

## BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER May 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 - <a href="https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19">https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/covid-19</a>. Further information is also available on their Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/govpe/">https://www.facebook.com/govpe/</a>.

Be safe and stay healthy!

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

Get the rods & kids ready for Family Fishing & Adventure Day at Roseberry — Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 9:30am. Individual snack packs and drinks will be available. Come and enjoy the fishing or join a nature walk along the trail on the Morrison property. Covid-19 public health guidelines must be respected. Our thanks go out to the Wildlife Conservation Fund for providing assistance with this community event. All ages welcome. Coming in June — community tree plant and a special "adopt a tree" funding raising event. Watch our Facebook page for more details.

If you have a question, or would like to volunteer for any activities, please contact Sherry by phone at 902-218-1582 or e-mail at <a href="mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com">bawgpei@gmail.com</a>. "Rivers are ribbons that tie us to the spirit of the land." J. R.

#### Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute Spring Lunch

Mount Buchanan-Point Prim WI will be hosting their annual Spring Lunch on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at Belfast Recreation Centre, 3033 Garfield Rd. Between 11:00am and 1:00pm.

Due to Covid, lunch will be take-out.

Lunch choices are Chile or Corn Chowder, includes a bun, coleslaw and choice of dessert. for \$10.00.

Please call Rose MacKinnon at 902-659-2744 or Rebecca Gerritsen at 902-659-2647 before Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to preorder your meal. Payment, by cash only, at time of pickup. All Proceeds to Community Projects.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

#### **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.

#### Belfast Consolidated School Report (As of April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Each year, Bookmark raises money with a charity book drive and then donates the money raised to elementary school libraries. This year, the Bookmark raised \$5,000.00 so are able to donate \$1,000.00 to five schools. They've chosen Belfast Consolidated to be one of these schools! Because they also offer schools a 20% discount this means we will actually have \$1,200.00 to spend on books. Thanks to the Bookmark on their generous donation to the school library!

This year, we have noticed our breakfast program has been "well-used" by the increase in need, and numbers at the school. If you would be willing to make a donation to the program, we would love to receive cereal, granola bars, yogurts, fruit cups, muffin mixes, crackers, or perishable foods on a Monday (used by Friday), or any monetary donation as well. Every little bit helps! Thanks in advance for any donation we receive.

Welcome to Kindergarten will be held Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm, and Kindergarten Orientation will be Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from approximately 9:00am-11:30am. Any students who are Kindergarten age should try to attend these events. Please make sure your child is registered for Kindergarten next year.

You can follow us on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, at <a href="https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/">https://belfastconsolidated.wordpress.com/</a>
On Facebook at Belfast Consolidated Home and School Association

On YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool
Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School
(mjmunro@edu.pe.ca)

#### **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; 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

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 <a href="mailto:macphailhomestead@gmail.com">macphailhomestead@gmail.com</a> 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.

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

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

### Council Awards \$180,400.00 in the 2021/22 Community Grants Program

Recipients include:

Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$90,000.00
Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$8,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre (Operations Grant)	\$26,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre (One-time Warming Centre)	\$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. (Village)	\$8,000.00
Wood Islands Lighthouse	\$3,000.00

#### Congratulations Everyone!

#### **Coming Soon**

- · Consultations for a Municipal Emergency Measures Plan
- · Consultations for an RMB Community Plan

Watch for announcements for participation in the Belfast Newsletter, and on the RMB Website. Everyone is encouraged to participate!

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Upper Meeting Hall at Wood Islands Village. The public is always welcome to attend.

#### Stay Safe Everyone!

Website: <a href="www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com">www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com</a>
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#### Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2021 – Have Been Delivered

The 2021 Birthday Calendars have been distributed and home delivery is now complete. If you are a Calendar subscriber and have not yet received your Birthday Calendar, please call/text Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447 or e-mail <a href="mailto:BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com">BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com</a> to arrange home delivery. Calendars are also available for pick up at Cooper's Red & White Food Market.

Thank you for your support!

#### **Belfast Historical Society**

As our world hits the "Pause" Button in this New Normal we find ourselves in, we would like to take a step back into the history of schools in our Belfast Community and "Leap Over Time." In 2004, this book containing the history and recollections of one-room schools in the Belfast area from 1803-1968 was written and compiled by Eliza Gillis, (the late) Viola Gillis, and Linda Jean Nicholson. This book is like a scrapbook of well documented history, photographs, and memories from each of the schools in the larger community. With consolidation came changes as the students and staff transitioned into what we now know as the Belfast Consolidated School. The staff consisted of 18 members (including a music and physical education teacher), a principal, a custodian, and seven bus drivers. When the one-room schools were vacated, they were offered for sale and groups such as the Women's Institute could purchase a building for a dollar! The book also contains a picture of the school staff (1969-70). Fittingly enough, the last memory in the book was written by Beth (Gillis) Fortune, who was in the first graduating class from Belfast Consolidated and is an active member of our Belfast Historical Society.

Fast forward to four years ago when Belfast Consolidated was slated for closure due to declining enrollments. The school and the larger community fought and the school remained open. Just recently, the principal, John Munro, in an interview with CBC stated that an influx of students has brought new life and culture to this school. Belfast Consolidated currently has 132 students, is ready to welcome its largest Kindergarten class in a decade... and these numbers will certainly increase with the number of families moving to our community. Another positive note... as of deadline time for this article, another group, Chances, is exploring the possibility of implementing a Smart Play (after school) program beginning in Sept. 2021.

We, the BHS, are very pleased as the "keepers of our history", to be able to look back as well as look forward. We do have a limited number of copies of our book, "Leap Over Time" available at the Croft House. If you are the only link between your grandparents and your grandchildren, don't break that link!

#### **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!

#### **Belfast Highland Greens and Lord Selkirk Campground**

Belfast Highland Greens is pleased to announce our early opening on April 9th. The course looks great!

Green fees are \$25.00 for 9 holes and \$40.00 for 18 holes. Please call the Pro-Shop at to book your tee time in advance. Join us for Ladies Night every Wednesday, Men's Night every Thursday and Couples Night every Friday. Starting dates and times for these special evenings will be announced soon.

Lord Selkirk Campground will be opening May 21st. We're looking forward to a great season!

The Driving Range will be operated by Terry Hashimoto. Range balls can be purchased at the Pro Shop. He will offering all kinds of amenities at the Range such as; BodiTrak Golf Fitting, Swing Balance Training Gear, equipment rentals, Private lessons and more! Make sure to stop by and check it

We are also thrilled to welcome Frank's Food Truck to the park for the summer. Delicious!

Contact the Pro Shop at:

highlandgreens@gmail.com 902-659-2794 or

#### CHANCES at Belfast Consolidated (After School Program)

We are pleased to announce that CHANCES is exploring the possibility of further supporting families in the Belfast community by implementing a Smart Play (after school) Program at Belfast Consolidated School starting in September 2021. Success of this program will be based on the level of interest on the part of parents and subsequently, the number of children who would be attending. If you are interested in having your child participate in this after school program in September, please use the online form below to register! We will let you know by June 1st, 2021 if we have enough children registered to implement the program in September. Each family will be contacted directly.

We would be pleased to provide any additional information that you may require. If you would like additional information or have any questions, please contact Shawna Clark at the following email address: shawnaclark@chancesfamily.ca.

The CHANCES Form of Interest is available online at: https://www.cognitoforms.com/CHANCES1/CHANCESSmartPl ayBelfastFall2021FormOfInterest

#### 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

Thank you all for your continued support! **Belfast Lions Club** Belfast Fire Department

**Belfast Rec Centre Board** 

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



New opportunity event for Island Crafters at Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum for 2021. We have placed our range light as a Beacon site for Island crafter or artist to present their talents for a day! Visit our Facebook page to become involved!

**Yoga & Go PEI Wednesdays at 9:30am** ~ Wood Islands Village enjoy the company of Joan Doucette for a bit of bend and stretch improve strength, balance posture, breathing and flexibility. Registration and nominal fee apply.

The WIADC Board of Directors is seeking individuals who can come and join with us. Interested in giving a bit of wisdom, creativity and generous spirit? Are you able to devote about 10 hours a month to review information, discuss and decide what can be done to create a sense of community? We want to utilize this lovely facility to its fullest potential. Send your letter of interest to volunteer to: wiadc@woodislands.ca.

Wood Islands Sign Plaza. Looking to advertise 16" x 44" location? We will post it at no charge for the 2021 season. All sign applications/designs will be subject to review prior to posting. Beginning 2022, signs will be posted for \$100/year.

Community Board on the plaza. New 2021 For those who have a wee size paper post, we got a bulletin board for you! Email posting inquires: wiadc@woodislands.ca.

#### **Opening Dates:**

- Whistle Stop May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00noon to 8:00pm ~ Take Out service only
- The Sweet Factory May 1st
- Visitor Information Centre May 1st
- Wood Islands Liquor Store May 21st ~ weekends only On June 4<sup>th</sup> ~ full time

NEW WEBSITE Soon to View www.woodislands.ca. New and improved for upcoming summer job postings, AGM, and events!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### In Memoriam

In loving memory of Martin Smith August 21, 1966 - May 3, 2016 Darling,

What is spring without you at my side? My heart is a desert without the bloom of your smile. Love you and miss you always,

Kim

#### **BURNING PERMITS ARE FREE**

A friendly reminder from your Fire Department PLEASE READ THE PERMIT CAREFULLY, FRONT AND BACK

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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 BURNNG PERMIT WILL RESULT IN AN INVOICE. FOR SERVICES OF \$200.00 OR MORE

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!

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#### **Cooper's Food Market**

Beginning May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cooper's Food Market will be moving to Summer Hours.

Monday – Saturday: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Sundays: 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

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