



## OUR NEWS

### BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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#### **The Deuce is Loose!**

Come down to the Belfast Rec Center every Monday for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. Ticket sales and kitchen opens at 6 pm, Trivia with prizes starts at 7:20. Ticket sales close at 8pm and the draw is at 8:15. The nightly door prize winner gets a chance to pick the 2 of Spades from the deck - if the 2 of spades is picked that person wins the progressive jackpot (on Feb 15 jackpot was \$2984)

#### **Card Parties at Pinette Raceway**

Join us for action on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm  
And Crib Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm.  
Everyone welcome.

#### **Curling Funspiel, Feb 27th**

Looking for teams to play in this year's "Bragging Rights" Funspiel on Saturday February 27th. Three 6-end games guaranteed. \$100 per team. \$25 from each team entry goes to the Callum Thomson leukemia support fund.

The canteen (with food specials) and the licenced bar (19 and over). The pool table will be available for use too.

No prizes, just the fun of "Bragging Rights".  
Register through Gary Oulton at 902-313-2000 or [garydoulton@hotmail.com](mailto:garydoulton@hotmail.com) .

#### **BELFAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL**

**MEETING** - will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 7 p.m. at Belfast School. Storm date is Wednesday, March 9th. Agenda to include: Auditor's Report, Approval of Estimates, Projected Tax Rate for Year, Other Business. All residents invited to attend.

#### **Spring Luncheon**

Mount Buchanan- Point Prim Women's Institute will be hosting a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Belfast Rec Centre. from 11am to 1 pm. For information and tickets please phone Rose, 902-657-2744 or Rebecca, 902-659-2647. Proceeds to the QEH Foundation Equipment Fund. Thank you for your support.

#### **IS YOUR CIVIC ADDRESS SIGN VISIBLE AND IN GOOD REPAIR?**

Civic addresses are VERY important for emergency services — fire, ambulance and police can't help you if they can't find you!

No one wants emergency responders to be delayed because a civic address sign is missing, damaged or hidden behind bushes or snow. Please take time to check on your sign and relocate or replace it if necessary. Having your address clearly visible can save precious minutes when an emergency responder is trying to find your location.

In rural communities, all property owners are responsible to obtain and display an approved civic address signs. Any local sign manufacturer who complies with Provincial standards can make signs. It is recommended by the Belfast Fire Department that civic address signs be doubled sided facing both directions of the road. The cost of these signs is minimal compared to life and death situation. For more information, go to [www.peipublicsafety.ca](http://www.peipublicsafety.ca), follow @peipublicsafety on facebook or twitter, or call 894-0385 or toll-frees-877-894-0385

#### **Mother's Day Gift Basket Fund-raiser**

For South Pinette-Flat River Women's Institute. Tickets available from WI members. Contact Judy Davis at 902-659-2369

#### **The Belfast Players**

The Belfast Players will be presenting the three act comedy "The Great Fullman Hour Baking Contest" Written by David Halliday.

Show times are Saturday, April 30 for a matinee performance at 2:00pm and an evening performance at 7:30pm at the Belfast Rec Centre.

Tickets will be available at Cooper's, MacAulay's Bakery and at the door. Adults \$12.00 Children \$5.00.

For more information call Reta Ross at 902-659-2711.

Proceeds to go to the Belfast Rec. Centre.

Come and enjoy a good laugh!

## **Wood Islands Welcome Centre**

The Wood Islands Welcome Centre is owned and operated by the community via the Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC) -- a community "Not-for-Profit" organization. Address: 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0. During this off-season, our administrator Audrey can be contacted at (902) 940-4784; after May 1 at the admin office: (902) 962-3761. Email: [wiadc@woodislands.ca](mailto:wiadc@woodislands.ca). Web: [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) Facebook: Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation; 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale; and Wood Islands Lighthouse pages.

Know that this truly is your community space. You are welcome in it. Welcome your friends to it. Welcome those who come to our island via our ferry gateway. Welcome!

**Wood Islands Business Opportunities.** WIADC loves the entrepreneurial spirit. Planning for 2016 season, we are calling for expressions of interest and requesting proposals for new businesses in our Welcome Centre.

Wood Islands is a major gateway to the Island. Did you know that 350,000 passengers and 14,000 commercial vehicles entered our province via the ferry in 2014? And last year the stats got even better because of our low dollar—great for tourism! By all accounts this year will be stellar as well. Wood Islands Welcome Centre is highly visible and on their direct route to the rest of their visit: everyone of those visitors is a potential customer.

We have options for your business. The replica Train Station can be rented as one entity or can be divided into 1/3, 2/3. We also have a lovely store front in our main visitor information centre building. There may be other opportunities as well such as "artist-in-residence" times; bike rentals at "Mile 0" of PEI's TransCanada Trail; food truck opportunities; pop-up stores; circus style events, fundraiser etc.

If you are excellent at what you do and want to discuss any great idea-- you are invited to call Audrey at (902) 940-4784; or email: [wiadc@woodislands.ca](mailto:wiadc@woodislands.ca)

**Wood Islands Community Room Rentals** (above the Visitor Information Centre) Visit our website [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) for rates. Neutrally decorated, versatile, very clean. Seats 80. Great kitchen facilities. New projector and screen. Elevator lift to second floor. Book your dates early so as not to be disappointed. Call or email WIADC numbers as above.

**Wood Islands Sign Plaza:** More than 350,000 visitors arrive via Wood Islands Ferry each season with a good number of those stopping at the government's Visitor Information Centre here at our Welcome Centre. Tourists see your sign when they need to see it - right off the ferry. Here's how it works: WIADC supplies the sign blank (16" x 44") to RIJO Signs in Flat River free of charge. Applicant is responsible for supplying information and artwork to RIJO (Call 659-2832 for details). RIJO prices start at \$ 80 for each sign which will last several years under normal conditions. WIADC retains ownership of the sign; affixes it to the Sign Plaza in May; removes and stores it securely in November. We offer two rental agreements in our Plaza: ONE season is only \$220 plus HST per reusable sign; or TWO consecutive seasons at \$ 350 plus HST per sign. You can apply and pay by credit card/debit card through PayPal on our website ([www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca), --go to the Community Information tab, then click on Sign Plaza and follow the prompts). If you prefer to pay by cheque, please make payment to WIADC (Wood Islands

and Area Development Corporation); attach to a replicated application form found on our website and send to: Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation, 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE C0A 1B0 For more information, see the website as above, or call me if you have any questions, or need any help with the process. I'm here to help.

**70 Mile Coastal Yardsale** is September 17 and 18 this year (2016). Stay abreast on Facebook: 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale. Mark it into your new calendars today!

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## **Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC)**

We exist to encourage socially, environmentally and economically healthy community. Our Specific Objectives are:

- to create a sense of community
- to utilize existing facilities to their fullest potential
- to expand facilities where necessary to meet our needs
- to develop and promote employment opportunities within our community
- to maintain and enhance the presence of the ferry service

We truly appreciate our community. And we need YOU.

1. The WIADC Board of Directors, wanting innovative directions, diversity, and to fill positions lost by attrition, is seeking enthusiastic, positive ambassadors for Wood Islands and Area to come sit with us for one, two or three year terms. Realistically, a Director would expect to devote about 10 hours a month which includes our monthly meeting where we review information, discuss and decide issues relating to the Wood Islands Welcome Centre and the Wood Islands Lighthouse. Wisdom, creativity, dedication to community, generous spirit, and forward thought are assets. Give us a call or forward a resume to [wiadc@woodislands.ca](mailto:wiadc@woodislands.ca) for the kindest of consideration.
2. Not able to sit on the Board? Maybe you might act as a named or silent Advisor to us, perhaps in marketing, business, tourism, trends, media, history, environmentalism, rural / community development or other. Let us know if you are willing and able to help.
3. Have you an exciting business plan and want exceptionally good facilities? Our aesthetically pleasing heritage-themed buildings are only 14 years old and well maintained. Rents negotiated for a win-win situation, yours and our community's. At Wood Islands Welcome Centre -- the eastern gateway to PEI -- tens of thousands stop in in the summer looking for a bite to eat, treats, and experiences.
4. Would you and your friends like to propose and organize a one time or yearly event for our community-- Setting Day breakfast; Swing into Spring; Wood Islands Fun Run; Mother's Day tea; Kids' Summer Cycle safety; Gingerbread Houses at Christmas, or the likes. Please contact us.
5. Time to start a community group? Writing for the Fun of It? Moms and Tots? Teen Glee Club? Yoga? Photography Club? Philosophy Koffeehuis? Let's build our community!
6. New to the community? What better way to begin to feel "at home." Volunteer. Bring us your good ideas and experience.

Welcome!

Watch for news of our Annual General Meeting: date (proposed at this time) is Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Wood Islands Welcome Centre Community Room. All are welcome. Guest speaker TBA.

Our Administrator Audrey can be reached at (902) 940-4784 until May 2. After May 2: (902) 962-3761.

WIADC's overall objective is to create a climate that encourages a socially, environmentally and economically healthy community.

### **Thank You**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for supporting us through our difficult time with the loss of our home and the store due to fire this past fall. We appreciated all the kind gestures and visits people paid to us. A special thank you to the Belfast, Montague, and Vernon River Fire Departments for their efforts in containing the fire that day. Sincerely, Florence & Leo O'Shea and families.

### **Annual Christmas Bird Count in the Belfast Area**

Sunday, December 27th was not a great day to see birds with the fog, increasing wind, and snow falling to make roads slick all day after 9 am. Nevertheless four women set out to see what birds were around on the Annual Christmas Bird Count in what's called the "Hillsborough Count" with Belfast being "Area 8". The Count is sponsored annually by the US Audubon Society in collaboration with many naturalist groups, and locally by Nature PEI (also known as the PEI Natural History Society). Diane Griffin, Rosemary Curley and Kathy Martin, all experienced birders, drove out from town to meet up with Liz Townsend from Belfast (not so experienced or accurate as the others). We met at Cooper's Red and White parking lot at 8 am. Each year we take the same route for consistency in comparing what we find with previous years. The route starts down Halliday's Wharf Road right to the old wharf area at the bottom of the cliff where we saw an adult Eagle, Canada Geese, and starlings. Not too surprising. Then we drove along the Trans Canada directly to Point Prim and right down to the Lighthouse so that we could see as much as possible before the weather closed in. The day was so grey and the fog so thick that it was hard to see off shore at the Lighthouse. However we spotted 2 Red-Breasted Merganser (sea ducks), 3 Eider (sea ducks), and 6 Mallard ducks with a spotting scope. Not much of a count there this year considering the range of ducks and more at the Lighthouse some years. At Lord Selkirk Park, our best sightings were 50 black ducks and another adult Eagle. The other roads we check each year are the Glashvin Road and Gillis Road. Not much to see on either road although we hiked around to listen for birds in bushes that were too dense to see into.

On MacAulay's Wharf Road, we love to go to Larsen's pond. This year it had over 70 Mallard Ducks (no Teal this year). The final stop is at the North Pinette Bridge. We looked at the Pinette River from the Bridge, as well as earlier from Camp Buchan and MacAuley's Wharf Road. Our count of 650 Canada Geese was low given that there have been thousands sitting in the river for the last month or so. The only gulls we saw were Herring Gull (1) (I thought only one all day) and Ring Billed Gull (5?) (Selkirk Park and Pinette Bridge). The other 'finds' were small birds we could see at feeders, in the trees, and in bushes along the way as we drove slowly or got out to walk around. One great sighting was 3 cowbirds in amongst flocks of starlings around the Knox farm with all its buildings, silos, and ponds on the TCH. Thanks to the Knox's for giving us permission to walk around the farmyard because we never walk on private land without asking first. In the final tally of small birds, we saw at least 8 junco, over 50 blue jay, 4 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, over 50 Gold Finch, 6 Mourning Dove,

4 Golden Crowned Kinglet, and 1 song sparrow. Very few of each considering previous years. No woodpeckers, hungarian partridge or ruffed grouse although we know they are in Area 8. Our Belfast Area 8 total was 23 species on a rather miserable day (weather wise) and a wonderful day for the 4 of us getting together as we do each year. When we gathered to hear what had been seen in other areas of the Hillsborough District (for bird counting), we learned that the Hillsborough Count overall included sightings of 46 species with more hawks, sparrows, ducks etc. in the Hillsborough Harbour, roads, and fields from Charlottetown to Belfast. Rosemary Curley had already seen a Turkey Vulture on the East River the day before, but not on 'count day'. As expected, there were well over 8000 starlings emerging from under the Hillsborough Bridge at dawn.

Update re the WI and Nature PEI Bird Feeder Award: We decided not to give out a Bird Feeder Award. Instead we say thank you very much to those who hang and fill bird feeders each year. If anyone had an unusual sighting not mentioned here specifically on Sunday, December 27th, midnight to midnight, you can leave a message for Liz Townsend at 902-659-2508.

### **Land Wanted**

Looking for: Piece of land near Belfast and surrounding area. Local young family looking to expand hobby farm therefore several acres of cleared land is necessary. Some wooded is great too as we burn wood and plan to build house/barns. Already have mortgage in Belfast area therefore we are interested in cash deal ONLY. Ideally, 15-30 acres total. Email only please.

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### **Yoga in Belfast**

#### **Make fitness a top priority in 2016.**

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**Deadline**

Deadline for the next newsletter is **March 15, 2016, 06:00pm.**

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