



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2021

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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**

Happy Spring from the BHS! May we all experience a sense of new beginnings, hope, and optimism as we enter a new season in our lives. With the past year a memory, we look forward with confidence to moving ahead in our plans for bringing new life to our site in Lord Selkirk Park.

We are very grateful to the Rural Municipality of Belfast for approving our request for funding for a new septic system on our site. There is nothing further to say on the "need" for this upgrade! *Thank you!*

We are still accepting applications for a Museum Manager/Supervisor as well as a History Interpreter. Please check out our BHS Facebook page for more details.

One of our successful ventures in the fall of 2020 was our "Pop Up Sale" event which happened over a number of weekends. We are grateful to the people who donated items, to the people who shopped, and to the many people we were able to chat with and explain our "passion" moving forward. (Stay tuned...this might return!)

We are pleased that we have had a number of folks express interest in getting involved with our project as we move forward. If you would like to participate at any level, please contact Donald/Doris MacDonald. Our goal is to keep our local history alive and also to provide space for musicians, storytellers, artisans...and the list goes on.

Your interest gives us hope that we can learn from the past and prepare for the future. There is light at the end of the tunnel!

## **Chess Club**

Do you play chess? Are you good at it, or are you a beginner like myself? Whether it be for social or competitive reasons no matter. So, if you are interested in forming a chess club or finding out more information, please contact Peter Metaxas at [pm@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:pm@pei.sympatico.ca).

## **Belfast Consolidated School Report (As of March 20<sup>th</sup>)**

UPDATE: We currently have 20 students registered for Kindergarten next year! It will be our biggest class in a number of years. At this point, it appears that we will be 144 students at our school. This will be the largest number in my 10 years at the school. Great news for our school and our community. Welcome to all our new students who joined this year as well. I believe we have had around 17 students join from the first of September.

This year, we will have badminton clubs for grades 4-9. We have a number of coaches who are helping out this year. For Grade 4/5 Mr. Carragher and student teacher Mr. Isaac Kirkland are coaching with support from grade 9 student Alex Jackson. The grade 6/7 team will be coached by Jon Costain with Mr. Johnson. For the grade 8/9 team, Courtney McGeoghegan is coaching with Mr. Munro. Also supporting the teams is Ms. McCarron. We are excited the badminton season will go forward.

Congratulations to last year's graduation class, Belfast Consolidated Class of 2020, on a very successful first term at MRHS. The group's average for the first term was 92.6%! All the students were on the honour roll for the school. What an amazing result for this group! I'm positive this class will continue to have excellent results throughout their academic careers.

You can follow us on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, at

<https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/>

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Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School  
([mjmunro@edu.pe.ca](mailto:mjmunro@edu.pe.ca))

## **Belfast and Area Watershed Group**

The tree swallows will be heading back soon and will need a home! If you would like to purchase a tree swallow bird-box, please e-mail Sherry at [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com) or call/text at 902-218-1582 to make arrangements. \$20.00 each with proceeds funding watershed projects. Also, mark your calendar for the return of our **Family Fishing & Adventure Day** at Roseberry – Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Looking for a great cause to be a part of? Think about participating as a board member with BAWG. Our AGM will be held late May or early June. Contact Sherry with any questions and to put your name forward. *Thank you!*

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

Items of note for the *Rural Municipality of Belfast* for the month of *April 2021*:

### ***Congratulations!***

Please welcome *Mary Mecher-Carlson*, our newest *Councillor* with the *Rural Municipality of Belfast*. Your Council is now complete, with:

Mayor	Garth Gillis
Deputy Mayor	Virginia Cooke
Councillor	Lynn Docherty
Councillor	Billy Gamble
Councillor	Andy Henry
Councillor	Mary Mecher-Carlson
Councillor	Joanne Vessey

### ***Council Awards \$180,400***

#### ***in the 2021/22 Community Grants Program***

Recipients include:

Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$8,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre ( <i>GPEI Rink Grant</i> )	\$90,000.00
Belfast Rec Centre ( <i>Operations Grant</i> )	\$26,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre ( <i>One-time Warming Centre</i> )	\$21,500.00
Belfast Area Watershed Group	\$3,900.00
Belfast Days	\$3,000.00
Belfast Historical Society	\$7,000.00
Belfast Minor Hockey	\$3,000.00
Belfast Minor Soccer	\$500.00
Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program	\$1,000.00
Point Prim and Area Mosquito Program	\$1,500.00
Point Prim Lighthouse	\$3,000.00
Wood Islands & Area Dev. Corp. ( <i>Village</i> )	\$8,000.00
Wood Islands Lighthouse	\$3,000.00

### ***Congratulations Everyone!***

#### ***2021/22 Municipal Budget Passed!***

Items of special Note for the 2021 Fiscal Year include:

- Development of a Community Plan
- Development of an Emergency Management Plan
- Opening of an accessible public Municipal Office
- Public events, and much more.

### ***Have a great year everyone!***

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## **Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2021 - HAVE ARRIVED!**

The 2021 Birthday Calendars are here and home delivery is underway. If you are a current subscriber and have not yet received your Calendar a Belfast Lions Club member will be contacting you soon to arrange delivery. Calendars are also available for pick up at Cooper's Red & White Food Market.

If you are not contacted by a Lions Club Member regarding delivery in the next few weeks, and are unable to pick up your Calendar at Cooper's Red & White, please contact Henry Kliner by e-mail at [BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com](mailto:BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com) or call/text 902-978-2447 to arrange delivery.

The Belfast Lions Club sincerely appreciates the patience and understanding of our Calendar subscribers while we have been hurriedly changing over to a new publisher.

*Thank you for your support!*

### **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

### **Macphail Homestead**

**Mother's Day Lobster Lunch**, Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>. The Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead invites you to honour your marvelous matriarch with a mouth-watering, locally sourced meal.

Because of distancing requirements, we will have two sittings; 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful homestead tucked away in the Woods. The cost is \$25.00 per person for a three-course meal (\$13.00 for children 12 and under). We are a licenced facility. To make a reservation please e-mail [macphailhomestead@gmail.com](mailto:macphailhomestead@gmail.com) or call (902) 394-6475 to speak to Angela Jeffrey.

The Homestead will be open from July - September offering interesting 20-minute tours of the House and History and also offering light lunches made from veggies in our gardens. Or, come for a walk in the Woods and reward yourself with a tea and dessert in the verdant Veranda Cafe.

### **In-Home Personal Care Giver/Attendant - Wanted**

Looking for an In-Home Personal Care Giver/Attendant. For additional information, please call 902-659-2182. Thank you.

### Point Prim Lighthouse



The Point Prim Lighthouse will be open May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 5:00pm to celebrate the May long weekend. A great place to visit, picnic and relax.

May/June hours will be 12:00pm - 5:00pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

Beginning June 19<sup>th</sup> until Labour Day, we will be open full-time from 10:00am – 6:00 pm seven days a week.

*We look forward to seeing everyone!*

### Donation

Do you have an old chess set sitting around the house or in the attic collecting dust? No matter the condition, please consider donating it to the newly formed Big Belfast Chess Club. Contact Peter at [pm@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:pm@pei.sympatico.ca).

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[gardens@islandpride.ca](mailto:gardens@islandpride.ca), 902-962-2044, follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

### BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE

A friendly reminder from your Fire Department  
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*Councillor - Mary Mecher-Carlson*

*Gas Tax Committee Chair - Councillor Andy Henry*

*Councillor - Joanne Vessey*

*Chief Administrative Officer - Bob Brooks*

Check out our Website for Contacts, Meeting Times/Dates, Agendas, Notices and

Note our new meetings location at the Upstairs Wood Island Meeting Hall.

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The new barn and indoor arena are currently under construction, stay tuned for updates!

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to discuss your horseback riding goals or boarding your horse.





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