



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2022

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The Deuce is Loose is Back! April 19th, 2022

The organizers of The Deuce Is Loose fundraiser are pleased to announce that The Deuce is Loose Draw will resume April 19th, 2022 with an estimated \$13,000.00 jackpot!

Please join us at the Belfast Rec. Centre Tuesday evening. Doors open at 6:00PM, Trivia begins at 7:30PM and the Draw starts at 8:00PM. Advance tickets available at Cooper's Red & White.

Masking, social-distancing, and all current Chief Public Health Office requirements will be observed.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support!

Belfast Lions Club
Belfast Fire Department
Belfast Rec. Centre Board

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

BAWG would like to thank the Rural Municipality of Belfast for the continued support of our work through the recent award of a Community Grant. These funds help support our summer employment programming and are vital to our fieldwork.

Is it time to renew your license plate, or are you looking for a gift idea for someone special? The purchase of a conservation license plate is an excellent choice as it supports the Wildlife Conservation Fund. It helps groups like ours continue to provide youth employment opportunities and carry out annual restoration projects that directly impact wildlife and their habitat. In addition, funding opportunities are made possible by island hunters, trappers, and anglers through their license conservation fees. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this fund!

Add to your calendar: The Annual Roseberry Pond Fishing & Adventure Day to celebrate PEI's Free Family Fishing Weekend. Saturday, May 21st. More details to come.

Earth Day 2022 is Friday, April 22nd and the theme is "Invest In Our Planet" together! Time to reflect and focus on actions that preserve and protect our environment for a healthy planet - today and future generations. A few ideas on how you can help: plant native trees, shrubs, wildflowers; roadside and beach clean-ups, less plastic packaging, support local, and commit to No Mow May to provide our pollinators with early food sources.

Any questions or concerns regarding our watershed? Please contact Sherry Pelkey, Coordinator at bawgpei@gmail.com or 902-218-1582.

Belfast Consolidated School Report for April 2022

We had another successful season in girls and boys basketball. Thanks to coaches for the girls, Jana Simmons and Trisha Viaene, as well as boys coaches Alex Jackson, and Taylor Johnson. Without their support, the girls and boys would not have developed their athletic, and social skills. It was a difficult time to play through cancelled games due to COVID. We want to congratulate graduating players Aurora DeVries, Quintin Beck, Tristan Bernard, Cayden Brum, Nino Buffa, Nate Costain, Ethan Scott, and Callum Thomson. They certainly have the skills to play at the next level.

We finished basketball and are now into badminton season! We will have teams for grade 5/6, 7/8, and 9. The teams will be coached by Mr. Carragher, Mr. Kirkland, Mike Adam, Mr. Johnson, and me.

Just a reminder we do offer pickleball for +35 year-olds on Monday evening from 5:30-7:30 as well as badminton for +18 Tuesday from 6:30-8:00. It only costs a dollar or two, and money goes to the athletic fund.

We have changed our website to <https://belfast.edu.pe.ca/>. The change was made as all schools will be using the same type of website to allow for parents to easily follow one style.

Stay safe, everyone!

Mr. John Munro (Principal Belfast Consolidated School)

Support the People of Ukraine

Please help support the People of Ukraine by purchasing a \$5.00 ticket to win a one-of-a-kind 18" x 22", hand painted and fused, stained glass window with a wood frame of some beautiful Sunflowers that are so associated with Ukraine.

Valued at \$900.00, it is on display at Cooper's Red and White where you can buy tickets or you can contact me at krointheskye@hotmail.com or by phone at (902) 659-2524. I accept most credit cards.

100% of the money raised will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross for Ukraine. I can ship within Canada and the USA but if winner resides outside of PEI then the winner will be responsible for shipping cost. The gallery will be open as of May 1st, 2022 where you can stop by and purchase a ticket. The draw will be held on May 24th, 2022. Please spread the word to any summer residents that may not be here yet.

Thanks so much!

Cathy from Kro in the Skye

Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2022-23 HAVE ARRIVED!

The 2022-23 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 or call/text 902-978-2447 to arrange delivery.

Thank you for your support!

Burning Permits Notice

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

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SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT BECOME VALID UNTIL THE
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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 (902-368-4800). It is *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 Department.

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!

Island Pride Garden Co

April is time to start thinking Spring. If you are looking for seeds, soils or pots and perhaps an early plant such as pansies. We have them. We are in the greenhouses most days in April, call us to make sure we are around. 902-962-2044. Before your fruit trees bud out, it is a good time to prune them and apply dormant oil and Sulphur. We have these in stock. Watch for us on Facebook/Instagram.

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs

Items of note for the ***Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)*** for the month of ***April 2022***:

Council Awards \$172,500 in Community Grants for 2022!

March 17, 2022: Council Members awarded fifteen (15) separate grants to organizations for the betterment of the Municipality. Those organizations/grants include:

1	Belfast Rural Fire Dept	\$ 100,000.00
2	Belfast Rec Ctr (Rink Grant)	\$ 8,500.00
3	Bar Vela	\$ 1,200.00
4	Belfast Rec Centre – Operations	\$ 26,500.00
5	Belfast Area Watershed Group	\$ 4,100.00
6	Belfast Days	\$ 3,000.00
7	Belfast Disc Golf	\$ 1,200.00
8	Belfast Historical Society	\$ 3,700.00
9	Belfast Minor Hockey	\$ 3,000.00
	+ One-Time Grant for Half Boards	\$ 2,500.00
10	Pinette Raceway	\$ 2,000.00
11	Point Prim Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
12	WIADC - Lighthouse Operations	\$ 3,000.00
13	WIADC - Village Operations	\$ 9,600.00
14	Sandstone Equestrian Inc.	\$ 1,200.00

Total: \$172,500.00

Thanks to all the organizations that applied this year, working for the betterment of our Municipality!

Council Delays Decision on Mosquito Abatement Program

During the March 17th Council Meeting, Members decided to hold off on a decision for a Municipal-wide Mosquito Abatement Program, until a more fulsome and inclusive public debate could take place. RMB will look for an appropriate time and place for this to take place and will inform the municipality when that will be.

Thanks to all that participated in this issue so far!

Council Reduces Tax Increase from \$0.06 to \$0.02/100 for 2022/2023!

During the March 17th Council Meeting, Members decided to reduce the projected tax increase. This year's budget, while removing the Mosquito Program, still allows RMB to: award \$172,500.00 in Community Grants; award \$137,726.00 in Gas Tax Projects; open our Office from Sept. on, 5-days per week; and participate in various community events.

Looking forward to a great year!

***Office Open: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon***

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Email: ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com

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Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



2022 Sign Plaza ~ 2022 Rent a space at our plaza for \$100 per year. Your sign is yours to design. Maximum size is 16 x 44. Contact our office by email for details.

Yoga has begun! 9:30 am at the Plough the Waves Hall GO PEI Yoga on a spring day. Pre-registration required. Google Forms Sign-Up: <https://forms.gle/1ekcwK1L141qA9hd6>.

2022 Under the Roof Outdoor Farmer's Market ~ If you are interested in becoming a vendor in 2022 from June to October, please contact our office. Covid protocols may apply.

2022 We have a Freight Shed, next to the Trails, to rent ~ Email to wiadc@woodislands.ca. Looking for a business to fill this spot!

Hall Rental ~ Visit our website ~ www.woodislands.ca. Covid protocols apply. Interested bookings, please email to: wiadc@woodislands.ca.

2022 September 17th & 18th. Looking at the forecast of covid and protocol: We hope that our "70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale" is a GO! Keep watching our Facebook page for updates on registration.

Summer Students ~ Going back to school and are you between 15 to 29 years of age? We are looking for talent from our community, for Wood Islands Lighthouse & Museum and for the Wood Islands Village Grounds and Gardening positions. Join online; www.workPEI.ca and submit your resume. Send your resume also, to: wiadc@woodislands.ca.

Keep watching our Facebook page for updates.

All inquiries Email: wiadc@woodislands.ca

Phone: 902•962•3761

Wanted to Rent

A house in the Belfast area for a family who wishes to move here. Please contact William McGuigan at 902-978-2179, or Douglas MacKenzie at 902-659-2337.

Selkirk Millennium Club

Belfast millennium club and coffee time are not meeting until further notice.

Thank you

COVID-19

During these changing and 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!

Conserving Healthy Forests for Future Generations

More and more landowners are recognizing the important role healthy mature forests play in fighting climate change, regulating groundwater levels, and preserving habitat for wildlife. Many want to see this long-term commitment maintained after the land is sold or the owner passes away. Megan Harris of Island Nature Trust will explain how this can be done at a meeting at the **Belfast Rec. Centre on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM**. Local landowners who have used protective covenants when selling their woodlots will also share their experiences. Hope to see you there. Watch the BAWG and Belfast Community Facebook pages for any updates closer to the 12th.

Belfast Days

Belfast Days is returning again! June 25th & 26th, 2022. Pinette Raceway & Ponds Beach!

Calling requests:

Volunteers

Sponsorship

Racehorses for June 26th Matinee

Antique or Classic Cars, Tractors, Trucks, Motorcycles
(For Ride n Shine) June 25th & 26th

Calling Parade Entries:

Bikes

Scooters

Dirt Bikes

4 wheelers, Quads, Side by Sides

Antique or Classic Car, Tractors, Trucks, Motorcycles
Fire Department vehicles (All Communities Welcome)

Dance Clubs

Music Clubs

Sports Teams

Schools

Everyone Welcome!

**** Any boys or girls who would like to represent the community for the weekend as the Baron or Baroness of Belfast ** (Age 10-17)**

Please submit names and contact information to:

Lynn Docherty 902-969-3032

Point Prim Lighthouse – Tourism Guide Positions

We are looking forward to the 2022 tourism season here at the Point Prim Lighthouse. We are starting to take applicants for our tourism guide positions. We are looking for energetic, outspoken and motivated people to run our gift shop and guide our lighthouse tours.

Please send resume to pointprimlighthouse@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Many thanks to the Mt. Buchanan – Point Prim Women's Institute for the donation to the Belfast Recreation Centre.

Public Meeting

April 7, 2022, Wood Islands Village, 7:00pm

Wood Islands Revitalization Plan

The Strategic Plan for the Wood Islands Revitalization is ready and will be presented to the public at 7pm, April 7th, in Plough The Waves Hall at Wood Islands Village.

This plan is a study to find ways to enhance the local quality of living and bring greater destination stature to the Wood Islands area. There are improvements and changes to the Lighthouse, Provincial Park, Harbour/Port and an extension of the Confederation Trail from Wood Islands Village to the ferry. Also included is the provision for a replacement 'Fishing Village' - new look, new location.

This is a plan that will celebrate Wood Islands' natural environment, its rich heritage and stories and is intended for the use and enjoyment of Wood Islands and area residents as well as visitors to Prince Edward Island.

The process is under the direction of the Wood Islands & Area Development Corporation (WIADC) and various community stakeholders forming a Project Steering Committee. Working on this assignment are consultants iImagine, based in Charlottetown in partnership with The Glenn Group, based in Fredericton, N.B.

There is space in the Hall to hold 25 people masked. Please call 902-962-4190 to reserve your place. The presentation will be available online on April 8th via a link posted on the WIADC website: www.woodislands.ca

For additional information, please see:

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WIADC Facebook page

or contact John Rousseau, 902-962-4190, john@redclay.ca

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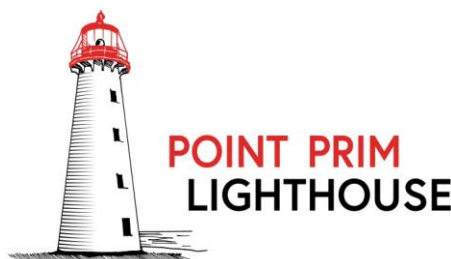


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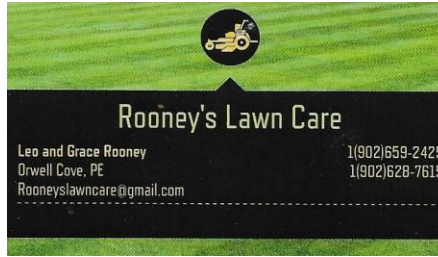
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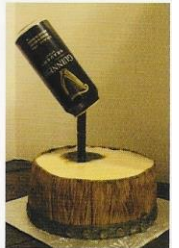
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Councillor - **Mary Mecher-Carlson**

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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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