Annual General Meeting News

Please meet our newly elected board members:

Jamie Kranrod, Chair
Shyla Downey, Treasurer
Terri Whitwick, Director
Lindsey Shiels, Director
Melissa Hotvedt, Director
Curt Fowkes, Director
Crystal Hebb, Director

Chantelle Wilson, Co-Chair
Kylie Lewis, Secretary
Heather Miners, Director
David Mothus, Director
Kim March, Director
Sheri Boyes, Director
Tannis Dale, Director

Thank you to all our Wonderful Volunteers, As well to our past Board members, without the community volunteers our community hall and activities would not be possible

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OFFICE HOURS:
Mondays - 8:30am - 12:00pm
Wednesdays - 10:00am - 6:30pm
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Website: www.blackburn-community.com or visit us on Facebook

Save the Date!

Silver Anniversary Dance
April 23 2016
Tickets are $20.00 per person and are available to purchase at the Blackburn Hall, East way Esso, &the Liquor Box

Spring Program Registration
March 30 2016
Spring program registration will be held at Blackburn Hall from 6:00 – 7:00pm
Spring Programing:

**Tots in Play (0-6 years of age)**
Blackburn Elementary School  
April 11 – May 23  
Monday 6pm - 7pm  
Members: Free  
Non-Members: $20.00

**Kidz in Motion (6-11 years of age)**
Blackburn Elementary School  
April 13 – May 25  
Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm  
Members: $15.00  
Non-Members: $20.00

**T-Ball (4-8 years of age)**
April 13 – May 23  
Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
Members: $15.00  
Non-Members: $20.00

**Volleyball (18 years & up)**
April 11 – June 9  
Mondays & Thursdays 7pm - 9pm  
Members: $35.00  
Non-Members: $40.00

**Yoga (16 years & up)**
Blackburn Elementary School  
April 12 – June 7  
Tuesday 7:30pm – 9 pm  
Members: $75.00  
Non-Members: $80.00

**Get Fit (18 years & up)**
April 19 – May 31st  
Tuesday 7pm – 8pm  
Members: $30.00  
Non-Members: $35.00

**Zumba**
April 21 - May 26  
Thursday 6pm – 7pm  
Members: $40.00  
Non-Members: $45.00

**Home Alone**
May 15  
Sunday 9am – 1pm  
Members: $30.00  
Non-Members: $35.00

**Baby Sitter Course**
April 30  
Saturday 8:30am – 2:30pm  
Members: $55.00  
Non-Members: $60.00
Blackburn Hall Rentals

The Blackburn Community Centre is a fully air-conditioned facility just minutes from downtown Prince George. This serene country setting can offer you the area’s most spectacular sunsets - and the photo opportunities are amazing! We have a large dance area, stage and a huge commercial kitchen that is sure to meet the needs of any chef.

Rates:

Full weekend rental (Friday at noon to Sunday at 5pm) $892.50

Sunday-Thursday (per day) $420.00

A $400.00 deposit (non-refundable) will be required to secure the date and will be credited towards the rental fee. An additional $350.00 (refundable) damage deposit is required prior to the rental.

Hall Rental includes: Use of the kitchen—steam table/inserts, wine and water glasses, and place settings of dinner plate, cup and saucer, side plate, dessert bowl, cutlery, dishwasher and coffee urns. Folding tables (size 3’ x 8’) and comfortable padded chairs. Use of bar area with cooler, small freezer, basic bar tools, and ice machine. High chairs and booster seats are available for your younger guests. Bathrooms are bright and clean with ample mirror & counter space; wheelchair accessible stalls.

RJ Blackburn House

Rentals also include use of the R.J. Blackburn House for a bridal shower or pre-nup dinner. Max 30 ppl. No kitchen or bar facility. All renters are responsible for obtaining liquor license (P.A.L.) when alcohol is being served.
A little bit of history….

On April 15th 1914, Parcel 1543, Group 1 consisting of 160 acres was sold to Charles H Pinker. Over the years the land was lost and resold under the Taxation Act, until the Crown had ownership. On October 29th 1971 the Queen under subdivision application subdivided ten acres of the above property, for the Grandview Centennial Committee. This property was given to the Community Association on May 16th 1972 as a Centennial Park.

In the early years of the community association the name changed from Grandview to Blackburn and vice versa until the Crown once again owned the property under the Escheats Act. In 1980 the community directorship of Dennis Downey, Ken Smith, Sharon Zwozdesky and others did the registration of Blackburn Community Association under the Society Act. In 1983 Victoria transferred the property to the City of Prince George. Eventually the land was leased to the community of Blackburn and the Community Centre was built on site in 1990.

In the 1960’s, operating as recreational commission Mr Hon. Dayton, Mr. Massicotte, and Joe Boudreau were responsible for the business that took place. As small meeting hall and property on west Bittner Road was sold to the community by Mr Emmanuel (Dan) Bittner. Some activities enjoyed popularity during this time were scouting, boys and girls baseball teams. Some of the people responsible for coaching, leadership in these events were; Bill Lang, Peter Dyck, Conrad Girard, Eric Hannet, Dalton Christofferson. Past commission members included Mr and Mrs Bob Walters, Hon Dayton, Joe Boudreau, Jack Whittaker, Shirley Massicotte, Gwen Toplis, Dick Ponsford and many others.

Along with the hall there was a baseball diamond, with bleachers and chain link fences. Most of the supplies were donated by Northwood (Shelley Division), with Harold Dayton and other men from the community volunteering their time for the construction of the ball field. AL Smith donated prizes for the ball tournament.

In the late 70’s the community of Blackburn amalgamated with the City of Prince George. Wilma… was voted to council to represent our area. Construction of the lacrosse box and tennis court took place. Bingo was started by Pete Sandra and Dorothy Hardy in Elementary school library. Due to the large attendance, it soon moved across the road to the Jr. High School gym. During this time, hockey was organized for the local youth. Coaches included Dennis Downey, Rolland Chartrand and Bill Zwozdesky.

In the 80’s Joe and Penny Boudreau took over the running of the bingo – attendance was topping 400… the object was to save to build a new community hall. Little league ball was formed; the lacrosse box was completed; ball diamonds on West Bittner road were reconstructed and the brand-new Community Center was under construction. Jackie Muise, Evy Ploeger and Joe Boudreau were instrumental in the halls development and completion. It is not unusual to have bookings at least one year in advance. Made available free of charge to various community groups for meetings, seminars, classes and for benefit dances.

The 90’s seen many great changes taking place in our community. Building of residential homes is bring more people into the area. At the same time the Association is very involved in continuing with the following programs; keepfit, baseball, floor hockey, volleyball and badminton. The Joe Boudreau Memorial Crib Tournament (Joe was the founding organizer) is still being held the last weekend of February. The annual Fowl Supper is held in October. The Hollyberry and Mistletoe Fair is held the first weekend in December.

The Blackburn Community Association helped in the building and cost sharing of the Elementary School’s playground equipment. A cash donation is made every year to each of the schools to help them with there projects that benefit the entire school population. The Association presents a scholarship to 2 grade twelve students in the district who have attended Blackburn Jr. High. The criteria stresses volunteerism and leadership. Past recipients: Tanya Barrett, Patricia Caron and Kerri Parish.

The Community Association is the official sponsor for the local Cubs and Scout groups.

The Association and the city of Prince George shared in the purchasing of the Bittner Park property. Development will start again this spring with the grand opening sometime in June. In the meantime we are endeavoring to bring a heritage home known as Blackburn House up to the Community Center property. It would be put on a basement and decorated in period décor. It for their meeting place. The basement would also be the home of our Blackburn Li’l Rascals Preschool.

As you can see we are indeed a Community Looking Forward To Our Future!

Prepared by Glenda Nelson

Director of Development

Blackburn Community Association
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