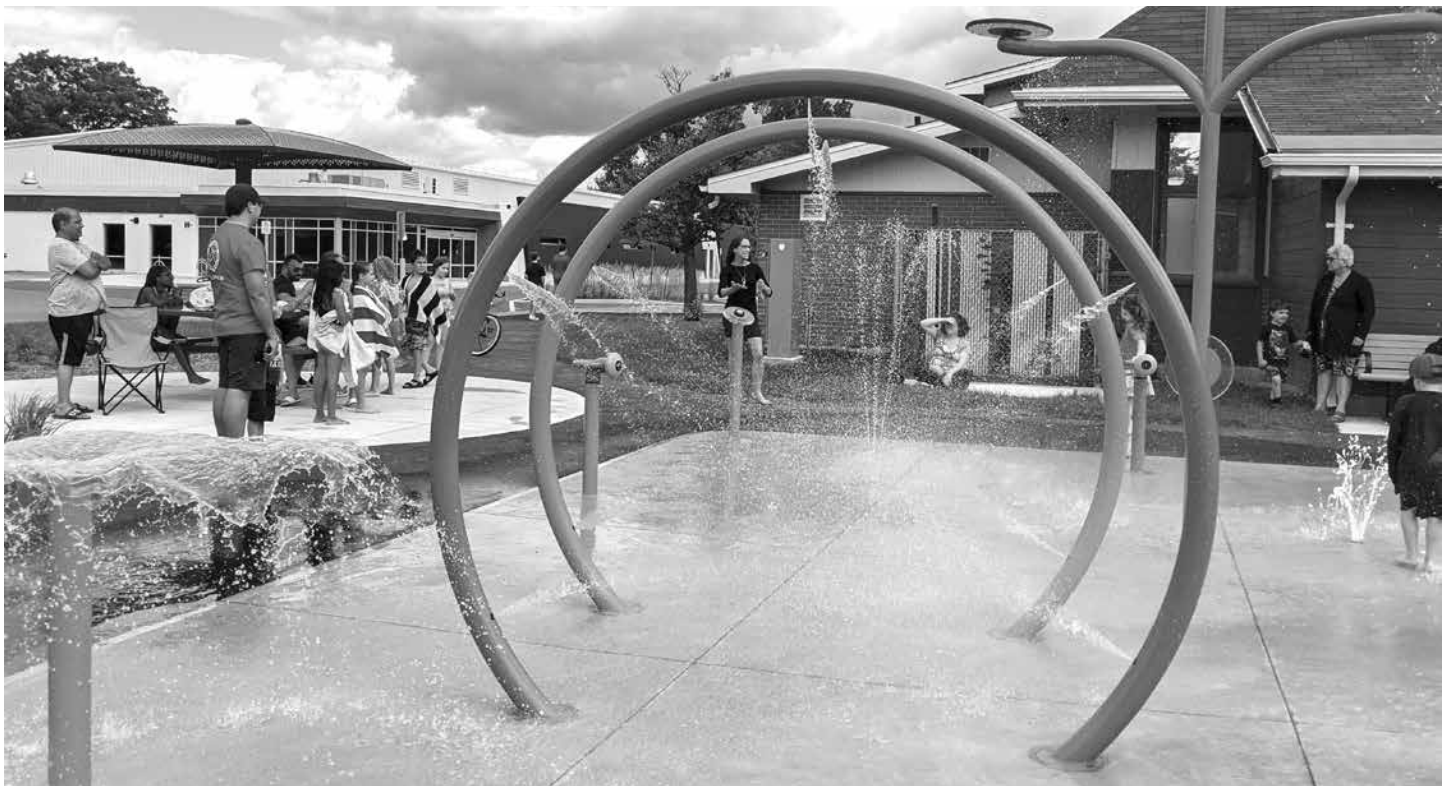
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Hamlet welcomes new splash Pad

Mark Lister, BCA President

It is with much excitement that our new community splash pad was recently opened on July 31, providing our community with a place to cool down during the hot summer months. Located next to the community hall, this an incredible addition to our community and one that has already attracted many visitors. The splash pad is open during the summer months from 8 am to 9 pm daily.

The BCA partnered with the City of Ottawa and Councillor Laura Dudas' office on the development and costs of the splash pad, and we would like to take this time to thank everyone involved in the project for their help and support.

We would like to highlight the efforts of a few individuals in particular who made this possible. Thank you to **Councillor Laura Dudas**, **Ian Chamberland** of the BCA, **Justyna Garbos** from the city as well as numerous city staff and contractors, as well, the community for selecting the final design.

Thank you all for your contributions and efforts!

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President's message

What a busy and exciting summer our community has had! Bike stations, arena, splash pad, murals, and gardens, oh my!

While we continue to live in this weird "new normal" of the pandemic, things are beginning to improve as vaccination rates increase, and as all the hard work by our community volunteers, both pre-COVID and during the past year and half, comes to fruition. We have a newly redesigned arena for the community and right next to it is our new splash pad! It is really exciting to see these new amenities in our community that will be used for years to come. I am already hearing great reviews on the redesigned arena, and getting the splash pad just in time for a hot, hot, hot August was much needed for the community. I want to thank the city, **Councilor Dudas** and our volunteers for making this happen. If you venture down to the splash pad you will also notice a beautiful new mural installed in partnership with Crime Prevention Ottawa and BCA volunteers (Page 7). Thank you to artist **Ryan Smeeton** and our local students who helped design and paint the mural.

Blackburn is located next to the Sir George-Étienne Cartier parkway, which is great for enjoying summer bike days on the parkway, and we have always had a great biking community, both locally and those passing through. Thanks to our transportation chair, **Dave Garand**, we now have a new bike repair station at the corner of Innes and Bearbrook that will provide easy and convenient access for our community. Ride over and tune up your bike (page 26)!

Many of you have likely also noticed the great work of our Beautification team at the signs entering Blackburn (page 22), **Miriam Hampson** has done a great job organizing and maintaining these gardens throughout the summer and a very big thank you to her team for this great addition!

The BCA also recently hosted a vaccine clinic at the community hall in partnership with Ottawa Public Healthto help increase access to the COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you to the nurses and OPH for coming out!

As we move into fall, the BCA is looking for new projects for the community. If you have a suggestion on how we could work to improve our community, please email *president@blackburnhamlet.ca* and let us know what you would like to see.

Mark Lister
BCA President



Blackburn's new Splash Pad! See page 1

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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 and many other initiatives for youth, seniors, and local groups Each membership is good for all family members living at the same address.

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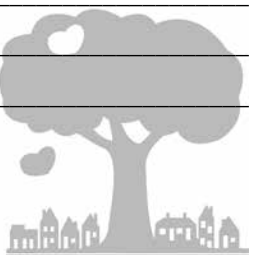
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BCA Board Meetings

The BCA has been holding their monthly Board meetings virtually since the beginning of the pandemic, and residents of Blackburn Hamlet are encouraged to participate. Virtual BCA Meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month from 7:30 pm to 10 pm. If you are a resident of the Hamlet and wish to sit in on a meeting, all you need to do is email *secretary@blackburnhamlet.ca* to receive an invitation and the Zoom access code. Please remember that 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.

The next BCA board meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, September 16.

Time to renew your BCA Membership

The membership year is from July 1 to June 30 every year. Each membership is good for two adults (who have voting privileges at the AGM) and any dependent family members living at the same address.

To join the BCA or renew your BCA membership, please complete the form to the left or send an email with the same information to membership@blackburnhamlet.ca

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November-December BANAR Deadline: October 28, 2021

BANAR Delivery: November 20, 2021

For BCA updates go to BlackburnHamlet.ca

ADVANCED POLLING PLACE NOTICE

Advanced polls will be available at the Blackburn Community Hall at 190 Glen Park Dr., from Thursday August 9 to Sunday, August 13 from 7am to 10:30pm daily.

Oil Pipes in the Hamlet – Update –

Thanks to all those who sent in information about the oil pipes that used to supply the homes in the Hamlet. I'm still compiling the information, and will have an article for the November BANAR.

THE BANAR is published five times a year

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 3,500). 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 Information:

Kendra Brett: **banar@blackburnhamlet.ca** or call **613-265-7661**.

Please put 'BANAR' in the subject of all emails.

City of Ottawa Waste Management

Councilor Laura Dudas

The City is preparing a new Solid Waste Master Plan and changes to curbside garbage collection are the first operation being presented, as it accounts for 82 per cent of waste collected.

Over the past several years, Ottawa has been studying our garbage trends. This is timely, as the City's Trail Road landfill is filling up and is expected to be full as early as 2036. During this study, it was found that more than half of what we throw in the garbage should have been recycled or composted, and that only 58% of households were using a Green Bin.

The Province has mandated a 2023 target of 70% for organic waste diversion from garbage, with a complete ban in 2030. Currently, only 44% of residential organic waste is diverted in Ottawa.

City Staff are preparing a report that will present changes to curbside pick-up, and they are actively looking for feedback from residents, before presenting the preferred option.

- **Partial pay-as-you throw:** Households would be allowed to place a set number of garbage items out for collection, and would purchase garbage tags for each additional item above the limit. Recycling, organics, and yard waste would be picked up without any tags and with no limits.
    - o Used in more than 78 Ontario municipalities including Kingston, Niagara and Peel.
- **Reduced item limits:** Households would set out a reduced number of garbage items. Anything above the limit would not be collected.
    - o Nearly 80 municipalities have a limit, including Hamilton, Guelph and London.
- **Clear garbage bags with recycling and organics bans:** Households would set out their garbage in clear bags. Recyclables and organic waste would not be permitted in the garbage.
    - o More than 40 municipalities, including Markham and Dufferin.

This is a substantial shift in how we handle garbage in our community. You can find more information and the consultation survey at *www.ottawa.ca/wasteplan* and on my website at *www.LauraDudas.ca/changes-to-curbside-garbage-collection* . I also want to hear your thoughts. Please feel free to email me directly and share your thoughts, suggestions, or concerns at *Laura.Dudas@Ottawa.ca*.

This process is still in the early stages, and there are still the details to be worked out regarding the specifics, for example: *what would the limit be before tags are required?* With that in mind, no matter your feelings on these suggestions, it is important that our voice is heard before any decisions are made.

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Group photo with the artist and all of the local youth who participated (one participant missing)

Paint It Up! Mural in Blackburn Hamlet

By Maureen Forsythe,
BCA Youth Director

On August 16th, eleven local youth worked with Ottawa mural artist Ryan Smeeton to design and create a beautiful outdoor mural painting at the Blackburn Community Hall. There were four boys and seven girls who participated. The mural project was organized by the BCA and sponsored by the City of Ottawa, specifically, the annual Paint It Up! mural program run by Crime Prevention Ottawa. Congratulations to all of the youth involved in making this mural a reality for our community.

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All of our staff and residents are fully vaccinated!
To celebrate this milestone, we hope you can join us this fall at our charitable activities in Blackburn Hamlet.



Yarn Drive Sept. 3–13 in support of Busy Fingers Knitters. Busy Fingers was founded by Eileen McCaughey. They create beautiful blankets, hats, mitts, afghans and shawls. Their finished products are donated to hospitals, centres for abused seniors, women's shelters, CHEO to name a few.



The Grand Parade Sept. 18 in support of the Council on Aging. Our goal is to raise $1,500. Although there is no 'parade' because of Covid, we will walk as a team through the Hamlet. Would you like to sponsor a senior?



Virtual Auction Sept. 21-27. Rebel 101.7FM will be auctioning two 2-week Staycations at Bearbrook Retirement Residence– Come be our guest! Details at Rebel1017.com



Community Garage Sale Oct. 2 in support of **Grandmas AIDing Grandmas**, part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Find out more about the charity at Grandmotherscampaign.org or email grandmas59@gmailcom. Reserve a table to participate for $25 ($35 sheltered table). Rain or shine (tables are limited). From 9 am to noon.

Fun Fair in the 1980s

Kendra Brett, BANAR editor



Many thanks to Barbara Nolen who sent in this great photo of her daughter Amy from the June 1988 Fun Fair parade. Back then, the kids were encouraged to decorate their bikes and ride in the parade. I know I have fond memories of decorating my bike for the Fun Fair parade, as I'm sure many of the kids who grew up in Blackburn back then do as well! According to a BANAR article from 1986, some other Fun Fair events from the 80s included tethered hot air balloon rides, rides in a "cherry picker" truck courtesy of Bell Canada (which I remember terrifying me as a kid!), a BMX demonstration by the Gloucester Cycle Club, street hockey and volleyball tournaments, and a strawberry social. And of course, there were the traditional Bavarian Garden, BBQ, and pancake breakfast that many will recognize from modern versions of the Fun Fair!

If you have any photos from Fun Fair from the 1990's that you'd like to share in the BANAR please email me at *BANAR@blackburnhamlet.ca*



Endangered species:

North American monarch

"Here in Ontario, the eastern North American monarch population is considered a species of special concern and is covered under the Endangered Species Act, 2007. Sadly, it is protected in name only; there are no actual species or habitat protection measures in place. That doesn't bode well for these important pollinators."

— *Perch* Magazine, Summer 2021.



Some of us in Blackburn are doing what we can, such as encouraging the growth of a few essential milkweed plants in our own gardens. However, there is a great programme for Monarch Wayfair Stations, which might require a bit more effort and coordination.

The BCA will be looking at developing a possible volunteer team and finding a modest plot of land dedicated to this, and for the essential milkweed plants necessary for this project.

Go to *https://monarchwatch.org/waystations/* for more information on Monarch Wayfair Stations and contact *enviro@blackburnhamlet.ca* if you are interested in helping with this possible volunteer initiative for Spring 2022.





Photo from Le Chansonniers d'Ottawa website

Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa de retour sur scène en juin 2022

Par Claudette Dalpé

Malgré les restrictions imposées pour contrer la pandémie, les membres de la Troupe « Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa » ont continué de se réchauffer la voix, chacune et chacun chez soi. Une vidéo a même été produite au printemps 2021 avec le symbole de l'arc-en-ciel présentant les choristes en mode virtuel et interprétant la chanson « Ça va bien aller ». Cette chanson pleine d'espoir, originalement composée et interprétée en 2020 par la grande dame de la chanson, Madame Ginette Reno, a été harmonisée par le directeur, François Julien, et représente notre retour sur scène.

Le lien pour cette vidéo est disponible sur la page Facebook de la Troupe *https://www.facebook.com/LesChansonniersdOttawa/*

C'est donc à l'automne 2021 que Les Chansonniers d'Ottawa reprendront les répétitions pour préparer leur prochain spectacle prévu pour juin 2022.

La Troupe a tenu des auditions à la fin août pour celles et ceux qui aimeraient se joindre à ce groupe de joyeux chanteurs et danseurs.

Les personnes qui auraient manqué l'invitation aux auditions peuvent encore en faire la demande en envoyant un message à Contact@LesChansonniersOttawa.com Les exigences pour les auditions sont disponibles sur le site au *www.leschansonniersottawa.com/wp/auditions*

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Our book return drop box is now open 24/7!

We are not able to offer any live programs in the library at this time, but we have all sorts of online activities for adults, teens and kids on our website at *https://biblioottawalibrary.ca.* Please call us at 613-580-2940 for assistance.

Our very own YouTube channel!

Did you know that we now have our very own YouTube channel? Discover all sorts of fun videos in English and French for kids, teens and adults. We have interviews with authors, gardening tips, creative writing workshops for teens and crafts and games for kids. There is something for everyone!

Need help downloading e-books?

Are you struggling to download e-books? Make an appointment with a specialist who will teach you how to download e-books to your phone or tablet. This service is available in French or English.

Online programs for adults

How to Create an Online Book Club

Are you thinking of creating an online book club? Find resources and reading suggestions here.

Online programs for seniors

Join us for a variety of programs including technology, fitness and financial literacy. Register online. Inscrivez-vous en ligne.

Wellness Fridays for seniors / Vendredis santé

Ottawa Public Library has developed a series of wellness programs and activities for older adults called *Aging Well Together at the Library*: *Wellness Fridays*, focusing on topics such as tai chi, yoga, painting and writing. Register online. Inscrivez-vous en ligne.

Online programs for teens

We have lots of programs for teens coming up in the fall. Please check our website for up-to-date details! This is available in French or English.

YouTube DIY for teens

Check out our YouTube channel with all kinds of fun projects like *Paper Making, Déco à vernis à ongle, Spiral Tye Dye* and *Atelier d'écriture!*

Online programs for kids

Kid's programs begin on September 13. Please check our website for programs such as *Storytime* (English, French or bilingual), *Parent-Baby Connections, Books Talk* and *Blabla livres*. Register online. Inscrivez-vous en ligne.

Library Hours

Closed Labour Day, Sept. 6 and Thanksgiving, Oct. 11		Friday	10 am - 4 pm
		Saturday	10 am - 4 pm
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Blackburn Community Hall update

Mark Lister, BCA President

At the beginning of the pandemic the BCA chose to close our community hall to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and help keep our community safe. Throughout the pandemic we have appreciated the community's understanding and patience as we have navigated closures and lockdowns. The community hall remains closed for the time being, however, our volunteers continue to monitor and review provincial and municipal guidance on re-opening. We plan to re-open when it is safe for our users and community.

At this time, the requirements to properly re-open and maintain a safe environment at the community hall are beyond the capacity of our volunteers and we have therefore chosen to keep the hall closed, but we are hopeful of a return to full usage in the fall as vaccination rates increase.

In the meantime, we are working with city officials to complete much need repairs to the facility so when the time comes, we are ready to re-open. As well our volunteers are reviewing all aspects of the community hall operations and looking for ways to better serve the community. If you have inquiries, recommendations, or suggestions, please let us know at *hall@blackburnhamlet.ca*



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Youth poetry contest!

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WHAT: Submit an original, unpublished poem, in English or French, up to 200 words in length with no minimum word requirement. The poem should reflect some aspect of the meaning or consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEN: The competition is now open for submissions! You have until 8 pm on Thursday, October 7, 2021 to submit your poem.

WHO: All children who were 9 - 11 years old as of December 31, 2020 and who live in or attend school in Blackburn Hamlet.

HOW: Submit your poem as a PDF file by email to *youth@blackburnhamlet.ca* . The file should be named as follows:

FirstName-LastName-NameofSchool-CurrentAge (e.g. Sara-Smith-EmilyCarr-age10). These details should NOT appear in the text of the poem document.

WHO IS JUDGING: The shortlist and winner will be decided by a panel of at least three poets. The decisions of the judges will be final.

WHAT YOU CAN WIN: The winner will receive $75 and three finalists will each receive $25 from the BCA. The winning poem and the three finalists' poems will be published in the November 2021 issue of the BANAR. If space does not permit, some of the finalists' poems will be published in the following issue of the BANAR.

WANT HELP?: Subscribe to the BCA Poetry Prize newsletter for writing tips and support along the way. Send an email request to *youth@blackburnhamlet.ca* to subscribe and we will send you writing tips and tricks every Wednesday while the competition is open.

Concours de poésie jeunesse !

Cette année l'Association communautaire de Blackburn (ACB) organise son premier prix de poésie :
le 2021 Prix de Poésie ACB.

QUOI : Soumettez un poème original non publié, en anglais ou en français, d'une longueur maximale de 200 mots, sans exigence de mot minimum. Le poème doit refléter un aspect de la signification ou des conséquences de la pandémie de COVID-19.

QUAND : Le concours est maintenant ouvert aux soumissions ! Vous avez jusqu'au jeudi 7 octobre 2021 à 20 h pour soumettre votre poème.

QUI : Tous les enfants âgés de 9 à 11 ans au 31 décembre 2020 et qui habitent ou qui vont à l'école à Blackburn Hamlet.

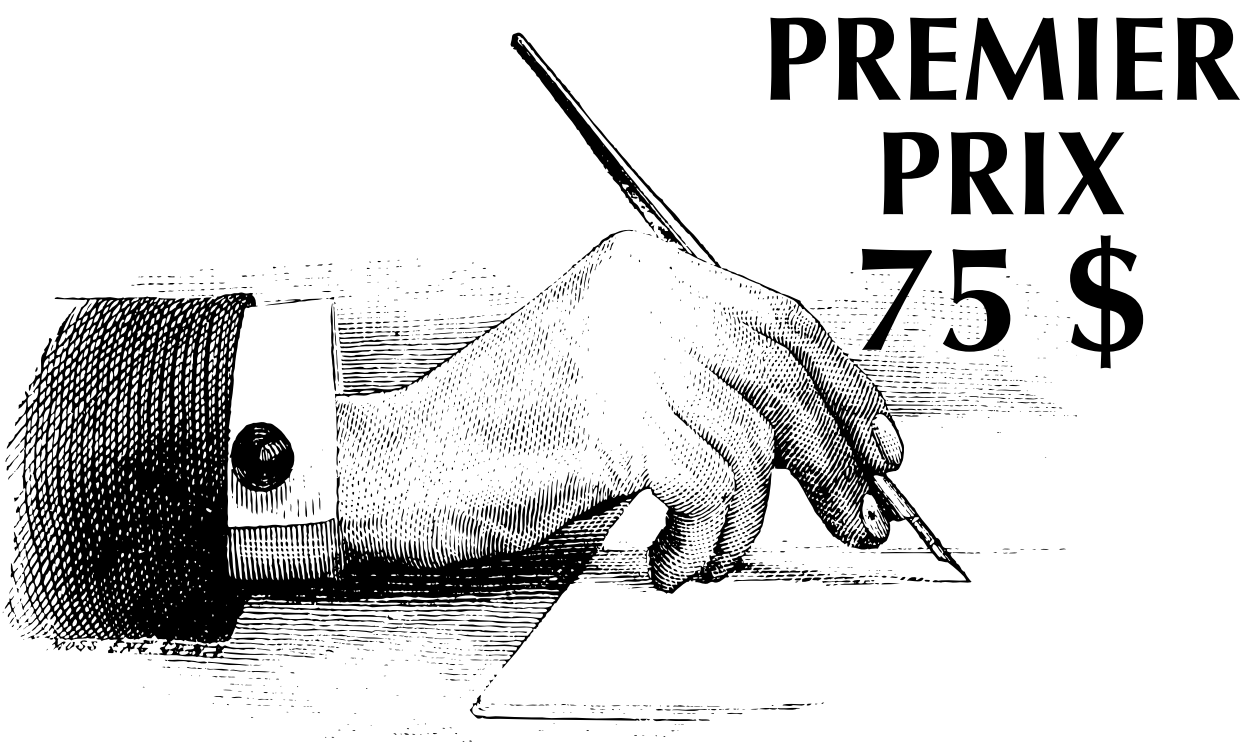
COMMENT : Soumettez votre poème sous forme de PDF par courriel à youth@blackburnhamlet.ca. Le document doit être nommé comme suit :

Prénom-NomDeFamille-NomDeTonÉcole-Âge (par exemple, Sara-Smith-EmilyCarr-10ans). Ces détails ne devraient PAS apparaître dans le texte du document du poème.

QUI JUGE : La présélection et le gagnant seront déterminés par un jury d'au moins trois poètes. Les décisions des juges seront finales.

CE QUE VOUS POURRIEZ GAGNER : Le gagnant recevra 75 $ et trois finalistes recevront chacun 25 $ du ACB. Le poème gagnant et les poèmes des trois finalistes seront publiés dans le numéro de novembre 2021 du BANAR. Si l'espace ne le permet pas, certains des poèmes des finalistes seront publiés dans le prochain numéro du BANAR.

VOUS VOULEZ DE L'AIDE : Abonnez-vous au bulletin du Prix de Poésie ACB pour obtenir des conseils et du soutien en cours de route. Envoyez une demande par courriel à youth@blackburnhamlet.ca pour vous inscrire et nous vous enverrons des trucs et des astuces d'écriture tous les mercredis pendant que le concours est ouvert.



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The pandemic has been hard on TAF, as typical fundraising options haven't been available, but what they really need are more foster homes. More foster homes equals more cats that they can help. For those who love cats, fostering is a great way to help out, without the full commitment of adopting a new pet. A typical TAF foster cat would likely stay in a home for about 6 months.

Some of you may know a local volunteer, Sharon Budd, who has been involved in fostering cats for 8 years. She can often be seen out walking her adopted cat on a harness or biking with her in a cat backpack; both of which are safe ways for cats to spend time outdoors.

To find out more, please follow their journey on Facebook at *www.facebook.com/theaveryfoundation* or send them an email at *info@theaveryfoundation.ca* .



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FREE English conversation circle

by Sharon Benson



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To register, please send an email to *sharon.benson.esl@gmail.com* before September 8, 2021.

Participants will need a gmail address and Internet access using a laptop, tablet or smart phone. Basic English skills (CLB 3 and up) and a knowledge of Zoom are required.

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Ecology tree giveaways / Trees in Trust

Beautify with trees



BCA Environment Committee

We are very fortunate in Blackburn Hamlet to have a phenomenal tree canopy! Let's keep it going! If you are interested in helping to keep our community green, consider planting a tree or shrub on your property. Here are two free options:

Ecology Ottawa tree giveaways – please visit their calendar to find a location nearby to pick up your free tree(s) and/or shrub(s) and seedlings *www.ecologyottawa.ca/tree_giveaway_events*

City of Ottawa Trees in Trust – complete the application to get a tree planted on the City's road allowance in front of your home. ***Perk:*** the trees are 2 to 3 meters in height at the time of planting! *ottawa.ca/en//living-ottawa/environment-conservation-and-climate/trees-and-urban-forests/tree-planting*

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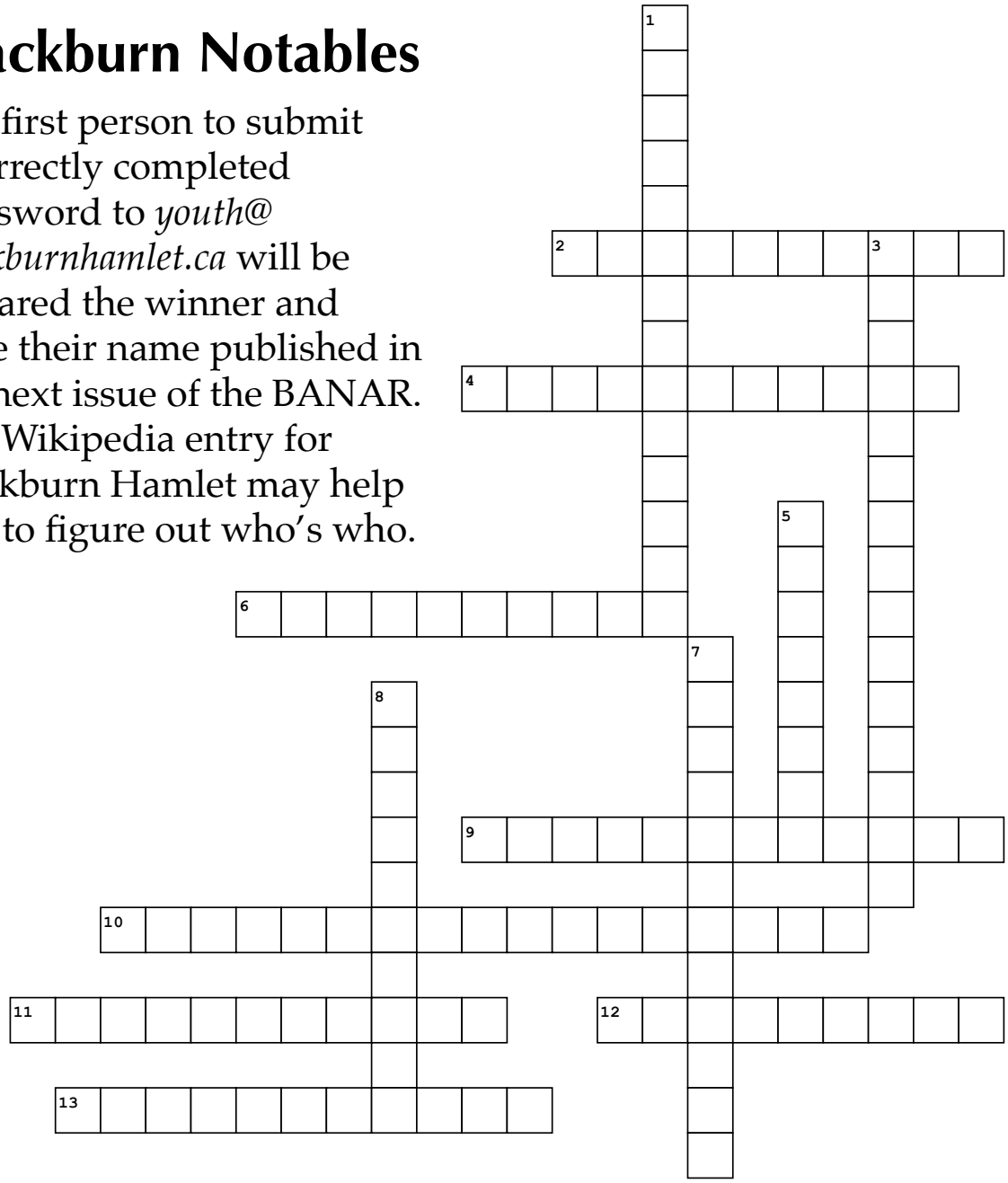
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Blackburn Notables

The first person to submit a correctly completed crossword to *youth@blackburnhamlet.ca* will be declared the winner and have their name published in the next issue of the BANAR. The Wikipedia entry for Blackburn Hamlet may help you to figure out who's who.



2. She was wife of William and a significant fundraiser for the church

4. He used to own a sawmill on Green's Creek

6. She is the current Councillor for Innes Ward

9. He and his wife Agnes settled on Lot 9 across from St Mary the Virgin Anglican Church on Navan Road

10. A key player in the construction of Blackburn Hamlet as we know it today

11. He was a key player in the creation of Blackburn Hamlet as it is today

12. Brother of Alexander who served as reeve of Gloucester Township

13. He donated land for the first school in Blackburn

1. Innes Road was named after him

3. A former MP for Russell after whom our community was named

5. He was one of the early settlers of Blackburn Hamlet

7. He settled on a lot near Emily Carr School

8. She was publisher and editor of the BANAR from 1997 to 2020

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Blackburn Hamlet word search – *Topical edition*

Circle words describing topics covered in this month's issue of The BANAR. They may read in any direction

Note: For clues with more than one word, each word is a separate search.

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Blackburn beautification

By Miriam Hampson

As part of a BCA initiative to make the entry points into Blackburn more attractive and welcoming, flowering gardens were created around two Blackburn Hamlet Gateway signs and the art sculpture at the corner of Sienna Living.

A special thank you to the volunteers who have been helping water these gardens over the spring and summer months: **Erik Leicht, Monica de Romer, Veronica Verner, Karen Barrington, OS Hoch, Richard Manicom, Esther Cormier, Heather McCuaig Edge, Devon Ellis, Cynthia Millan, Denise and Beatriz Abreu de Oliveira, Isabel Mainville, Don Kelly, Sarah Morgan-White, Christine Varley, Dana Brown, Garth Hampson, Les and Lorraine Nalezinski**. The gardens are still in full bloom and have survived everything from late snow, slimy slugs, drought and hot weather! Thank you for lugging many litres of water to these locations and keeping these gardens alive!

A few weeks ago, the construction around the sign of the east entrance to Blackburn was completed. **Don Budd** from **Budd Gardens** generously donated beautiful perennials to help create an attractive new garden at this entry point into our lovely community. Thank you also to **Diane Froeber, Heather Bracken** and **Helen Borodajluk** for donating perennials from their own gardens. A special mention to **Garth Hampson** who was instrumental in getting all of these garden projects completed. At 87 years old, he continues to happily dig, plant, and trim the grass around these gardens daily with his own whipper snipper, and regularly removes old blooms or weeds from all three gardens. His energy and love of flowers is inspiring!

As we look ahead, we would like to broaden our goals for the beautification of Blackburn. We are always looking for volunteers to join our BCA Beautification Committee with new ideas.

If you have any colourful, flowering perennials and hostas that you would like to donate in September for these community gardens or if you are interested in volunteering to beautify Blackburn with new ideas, please contact:
miriam@blackburnhamlet.ca



The Harold Diceman Park Interpretive Experience

Sarah Morgan-White, BCA Tree Team
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Creating interpretive trails for the Hamlet has been a long-term dream of mine, and I am pleased to say that in collaboration with Susan Aiken, professor in the Environmental Science program at Carleton University, and others from our community, we were able to make my dream a reality!

The Harold Diceman Park Interpretive Experience follows the trail through this park. We explore the natural features we see around us and look beyond the park we see today to learn about the history of Blackburn Hamlet. The trail can be experienced either through a single-page foldable PDF brochure or a longer audio version (approximately 17 minutes) featuring the voices of various Blackburn residents. While currently only available in English, we are working on making this work available in French also.

Of course, I cannot thank enough the volunteers who assisted us with this project. Thank you to **Christopher Brett** and his work researching and drafting the thorough geological history of our community! Thanks to the BCA for its support and especially **Lynn Lefevre** for her tireless efforts at getting the website page "just right"! Thanks to **Jakob Mueller** for the stunning photographs we used in the brochure and on our webpage! Last but certainly not least, a very special thanks to the following Blackburn residents who graciously volunteered their time and lent their voices to the audio version of our trail: **Mark Lister, Nina Ryan, Valerie Plechenko, Supattana Bolger, Katrya Bolger, Joe Bolger,** and **Brad Hampson**.

We invite you to experience this park and all its natural features in a new way. You will be surprised at what you learn!

For more information or to view/access the brochure and audio recordings please visit: *http://blackburnhamlet.ca/diceman-park-interpretive-experience/*



If you do take the time to enjoy our gift to the community, please be sure to let us know what you think by completing the survey available on the BCA website.

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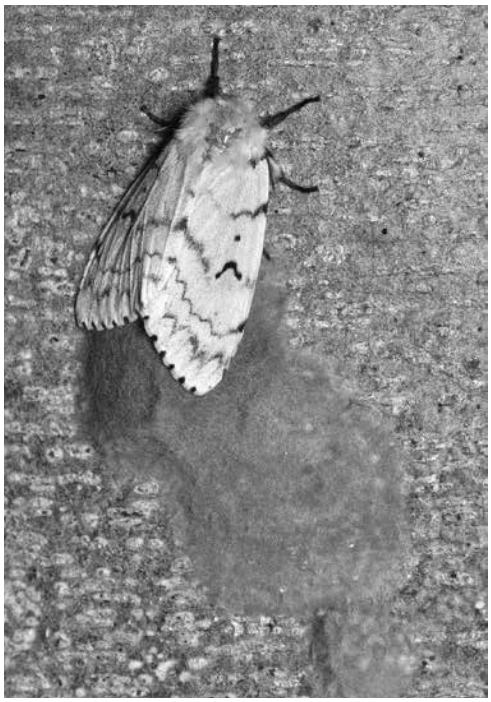
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How to remove LDD ("gypsy") moth egg masses

BCA environment committee



Many readers will know that LDD caterpillars and moths (also known as gypsy moths) made themselves at home in the Hamlet this spring and summer. LDD is an invasive species and can cause significant damage to deciduous (leafy) trees, but also on some conifers (evergreens), including complete defoliation. For those who wrapped their trees in burlap or tape to protect them from LDD caterpillars, it is time to take this down, as burlap or tape left on for long periods of time might rot the bark.

This past summer, a volunteer team in the Hamlet reached out to other Ottawa communities and distributed homemade LDD moth traps to residents. These traps were used to catch male LDD moths using a lure with the pheromones of the female LDD Moth. Heading into Fall, residents are asked to remove and dispose of LDD egg masses so that the eggs don't overwinter and hatch in the spring. LDD egg masses are a fuzzy tan-beige-coloured flattened blob, about 2 to 2.5 cm wide and slightly longer. Look for these egg masses on tree trunks, branches and crevices, decks, patio furniture, sheds, and the walls of your house.

To safely collect and dispose of the egg masses:

1. Using an empty margarine or yogurt tub, cut a section of the tub lid to make a straight edge
2. Hold the straight edge of the lid under the egg mass
3. Insert a dull knife at the bottom of the egg mass and gently work the knife upward, lifting the mass away from the tree. With luck and practice, the egg mass will come off as a complete unit and be held in place by the lip of the plastic tray. Be careful not to damage thin-barked trees.
4. Tip the egg mass into the tub.
5. Using an old toothbrush, gently brush any remaining eggs onto the tray.
6. Empty the tub of egg masses into a separate container with a strong mixture of dish-washing detergent and water. Leave covered for two days to kill the eggs and then dispose of them in the green bin.
7. Alternatively, use a shop vac with a good filter bag, then soaking the egg filled vacuum bag in soapy water as above.

See blackburnhamlet.ca *for information on how to minimize LDD on your property.*

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Blackburn Tree Talk

Everything is connected

By Stephen Fanjoy



Nature is fascinatingly complex and powerful, as is our interrelationship with it. The more we learn, the more we see everything is connected. Unfortunately it's unclear that we, and those who lead us, heed the lessons. Directly or indirectly, most of humanity systematically exploits nature, rather than cooperate, adapt, and coexist with it sustainably.

As I write this, the new IPCC report on climate change paints a profoundly serious picture about how human behaviour is changing the future of life on our planet. The Canadian economy creates over 15,000 kgs of CO_2 per year per person, no better than when the Kyoto Protocol was signed in 1992. It would take almost 700 mature trees per person to remove that amount of CO_2 annually.

Earlier this year I found unfamiliar caterpillars on my maples. Unfortunately known as "gypsy moth", I and others now call them LDD, an abbreviation of their scientific name. An invasive species, LDD escaped and has been consuming forest ever since. These caterpillars can defoliate a tree in one week. If the tree is established, healthy and gets plenty of water, it will survive. Otherwise drought or repeated infestation stress will create die-off and change a forest.

With some effort, I was able to minimize the damage to my trees but most others will not be that fortunate. We can't use insecticides because these kill many other beneficial organisms.

Our only proven hope is nature. A specialized virus has evolved that kills LDD, but this is not sufficient, the virus only survives when and where the moth does. Cold winters reliably kill the LDD eggs. Unfortunately climate change's warmer winters and drought conspire to help LDD broaden its geographic damage. And because damaged and dead trees reduce the amount of carbon they sequester, this infestation is a "positive feedback" making climate change worse.

Everything is connected.





Bike repair stand sees first of many events

Dave Garand

Earlier this summer, the BCA and the office of councillor Laura Dudas worked together to install a bicycle repair station at the corner of Innes and Bearbrook road in the Hamlet. These stations allow one to support the bicycle at a comfortable working position and are equipped with items such as allen keys, screw drivers, various sized keys, and a pump.

On July 31, volunteers spent their afternoon conducting safety checks on kid's bikes at this repair station. Maps, bells and lights were provided courtesy of the Safer Roads Ottawa program. Another similar type of event is being planned for the start of the school year, so keep your eyes on the BCA Facebook page for details.

Please visit *www.ottawa.ca* (follow sections Parking, Roads and Travel > Active Transportation) for more information including tips on a variety of cycling maintenance procedures and a list of the locations of all repair stands in Ottawa; there are several of these stands in Orléans.

For information on local cycling issues, including lobby efforts and a multitude of other east-end cycling related topics, visit the Eastern Ottawa Cycling Community page at *https://www.facebook.com/groups/easternottawacyclingcommunity.*



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Dr Daniel Guirguis: Graduated in 2019 from the University of Massey in New Zealand. Veterinary medicine is in his blood, both of his parents are veterinarians! Dr Dan has special interest in nutrition and surgery. He has joined our team in December 2020 and we have enjoyed his help ever since. He is fluent in English, Arabic and is working on his French.

Dr Amy Jewiss: Graduated from the University of Guelph in 2008. Since then, she has practiced in various disciplines and on five different continents. She recently joined our team and we are excited to add her expertise to the services we offer. Her special interests include soft tissue surgery and integrative medicine, earning her Certified Veterinary Acupuncture accreditation from the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society in 2014.

Dr Bernard Vincelette: Graduated from the University of Montreal in 1998. He has a special interest in surgery and dentistry. He founded the Hamlet Veterinary Hospital in January 2017 with his wife Dr Annie Séguin. He enjoys challenging cases and finds great satisfaction at improving the life of his patients and strives to provide compassionate care to everyone. He is fluent in French and English

Dr Annie Séguin: Graduated from the University of Montreal in 2001. Co-founder of the Hamlet Veterinary Hospital. She is dedicated on educating owners about the care of their furry friends and treat various illnesses. She always provides compassionate care and loves to get to know the whole family. She is interested in all aspects of medicine but holds a special place in her heart for aging pets and silly puppies and kittens. She is fluent in French and English

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BANAR CORRECTION

The September 2021 edition of the Blackburn Area News and Reports (BANAR) inadvertently had the incorrect dates for the Advance Voting days to be held at the Blackburn Community Hall. The correct dates are September 10th to 13th from 9am to 9pm as indicated on your Voter Information Card.