

# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

March 2017

## Newsletter Information & Guidelines

We hope that you enjoyed reading the revitalized Belfast Lions Community Newsletter last month.

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If you have any submissions, ideas or suggestions for improving the newsletter or want to advertise, contact Gary at [belfastnewsletter999@gmail.com](mailto:belfastnewsletter999@gmail.com) or cell 902-313-2000.

The Lions Club is encouraging area businesses to advertise within this publication to assist in offsetting the \$350 monthly cost of printing and mailing the 850 copies to households in the Belfast community and surrounding areas. Advertising will generate new and recurring business for yourself as well as provide ongoing community support for local events and activities. Donations of support are also gratefully accepted.

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On behalf of all the Belfast Lions, Belfast and surrounding communities, we would like to thank advertisers for your support to this community service.

Community service announcements are included at no charge and should generally be limited to a maximum of a quarter page (~30 lines / 300 words). Larger community announcements may be included if space permits.

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Happy birthday to Faye Cantelo who turned the ripe old age of 25 again. Love Tony, Corey and Nancy

Get well wishes go to Beverly Deveaux. From Faye, Nancy, Corey and Tony

On Saturday Feb 4th, 8 teams played in this year's Rec Centre Bonspiel. Not counting the bar and canteen, the bonspiel raised \$816 for the Rec Centre. Congratulations to Keir White's team who took the Bonspiel title over Clifford McKenna's CAMM team. A big thank you goes to Keir and Billy for doing the ice, to Laura and Amy for running the canteen and everyone who came to play and watch.

The Annual Meeting of the Belfast Community Council will be held on Monday, March 13th at Belfast Consolidated School at 7:00 p.m. Agenda to include: Auditor's Report, Approval of Estimates, Projected Tax Rate for Year, and other business. Storm date: Wednesday, March 15th. All residents urged to attend.

Bring your Grins, wear your Green, and prepare to Sing, Dance & have Fun as Marie MacIntyre and friends present an Old Fashioned St Paddy's Day Party at The Church Dweller's (1828 Trans Canada Highway, Belle River), March 17 at 7:30 pm. Bring your friends and neighbours for an evening of Irish favourites. If you play the squeeze box, pennywhistle, bodhran etc bring them too and join the open mic fun. A shamrock green punch will be provided. Donations and an item for the Montague Food Bank are gratefully accepted. Call 962-4131 for more information.

Spring Luncheon: Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute will be hosting a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11am-1pm at Belfast Recreation Centre, 3033 Garfield Road. Tickets are \$10. each. To reserve your seat, please call Rose 902-659-2744, Rebecca 902-659-2647 or a Women's Institute. Deadline to order tickets is April 4, 2017. Proceeds for community projects.

## Belfast Junior C Hockey

Our Belfast Sabres have advanced to the semifinals - they played the first game in Sherwood and won 4-3. These two teams have had exciting games all year with games being decided in overtime or with one goal. Here is the schedule for the rest of the series with our home ice time being in Belfast at 7:50 on Friday nights - come on down and support our Junior team.

Admission - Adults \$6.00 - Seniors & Students \$4.00 - Family Rate of \$20.00

Gm 4 - Fri., Mar. 3 at 7:50 at Belfast

Gm 5 - Mon., Mar. 6 at 8:25 at Cody Banks

## Belfast Recreation Centre

Have a business?? Space is available for advertising - 2 x 8 signs \$100 per year; 4 x 8 signs \$ 200 per year; other select spaces available for special rates. Please contact us at 902-659-2277 or via email at [belfastreccentre@gmail.com](mailto:belfastreccentre@gmail.com)

## Belfast Senior's Club

\* Open House for LEAP Program, March 8 @ 11am at Belfast Rec Centre. Storm date March 15th.

\* Regular meetings for the Belfast Millennium Club (50+) are 3rd Wednesday monthly at Rec Centre from 2-4 pm.

\* Looking for new members 50+

\* Contact Eleanore at 902-659-2333 for more information.

## Belfast Community Action Committee Update

Since the recommendation for the closure of Belfast Consolidated our community has rallied together and spoken with one strong voice - we see our school as vital to our community, and are willing to do whatever it takes to keep it here to educate our children, our future, at the highest standard.

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**February 4th** we hosted a community fundraiser, featuring a sample of some of the incredible talent in our community. Our special thanks go to Kevin Ryan for stage management, Eric Fortune for donating his time to provide light and sound for the event, as well as all of the artists who performed that evening. We were treated to a new video by Millefiore Clarke and music by Paper Lions, Katie McGarry, Dan Currie, The Docherty Family Band, Kevin Ryan, Norman Stewart, Johnny Ross and Justin Simard. Along with a cake auction, admission, online contributions, major donations and 50/50 ticket sales, we were able to raise \$9000 dollars. Kudos to Mark & Zoë Hansen for donating their 50/50 winnings back to the event! If you missed out, Mille's video, and a live stream of the show is viewable at Save Belfast School on Facebook.

**February 7th** our community showed up en force and delivered eloquent and passionate presentations in defence of our school, drawing cheers, laughter, and a fierce sense of pride. Presenting that evening were Kevin Ryan, Frankie Buffa, Marcella Ryan, Keir White, Rikki Schock, Charlie McGeoghegan, Darlene Compton, Alan Preston and Rick Cameron. Speaking at the open mic were Dennis Halliday, Karen Campbell, Alan Hicken and Alan Buchanan.

**February 14th** our committee sent its Valentine to Premier Wade MacLaughlan and his cabinet, requesting a one year extension against any closure so that we could have adequate time to do the required research, hire the appropriate consultants in order to offer a counter proposal to the province that would better suit the needs of our community.

**February 15th** many attended Paul Bennett's presentation to PEI Education and Economic Development Committee, where he presented on the subject of HUB schools.

**February 20th** many in our community joined the estimated 500 people who marched in the We Are Rural Strong rally from Peakes Quay to the Coles Building in Charlottetown, along with Islanders from other rural schools also recommended to be closed. Ian Petrie spoke favourably on behalf of Belfast once the march reached the Coles Building. Congratulations to the Georgetown folks for arranging this successful event.

## UPCOMING

Rikki Schock will be presenting, on behalf of the Belfast Community Council, to the Standing Committee on Communities, Land and Environment on the topic of how school closures will impact our communities. The date has yet to be determined, but the meeting is open to the public, and we hope for a strong turn out to show our support.

## STRONGER TOGETHER

In the coming days, there will be more help needed, and many opportunities to get involved. Like our page "Save

Belfast School" or check our website [www.savebelfastschool.com](http://www.savebelfastschool.com) for the latest updates on our actions and progress. Get in touch via e-mail at [savebelfastschool@gmail.com](mailto:savebelfastschool@gmail.com)

We are stronger together, so please help us keep our message strong and positive, and the hashtags trending: #WeAreBelfast #MightyIsland

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**&**

**Karry Ferguson 902-838-0910 or 902-838-0651**

**and tell them:**

"My name is (your name), I live at (civic address) and I am opposed to the closure of the Belfast School, and the feel the review process is being rushed."

Also send letters and/or comments via e-mail to [psb-input@edu.pe.ca](mailto:psb-input@edu.pe.ca)

## Point Prim Lighthouse

Annual General Meeting March 22 at 7pm at the Belfast Rec Centre. Open to the public.

Much has been happening at the Point Prim Lighthouse, not only in the last few years, but also in this upcoming year.

In 2015, the lighthouse was beautified with a much-needed painting. The transformation was impressive.

In January 2016, the ownership of the lighthouse was at long last transferred from the DFO (Department of Fisheries and Oceans) to the non-profit community organization, the Point Prim Lighthouse Society Inc.

We are excited to report that major work is in progress on the site. In the summer of 2016, extensive erosion-control work was completed. The existing concrete wall was reinforced with a massive rock wall which was also extended to the property line on the south side and further north on the west side of the property. Erosion has been a concern for the lighthouse, as the property is now less than four acres – the original lighthouse property was 9 acres in size. As well, the parking lot was resurfaced and enlarged. Tours buses can now turn around with ease and there is much more parking available for the general public.

And exciting news: in the fall of 2016, work began on a new "lightkeeper's cottage." The cottage will house an expanded gift shop, historical exhibits, and washrooms. A covered pavilion located on the south side of the building will be available for community events, weddings, and concerts. The cottage is anticipated to be open in time for season-opening in mid-June.

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This spring, the large panes of glass on the lantern floor will be removed in order that the old caulking can be removed, the frames painted and new caulking installed. The cracked panes of glass will also be replaced.

Over 8,000 visitors climbed the Point Prim Lighthouse in 2016 and many thousands more visited the site, which demonstrates the popularity of lighthouses to the public. This traffic has helped to support local businesses such as restaurants, art galleries and artisan shops.

A grand opening is planned for early this summer.

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## The Deuce is Loose!

Come join your neighbors every Tuesday at the Belfast Rec Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. Ticket sales and kitchen/bar opens at 6:00pm, trivia with prizes starts at 7:20. Ticket sales close at 8:00pm and the draw is at 8:15. Tickets are also available in advance at Cooper's.

## Burning Permits are Free

(Friendly reminder from your fire department)  
Please read the permit carefully, front and back  
Under section 30.(3) a permit issued under subsection (1) shall not become valid until the applicant has notified the fire department responsible and given details of the fire.  
Fire Chief: Wade Mackenzie 659-2172. Deputy Chief: Darcy MacPherson 940-0174. President: Rikki Schock 659-2884  
Many people still believe grass fires help the grass grow, these fires in fact destroy the organic matter that is essential for good soil fertility in grasslands. They also destroy the early nests of birds and other wildlife not to mention personal property, neighbour's property and forest areas. Responses to grass fires, which have gone out of control, are still a major problem for the Fire Department.  
THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT, states from March 15 to December 1st of any year...."there shall be NO OPEN FIRES (GRASS, BUSH ETC) WITH OUT A PERMIT"

Landowners, contractors, government/private projects are required to have burning permits which are available from the Dept of Energy & Forestry District Office, West Royalty on Beach Grove Road (368-4800). The permit holder is responsible for the care and control of the burning site until the fire is extinguished and any damage caused to adjoining properties etc as a result of the fire. (Refer to Section 27(1) and 27(2) of the Fire Prevention Act listed on the reverse side of the permit) Wind force, wind direction, fuel type and other factors affect the rate of spread of a wild fire and MUST be taken into consideration before burning is started. It is VERY IMPERATIVE that the landowner check the fire

index via internet, local radio stations, TV and the newspaper also report the fire index each day through the summer month. If in doubt, contact the Forestry Dept. FAILURE TO HAVE A VALID BURNING PERMIT CAN RESULT IN A FINE OF \$200.00 OR MORE. HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

The Belfast Players will be presenting the three-act comedy called "The Raccoon Valley Players presents Stan of Green Labels" written by Davin Halliday.

\* Show times are Saturday April 22 with a matinee performance at 2pm and an evening performance at 7:30 pm at the Belfast Rec Centre.

\* Tickets will be available at Cooper's, MacAulay's Bakery and at the door. Adults \$12. Children \$5.

\* For more information, call Rita Ross at 659-2711. Proceeds go to the Belfast Rec Centre.

\* Come and enjoy a good laugh!!

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Stan

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Call Gary at 902-313-2000.

Items can also be dropped off at Cooper's.

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