



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

February 2019



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The Deuce is Loose

The Deuce is Loose! Come join your neighbours every Tuesday evening at the Belfast Rec. Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. Ticket sales and kitchen/bar opens at 6:00 pm, trivia with prizes starts at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets available at Cooper's.

2nd Annual "Valentine's Heart & Stroke Fundraiser Dance"

Featuring, *The Docherty Brothers & Luke Farnham as "Diversified Band of Brothers"*. Come join Kendall, Jason, Tim, and Luke for an evening of great music and dancing!

Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at the Belfast Rec Centre
8:30-11:30 pm

Tickets are \$10.00 at the door

Music for all ages 19 +

Door Prizes ~ 50/50 Tickets ~ Cake Auction

Silent Prize Auction ~ Fudge & Cookie Sale

A great event for the Community. Please share with your family and friend. Come support the Heart & Stroke Foundation of PEI.

For advanced tickets and/or donations please contact Lynn Docherty @ 902 969 3032

See you there!!!!!!!

♡ February is Heart Month ♡

Belfast Consolidated School Report

Hello everyone! Bingo is back again! We will be hosting a fundraising bingo event on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 starting at 6:30pm at the school. We will have a number of games, with great prizes that have been donated to the school. Businesses will have donated prizes valued from \$20.00-\$100.00 for the evening. Last year, prize lots were worth \$250.00-\$400.00. The money we make at bingo will help to pay for our popular "Spring Fling" event in June. If there are any businesses who would like to make a donation to the school, please give us a call (902-659-7200), and we can arrange to pick it up. A number of our staff and Home and School parents will be around to ask as well. We want to thank our community for the great support we receive for this event.

A reminder - we have pickleball on Monday nights from 7-8:30pm. We have had up to 16 people attend! Badminton is held on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm. The cost to attend is a Loonie or Twoonie! The money raised through this event will go towards our physical education program.

We will also have musical guests at our school in February and March! Todd MacLean and Dylan Menzie will be in to share their talents with our students.

You can follow us on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, or at <https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/>.

Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School

[\(mjmunro@edu.pe.ca\)](mailto:mjmunro@edu.pe.ca)

Christmas Bird Count (CBC) Around Belfast, December 26th

Each year, a group of around 5 people go around Belfast to count birds on what's known as the Christmas Bird Count. The Belfast area is #8 in what's called the Hillsborough Count for Nature PEI and the Audubon Society which keeps the statistics each year. Some readers of this Newsletter will know about this event and contribute sightings each year. On December 26th, 2018, five of us (including Liz Townsend from Belfast) saw 25 species. There were certainly more birds out there, but we spent 9 hours looking up and down the roads South of the TCH from Halliday's Wharf to the Pinette Bridge. Here's the list of those we saw on a very cold but lovely sunny day. Canada Goose - 703, Long Tailed Duck - 55, Common Merganser - 6, Red Breasted Merganser - 233, Black Duck - 150, Herring Gull - 8, Greater Black Backed Gull - 6, Iceland Gull - 3, Red Tail Hawk - 1, Eagles - 3 mature, 1 immature, Snowy Owl - seen on the 24, 25 near the Pt Prim Lighthouse, Rock Dove - 45, Mourning Dove - 9, Pileated Woodpecker - Feeding daily on old spruce leaving chips, bird still not sighted, Flicker - 1, Red Breasted Nuthatch - 5, Starling - 154, Junco - 22, Snow Bunting - 25, American Goldfinch - 37, American Tree Sparrow - 1, Black Capped Chickadee - 50, Crow - 156, Raven - 3, Red Bellied Woodpecker - 1, a birder at Point Prim early in the day picked up some type of loon., common goldeneye, Imore Red-breasted Mergansers (942), some Black Scoter and a Merlin. If you're interested in the CBC for 2019, please contact Dan McAskill of Nature PEI at jdmcaskill@pei.sympatico.ca.

2019 Belfast Lions Club Annual Calendar Fundraiser

The 2019 edition is running a bit late but has been printed and delivery is underway! The plan for delivery has not changed, you will receive a visit to your home by a Lions member very soon. If you are not already on our delivery list, you may purchase one at Cooper's Red & White store. The calendar covers months February 2019 to January 2020 inclusive, and provides lots of very good information, spread over 12 months.

Due to increased administration and manufacturing cost, the price for each Calendar will be \$10.00.

For more information or to be added to our annual delivery schedule, please contact any Lions member or contact Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447 or e-mail BelfastLionsCalendar@Outlook.com.

We Thank You Very Much for your continued support of the Belfast Lions Club in raising funds for community needs.

Island Pride Garden Co.

Tired of the Cold! If you aren't a skier then we will be looking for planters, helpers etc. this spring. If your passionate about plants, then this might be the thing for you to jump start your gardening fix. We are looking for part time and full-time workers.

In April/ May we hire planters for often 1/2 days perhaps 3-5 days per week.

Spring break is a time for student to fill trays and make money for graduation.

If this is something you would like to do give us a Call 902 964 2044 gardens@islandpride.ca Anne or John Keuper.

Wood Islands and Area Development News

Islander Day at the Wood Islands Welcome Center February 18 from 9-3. It's your day to ski, skate, snowshoe and play in the forest playground. We will be clearing the skating pond and area, building Forest Candles to light the pond, rebuilding the gnome homes, and skiing on the adjoining Rail Trail. Come for the fun, come for the work or come for the soup and a cup of tea... Just come and enjoy a day chatting with family and friends in the community room. Create the fun you desire!

Schedule of events:

Outside

9-1 Clearing the skating rink, and forest around the pond, and making of Bonfire and Forest Candles.

11-2 Quincy making

11-3 Hotdogs and marshmallows on the campfire.

10-3 Making Candles from Bayberries

9-3 Bring your gear to Explore our Skiing and snowshoeing trail.

12-2 Pond curling.

Inside

9-12 Bread making demonstration for those that want this simple recipe should show up with a bowl, spoon and towel to cover.

11-2 Cookie decorating

11-2 Lunch soup, bread or biscuit \$5

10-3 Inside and outside learn a new game or bring your own and be the expert

Our Annual General Meeting will be on March 6th, 2019 at the Welcome Center where we will be informing you of our past record and seeking new members to help with our slate of new initiatives.

We will be looking for several new employees this year watch the web site for updates.

To Contact us please leave a message 902-962-3761.

Email wiadc@woodislands.ca. Follow us on Facebook.

The Board of Directors of the Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation (WIADC) invites applications for the seasonal position of Site Administrator beginning late April 2019.

The Site Administrator is responsible for the WIADC operations at the Wood Islands Welcome Centre at 13056 Shore Road, Wood Islands, PE, COA 1B0 and also at the Wood Islands Lighthouse.

For a detailed description of the position please visit www.woodislands.ca

The deadline for applications is February 8, 2019. Please email applications to wiadc@woodislands.ca

Thank You

Following the passing of our dear husband and father, Richard Davies on December 16th, 2018, we have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of sympathy and support from neighbours and friends in the Belfast community. Richard lived and farmed in Flat River for 40 years and his love for this community was deep and enduring.

Your continued thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely, Judy Davies and Family

Point Prim - Mt. Buchanan Mosquito Program Update

In November 2018, approximately 120 local residents were sent a flyer regarding the possibility of restarting a biting fly program in Mt. Buchanan - Point Prim area. This was to establish level of interest, support and willingness to move the program forward.

To date we have received 30 replies all positive plus a few more affirmative verbal replies from local residents and summer residents. If you have contact addresses for any summer residents please forward this information on to them for their input. Thank you.

Two companies have indicated interest in carrying out the program in our districts pending more information. To move forward to the next step we need a reply from ALL residents indicating their level of support as well as volunteers willing to be part of an organizing committee. This committee will determine if we have adequate support to proceed and will assess the financial factor. The cost per household will depend on the number of supporters. Each contribution will receive a tax-deductible receipt for income purposes. Please provide the following information:

I will support the mosquito program financially _____

I will volunteer to help monitor problem areas _____

I will volunteer when needed _____

Signature _____

COMMENTS: _____

Your contact information for additional updates:

Mailing Address _____

email _____

Text/Tel.# _____

Please return to: Brian and Barb Gillis, 1480 Point Prim Road Belfast, PE, COA 1A0. E-mail Bayliner196@gmail.com.

Text 902 626 7233. Home # 902 659 2189.

A reply is requested on or before February 21st, 2019 as there will be an organizational meeting of committee volunteers on that date at the home of Brian and Barb Gillis at 7:00pm. Storm date if needed - February 22nd, 2019

Out of Province Medical Travel Support Programs

You may not know; the Province presently operates four Out of Province Travel Support Programs. The program will provide financial support for eligible patients and/or their essential escorts traveling out of the province. This ensures travel is possible for all PEI residents who hold a valid PEI Health Card. Financial assistance is provided through subsidizing eligible applicants and their essential escorts' fare costs. Health PEI reviews all requests using eligibility criteria, based on total household income:

1. *Maritime Bus Program*: subsidizes the cost to Maritime Bus service destinations.
2. *Hope Air – Flights Program*: a national charity, to provide free commercial flights for eligible PEI residents to travel for medical services out-of-province, outside of the Maritimes.
3. *Hope Air – Bridge Toll Program*: subsidizes the cost of, Bridge Toll passes for eligible PEI residents to travel for medical services out-of-province using a private vehicle.
4. *Hope Air – Ferry Pass Program*: subsidizes the cost of Northumberland Ferries Limited passes for eligible PEI residents to travel for medical services out-of-province using a private vehicle.

For all additional details and the application process, please go to: www.hopeair.ca/Our-Work/Travel-Request/Travel-Request

Belfast Historical Society (BHS)

The Belfast Historical Society is a not-for-profit community organization with charitable status. We preserve, protect and promote the arts, culture, heritage and history of the local area.

The BHS will be looking for a 2019 site manager, a groundskeeper, and a student to work at the Croft House at Selkirk Park this summer. We are open mid-June through to the end of September. If history and community are passions and you are interested: polish up your resumé;

register with the PEI Employment Registry, and in the case of the student: please register with the PEI "Jobs of Youth" Employment Registry; and

reach out to any of the following Directors of the BHS. Ian MacPherson, Gordon Furness, Kim Doherty Smith, Doris MacDonald, Donald MacDonald, Darlene Compton, Audrey Shillabeer, Kevin Jeffrey, or Phyllis MacCabe.

The BHS continues to work on a community development plan called "Big Belfast: A Rural Community Model" using vision and leadership just as Lord Selkirk did over 200 hundred years ago. (A second community input session is in the works for this spring.) Big Belfast is a BHS "brand" and follows guiding principles. Included in our Big Belfast plans is a new Arts and Cultural Centre which will include a new gallery to house the recently acquired Elinor Murchison Gillis historical and folk-art collections. The need for Housing remains a focus of discussions. The Health and Wellness pillar has sparked some great conversations recently: CPR/First Aid; exercise classes, and mosquito control. Details—and actions—are community driven. Thanks to all those who have contacted the BHS and are stepping up.

For messages or news of upcoming BHS events, like (and share, please!) our Facebook page: Belfast Historical Society, and Big Belfast: A Rural Community Model. We are a wee, but heart strong, organization, and we are looking for new members.

Date for our Annual General Meeting and social evening will be announced soon. Watch for it!

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to everyone for all their love and support, and generous donations getting me through this crazy journey. Also, a special thank you to Grant & Lori Vessey, John Michael & Lisa Maclean, Ryan & Amanda Douse, for all their hard work with the online auction and Brent MacKinnon and Berry Beck for planning the benefit. I can't thank you guys enough for helping me and my family. I am very fortunate to be part of a great community, not just Belfast but all over PEI.

I received my new lungs on October 25th, 2018. Life for me has changed drastically, like being able to walk and exercise for as long as I want. I now also have a diet of many medications that help me fight rejection and infections for the rest of my life.

I will need to return back to Toronto regularly for the first 2 years and then annually after that.

I just want to take this time to express how important it is to be an organ donor and please make sure you have this conversation with family so your wishes are known because I have many friends in Toronto still waiting for their transplant.

Love BobbyJoe MacDonald

Rural Municipality of Belfast

Upcoming Council Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Belfast. Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 7:00 PM at the Belfast Fire Hall, 3410 Trans Canada Hwy.

Agenda

- Start of Budget Discussions
- 2nd Reading of Bylaw # 2019-01 Procurement Bylaw
- 2nd Reading of Bylaw # 2019-02 Code of Conduct Bylaw
- Establishment of a Community Grants Committee
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A complete Agenda Package will be available for viewing or download from the Municipality Website at: www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com on Friday, February 15, 2019.

Bob Brooks – CAO Rural Municipality of Belfast
ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com

Coffee Time at the Belfast Rink - Tuesdays 9-11am

Enjoy meeting casually with folks in our community. No meeting, nothing organized, no pressure!!! FREE Coffee and Tea with possibly a treat! Play a game of pool, cards, dominoes, etc. **ALL WELCOME!**

"A Life Well Planned" Seminar

Estate & Executor Protection Fundraiser

I have worked with community organizations such as the Lion's Club, various Legions, senior events, and community churches. The seminars which I offer are highly informative, fun with a practical "how to" approach in helping seniors. They are approximately 2 hours in length.

What Your Event Receives:

A) Each participant receives a free workbook outlining key objectives.

B) Four door prizes ranging from \$25 to \$100

C) A charitable donation of \$20 per participant is given to your community Church or Organization group. For example, if 30 members attend \$ 600 dollars is donated to your group.

D) Expert advice, and practical information that is useful and makes a difference.

Antigonish Lion's Club (25 participants) received a cheque for \$425.00 & Middleton Lions Club (116 participants) received over \$2000.00.

Tues. February 19th, 2018 at Belfast Rink from 1-4pm.

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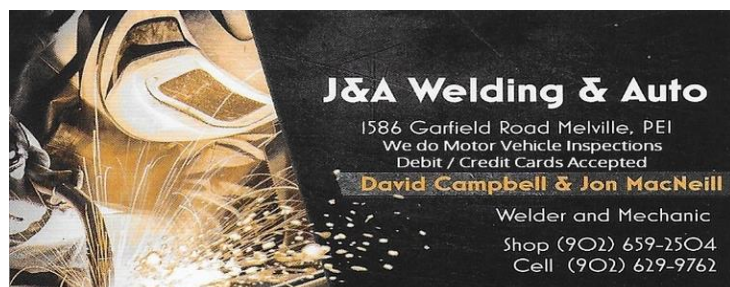
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DEADLINE:

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Email: BelfastNewsletter@outlook.com.