



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## July 2020

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### **COVID-19**

During these uncertain times, the Belfast Lions Club encourages our friends and neighbours to do all they can to stay safe and healthy by following the guidelines provided by Health PEI and the Chief Public Health Officer.

For more information and updates on the current pandemic situation, visit the PEI Government's COVID-19 information website - <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19>. Further information is also available on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/govpe/>.

*Be safe and stay healthy!*

### **Belfast Historical Society - Welcome to summer 2020!**

Despite the pandemic, milestones have been celebrated and we want to begin by congratulating three of our community members who have reached the remarkable age of 102 years young; Ann McColl, Donald MacDonald, and Gwen MacLean have all been recognized on our BHS page and we invite you to check it out! Our graduates have all been making history and we want to congratulate them as well.

Our Croft House will be open by appointment starting June 30<sup>th</sup> (902-659-2209 [bhs@bellaliant.com](mailto:bhs@bellaliant.com)). In these extraordinary times, masks and gloves will be required. We will be going deep into our mandate of research and special projects. Have you any material we could document re: your family arriving from Scotland (Letters, artifacts, deeds, wills, treasured recipes, photos, etc.)? We will start inventorying historic houses in Big Belfast (lots 57,58,60 and 62). In these days of re-examining historical figures, we will also be searching accounts and compiling "written words" about Lord Selkirk the Fifth (Thomas Douglas) who spent most of his own money in immigration plans for displaced Scots.

One available position (adult) has not yet been filled. Groundskeeper/painter/maintenance and some renovation support. (902-940-4784)

### **Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead**

Haven't you always meant to come and visit Macphails? Come this year! We'll be open Tuesday - Saturday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM. Tea and cookies or coffee and cake will be available. Linda our baker makes cookies like Grandma! Free tours of the Homestead are available daily and take about 20 minutes. Also, visit the beautiful Macphail Woods that wrap around the old Homestead and see if you can identify some native trees and find out how beautiful native flowers are by walking through the Arboretum. No restaurant services this year but we can host meetings and events in keeping with current restrictions. Call 902 651-2789 for further details.

### **Selkirk Millennium Club**

All activities of the Selkirk Millennium Club, including regularly scheduled meetings and events have been postponed until further notice.

### **Belfast Consolidated School Report (as of Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

*Happy summer, everyone!*

I want to send out a big thanks to the staff and students of Belfast Consolidated School for their excellent efforts during home learning. The work everyone completed, was exemplary! I also want to thank parents and guardians who helped support home learning. Whether it was helping to complete school work, post it online, or email for clarification of assignments, parents/guardians were excellent to help out! As of today, there is no update on what September will look like for students. Stay tuned on our website, Twitter feed, or Home and School Facebook Page for more information. I will share information to you, as soon as I can.

Our Gr. 9 Graduation was held on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, outdoors, and online! This had never happened before, but something we wanted to try as a school to reach out to others. Here are our award winners:

**Daniel McGeoghegan:** Perfect attendance, honour roll, and Robert MacNevin Award winner for school spirit.

**Hannah Rooney:** Perfect attendance, honour roll, Female Athlete of the Year, and the Waldo D Taylor Award for representing Belfast community spirit in arts/music and the core of what Belfast stands for. Third overall average for the grade 9 class.

**Gideon Genge:** Perfect attendance, honour roll, valedictorian, and the Creston Gillis Award for Volunteerism both in the school and community. Third overall average for the grade 9 class.

**Sosi Lopes:** Honour roll, the Kay Gillis Award for Scholastic Achievement, the Martha Dougan Award for being a true friend, and for the second overall average for the grade 9 class.

**Isaac Edward:** Honour roll, the Male Athlete of the Year, and the Ken McAleer Award for the top marks amongst the grade 9 class.

I want to wish some outgoing staff all the best in their future endeavours! They added to the life of Belfast Consolidated. Linda Shephard (custodian) retired, Jenna McKenman (Gr 4-9) received a permanent contract at Montague Intermediate School, Molly Bell (gr 3/4 and gr 7) returning to university to obtain a counselling degree at Acadia, Allyson MacDonald (had been off on leave for 2 years, but did teach K-6 music and grades 2-4) obtained a permanent contract at LM Montgomery School, and Calvin MacPhail (guidance counsellor) will work at Southern Kings Consolidated School only.

Incoming/staff staying for the 2020-2021 school year include: Jody MacKinnon (grade 3/4) permanent teacher at BCS 100%, Tara Stewart (gr 1/2) permanent teacher at BCS 100%, Amy McCarron (guidance counsellor) permanent at BCS for 50%, and Rory O'Donnell (gr 6-8 and K-7 music) term position at BCS for 100%.

I want to wish everyone a safe, fun summer! See you in September!

For more information, you can follow us at <https://www.belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com>, on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, on Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association, or on our YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool.

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### **Belfast and Area Watershed Group**

The purpose of the Belfast and Area Watershed Group Inc. (BAWG) is to protect, maintain, and enhance the ecology of the area for the environmental, social, and economic well-being of the area residents. As the summer team has begun working in the area, you are encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns, or if you would like to be involved with our work – volunteers create strength and positive change. If you see a group with rubber boots, wader's or strolling up a stream, say hi.

Thank you to everyone that turned out for our 2020. Over 400 native trees and shrubs were planted on the June 13<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Tree Plant. Good things happen when community comes together for nature.

BAWG is happy to announce that on Fridays from 10:00am-2:00pm (longer hours during events) we will be set-up at The Wood Islands Village. Drop by for a visit, browse our educational reading material and collection of nature finds. We will be hosting nature walks, critter dipping, beach clean-up, and other educational activities – something for the entire family. Bring a blanket, grab a bite to eat, and read one of our books; the Village is a great space to enjoy. Watch the Facebook page at @BAWG1 for current information and event postings.

NEW – BAWG'er T-shirts have arrived and will be available to purchase at Wood Islands on Fridays. Only \$20.00 each, with all proceeds going to support restoration and equipment activities. Contact Sherry 902-218-1582 or [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com)

### **Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs**

Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast** for the month of July 2020:

#### ***Mosquito Debate!***

At the June 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, members of Council debated the appropriateness of allowing Mosquito Abatement Programs, as an eligible criterion within the Community Grants Program Policy. After some debate, it was decided to defer the discussion to the next Public Council Meeting, to be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00:PM at the Upstairs Wood Islands Meeting Hall. The public is encouraged to attend, or to send comments by email to: [ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com](mailto:ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com)

#### ***Covid-19 Measures***

Please be advised that physical distancing and sanitizing measures are now in place for all Municipal Meetings until further notice.

#### ***New Municipal Meeting Space***

To enable physical distancing, future Municipal Meetings will be held in the Upstairs Wood Islands Meeting Hall. In addition to the physical distancing measures, surfaces will be sanitized, and hand sanitizer, gloves and masks will also be available.

#### ***Next Scheduled Council Meetings***

The next two regularly scheduled Council Meetings will take place on August 19<sup>th</sup> and September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Agendas for the meetings will be announced and available on our Website at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com)

***Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!***

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### **Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation**



The Wood Island Village shops are open:

- Liquor store 10:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Saturday and 12:00pm to 6:00pm Sunday

- Whistle Stop is excited to be open for take out from 12pm to 8pm daily. See their Facebook page for menu and daily specials.
- The Wood Islands Lighthouse Museum has a tentative opening date of July 18<sup>th</sup>. Guided tours will be available in small groups and the gift shop will be open. We look forward to seeing Islanders who are exploring their beautiful home attractions.
- The Sweet Factory is now open daily at 11:00am. Hours of operation will increase as traffic flow justifies.
- Visitor Information Centre is open daily to help you find your next destination.

We will be opening our Seconds by the Sea shop at the lighthouse so we would gratefully accept donations of interesting items you are ready to let go of to find a new home. Please do not include electronics, household appliances or clothing as these items do not fit into our focus audience. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the lighthouse and range lights. Donations can be taken directly to the lighthouse during weekdays.

We apologize for the short notice of our morning yoga class cancellation BUT Joan will lead a class "come try it out" class on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and you can register then for classes if there is enough interest.

We wish good health and safe distancing to our community and our world.

Watch our Facebook page and web site [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca) for information on developments and events at The Wood Islands Village and Lighthouse.

### **BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE**

A friendly reminder from your Fire Department  
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THE FIRE PREVENTION ACT, states from March to December any year... -"there shall be NO OPEN FIRES (GRASS, BUSH ETC) WITHOUT 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). 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.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CHANGES LISTED BELOW:

FAILURE TO HAVE A VALID BURNING PERMIT WILL RESULT IN AN INVOICE FOR SERVICES OF \$200.00 OR MORE  
**HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!**

### The Deuce is Loose

The organizers of the Deuce Is Loose fundraiser have decided to postpone our weekly draw until further notice. The jackpot will hold steady until that time and we will resume where we left off.

*Thank you all for your continued support!*

Belfast Lions Club  
Belfast Fire Department  
Belfast Rec Centre Board

**Belfast Highland Greens Golf Course** We will start Men's night Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00PM at Belfast Highland Greens. There will be no BBQ until July 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Pro Shop to book tee times, 902-659-2794. Ladies night will commence Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder that Belfast Highland Greens offers two-for-one green fees every Tuesday.

The pool will be opening Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – by appointment.

*We look forward to seeing you all very soon!*

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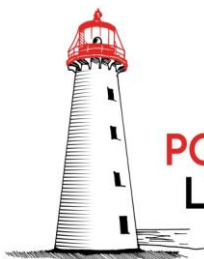


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