. Time: 10am- 4pm.

Free, and open to all, to attend.

Those wishing to put their gardens on the tour (open to all gardens, big and small!), should contact Cynthia Hoisak at [gardentour@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:gardentour@blackburnhamlet.ca). The deadline for entries is June 15 2022.

A map of the tour will be available online and in print, at various establishments.

This year has been proclaimed: Year of the Garden 2022. Check their website for this all across Canada event at <https://livethegardenlife.gardenscanada.ca/>



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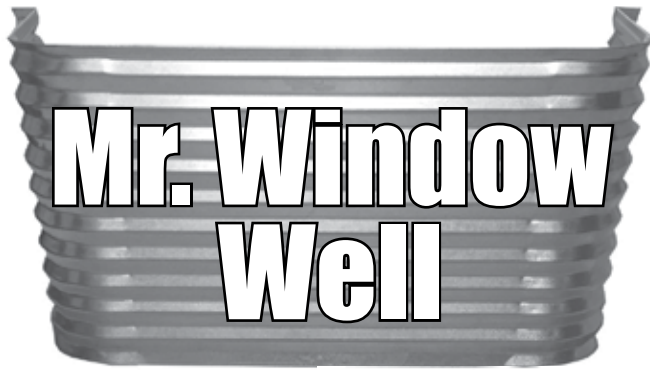
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*Brent Lawrie,  
FunFair Co-Chair  
Funfairchair@gmail.com*

We hope everyone is getting excited about the spring and Blackburn Hamlet's annual FunFair! This year we celebrate 50 years of our Blackburn FunFair, which started in 1971. Unfortunately, due to the closures over the past two years, we were not able to truly celebrate this amazing milestone, so this is the year.

Your organizing team has been working hard to put together an abundance of activities and events for the whole community to enjoy, as we celebrate our 50th FunFair. Everyone, young and old, is very anxious to get back out to celebrate our fantastic community. This year we will be going back to our roots with a throwback fair to honour our great past and how it all started. The theme of this year's fair is "The 50th" and the colour is gold. So get ready to have one of the best weekends to kick off your pre-summer festivities!

This is the tentative schedule for this year's FunFair – and there's a lot more that our great committee is working on! Planning of the event

continues, so keep checking out our FunFair web page for the latest updates, locations, and full schedule of events at: [www.blackburnfunfair.ca](http://www.blackburnfunfair.ca). For general information contact: [infoblackburnfair@gmail.com](mailto:infoblackburnfair@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3

**4 pm to 10 pm** Northern Screammers

**5 pm to dusk** Recreational Mixed Softball  
Tournament

**6 pm to 8 pm** Movie Night for the kids

**6 pm to 10:30 pm** - Craft Brew Night – with three east-Ottawa brewers and the Wild Cards big band!

**8:30 pm to 10:30 pm** Youth Fun Night  
Grounds close at **10:30 pm**

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**8 am to 10 am** Pancake Breakfast

**10 am to dusk** - Recreational Mixed Softball  
Tournament

**10 am to 10:45 am** 50th FunFair Parade

**10 am to 4:00 pm** Showcase, Used Book Sale,  
Silent Auction

**11 am to 11 pm** Activities and Games (e.g., Bingo,  
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**11 am to 3 pm** FunFair BBQ

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11 am to 4 pm Bouncy Castle  
11 am to 4 pm Dunk Tank  
11 am to 11:50 pm Stage Show (headliner: a  
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11 am to 11:50 pm Beer Garden  
12 pm to 3 pm Family game area (with prizes like  
a throwback to the original FunFair!)  
1 pm Cake-cutting ceremony  
10 pm Fireworks Show  
Grounds close at **midnight**

### SUNDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>

9 am In-person registration for Fun Run  
10 am to finish - Recreational Mixed Softball

Tournament (if necessary)  
10 am to 11 am 5K Family Fun Run  
11:15 am to 12 noon 1K Kids Fun Run  
12:30 to 1:30 pm FunFair Dog Show (presented  
by our exceptional youth volunteers)  
Grounds close at 3 pm

If you are interested in volunteering, please  
sign up at the FunFair web page or e-mail:  
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for help and new ideas.

*\*\*Please note that Bearbrook Road between  
Louis Riel High School and Innes Road, will  
be closed on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m.  
until approximately 10:45 a.m. for the FunFair  
Parade\*\**

## Blackburn FunFair stage concerts – Earlybird tickets on sale!

This year's FunFair features a lineup of  
entertainment that is not to be missed! Friday's  
entertainment begins at 6 pm along with the  
opening of the craft beer garden, and features  
the Wild Cards, a 10-piece dance band for a fun  
night of familiar tunes showcasing the vocals of  
Blackburn's own Mike Murphy and Wendy Martin.

Live entertainment and the beer garden  
continue throughout the day on Saturday. The  
Saturday evening show will start in style with  
Little Miss Taken, a local classic/new rock cover  
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### THE WILD CARDS

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Location: Main Stage  
Cost: Free

### SOS – THE ABBA EXPERIENCE WITH LITTLE MISS TAKEN

Date: June 4, 2022 • LMT – Time: 7-8 pm  
SOS – Time: 9 pm to midnight  
Location: Main Stage

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## Tree Talk

# BCA Tree Team needs your seeds!

Stephen Fanjoy

I am writing this on the UN's International Day of Forests, March 21. The UN urges everyone, including local policymakers and people like you and me, to recognize the importance of all types of forests, such as our urban forests and parklands. A simple but important way Blackburn residents can 'think globally and act locally' is by donating their native tree seeds.

In Ottawa, our urban and suburban forests provide priceless value, including carbon capture, ecological diversity, water management, summer cooling, and human health and recreational benefits. Yet even here, deforestation continues.

The BCA Tree Team works actively with other volunteer, community, public, and non-profit groups to help expand



**Flowering silver maple.**

Public domain image of a Silver Maple in flower: <https://pixnio.com/flora-plants/trees/silver-maple-tree-buds>

Ottawa's urban forests. To do this, native seedlings and saplings are needed. But, first and foremost, healthy local *seeds* are needed and there are simply not enough.

The BCA Tree Team is building a network of residents who own mature, healthy native species trees and would

like to have their seeds help grow local forests. Tree Team volunteers will coordinate with the tree owners to harvest the seeds in a convenient way while ensuring they are handled and stored to increase viability.

Our current priority is trees that will flower between April and May and produce mature seeds in June. These include Red Maple, Silver Maple, Eastern Cottonwood, Trembling Aspen, and any American Elm that have resisted our Dutch Elm Disease outbreak. We'll focus on other species as they get ready to seed later in the year.

*If you are interested in learning more or in donating seeds from your trees, please contact us at [treeteam@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:treeteam@blackburnhamlet.ca).*

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# 20<sup>th</sup> annual Blackburn Hamlet spring clean-up

Lisa Margeson

**When:** Sat. Apr. 30 9:30 a.m.  
**Rain date:** Sun. May 1 9:30 a.m.  
**Where:** Blackburn  
Community Hall  
190 Glenpark Drive

Along with many other communities in Ottawa, the Blackburn Community Association holds an annual Spring clean-up. Please volunteer to help us out. We will assign you a small area of Blackburn for litter pick-up and provide you with the necessary garbage bags and latex gloves. The litter and recyclables can be brought back to the community hall. The clean-up on April 30 runs from 9:30 to 11:30 in the morning



Blackburn residents participating in a previous spring clean up.

(rain date May 1). Volunteers are then invited to a BBQ back at the community hall (including vegetarian options) to say thanks for all your 'dirty' work.

This will be the first BCA event in Blackburn Hamlet since the COVID-19 pandemic. All local and provincial COVID-19 restrictions that are in place at the time of the event will be

followed.

Please join us, whether you're new to the community or you've lived here for years; if you're a high school student looking for volunteer hours; if you have children attending school in the area; or if you're looking to get out for fresh air and sunshine after the snow of winter has melted!

If you have any questions, contact: [cleanup@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:cleanup@blackburnhamlet.ca).

If you take any photos of the event, please Tweet them (on Twitter) with the hashtag #ThingsArePickingUp, or share them to the Blackburn Hamlet Community Association Facebook group for your chance to win a great prize!

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# Climate change and mental health

Anna-Sarah Eyrych,  
BCA Environment Climate  
Sub-Committee

**Climate change affects mental health**, as evidenced by a growing body of research. The impacts of ecological destruction and the climate crisis on mental health are becoming increasingly recognized, and are often referred to as ecological and climate grief and anxiety.

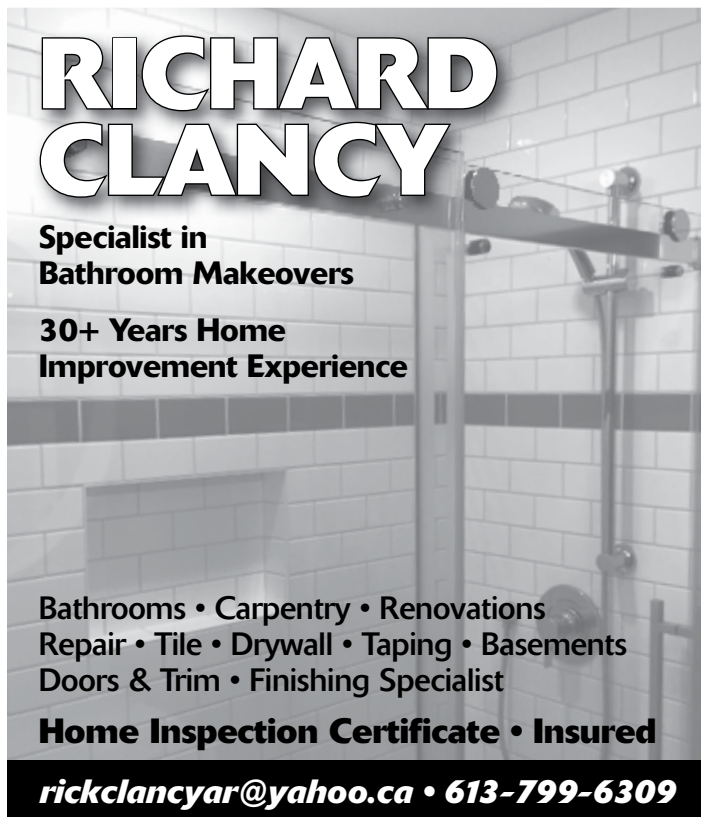
These terms describe the complex feelings related to the climate crisis, extreme weather events, and environmental destruction, including the 'general worry that stems from awareness and news of the degradation and destruction

of the environment and climate' and 'a chronic fear of environmental doom' (American Psychological Association). This can manifest in a range of emotions and, while not a mental illness in itself, these feelings can lead to very real mental health problems.

As someone who has felt despair, hopelessness, and a range of other emotions related to ecological loss and climate change, it has been immensely helpful to see a conversation emerge on climate grief and climate anxiety, and know I am not alone. Encouragingly, there is also a growing body of information on coping mechanisms. Overwhelmingly,

the recommendations include engaging in dialogue and conversation, focusing on actions you can do, and building relationships and communities. Personally, I have found these to be somewhat successful, and this is part of the motivation behind establishing the climate sub-committee on the BCA Environment committee. There is so much this community is already doing, and there is so much more we can do by working together – the possibilities are (almost) endless!

*If interested in climate issues,  
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# Metro “Out of Reach” Christmas Lifecentre food drive

*Christopher Shaeen*

From December 2 to 25, 2021, Metro stores in Ontario held their *Out of Reach* donation campaign, where they collected \$2 donations at the cash register. One hundred percent of funds raised went directly to community food banks, ensuring that all customer donations benefitted their fellow community members.

Metro matched 150K dollars in donations across Ontario, and those funds were distributed based on the percentage each store raised, and provided by way of gift cards.

Thanks to the generosity of the customers and the hard work of staff, Metro Blackburn Hamlet raised \$6,701.15, and Metro matched \$1,227.18 in gift cards, for a grand total of \$7,928.3. All funds raised went to the Lifecentre Food Bank, located just around the corner across the street from Metro Blackburn Hamlet.



**Christopher Shaeen, Metro Blackburn Hamlet, presenting the cheque and gift cards.**

The presentation of the cheque and gift cards was made on March 8 (International Women’s Day) to Julie Frereault, food bank coordinator at the Lifecentre Food Bank, and her amazing volunteers. The donation was made in the presence of Councillor Laura Dudas (our deputy mayor), along with Chelsey Wynne, her executive assistant.



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\* Ask your veterinarian about tick prevention or if the lyme vaccination is a good option for your dog.

\* There are several species of ticks. Please make sure the tick prevention you are using for your pet is effective against the Deer Tick (*Ixodes*

*Scapularis*). This tick is the one that can transmit Lyme Disease and the main one in the greater Ottawa area.

\* A good tick prevention should protect your pet for a minimum of one month against several tick species

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Emma De Roy

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But there's good news – our actions (both individually and collectively) can help improve our air quality. This is the idea behind Sierra Club Ontario's Breathe Easy project. Breathe Easy is a citizen science initiative based in Ottawa. The project has two goals – to understand local air pollution using low-cost air quality monitors, and to empower action on air pollution at all levels.

From Breathe Easy's preliminary phase, we know that outdoor air quality can vary extensively across Ottawa. Unfortunately, Ottawa's single permanent air quality monitoring station can't pick up on this variation in air pollution. That's where our project comes in – but




we need your help! You can get involved in the project by becoming an ambassador or air-quality sampler.

We are always looking to involve more people in the community to help you, your friends, and your family breathe easier!

Learn more at:

[www.sierraclub.ca/breatheeasy-campaign](http://www.sierraclub.ca/breatheeasy-campaign)

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# BCA Spring Poetry Prize!

Theme: "finding beauty in unexpected places"



Who: Youth ages 10-14, who live or attend school in Blackburn Hamlet

What: An original, unpublished poem in rhyming verse, up to 160 words, that reflects the theme above

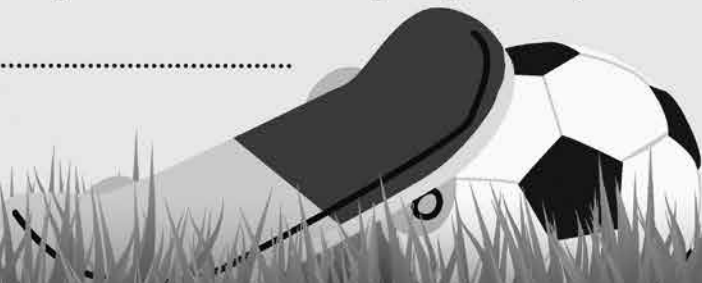
Deadline: April 27th, 2022

Prizes: 1st place - \$100

3 Finalists - \$50 each

The winning poems will be published in the BANAR!


Submit your poem as a PDF file by email to [youth@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:youth@blackburnhamlet.ca). The file should be named as follows: *FirstName\_LastName\_NameofSchool\_CurrentAge* (e.g. *Sara\_Smith\_EmilyCarr\_age10*). Don't forget that the title of your poem is part of the poem.





# Prix de poésie du printemps ACB!

Thème: "trouver la beauté dans des endroits inattendus"



Qui: Les jeunes âgés de 10 à 14 ans, qui vivent ou vont à l'école à Blackburn Hamlet

Quoi: Un poème original et inédit en vers rimés, jusqu'à 160 mots, qui reflète le thème ci-dessus

Date Limite: 27 avril 2022

Prix: 1ère place - 100\$

3 Finalistes - 50\$ chacun

Les poèmes gagnants seront publiés dans le BANAR !

Soumettez votre poème sous forme de PDF par courriel à [youth@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:youth@blackburnhamlet.ca). Le document doit être nommé comme suit : Prénom\_NomDeFamille\_NomDeTonÉcole\_Âge (par exemple, Sara\_Smith\_EmilyCarr\_10ans). N'oubliez pas que le titre de votre poème fait partie du poème.

# Plant Swap & Sale for Glen Ogilvie!

You're invited to a Plant Swap & Sale to raise money for Glen Ogilvie school! Do you have hostas that need splitting? Houseplants that need a new home? Way too many irises? We'll take them off your hands for a good cause!

## How does it work?

Blackburn Hamlet gardeners are invited to donate extra, crowded, or unwanted plants from their homes, yards, and gardens, and trade up for new ones at a suggested donation of \$2-\$5 per plant (cash only). All money raised will go toward improving equipment and programs at Glen Ogilvie School.

## When and where

The Plant Swap & Sale will take place rain or shine on Saturday, May 21, 8 am to 12 pm, at 46 Centrepark Dr., in the sunken garden area in front of the school.

If you have plants you'd like to donate but can't make it on Saturday, please contact Laura at



GlenOplantfundraiser@gmail.com to arrange to drop off ahead of time. If you don't have plants to bring but would still like to purchase or make a donation to support the school, you are more than welcome!

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# Valentine's Day poetry event in the park

by Maureen Forsythe, BCA Youth Director



## Canada Day volunteer needed

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If interested please contact  
[president@blackburnhamlet.ca](mailto:president@blackburnhamlet.ca)

On the afternoon of Saturday, February 12, despite frigid temperatures, a few local youth in our neighbourhood gathered outdoors near the community hall to celebrate Valentine's Day and the love of poetry, to read and present poems, and to have fun. All of the participants attend Emily Carr Middle School.

The event kicked off with a scavenger hunt along the wood line of the soccer field, with participants retrieving hidden chocolate treasures and Valentine's jokes in two parts, and then matching jokes with answers. To keep from freezing everyone tried to keep moving and enjoyed steaming hot chocolate from a thermos.

Standing in a circle, and sometimes on a picnic table, participants read a selection of poems, including "Introduction to Poetry" by Billy Collins and "Windows" by Bob Quigley. Special shout-out to Nura Rowhani who read a beautiful poem that she wrote about her own mother!

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