



2025



*Annual Report  
to the Community*

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# 2025 Board Members & Chairs



<b>Executive</b>		<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
President	Jeff Miller	BANAR	Jaclyn O'Shaughnessy
Vice President	Brent Lawrie	Community Hall	Tammy Bedard
Secretary	Lynn Lefevre	Rinks	Mark Lister
Treasurer	Lisa Margeson	Website	Steve Vesely & Lynn Lefevre
<b>Director Portfolios</b>		<b>Events</b>	
Accessibility and Transit	Kyle Humphrey	Bike Rodeo	Don Kelly
Beautification	Miriam Hampson	Cancer Chase	David Purchase
Communications	Nina Ryan	Christmas Market	Don Kelly
Community Relations	David Purchase	Community Closet	Camille-Emmanuelle Purchase
Community Safety	Don Kelly	Discovery Café	Barbara Whittaker
Environment	Camille-Emmanuelle Purchase	Fun Fair Chaor	Steve Vesely
E-Newsletter	Lynn Lefevre	Garage Sale	Lynn Lefevre
Facilities and Operations	Brent Lawrie	Garden Tour	Cynthia Hoisak & Miriam Hampson
Membership	Barbara Whittaker	Hockey Day	Don Kelly
Parks	Brent Lawrie	Santa's Pancake Breakfast	Don Kelly
Seniors	Shirley Sheppard	Spring Cleanup	Camille-Emmanuelle Purchase
Social Media	Satinder Sahota	Volunteer Appreciation	Don Kelly & Brent Lawrie
Transportation	Robert Long		
Youth	Mélanie Mathieu		





# 2025 Events



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- Outdoor Rinks
- Youth Basketball
- Seniors Lunch
- Discovery Café
- Youth Pyjama Party



### JANUARY

- Seniors Breakfast
- sARTurday Art Session
- Winter Carnival
- Hockey Day
- Youth Sewing
- Neighbourhood Watch

### FEBRUARY



- Seniors Breakfast
- Seniors Winter Social
- BCA AGM
- First Aid Course
- Youth Sewing
- Youth Spring Fling
- Discovery Café



### MARCH

- Youth Comic Contest
- Seniors Breakfast
- Community Closet
- Youth Sewing
- Seniors Walk-and-Talk
- Discovery Café
- Spring Clean-up

### APRIL



- Kids Colouring Contest
- Community Garage Sale
- Seniors Breakfast
- Seniors Walk-and-Talk
- sARTurday Art Session
- Youth Board Games
- Discovery Café
- Youth Home Alone Course
- Youth Sewing



### MAY

- Blackburn FunFair
- Seniors Breakfast
- Seniors Walk-and-Talk
- Youth Art in the Park
- Crime Stoppers
- Seniors Lunch
- First Aid Course
- Seniors Summer Social

### JUNE



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- Seniors Breakfast
- Garden Tour



### JULY



### AUGUST

- Youth Summer Bash
- Seniors Breakfast

- Seniors Breakfast
- Seniors Walk-and-Talk
- Volunteer Appreciation
- Heart-Valve Screening
- Discovery Café
- Cancer Chase



### SEPTEMBER



- Seniors Breakfast
- Friendsgiving Potluck
- Seniors Walk-and-Talk
- Teddy Bear Picnic for CHEO
- Community Closet
- Discovery Café

### OCTOBER

- Youth Short Story Contest
- Youth Halloween Parties
- Seniors Breakfast
- Christmas Market
- Seniors Walk-and-Talk
- Seniors Lunch
- Discovery Café
- Dance-a-thon Food Drive



### NOVEMBER



- Seniors Breakfast
- Santa's Pancake Breakfast
- Community Christmas Tree
- Youth Arts and Crafts
- Seniors Christmas Dinner
- Family Pizza & Movie Night
- Kids Bingo
- Youth Games Night

### DECEMBER





## 2025 Event Highlights

The BCA held a record 70 community events throughout 2025. This includes:

- 19 events for Kids and Youth and 23 activities for Seniors
- Seven Discovery Café sessions and two sARTurday Art Sessions (Feb and May)
- Winter carnival and Hockey Day (Feb)
- Spring Clean-Up (Apr) and the Community Garage Sale (May)
- Community Closet clothing giveaway events for Adults and Children (Apr and Oct)
- Blackburn FunFair (June) and Garden Tour (July)
- Cancer Chase 5K Walk/Run, which raised \$19,500 for cancer research (Sep)
- The BCA Teddy Bear Care Picnic in collaboration with CHEO (Oct)
- Second annual Friendsgiving pot-luck event open to the community (Oct)
- A Holiday Market held at the Community Hall and Lois Kemp Arena (Nov)
- Our very popular Pancake Breakfast with Santa (Dec)
- The third annual lighting of a Blackburn Community Christmas Tree (Dec)





## 2025 Accomplishments

**In addition to the services provided to the community, the BCA also:**

- Provided grants to 1st Blackburn Scout Group and Quilting Queens
- Raised funds to benefit Lifecentre Food Bank, Ottawa Hospital Foundation, Snowsuit Fund, CHEO and many local groups through FunFair shares
- Published 5 editions of the BANAR and 12 editions of our eNewsletter
- Managed 232 individual bookings of our Community Hall (30 more than 2024), plus regularly scheduled bookings for Quilting, Bridge, Scrapbooking, Fitness. Day Camps, Embers and more!

### **New to the BCA in 2025!**

- Enhanced BCA branding with new table cloths, tent, pens and the BANAR cover
- Collaborated with other Neighbourhood Watch groups to enhance the program
- Participated in the Eco-Action Orleans Network.





## 2025 Accomplishments

**BCA Board members also undertook the following activities:**

- Worked with CRA and our accountants so that we could receive GST rebates
- Liaised with our Councillor, MPP, MP, City Council and City of Ottawa staff
- Continued to enhance and expand our Neighbourhood Watch Program
- Maintained and improved the gardens at the Four Corners and at entrance signs
- Maintained three outdoor rinks in the winter seasons
- Organized two First Aid training sessions
- Ensured the Parks were kept clean in the Summer
- Participated in the Friends of the Mer Bleue board meetings
- Organized a Volunteer Appreciation event at Just Food Farm
- Updated the content in the BCA Showcase located in the Lois Kemp Arena
- Assisted with hall administration and updated the administration and user guides





# CONGRATULATIONS!



## BCA Award Winners:

- Alan Barton
- Brittany Burden
- Paul Faure
- Angie Jodoin
- Cynthia Hoisak
- Michelle Levac
- Paul VanBruinessen



**Lynn Lefevre  
BCA Volunteer  
of the Year!**



**Don Kelly  
Move 100/CTV/La-Z-Boy  
Community Hero & RedBlacks  
Wood Cookie Award!**



**“Super” Kyle  
Humphrey  
Accessible  
Ottawa Award!**





## THANK YOU!



**The BCA would not exist without the generous support from community volunteers, donations from local businesses, program funding from the City of Ottawa and a grant from The Friends of the Mer Bleue.**

**A special thank you to Willam, Lisa and the Lois Kemp Arena staff who upgraded the kitchen appliances and worked with Councillor Dudas and City of Ottawa staff to provide Wifi in the Hall!**





# THANK YOU!

