



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

June 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 and Area Watershed Group

In celebration of **World Environment Day, June 5th, 2021** (UN Environment Programme) we are hosting a **Tree Drive** (fundraiser) at Selkirk Park with support of the Belfast Historical Society. We will have 500 of a variety of native tree and shrub species available to help "reimagine, recreate, and restore" your landscapes. All plants will be in 1-gallon buckets (but please bring your own containers to transfer to). Tree drive begins at 9:00am. Green our region, support our activities. Join #GenerationRestoration.

On June 30th BAWG will be holding our AMG, and all members are welcome to join via a Zoom meeting (members will receive an invite via BAWG newsletter) In addition, we are looking for new board members to join our growing organization. To express your interest in a board position, please email: Sherry at bawgpei@gmail.com or call 902-218-1582 – there is a role for everyone with BAWG. Become a member today to receive our newsletter with more summer events and volunteer opportunities. Find us on Facebook at bawg1.

Thank you to everyone who supported "No Mow May" – our pollinators appreciated your provision.

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.

Camp Buchan

Drop off your pop bottles/cans and beverage containers at the shelter set up at the entrance to Camp Buchan.

Appreciate that you remove the caps and rinse the containers, helps at the recycling depot.

Your refundable containers support the yearly maintenance at Camp Buchan.

Thank You for your Support!

Belfast Consolidated School Report (As of May 25th)

Kindergarten Orientation will be Friday, June 4th, 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.

Congratulations to our badminton teams from the April Tournaments. We had students from grade 4-9 playing. We had over 25 athletes participate, and we had a number of coaches support this program. Coaches included; Alex Jackson (gr 9), Jon Costain, Courtney McGeoghegan, Mr. Kirkland (student teacher), Ms. McCarron, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Carragher, and Mr. Munro. Currently, we are offering after school multi-sport days on Tuesday and Thursday, as well as knitting. Thanks to the grade 9's and supporting staff, who ran 10 Go!Play sessions for grades K-3.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the grade 9 graduation and school closing will not be open to the public. We plan to live-stream the events. Stay tuned to our website for times and the social media platform we will be using. Graduation will be Thursday, June 24th, with the school closing June 28th. Last day for staff will be June 30th.

I hope you have enjoyed getting the news from the school this year! If you have any comments to pass along, don't hesitate to do so!

You can follow us on Twitter @BelfastBulldog, at

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

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On YouTube Channel BelfastConsolidatedSchool

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

Macphail Homestead

The Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead will be opening on Monday June 14th and will be open from Monday - Friday in June for tea, coffee and desserts. Walk the lovely trails and then come for tea with a friend. A limited lunch menu of soup and biscuits will also be available. Upcoming events are on our website www.macphailhomestead.ca

Belfast Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting

The Belfast Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting will be held on June 15th at 7:00pm at the Belfast Rec Center. Due to Covid-19 capacity limits, please register by emailing ronmccabe@hotmail.com to attend the meeting.

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs

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

Coming Soon

- Consultations for a ***Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP)***, and
- 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 Meetings

- The next regular meeting for the ***Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP)***, is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Meeting Hall at the Wood Islands Village.
- The next regular ***Council Meeting***, is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 at 7:00 PM** in the Upper Meeting Hall at Wood Islands Village.

The public is always welcome to attend these meetings!

Stay Safe Everyone!

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Fishing at Roseberry Pond

Another fishing season has started. To all of you who enjoy fishing and have waited for the season to start, I am happy for you. I do not fish.

I would like to ask a favour if you fish at this pond or anywhere else. Please pick up your garbage. We provide a garbage can for broken fishing line, food bags, etc. This garbage can is attached to the pine tree near the spillway and is marked "Waste". Could you please use it? Also, if you smoke on the property, please take your butts with you. Cigarette butts are not safe for the water, the fish nor the animals living around the pond, no matter how big or small the quantity.

The rocks at the spillway are all that holds the water in the pond, so please do not walk past the sign or on the rocks. It is not safe. The force of the water spilling over the rocks is deceiving.

As for parking, please feel free to park in the driveway. It is safer to park there, than to leave your vehicle along the side of the road. You never know what will be coming around the bend nor how fast a vehicle will be travelling.

When Blair moved back home, our goal was to keep our small, little piece of heaven as environmentally safe as possible, and hopefully preserve the pond and the woods well into the future for our family and yours to enjoy.

Thank you,

Terry Morrison

Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Program Terminating

Seven years ago, Kevin Ryan assembled a group of community-minded volunteers and the Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Control Program was born. The program achieved great success in reducing the overall population of airborne mosquitos by treating tidal swampland with a selective, government approved larvicide called Vectobac.

We started with a large base of volunteers (30+) who went out and did the physical work of distributing the product when the conditions required it. Three years ago, it came to light that all volunteers were required to possess a license to do the applications. In a matter of a few weeks we were able to get approximately 15 volunteers licensed, but this meant our volunteer base was significantly reduced and more time and effort was required by those who could continue. Unfortunately, a couple of our volunteers have passed away and several others became inactive for a variety of reasons. We were down to about 8 active volunteers, and the commitment required from this small group is too much for the program to be sustainable.

Fortunately, 8 good neighbours have stepped forward to take the licensing exam (scheduled for early June) to help out. This will enable us to keep up the good work that has been done over the last 7 years. A 9th (Savannah Belsher) will be helping Debbie Beck with the administration of the program. Anyone who is interested in helping out with this program should please contact Savannah (902 626 1042 and/or savannahbelsher@hotmail.com). We look forward to continuing the program with the expanded pool of volunteers.

Over the next 12 months we will be addressing the issue of how to make the program truly sustainable and will keep the community informed of those activities. In the meantime, please make your financial contributions to support this program by dropping off a cheque at Cooper's Red & White (payable to Belfast Mosquito Control Program) or by e-transfer to: belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com.

The requested contribution is \$120 per household. We hope all residents of the Pinette, Roseberry, Flat River areas will contribute.

The Pinette/Flat River Mosquito Committee

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.

Point Prim Lighthouse



Beginning June 19th 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!

Ronald McDonald House Donation



King Lion Dan Moir (Right) of the Belfast Lions Club presented District N-1 Governor Paul Gauthier (Centre) with a \$5,000.00 donation cheque towards the

expansion of the Halifax Ronald McDonald House near the IWK Health Centre. This donation was made in memory of Lion Stewart MacRae and Lion Blair Morrison.

Neil MacKinnon (Left) was honoured for his 45 years of service to the community as a member of the Belfast Lions Club.

Belfast Historical Society... Make History Yours

Another June is here and we want to congratulate our Grads at all levels for making it through another COVID school season. Again, this year, you are "Making History!"

We are celebrating our 45th Anniversary as an organized Society and we want to thank all of those folks, past and present, who have contributed to our journey. This month we are especially grateful to the family of Waldo and Joyce Taylor for gifting us an assortment of historical clippings, books, music and photos. Some of our senior members had a trip down "memory lane" as we opened the box together. (Thanks Liz!) We also received an interesting parcel in the mail from Kent Van Iderstine who lived in Belfast many years ago. He recently purchased a vintage copy of the Boston Daily Examiner, March 24th, 1847 containing an article regarding the Belfast Riot and he has sent it along to the keeping of the BHS. (Thanks Kent!)

On another positive note, we are pleased to loan several of the paintings from our Elinor Gillis Collection to the Rural Municipality of Belfast Office in the Wood Islands Village to keep our history alive there!

We are also happy to announce that our Museum Supervisor and Groundskeeper/Maintenance positions have been filled pending funding. We are still looking for a student with an interest in history.

It is difficult to find words for our final item! There is no way to express our thanks to Audrey Shillabeer for the tireless ways that she has worked with us and for us to celebrate our Scottish history. We also want to thank Ian MacPherson for the leadership that he has shown in our society. Our loss is Alberta's gain! *Haste ye back!*

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



WIADC NEW WEBISTE A FRESH NEW FACE.

See our new-to-you website. Please visit us at www.woodislands.ca.

70-Mile Yard Sale: Sadly, the 2021 season has been suspended. Due to COVID-19, there are ever changing protocols, closures and event cancellations. Our small Volunteer Board cannot effectively manage the complex changes for such a large and mobile gathering. We remain hopeful to return to this event next fall. We THANK our loyal 70-Mile Yard Sale participants!

Summer Employment: The Board and Team at WIADC are reviewing applications to hire for mid-June. The positions are for seasonal/summer students ages 15-30. Positions are: Museum Tour Guides and Village Ground Maintenance. Positions are open to Canadian students who are returning to school in the fall. Go to our website, Job Bank or Jobs for Youth to apply. Closing date: June 1st, 2021.

Signage: The Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation (WIADC) offers local businesses and locally-related businesses an opportunity to advertise by putting up a sturdy, well-appointed sign at our Sign Plaza. Rental for space on the Sign Plaza is \$100/year, with the first year at no charge (new vendors). For 2021 only, returning signs will also be at no charge.

Range Light as Crafters Beacon Light: We are inviting crafters to present their talents for a day. Please email your inquiries to wiadc@woodislands.ca for more information.

Rail Shed: We have a site available for rent. Inquiries of space and benefits, please call the Wood Islands Village Office at 902-962-3761 or email wiadc@woodislands.ca.

WI Lighthouse: Opening June 14th.

AGM: To be held in July.

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

PEI Certified Organic Producers Cooperative - Survey

The PEI Certified Organic Producers Cooperative (PEI COPC) has formed an Organic Land Network Working Group to expand the organic land base on PEI.

The main objectives of the Organic Land Network are to improve soil health, promote certified organic methods, and ensure farmland is accessible to farmers (in particular, new farmers and PEI COPC members). Our vision is to become leaders in sustainable land stewardship through innovative practices and economic impact, and to grow the organic industry on PEI to 80,000 acres by 2030. Our mission is to find a model that will connect farmers and farmland owners, provide value to landowners, and improve the health and productivity of farmland ecosystems.

We are seeking farmland owners who may be interested in working with us to achieve our objectives. You can indicate interest by replying to a survey found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/organiclandnetwork>.

For more information or for a paper copy to complete, please contact our office by telephone: [902-894-9999](tel:902-894-9999), or e-mail: research@organicpei.com

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW CHANGES LISTED BELOW:
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