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BLACKBURN FUNFAIR JUNE 2 TO 4, 2023

There's plenty to see and do at the 2023 Blackburn FunFair! Admission to the fairgrounds is free, so come on by and check out what we have to offer!

See page 22 for more information.

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- Jed the Mechanical Bull
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- Kids Movie Night
- Fantastic Fireworks Display
- "Healthcare Heroes" Themed Parade down Bearbrook Rd
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- The 5k & 1k Fun Run
- An Adorable Dog Show!

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Check out the FunFair web page at, www.blackburnfunfair.ca, for schedule updates, music line-up and live updates, as well as registration for the Fun Run, Volleyball Tournament and to volunteer.

See all of you at the FunFair!

*Brent Lawrie, Chair, Funfairchair@Gmail.com
and Nina Ryan, BCA and FunFair Communications*

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President's message

As we move into the heart of summer, it's important to reflect on the successful events we've had so far in Blackburn Hamlet, and look ahead to the exciting events still to come. The recent Spring Clean-Up and Community Garage Sale were both resounding successes, and we're gearing up for the FunFair in June and Garden Tour in July among many other events.

The Spring Clean-Up saw our community turn up on Saturday morning to help tidy up our community. It is wonderful to see the effort and dedication shown by the community to help make Blackburn Hamlet a cleaner, more beautiful place to live. We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated in this event. It was truly inspiring to see so many people come together to make a positive difference.

The Community Garage Sale was also a great success, with many residents taking the opportunity to declutter their homes and sell items they no longer needed. It was a great chance to connect with neighbors and find some great deals, all while reducing waste and promoting sustainability.

Looking ahead, the Blackburn Hamlet FunFair is just around the corner. On June 2nd to 4th, we'll be gathering at the Community Hall for a day of games, food, and entertainment. It promises to be a fun-filled day for the whole family, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

In July, we have the return of the Garden Tour taking place from July 8th and 9th. This event is a chance for residents to show off their beautiful gardens and share tips and inspiration with other gardeners in the community. We encourage all residents with beautiful gardens to participate in this event and showcase the beauty of our community.

Blackburn Hamlet has had a fantastic spring and we're looking forward to a fun-filled summer. We want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and energy to help make these events possible, and encourage more residents to get involved with the BCA and help make our community an even better place to live.

Mark Lister
BCA President

Volunteers Wanted!

Join our Watering Crew 2023 and help keep our Blackburn Hamlet Gateway gardens alive and in bloom!
beautification@blackburnhamlet.ca
for more information.

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Board meetings

The BCA is a grassroots volunteer-run organization that supports and advocates on behalf of residents, businesses and groups in Blackburn Hamlet, Ottawa, Canada.

The BCA Board meets 9 times a year on the 3rd Thursday of the month (January-June & September-November) from 7:30pm to 10pm. Board meetings have been held virtually since March 2020. Meetings are open to Blackburn Hamlet residents. Contact secretary@blackburnhamlet.ca for the Zoom credentials.

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 June 15, 2023

BANAR delivery routes

Did you know that people of all ages can earn money delivering the BANAR? Currently, all the BANAR routes are filled, but individuals who are interested in future routes can join the waitlist to take over the delivery of routes when they become available.

Those interested in future routes can email BANAR@blackburnhamlet.ca to join the waitlist.

BCA Membership!

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Your \$10 annual membership helps support BCA activities such as the BANAR, representation to various levels of government, Fun Fair, Hockey Day, Canada Day, Santa's Breakfast, as well as numerous initiatives for youth, seniors and local groups. One membership covers 2 adults and their dependents living at the same address. Please either fill out and mail this form or provide the same information in an email to membership@blackburnhamlet.ca.

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PHONE(S): _____

EMAIL(S): _____

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Add to BCA critical/emergency issue texting distribution:
Yes No

Add to BCA volunteer list: Yes No

PAYMENT METHOD:

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P.O. Box 47062, Ottawa, ON. K1B 5B0

E-Transfer to treasurer@blackburnhamlet.ca. Remember to include your name and email or phone in the memo field.

All memberships expire on June 30 each year.



The BANAR is published and delivered 5 times a year to Blackburn homes and businesses to celebrate community and provide information on local programs and events (circulation 3,500).

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June BANAR Deadline: July 27, 2023

June BANAR Delivery: August 19, 2023

For BCA updates go to BlackburnHamlet.ca

BCA Board meeting highlights April 2023

Highlights from recent BCA Board meetings discussions include:

- We have been advised by the City of Ottawa that the Lois Kemp Arena Parking Lot pavement has deficiencies and will need to be replaced soon. Timing of this work is being negotiated with the paving contractor.
- The City of Ottawa will be increasing the height of the fencing around the baseball diamond that is beside the Lois Kemp Arena. Work will commence after the baseball season ends in early September and substantial completion is anticipated by the end of November.
- Our Director of Safety, Don Kelly, has agreed to take the lead on establishing a Community Emergency Plan to improve our response and support of our residents during emergencies, such as this year's Ice Storm and last year's Derecho.
- Barbara Whittaker has taken over the BCA Seniors portfolio and is developing a program to be reviewed at the next board meeting.
- The contract for keeping our Parks clean has been finalized and will run from mid-May to early September.

More details can be found in the BCA Meeting Minutes on our website at <https://blackburnhamlet.ca/about/meeting-minutes/>

OC Transpo route review

Councillor Laura Dudas

This year, OC Transpo is undertaking a detailed, City-wide, transit service review. This review is required to reflect changing ridership, specifically, the impact of hybrid work, and the upcoming Stage 2 LRT extensions. This will be a review of the entire transit system and include all bus routes.

Ottawa residents are being asked to share their thoughts with OC Transpo staff, as they begin planning and building this new transit network. This is the opportunity for us as residents to share our suggestions, concerns, and experiences using the bus system. As well, for OC Transpo to re-think how routes are moving people through our community. In particular, how we connect with the expanded LRT and the new stations and hubs.

For so long, our bus routes were centered on moving Orléans commuters to their work downtown; even at the expense of our ability to move about locally in the community. This is our chance to help build a bus network that works for us.



As of April, city-wide consultations have been taking place, with both in-person and online opportunities for feedback. It is imperative that Blackburn Hamlet residents have every opportunity to be heard. This feedback is important, as OC Transpo is building the plan for the future transit network to share with the public as early as the end of this year.

Be sure to share your suggestions. This will be one of the most massive changes to the OC Transpo bus network in its history. For more information about the project and to participate in the engagement opportunities, visit <https://www.octranspo.com/en/news/article/bus-route-review/>.

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Join us for the Blackburn Seniors (55+) Breakfast Get-together!

Barbara Whittaker, BCA Seniors Director

In February, Blackburn Hamlet resident Shirley Sheppard posted a message on the community social media group inviting seniors to meet for breakfast at Olitos Café on March 1. What a great way to support local business and provide an opportunity for seniors to connect!

The participants had a great experience and decided to make the breakfast a recurring event, meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. The April 5 ice storm, however, had other ideas, and forced the group to postpone April's breakfast by a week.

As their usual location had ceased serving breakfast, the May gathering was moved to Broadway Bar & Grill on Orleans Boulevard. It had a large breakfast selection and a quiet room where the participants could chat and share stories. Those attending also got to hear about all of the great Blackburn Hamlet community events happening in May.

Going forward, the breakfasts will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at Broadway's. Watch for messages on the BCA website and Facebook page, and for posters at Metro for more information.



**If you are 55 or over,
like breakfast and want to
meet new friends, please join us
in June:**

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A cleaner Blackburn

The success of Spring Clean Up Day

Lisa Margeson, BCA Treasurer

A big thanks to the participants in the 2023 Spring Clean-Up day! You made a very noticeable improvement in the Hamlet's appearance. Despite a forecast of rain, over 160 individuals, young and not-so-young, participated in collecting garbage in each of the parks in Blackburn, the sides of Innes, Cleroux, Tauvette and Glen Park, the parking lots of the three malls and the

big forested area both south and northwest of Blackburn. Included in the "findings" were several tires, barbed wire, poles, folding chairs, a trombone mouth-piece and a very old street sign. Thanks to Christine Bussieres, Tim Hortons, Shoppers Drug Mart and Metro for donations towards the barbecue for the participants. The city of Ottawa provided some garbage bags and plastic gloves through their Cleaning the Capital Program. Let's keep up the clean look!

Hello spring! Poetry prize winners

*By Maureen Forsythe,
BCA Youth Director*

Since the fall of 2021, the BCA has been organizing a series of writing contests for Blackburn youth. In April 2023, the BCA invited local youth aged nine to fifteen to write a poem about *finding joy in the present moment*.

We received eight eligible submissions. Each submission was written in English. Congratulations to all of the young people who found time to hone their creative

writing skills and submit a poem!

We are very happy to announce that the first place winner of the Hello Spring! Poetry Prize for Youth is **Chloe Tang** for her poem "Wasteland Suburbia". Chloe, who is fourteen and attends Emily Carr Middle School, will receive the top cash prize of \$150.

We are also pleased to announce the following winning poems: "Joy in Strange Places" by **Theodore Giles** and "When She Looks Up At The Sky" by **Theia Taylor**. Theo-

dore is ten years old and attends Good Shepherd Catholic School and Theia, aged 13, attends Emily Carr Middle School. Each of these aspiring young poets will receive a cash prize of \$75.

Each poem was reviewed and scored by David Taylor, an artist and published poet who lives in Adelaide, Australia. His first short book of poetry (chapbook) "Life Scraps" was published by Picaro Poets, an imprint of Ginninderra Press.

Read the poems on page 11.

Winning poetry contest poems

WASTELAND SUBURBIA

by Chloe Tang

Scene; wasteland suburbia.
Dead trees strain to touch the top of the sky
Stagnant desperation of diseased arteries.

Light chokes the black sky
Feral scrabbling with bloody claws,
Foaming spittle flying at nothing.

Like saliva, it begins to rain;
Raging thin drops dissipating on impact.
Bleach stripping the earth to its bones,
Because the stars will not be put down without a fight.

It will rain for hours.
Lightning spotlights the torrent from the sky
More than a few veins burst.

In the morning, the sun will rise.
This is a direct contradiction and infallible proof of the
previous night.

Grey dawn delivers spring regardless
Fresh decay of the long-dead feeds the petrichor in the air.

A branch snaps off a tree
Hanging only from the skin of its jagged teeth,
The arteries seek the ground now.

Allow lingering dirt into the grooves of your fingers
The smell of glorious survival into your mouth
The sun stains the sky around it in iridescent bruises,
Should it be seen with open eyes.

The porch is soaking wet.
Indulge in it anyway.

JOY IN STRANGE PLACES

by Theodore Giles

Winter is a time of decay.
Spring brushes the snow away.
It turns rubble into something you've never seen before;
It looks like things from legends and lore.
Even in the cut down trees,
You can find creatures like birds and bees.
The rain brings flowers in all colours.
And look, here comes butterflies that flutter!
Every spring, I go outside and see all the nature.
Joy creeps up on you in the strangest of places.

WHEN SHE LOOKS UP AT THE SKY

by Theia Taylor

Always caught up
In the future
Or the past

What's to come
Where everything is from

How her life will change
How it'll stay the same

But someday she'll look up at the sky
And realise
That there may be no future
Nor any past

And when she looks up
At the stars and the clouds
She'll want to live
In what she feels today
In her bones and in her brain
And love every part of the world
The muck on the ground and the warmth of the air
Humanity and everything that is not fair

Because if you're all caught up
In the future
Or the past
You'll never be able to hold onto
What actually lasts

Blackburn Birthday Bash 2023

By Maureen Forsythe, BCA Youth Director

On Saturday May 13 twelve local youth, ranging in age from 9 to 14, participated in the first-ever Blackburn Birthday Bash event which was held in the park beside the Community Hall. Everyone got a chance to get to know one another (and win prizes) through an energizing game of 'line up in the order of...'. Participants played frisbee, searched for giant chocolate toonies in a nature scavenger hunt, enjoyed a game of truly crazy baseball and tried to stay dry during a game of spray bottle tag. There was just enough time for a final game of gift grab before everyone enjoyed chocolate cupcakes and drinks and collected a treat bag to bring home.



What's happening at the Blackburn Hamlet Library

Did you know that if you live in Ottawa you can get a FREE library card and have access to all our amazing programs and services?

TD Summer Reading Club: Sign up your school-age child and explore all the great resources we

have to keep kids entertained this summer. Launches June 12.

Blackburn Hamlet Book Chat: Meets in branch the third Monday of the month at 2 p.m.
June 19: *A Nearly Normal Family* by M.T. Edvardsson

Spanish for Beginners: Hola!

Auramarina Sawyer from Spanish-2Go is offering beginner evening classes to help get you started! June 13, July 11 at 7 p.m. Register online.

Let's Talk About Money!!! A CPA is coming to talk about finances in retirement. May 29 at 2 p.m. Register online or through InfoService 613-580-2940

Social Hour: Last Monday of the month, 10:30 a.m. Grab a coffee and a crossword or have a chat with the neighbours. Bring your own mug!

Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Book Sale: Come explore the shelves of Mille Feuilles at the Blackburn Hamlet branch. Books, music, and DVDs are available for children, teens and adults in both English and French. Prices range from 50 cents to \$3. It's a bargain!

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SAFETY TIPS FROM THE OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE:

Motorists

- Be prepared to share the road with cyclists – they have the right to occupy a lane
- Give cyclists one metre when passing
- Know the hand signals used by cyclists
- Review the rules of motorists for bike lanes

Cyclists

- Use hand signals to let others know what you are doing and where you are going
- Follow all laws with respect to roadways, sidewalks and pathways

- Ensure your bicycle is equipped with a bell and lights
- Consider installing a mirror on your bike
- Always be situationally aware of what is going on around you

Motorcyclists:

- Re-familiarize yourself with the roads. Enhance your skills by practicing first in a vacant parking lot. Try slow-speed manoeuvres, quick braking, and swerves
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La sûreté routière

Don Kelly, BCA Safety

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- Apprenez les signes de la main employés par les cyclistes
- Revoyez les règles portant sur les voies cyclables

Cyclistes

- Employez les signes de la main pour indiquer vos intentions aux autres usagers de la route
- Respectez toutes les lois relatives à la chaussée, aux trottoirs et aux sentiers
- Assurez-vous que votre bicyclette soit munie d'une clochette, de réflecteurs et d'un phare
- Soyez attentif à ce qui se passe autour de vous

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HOME INSPECTION NIGHT

Date: June 8, 2023

Time: 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Blackburn Community Centre

To register:

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Don Kelly & Brad Hampson

Did you forget to stop the mail when you went on vacation?

Do you have an abundance of bush growth around your home?

These could be incentives for

criminal activity.

The BCA, in cooperation with Ottawa Police Services (OPS), is having a Home Inspection Night where residents can learn how to enhance the security of their home from the experts. Constable Marc Leroux and his team will conduct the presentation.

The presentation is based on the principles of crime prevention, which balance risks and choices, assessing what is practical and what we know about criminal behavior.

The discussions will look at a variety of those issues that can increase your chances of having criminal activity, such as exterior doors, garage and sliding doors, and protecting your windows. What is your lighting system? Do you have an alarm? Is your personal property identified?

The presentation will also feature products recommended by OPS to enhance your home safety, such as patio and window locks and door lock bolts.

Rain Barrel Fundraiser!

Miriam Hampson

The BCA Beautification Team is in planning mode and we need your help! Purchase a rain barrel through our affiliated fundraiser to support the environment and development of our gateway gardens.

Purchase a rain barrel before June 16 and harvest the rain!

Rain barrels can be delivered

right to your door or picked up at the Community Hall on June 22.

With our recent issues with flooding and frequent weather storms, rain conservation and water management are important considerations. Instead of using city water for your gardens, rain water is free, has no chlorine and helps reduce the loading of the city's water infrastructure. We can conserve and use

this precious resource to become more sustainable, helping our ecosystem thrive and adapt to rising temperatures.

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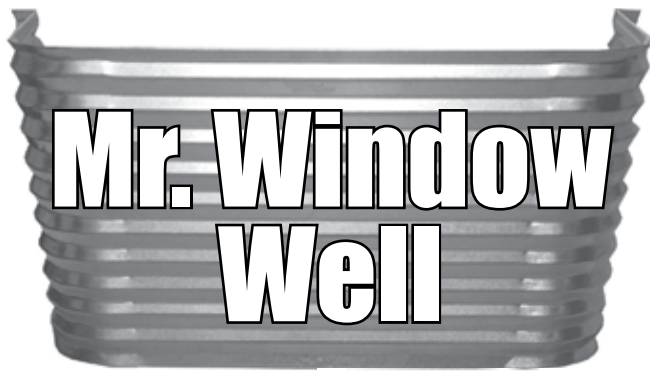
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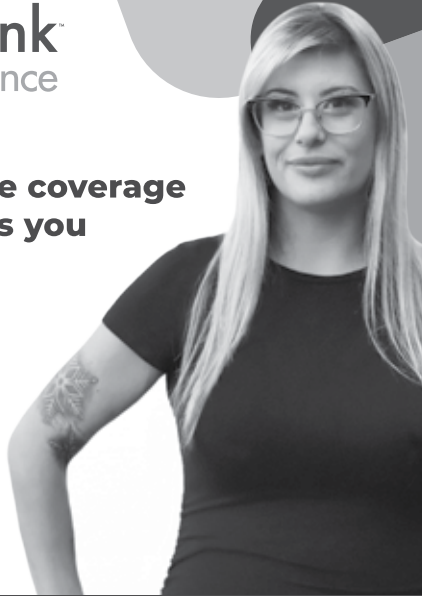


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Blackburn Hamlet Garden Tour 2023

Date: July 8 and 9

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Gardens throughout Blackburn

Time is drawing near for this year's garden tour! Last year, there were 16 gardens on the tour, and we are hoping to having many new gardens this year! Plan a day with family and friends to come and visit the gardens, get ideas, share your knowledge, and be amazed as to what your neighbours have been up to in their gardens.

Those interested in putting their gardens on the tour, both front and back, or just one of them, should contact Cynthia Hoisak at 613-799-9514 or gardentour@blackburnhamlet.ca

The tour is free, and a map is provided for self-guided tours. Flyers, maps and street signage will be available closer to the event.

Visit www.blackburnhamlet.ca for details



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Chère Planète Terre, Je voulais te remercier pour les gens dans notre communauté!

Sarah Morgan-White,
BCA Environment Director

Félicitations à Audrey Larue-Bruneau qui a gagné la carte cadeau de 50\$ de Métro pour sa participation dans le Concours de coloriage pour le Jour de la Terre. Lorsque je lui ai demandé ce qu'elle envisageait acheter avec sa carte cadeau, Audrey a indiqué qu'elle allait acheter 10\$ de Popsicles et avec le reste acheter de la nourriture pour la banque alimentaire. Quel beau geste!

J'aimerais remercier Sarah, la gestionnaire de Métro pour le don de la carte cadeau ainsi que le personnel du Métro et Julie de la bibliothèque publique (succursale the Blackburn Hamlet) pour leur aide à faciliter ce concours! Certains dessins seront affichés à la bibliothèque



publique – succursale de Blackburn Hamlet et au Métro (Blackburn Hamlet) pour une courte durée. Prenez le temps d'aller voir ces beaux chefs d'œuvres! Merci à tous ceux qui ont participé!

Dear Planet Earth, I just wanted to thank you for the people in our community!

Congratulations to Audrey Larue-

Bruneau who won the \$50 Metro Gift Card for participating in the Earth Day colouring contest! When asked what she intends to buy with her gift card, Audrey said she intends to buy \$10 worth of popsicles and with the balance, buy food for the food bank. What a beautiful gesture!

A very special thanks to Metro's manager Sarah who donated the \$50 gift card, to Metro staff, and Julie from the Ottawa Public Library (Blackburn Hamlet branch) for their help with the contest! Selected drawings will be on display at the Ottawa Public Library (Blackburn Hamlet branch) and Metro (Blackburn) for a short period. Please take the time to see them, they are quite beautiful! Thanks again to everyone who participated!

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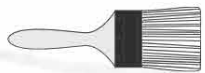
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Attention Young Mural Artists

The Blackburn Community Association (BCA) is looking for local **youth** to work with **artist Dan Martelock** to create a **brand new mural** in our community!



WHAT: The chance to brainstorm and work with an established mural artist on a **new mural** to be painted on the side of the **Blackburn Arena** during **August 2023**.



WHO CAN APPLY:
Youth ages 12-17 who live in Blackburn Hamlet.



WHEN: Initial brainstorming session with artist Dan Martelock to be held in person outdoors by the Community Hall on **July 10, 2023 at 2pm**. The actual painting of the mural will be done over an estimated **1-2 day period starting at 9am August 7, 2023**.



HOW: If you are interested in being part of the mural painting team, please send an email to **youth@blackburnhamlet.ca** as **soon as possible** (ideally before June 23rd). Please put **"Mural Applicant"** in the title of the email. Up to **twenty participants** will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.



WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU: You will help determine what kind of mural design is chosen. You will work with an established local mural artist. **Pizza & drinks will be provided** each day during the painting of the mural. All paints and supplies, including masks and hand sanitizer, will also be provided.

Spring Community Closet a success!

Sarah Morgan-White, BCA Environment Director

We held our second Community Closet on April 15. It was again an overwhelming success. We had over 350 attendees at the community closet, and so many volunteers! This event would not have been possible without the help of Jenny, Angie and Robyn who were instrumental in organizing the event, washing the clothing as well as coordinating and rallying volunteers! A very special thanks to them! Of course, a huge thanks to all our volunteers who helped in various capacities on Friday and Saturday! Either loading and bringing the clothing to the hall on Friday night; setting up or packing away the tables; picking up lunch; blowing balloons for kids; helping Friday night to unpack and lay out the clothing; helping shoppers on Saturday find their special “new to them” clothing, continuously folding the clothing through the day on Saturday, and packing up the left-over clothing and delivering it to Dress for Success and Salvation Army at the end of the day. A very special thanks to Sonia, whose skill and stamina, as well as connection with Dress for Success, have helped in our continuing success! Finally a special thanks to (in no particular order): Rita, Amelia, Linda, Brody, Valerie, Maggie, Auramarina, Aaron, Irene, Rachel, Bob, Aline, Steve, Julie, Greg, Emma, Alexandre, Theodore, Kevin, Nina, Noel, Kathy, Marie, Katharina, Kendra, Ben, Leslie, Brian and Liz. Thank you to those who lent us clothing racks for our event:



Sonia, Madeleine, and the Pineview Community Association. Thank you to Valerie for donating a clothing rack to our event. Finally, thank you to all of you who donated clothing, this event would not have been possible without you! We look forward to holding this event again next spring!

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June 2nd to 4th

FRIDAY JUNE 2

4 pm to 10 pm – Fair Opens – Blackburn Park grounds

5:30 to 6 pm – Mojo Magic Show – Arena

6 to 8 pm – Movie Night – Arena (check website for this year's movie)

5 to 10 pm – Craft Brew Night – Beer Gardens – no cover!

7 to 10 pm – 'Soul Motion' – Stage behind Community Centre

Grounds close at 10 pm, Beer Gardens close at 10:30 pm

SATURDAY JUNE 3

8 to 10 am – Pancake Breakfast – Community Centre

10 am to 10:45 am – FunFair Parade honouring our Healthcare Heroes – Bearbrook Road **Please note the street closures.*

10 am to 4 pm – Showcase – Arena

10 am to 3:30 pm – Used Book Sale – Arena

10 am to 3:30 pm – Silent Auction – Arena

11 am to 4 pm – Mixed Volleyball Tournament – Soccer Field

11 am to 8 pm FunFair Games – South side of arena – Duck Pond, Plinko, Toilet Bowl Toss, Ring Toss, Clothes Pin Drop

11 am to 3 pm FunFair BBQ – near Community Centre

11 am to noon, 1 to 2 pm, and 3 to 4 pm – Ray's Reptiles, Arena

11 am to 3 pm – Fruit Stand – west of Community Centre

11 am to 4 pm – Bouncy Castle – Arena

11 am to 4 pm – Dunk Tank – west of Community Centre

11 am to 7 pm – Face Painting – east of Community Centre

11 am to 5 pm – Free Live Entertainment – Stage behind Community Centre

11 am to 6 pm – Beer Garden – behind Community Centre (**closes at 6 pm to set up for the main attraction)

Mojo Magic Show, three shows – check website for scheduled times

1 pm – Cake cutting ceremony – Beer garden

1 to 4 pm – Field Games featuring: hoola hoops, three-legged race, basketball throw, egg race (ping pong balls), parent-child race, life ring toss – Soccer Field

6 to 9 pm Jed The Mechanical Bull – Parking lot beside Community Hall

7 to **11:45 pm – Beer Garden – featuring Little Miss Taken and main attraction, Ambush – behind Community Centre (Tickets are \$25)

10 pm – Fireworks Show – Blackburn park baseball diamond

Grounds close at 10 pm, beer gardens at 11:30 pm

SUNDAY JUNE 4

8:45 – am In-person registration for Fun Run – Community Centre

9 to 10 am – 5K Family Fun Run/Walk – main field (check Fun Run webpage for route and registration)

10:15 to 10:30 am 1K Kids Fun Run/Walk – main field (check Fun Run webpage for route)

10 am to 3 pm – Showcase – Arena

10 am to 3 pm – Used Book Sale – Arena

11 am to 3 pm Main Attractions – main grounds Mojo Magic Show, two shows, please check website for scheduled times,

1:00 pm FunFair Dog Show – Ball Diamond

Like last year, we will have a lot of great events and attractions to enjoy-as well as many delicious food options! Tickets can be purchased on the fairgrounds when you arrive, for \$1 each. Use these tickets to access the attractions and events of your choice! We accept CASH-ONLY (nearby debit machines can be found at the shopping plaza); these tickets cannot be purchased online or in advance. Sorry, no refunds. Please note that there won't be any amusement park rides or midway games at the Blackburn FunFair.

*****Please respect the posted hours of the beer gardens as we need to adhere to our permit allowances.*****

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For osteoarthritis pain there has been great results with our feline friends using this monthly injection. A lot of senior cats are regaining mobility and are happier and more comfortable in their senior years. Excitingly the dog version of this injection just got approved in Canada this year (was already available in the UK and United States). Ask your veterinarian if you think your pet suffers from osteoarthritis or allergies and if he would benefit from this new technology.

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- Parks Cleanup
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- Community Closet
- Garage Sale
- Youth Events
- Neighbourhood Watch
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- Email us at info@blackburnhamlet.ca to find out more about how you can help!

BCA bike corner – Let's bike ride

Don Kelly & Robert Bellizzi

Date: June 10, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Blackburn Community Centre and ride down Bearbrook

To register:
safety@blackburnhamlet.ca

In cooperation with Ottawa Police Services (OPS), the BCA is having a day of information and fun for cyclists – whether experienced or just learning this healthy and liberating activity. The event will have three parts:

1. Bike information session

The main presentation, by the Ottawa Police Instructor on Bike Safety, will focus on safe riding strategies and the laws of bike riding. Another OPS department, as part of the 529 Garage Program, will show riders how to effectively protect your bike from theft.

Also attending will be Safer Roads Ottawa (SRO) and Bike Ottawa. SRO is a community partnership committed to preventing or eliminating road deaths and serious injuries in the City of Ottawa. Bike Ottawa is a not-for-profit, membership-based organization committed to fostering an environment where inclusion, equity and diversity are valued and respected. Active transportation benefits us all, collectively and individually, economically and from an environmental and health perspective.

2. Safety demonstration:

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Visit www.lafarge.ca/cycling-safety to learn more about Lafarge Canada Inc.'s approach to

promoting safe cycling.

3. Bike ride through the community.

Ottawa Police will lead our group down Bearbrook to Montreal Road. The group will be instructed on effective bike riding strategies when meeting and passing other vehicles, positioning on the roadway, and proper bike riding signalling. The ride back to the Community Center will be via the NCC Trail System.

Refreshments will be available.

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10 am - 4 pm



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CANCER CHASE 2023

Don Kelly, Chair, Cancer Chase

Efforts are underway for the BCA to hold their annual Cancer Chase event. This event raises funds for The Ottawa Hospital (TOH) in the pursuit of eliminating cancer – a disease that has affected so many of our families. The cancer research facility at TOH requires a great amount of financial support toward which our community has been most generous in previous years.

Unfortunately, due to logistical and liability issues, the BCA is no longer able to hold their event at the Hornet's Nest and NCC property. Due to the size of the area required for our event we will be unable to hold the event in the Hamlet. The new site will be in Orleans and will be a partnership with another community. This new partnership will allow us to build upon the solid foundation that we have developed over the years and allow expansion for opportunities of new growth.

The event will still have the 5K Walk/Run/Rolling activity, but this year it will be along the scenic Ottawa River. As well as a silent auction and a variety of fun



filled family activities, including the Selfie Station, the Loonie Line and Treasure Island.

The success of the Cancer Chase has always been the strong and dynamic contributions of our volunteers. We hope to continue to have this essential support again this year. To assist us in this life-changing effort, please email safety@blackburnhamlet.ca. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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