



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2020



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Belfast Lions Cash Draw

The Belfast Lions Club 32nd annual Cash Draw will be happening Saturday, November 21st, 2020. Cash prizes of \$10,000.00, \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$1,000.00, \$600.00, \$400.00 and 22 x \$100.00 will be awarded.

Tickets are \$100.00 each and a limit of only 325 tickets are available. *This event sells out quickly!* Please contact any Belfast Lions Club member or e-mail BelfastNewsletter@outlook.com to request your ticket.

To satisfy Public Health restrictions and respect need to maintain Social Distancing, we will be presenting this event Live and Online via our Belfast Lions Facebook page at: Facebook.com/BelfastLionsPEI. Live streaming will start at 7:00pm with the Cash Draw beginning at 7:30pm.

The Belfast Lions Club would like to say, "Thank you!" for your kind support of this community fund raiser.

Belfast Consolidated School Report (as of October 23rd)

We are off to a great start at Belfast School this year! Our staff want to thank all our students and parents/guardians for their support of our back to school plan as a part of COVID-19 new protocols. We put together our plans with the support of the CPHO, Public Schools Branch, and the Department of Education. We look forward to your continued support this school year.

This school year, we have our highest enrollment in the past 10 years, according to school records. Last year, at this time, we had 109 students. As of September 23rd, we are up to 129 students. This is a great indicator that our school, and community is growing.

We are hoping we will be able to have the community start to use our facility again for meetings and sports. Stay tuned to our website for more information. We love to have the community using our building!

Just to let you know, we have had major renovations completed over the past 12 months. We had the majority of our roof replaced (all the roof, except the lobby and offices). We should be leak free! Also, we had our 50 year old boilers replaced with new, energy efficient boilers. We certainly appreciate the support from government and the PSB to put these much need renovations into our building.

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.

Mr. John Munro, Principal Belfast Consolidated School
(mjmunro@edu.pe.ca)

Belfast and Area Watershed Group

Although our summer crew is gone for the season, we continue to perform water quality monitoring and stream health assessments. Reporting on the 2020 season is underway, which will be shared with members later in the year. For a second time, we are pleased to announce that BAWG has secured an Environmental Studies intern for the next few weeks; they will be assisting in an educational program being proposed for 2021.

To keep up to date with our activities and volunteer opportunities, please visit our Facebook page. Becoming a BAWG member is a great way to stay connected and contribute towards meaningful projects throughout our watersheds. Contact Sherry at bawgpei@gmail.com for further information and to join.

Belfast Highland Greens Golf Course

Belfast Highland Greens held its Club Championship on September 12th and 13th. Jeff Hughes won the Championship Division with Scores of 74 and 73. Jeff also won the Club Championship at Fox Meadow. Pretty impressive!

Darren MacRae Fired an 88 to win the Men's Division, while Jim Kinnee won the Senior Division with a fine score of 84. Lianne Wilson took the Ladies Club Championship, shooting a 105. June Moyaert won the Ladies Senior title for the second consecutive year, shooting 92. The junior Boy's Division was captured by Taylor MacGuire, shooting 101.

We would like to thank all the members who participated. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The golf course was in great shape thanks to our Maintenance staff.

Marshall McMahon
GM/Head Professional
Belfast Highland Greens

Belfast Lions Community Birthday Calendars – 2021

The 2021 edition of the Belfast Lions Community Spirit Calendar is now being prepared for publication and we are looking for this years' Featured Photo. If you have an image of Belfast and area that you would like considered for the 2021 Community Spirit Calendar, please e-mail your image to BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com before October 30th, 2020.

If you are a Calendar subscriber, a Lions Club member will be contacting you to verify your information. If you are not a subscriber and would like to be included in the 2021 Calendar campaign, please contact a Belfast Lions Club member, e-mail us at BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com, or call/text Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447.

Thank you for your support of this yearly fundraiser!

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

The Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead and its surrounding woodland in Orwell is a beautiful asset to our community. The property originally built in 1856 was owned by William Macphail, a teacher and father of Sir Andrew.

The Homestead is now closed for the season and all our usual annual events like Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners are cancelled this year because of the pandemic.

Sir Andrew Macphail was born in 1864. Sir Andrew was a doctor, scholar, first Professor of the History of Medicine at McGill University, a journalist, a medical officer in France in WWI and the first person to research the seed potato growing possibilities for the Island.

The Macphail property is under the direction of a volunteer, not-for-profit Foundation Board. To raise funds for the maintenance of the property we offer tours of the house, and hold historical/educational lectures, agricultural presentations and special events. The house is also available for rental of workshops, small weddings and other smaller activities. Unfortunately, 2020 has been a difficult year with all our events cancelled due to Covid19. There has been a decrease in the property visitation by 50%.

To ensure that the Macphail property continues to be available for the enjoyment of all, I would ask that you consider becoming a Foundation member. The annual membership is \$25. Members are eligible for event discounts.

If you are interested in learning more about the Macphail property or becoming a Foundation member/making a donation we invite you to view our website at www.macphailhomestead.ca or visit our Facebook page: Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead. All donations can be directed toward the house or trails and will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Doreen Huestis - Sir Andrew Macphail Foundation President

St. John's Presbyterian Church

Youth Group for students in Junior and Senior High is held Monday evenings from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at St. John's Presbyterian Church (located at 2794 Garfield Road), Belfast.

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!

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs

Items of note for the Rural Municipality of Belfast for the month of October 2020:

Covid-19 Measures

Please be advised that per Health PEI guidelines, meeting capacity at Municipal meetings is restricted to a maximum of 15 persons. Additionally, physical distancing and sanitizing measures are now in place for all Municipal Meetings, until further notice.

New Municipal Meeting Space

All future Municipal Meetings will be held in the Upstairs Wood Island Meeting Hall.

Next Scheduled Council Meetings

The next two regularly scheduled Council Meetings will take place on October 21st, 2020 and November 18th, 2020. Agendas for the meetings will be announced and available on our Website, at least five days prior to the meetings and may be viewed by visiting: www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com.

Stay Safe and Healthy Everyone!

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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

Selkirk Millennium Club

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

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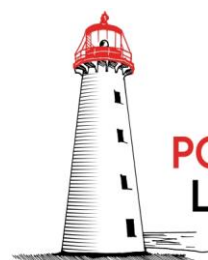
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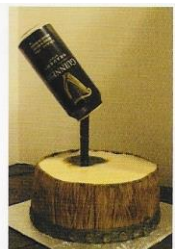
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