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Dancing crew at
12 noon. Play ball
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Get your
picture taken
at the new
photo booth.

Play games at Harvest Fun Lane.
Don't forget the three-legged race and
the kids vs. firefighters tug of war.



PUMPKIN

DECORATING CONTEST

Bring a decorated pumpkin to
Fall Fest by 12 noon for judging
by the People for the best
decorated pumpkin in Navan.



Eat a Navan Lions
burger or hot dog.



Pie Auction and Silent
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in the fire trucks! Breakfast is by
donation for the Cheo Foundation.





Navan Pavilion Project Update

Navan Celebrates Grand Opening of New Pavilion with Community Spirit and Music

The Navan community came together on September 13th to celebrate the grand opening of the much-anticipated Navan Pavilion, marking a proud moment for the village. The event was a resounding success, highlighted by a high-energy performance from the awesome band Sterling, whose music brought the crowd to life. This project stands as a shining example of what can be achieved through the power of community, with countless volunteers, generous donors, and supportive residents all playing a vital role in bringing the Pavilion to life. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to making this dream a reality. Now, it's time for Navan to enjoy this wonderful new space — built by the community, for the community.

Thank you to the major donors of the Pavilion project!

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NCA Meetings

NCA meetings are held monthly on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Next meetings will be held on Sept. 21st at the Navan United Church Basement hall.

NCA Directors and Volunteers

President – Luc Picknell **Vice President** – Brian Moore
Secretary – Christina Macpherson **Past President** – Fred Hyde
Treasurer – Dale Borys **Recreation** – Luc Picknell
Navan Nugget – Tom Devecseri **Horticulture** – Shelley Cotton
Social Media Manager – Sarah Zintel
Friends of Mer Bleue & Navan Cenotaph – Erin Zintel
Nifty 50+ (Senior's Drop In) – Juanita Vetter
Music in the Park – Jill Noakes and Heather Monkman
Fall Fest – Cheryle Houle **NCC & Membership** – Ray Vetter
Minor baseball – Phil Grandmaitre
Builders Wall – Tim Bernardi

Lots of ways to check us out

Website - www.navan.on.ca **NCA email** - nca@navan.on.ca
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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Nov. 11th at the Navan Cenotaph
Starting at 10:45 am

NAVAN CURLING CLUB V2.0

To say that there have been some changes to the property at 1305 Fairgreen Avenue in the Village of Navan would be a considerable understatement.

The Navan Curling Club is pleased to announce that they have been the proud recipients of a \$120 000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and a \$50 000 grant from the Friends of Mer Bleue.

These generous endowments are being used to replace and upgrade some critical areas of the Curling Club.

The Navan Curling Club, founded in 1984, has been a vital component of the Village of Navan. Its four-sheet curling facility will have an annual membership of close to 700 for the upcoming 2025-2026 season. The club, originally built in 1991, was expanded in 2005. During the busy curling season which runs from late September to early April, it hosts 35 draws of curling per week. It boasts some of the best curling ice in the city and the hospitality of its members is second to none.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the OTF and FOMB, the club was able to replace, fix, or renovate virtually every aspect of need. The club now boasts a new ice-making plant equipped with twin thirty horsepower compressors. In addition, a new chiller, a new condenser, and a new brine pump were added. The previous plant was original to the building when it was constructed, and a new power plant was essential to ensure quality curling ice for many years to come.



New ice plant exterior and interior mechanical room

The interior of the curling club underwent extensive renovations. The front entranceway, the main foyer, and the kitchen and bar area were all epoxied. The entire curling club was repainted, new window blinds were installed, and the worn carpeting was replaced with laminate flooring. Four new television monitors were added to the existing four monitors so that both ends of each curling sheet can now be viewed in the comfort of the cozy lounge. The bar area was completely rebuilt. A new poured concrete bar, clear epoxied wooden serving areas, new shelving, and pot lighting now accent the heart of the entertainment centre of the Navan Curling Club.



On Saturday, 20 September 2025, Glengarry-Prescott-Russell MPP Stéphane Sarrazin met with the team at the Navan Curling Club to hear more about the \$120,000 Capital grant from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)



MPP Stéphane Sarrazin, Navan Curling Club President Stéphane Beaulieu, Friends of Mer Bleue Ray Vetter, City councilor Catherine Kitts

On behalf of its members, the Board of Directors of the Navan Curling Club would like to offer a wholehearted thank you to the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Friends of Mer Bleue. Their vision, caring, and generosity are deeply appreciated.

- Kelly Oka

GIANT PUMPKIN GROWN IN NAVAN



Jeremy Grimes has succeeded in growing a giant pumpkin this season. It was grown at his parent's house on Smith Road and is now on display at his home on Trim Road. By using an online calculator Jeremy puts it at a weight of roughly 400 pounds. It was grown from an Atlantic giant seed purchased

from Nova Scotia. He started the pumpkin indoors in early April. Jeremy said "I used some techniques I learned online like burying the main vine. Pruning vines as needed and hand pollinating. With the things I learned this year I think I can go bigger next year." He is putting out the challenge "It would be cool if other people in Navan got into it and there was a weigh off." Maybe it could be an other event for the NCA Navan Fall Fest!



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“The Pioneer League, Navan-Vars’ recreational mixed 3-pitch softball league, wrapped up its season on September 14. After a tough loss in their first playoff game, the Navan Outlaws battled back with six straight wins to reclaim their 2023 C Division Championship title!”



Back row: Russ Morrison, Debbie Perala, Jamie Pool, Mario St-Denis, Kevin Lawlor, Colin Lawlor. Front row: Sara McFadden, Véronique Savard, Lia Larose, Adam English. Missing: Simon Perrier, Arielle Perrier, and spares Eric Long, Jeff Miller and Kelsie English.

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A NOTE FROM COUNCILLOR CATHERINE KITTS

Happy fall, everyone!

One of the highlights of this year has undoubtedly been the grand opening of the Navan Pavilion. It was such an honour to join Mayor Mark Sutcliffe and so many of you to celebrate this incredible achievement. The pavilion is a true testament to the spirit of Navan. It took months of construction and, more importantly, an extraordinary fundraising effort where the community rallied together to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars. That kind of commitment doesn't happen everywhere. It speaks volumes about the passion, generosity, and togetherness of our community. While the City of Ottawa was able to support through the Rural Community Building Grant and the Major Capital Projects Grant, the real heart of this project came from the community. A very special congratulations goes to NCA President Luc Picknell, whose tireless leadership brought this project to life. Switching gears to the Navan Arena next door, the project was initially delayed but is now on track for ice availability by November 1. The refrigeration slab was recently poured. Unfortunately, the elevator delivery has been delayed until mid-November, meaning the upper hall won't be barrier-free until the modernization is complete. We will provide more concrete timelines once the elevator company confirms the delivery date.

Speaking of the arena, online consultations are now open for a commemorative naming proposal to recognize Steve Barban's incredible legacy. The nomination would name the rink inside the Navan Memorial Centre the "Steve Barban Arena." Steve's contributions to local hockey were unmatched, from his work with the Cumberland Junior Grads to his leadership of the Navan Grads. He was a generous supporter of youth sports and a true pillar of our community. Feedback can be submitted through the city's online survey until October 15.

Finally, City Council is focused on the 2026 budget. I continue to caution colleagues against turning to steep tax hikes as a quick fix to meet rising demands on City services. As I've said before, residents shouldn't have to pay more for services that don't improve. I'll share details soon about the east and rural budget consultations. Please stay tuned to my social media and newsletter for updates.

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Maybe you need extra space for your adult children, aging parents, or want some additional income? Hello, my name is Maleeha Peterson. I have lived in Orleans since the mid 1970's and started calling Navan home in 2022. I've come to truly appreciate the strong sense of community in Navan, the warmth of its people, and the fantastic events that bring everyone together. I've enjoyed it so much that I decided to move my 77-year-old mother here, where we built a coach house on our property for her. I'm happy to answer any real estate questions you have, especially about building a coach house. I received my permit in just 2 weeks, and our contractors completed the build in under 4 months. If this is something you're considering, give me a call! I'd love to show you my coach house and help you decide if it's the right fit for you and your family.



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Navan, our great village

Today I want to point out some wonderful, things about our little village. Yes we are part of Ottawa, the big city. But being a village on the outskirts makes us special. I was at the official opening of our Pavillion on Saturday night. It's a beauty of a structure! Thanks to Luc Picknell and his team. These men were involved in the shovelling of the open air hockey rink that was built by them for us to enjoy the cold a little more. There is nothing like a skate around the rink! After years of rink maintenance they decided we needed a protective roof. 2 years later it was built thanks to the generosity of our residents. Over a \$1,000,000.00 was raised in such a short time! Everyone at the Opening of the Pavillion were so grateful to have this building. Now we have less upkeep of the rink in the winter and shade in the summer! This is a true bonus for our village. It got me thinking. Thinking about the other projects that our village was introduced to. Way back before my time here, the Fair was brought to life by farmers and other volunteers! What a playground that weekend of the Fair has become! In the beginning some farmers walked their cows and animals to the Fair for judging! Can you imagine that sight! One evening I met this fellow Jerry Calver at a dance back in the 80's! He loved to talk and emphasized that it was Village Volunteers responsible for the Arena. We are now, over 40 years later getting some renos to the Arena. Super! A few years later Jerry and I married. This was the era of the building of the best curling rink in Ottawa! Ross Bradley was heavily involved in this project! How he loved that rink! It wasn't long before we had to add an extension to the lounge. Our Bonspiels were big hits and attracted many from near and far to come to Navan. We also had the best ice around!! Smaller projects came along throughout the years. The lovely park playground was created by Emmanuelle Grandmaitre's efforts with a lot of help from Friends of Mer Bleue. The walkway at the Post Office was supported by Navan W.I., Navan Lions Club, and Navan Community Association. Nobody climbs over the railing anymore! Deavy's tin garage was painted with the help of the Oak Tree, Behr paints, and N.C.A. Hats off to Heather Vos who painted the lovely mural the summer of 2001! It's heartwarming to see tourists taking pictures of the garage! The Town Clock Plaza on Colonial is a special spot! Thanks to the Fire Department for letting us build on their property! It has been the stage for honouring involved villagers throughout the years. The Memorial Wall added a lot to the Plaza! We were so pleased when Brian Coburn joined this project. AnneMarie Potvin and I were happy to see so many locals donate, including the Mer Bleue foundation. I also want to mention the idea Juanita Vetter had about 15 years ago. What a great idea it was! The Nifty Fifty+ Seniors' center! How I love this opportunity to mingle with the seniors of our community! We are a lively, interesting and interested, fun-loving group who enjoy our Wednesday Afternoons with Juanita!! Thank you so much! I'll stop here! Mille mercis to Navan and its citizens' generosity throughout the years! We are so fortunate to have chosen to live in a vibrant, busy, friendly haven! Sheila Minogue-Calver

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Navan Women Inspired (W.I.)

Our September meeting took place at Sunrise Bites on Trim Road, right in our village! First time at this new location. I must say our hosts, Claire and Rez, are so very welcoming! Now we order treats from their plentiful array. Saves our members from being hostesses! Also the lighting is wonderful for our many ladies who drive there. Our guests, Shoppers Drug Mart cosmetic staff, were very informative, introducing us to new products to try. The Navan Fall Fest is coming and our Branch is taking part again this year. Should be a blast! Come on out to the Fest at the Blue Building! The whole morning is so much fun! The next W.I. meeting is Wednesday, October 8 at 7pm at the Sunrise Bistro!

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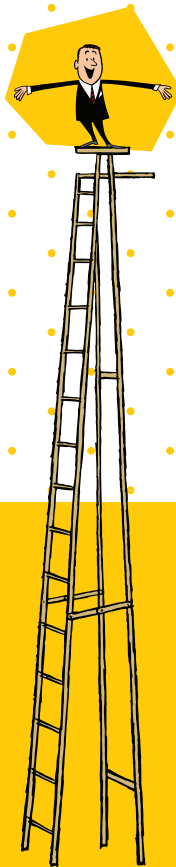
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Nifty 50 Plus Seniors' Club

Welcome back Nifty50 plus members. We are very fortunate to have St.Mary's Hall in our community to meet each week while the Navan Memorial arena is being renovated. This month we will continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Orleans Cumberland Community Resource Center leading up to Thanksgiving. They are always very happy for our support. Enjoy the wonders of the fall colours.

Chairperson, Navan Nifty 50 Plus Seniors Club

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Tom Devecseri



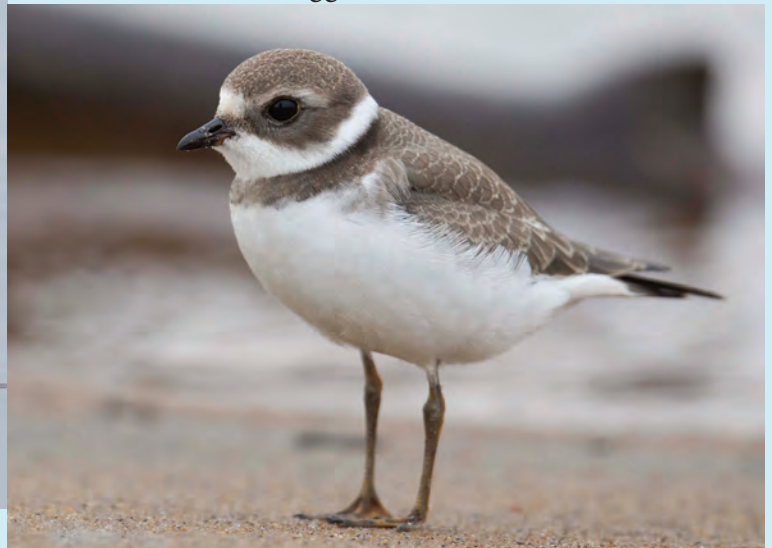
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Killdeer (on nest with eggs) - Giroux Road



Black-bellied Plover - Andrew Hayden Park - Ottawa Beach



Semipalmated Plover - Petrie Island



American Golden-Plover - Giroux Road



Wilson's Plover - Florida