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**Thanks a Bunch,  
Corkery Gardening Club!!!**

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Corkery Garden Club for maintaining the garden area around the community centre. This past summer, several members volunteered their time to ensure the gardens were watered and kept weed-free.

The Garden Club is a group of like-minded residents who live in and around Corkery. They meet informally several times a year to exchange ideas about garden design, best plants suitable for our zone, participate in creative workshops, as well as, attend private garden tours.

New members are welcome! For further information, please contact Carole Anne Parnell at [caparnell18@gmail.com](mailto:caparnell18@gmail.com)

## **Corkery Outdoor Rink to Open for Winter 2020-2021 Season!!!**



It's official! The City of Ottawa has given the go-ahead to open the Corkery skating rink! Rink Coordinator Andrew Mclsaac is predicting that due to COVID restrictions, more families will want to use the outdoor facility,

To ensure the rink is accessible and safe for all users, rink volunteers are needed, especially for hockey and shinny games. If you can spare some time, please contact Andrew at [rink@corkerycommunity.ca](mailto:rink@corkerycommunity.ca)  
For updated information on rink safety protocols, please visit: <https://www.corkerycommunity.ca/facilities/>

## **Spotlight on Local Business**

*by Gill Foss*

## The Greenhaus: More Than a Retirement Project



After retiring from a working life in finance, Rob Lyle, being a practical type, started looking around for a project that he could base on the 15-acre family property at 4546 March Road, near Almonte, Ontario. Not just any project, but one that would be beneficial environmentally and economically while becoming an integral part of the surrounding community. To achieve this end, he began wide-ranging research on the current options for a sustainable greenhouse operation.

Being not only the landlord of the property, but he would also be the owner and manager of his new business. He decided on a net-zero emission, hydroponic, low energy version. This would be based on the US company Ceres' Greenhouse Solutions model with passive solar lighting/heating that would cater to a market within a 50 km radius.

He has designed the building with a north/south orientation to make the most of the sun, in particular during the winter months. He uses only non-GMO seeds. Being grown hydroponically means the plants have no contact with soil but rather, are watered three times a day by a circulating irrigation system fed from a dosing tank containing an added mix of nutrients.

"The Mississippi Mills zoning regulations for this area as Rural/Commercial has made this operation feasible," stated Lyle during a recent interview.



“For me, the concept was very important and had to meet my personal goals of being as environmentally non-invasive as possible while still being a viable operation. So far, it has been a hands-on learning curve for this 2,000 square foot growing space. The next upgrade in the plan is to improve the lighting,” he added.

Contact: (613) 716-6368 Address: 4546 March Road

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/rlgreenshaus/>

## Christmas in November Market

The Carp Farmers’ Market will be extending their 2020 season for two additional Saturdays this year – November 7th & 14th! These two dates will replace their Christmas market, typically held in December. You may schedule delivery or pickup from [the website](#).



## West-Carleton Neighbourhood Network

A West-Carleton Neighbourhood Network has been set up a Facebook group for connecting local businesses with West-Carleton residents. You may browse

the business directory or make an inquiry to the group.

Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/588793471981488/> for further information.

## DIY Halloween Craft

Have a fantastic Halloween at home by making this DIY spooky pinata!

What you need:

- toilet paper tube
- white crepe paper streamer
- double-sided tape/glue
- googly eyes
- scrapbook paper
- baker's twine
- small toys and candy



1. Take the toilet paper roll and layer with crepe paper until fully covered.
2. Attach the round cardboard piece to one side of the toilet roll with glue.
3. Add candy. Make sure it is not too heavy.
4. Attach the 2nd round cardboard to the other side. Also, add twine with the cardboard. This will be what children pull on to break open the pinata.
5. Allow to dry.
6. Add the googly eyes.
7. Have a blast!

For full instructions, check out:

<https://diycandy.com/halloween-kids-craft-mummy-pinata/>

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## Monthly Green Tip

Instead of recycling yogurt drink containers, keep

them and make your own yogurt drink. It is cheaper, healthier and eco-friendly. Here is a recipe, but you can adjust it to taste. Just throw in a blender and pour into the little containers.

- 1 cup (250 ml) 2% plain yogurt
- 1 cup (250 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) fresh or frozen and thawed fruit (raspberries, mangoes, strawberries, blueberries, peaches, etc.)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons maple syrup



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