



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

April 2023

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The Deuce is Loose

Come on out every Tuesday evening at the Belfast Rec. Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. You could be the lucky winner of the Big Jackpot – estimated to be more than \$23,000.00! *Advance tickets are now available for purchase online via e-transfer!* To learn how to purchase your Deuce tickets online, please visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast. Advance tickets are also available at Cooper's Red & White.

Doors open: 6:00PM
Trivia starts: 7:30PM
Draw begins: 8:00PM

Previous 'Deuce' winners:

Terry Hashimoto	\$ 321.00	February 28, 2023
David Coles	\$ 348.00	March 7, 2023
Scott Gillis	\$ 529.00	March 14, 2023
Bruce MacMillan	\$ 542.00	March 21, 2023

Thank you all for your continued support!

Belfast Lions Club
Belfast Fire Department
Belfast Rec. Centre Board

Please watch our Facebook page for ongoing information and announcements - facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast.

Wood Islands Women's Institute Hall - Open House

You're invited to join us at our Open House! Come check out our newly renovated Wood Islands Schoolhouse (Circa 1842). Meet your neighbours and enjoy our historical photo gallery!

Light refreshments will be served including our famous baked goodies.

March 25th, 2023 (Storm date: March 26th)
822 Trans Canada Highway
2:00pm – 4:00pm

All are welcome!

Camp Buchan – Day Rental

Camp Buchan is available for day rental, for those having a family gathering, anniversaries, and other similar gatherings. The main building has two main rooms with a number of windows on all sides, tables and chairs, fridge and small kitchenette and two washrooms with flush toilets and sinks. For more information, e-mail mcdonald.waldron@gmail.com.

Belfast Consolidated School Principal's Report for April 2023

We had a very special assembly on Thursday, March 16th for Mrs. Angie Taylor, as she was recognized by the local and Provincial Home and School as one of four Extra Mile Award winners across PEI! We all know Angie has done excellent work for us at the school and pours her heart and soul into everything she does. There is no doubt in my mind that she makes a huge difference at our school, and in our community. I could write a book about the great things she has done for us! We have saved the ceremony on our YouTube Channel. You can watch it here - <https://www.youtube.com/live/8a1-R1XA1LM?feature=share&t=43>. I encourage you to watch it! Congratulations, Angie!

Thanks to the Belfast Rec Center Staff for providing ice times for two skates for us this year. The students love going for an active skate, and of course a treat from the canteen.

Thanks to the Belfast Home and School for providing busses for our grade 7-9 classes to be able to travel to Brookvale for skiing twice this winter. *It was a lot of fun!*

Congratulations to Baxter Ross on his recent retirement. Baxter started and ended his career at Belfast Consolidated, with a large chunk of years at Montague Regional High School. Baxter did an excellent job in his role of custodian, but he also made many positive connections with students, staff, parents, and our Chances children! During an assembly, students and staff poured out their hearts with cards and thanks. We will miss Baxter at the school, but we will wish him all the best in his retirement.

We also were saddened to hear of the recent passing of two of our former staff members, Phyllis McCabe, and Gloria Whalen. Both ladies left a lasting, positive legacy with our students, staff, and the community. We want to pass along our school's condolences to the McCabe and Whalen/Campbell families.

Respectfully,
Mr. John Munro, Principal BCS

Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2023-2024 HAVE ARRIVED!

The 2023-2024 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 supporting this annual fundraiser!

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **April 2023**:

CONGRATULATIONS Mayor Garth Gillis Recipient of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

This award honours the extraordinary contribution Mayor Gillis has made to his Municipality, the Province of PEI and the Country! Garth accepted his award, as presented by the Honourable Antoinette Perry, Lieutenant Governor of PEI on March 9th, 2023.

Council Awards \$196,600 for 2023/24 Community Grants:

Congratulations go out to:

Belfast Rural Fire Department	\$ 110,000.00
Belfast Rec Centre (GPEI Rink Grant)	\$ 8,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre (Operations)	\$ 26,500.00
Belfast Rec Centre (Warming Centre – One-time)	\$ 11,600.00
Belfast Area Watershed Group (BAWG)	\$ 5,500.00
Belfast Days	\$ 3,500.00
Belfast Historical Society	\$ 4,000.00
Belfast Minor Hockey	\$ 3,000.00
Community Yoga and Wellness	\$ 1,000.00
Horses 101 - Learning all about horses	\$ 1,200.00
Pinette Raceway	\$ 2,000.00
Polly Pioneer Cemetery (One-time grant)	\$ 1,500.00
Point Prim Lighthouse Society	\$ 3,000.00
Vernon River/Belfast Community Pantry	\$ 2,300.00
Wood Islands Market	\$ 10,000.00
Wood Islands Lighthouse	\$ 3,000.00
Total	\$ 196,600.00

RMB Budget Passes for 2023/24

RMB now has its marching orders for the 2023/24 fiscal year. On March 22nd, Council passed unanimously the funds that go into the annual operations and allow RMB to give out almost \$200,000.00 in Community Grants. The approved Budget is now on the RMB Website.

Drop-off Community Pantry Offerings at the RMB Office and at Regular Council Meetings!

March 22nd, 2023 - It was confirmed at the March 22nd Council Meeting, that you can not only drop off your Community Pantry Items during regularly scheduled Council Meetings, but you can also drop off your items at the RMB Office.

Community Members Supporting Community Members!

Office Open: Mon. – Fri. 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

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E-mail: ruralmunicipalityofbelfast@gmail.com

Phone: (902) 962-2086

CAO: Bob Brooks

13056 Shore Road - Unit 103, Wood Islands, PE, C0A 1R0

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

BAWG and the PEI Invasive Species Council (PEIISC) are hosting a public presentation "**Plant Wise - Invasive Species**" - an introduction to invasives, impacts, regulations, specific species of concern and 'grow me instead' tips - Thursday, April 20th at 7:00pm, at the Wood Islands Market (upstairs). All are welcome!

Student Summer crew needed: **Student Employment Opportunity** - pending funding, we are looking for students to assist with tree planting and watershed activities. This can be physically challenging work, but very rewarding. Please apply to Sherry at e-mail: bawgpei@gmail.com.

Creating a list of volunteers needed for upcoming tree and shrub planting activities. Can you share an hour or more in the upcoming months to assist with various planting projects? If so, please e-mail or text your interest to Sherry at bawgpei@gmail.com or 902-218-1582.

You can receive a charitable donation receipt for any donations by making them through the Community Foundation of PEI. There are various ways to donate to the Foundation; CanadaHelps, or direct via e-transfer to info@cfpei.ca, or via a cheque with reference to BAWG. Of course, you can always reach out to us directly and we can arrange pick-up of your donation if that works best for you.

Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute

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

Mount Buchanan-Point Prim Women's Institute will be hosting a spring Lunch at Belfast Rec Centre on Saturday, May 6th, 2023, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch choices are Chili or Corn Chowder, including roll, dessert and tea or coffee for \$ 13.00.

Take out available. All proceeds to Community Projects.

Please call Rose MacKinnon 902-659-2744 or, Rebecca Gerritsen 902-659-2647 by April 28th, to pre-order. Cash only.

Thank you for your support!

Pinette / Flat River Mosquito Control

We are working on our partnership with BCDC to take the lead on the mosquito control program and will have more details on how this will operate shortly.

In the meantime, we are continuing to collect funds to support the upcoming season of work. While we are keeping the rate the same as previous years (\$125.00 per household), we do need to raise more funds this year. If you live in Pinette, Flat River, and the surrounding regions, you can send an e-mail transfer to: belfastmosquitos@hotmail.com, or you can drop off a cheque payable to "Pinette / Flat River Mosquito" at Cooper's, and please encourage your neighbours to do so, too.

Here is to an enjoyable summer!

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



The volunteer Board of the Wood Islands & Area Development Corp. (WIADC) would like to thank Jill Harris for her hard work, diligence, and valuable contributions as our Administrator over the past 3 years.

We are pleased to welcome Todd St Clair, a Belle River resident as our Business Manager. Todd brings several years of marketing and customer service experience to our facility.

Are you an artist or crafter looking for a venue to sell your wares? We are looking for local artisan items to sell at the Wood Islands Liquor Store. Please contact us via e-mail for details.

The Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG) and the PEI Invasive Species Council (PEIISC) are hosting a public presentation "Plant Wise - Invasive Species" - an introduction to invasives, impacts, regulations, specific species of concern and grow-me-instead tips. Thursday, April 20th, at 7:00pm at the Plough the Waves Hall at the Wood Island Market. All are welcome.

Planning a wedding, group, club or business event this year? We offer 1,000 square feet of bright, clean, open community space comfortable for 80 persons available year-round located above the Visitor Information Centre at the Wood Islands Welcome Centre. Adjacent is a fully equipped provincially certified kitchen which can be rented as well. The centre is equipped with an elevator for people with restricted mobility or for those bringing in equipment or goods. There is a raised stage at one end of the room as well as a sound system and projector equipment. We can also accommodate outdoor events at

either our market or lighthouse facility.

All inquiries, please E-mail: wiadc@woodislands.ca

Phone: 902•962•3761

Website: www.woodislands.ca

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	Friday	9:00am - 2:30pm

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Coffee Club

Coffee Club meets every Tuesday morning at the Belfast Recreation Centre (9:00am - 11:00am).

Notice from the Belfast Fire Department

Required rules for burning debris have changed.

Fire season runs from March 15th to November 30th. There are new rules and categories that must be followed. Heavy fines can and will be given.

You can call 1-800-237-5053 to find out about the current burning restrictions in place for the province of PEI. This number can be accessed 24 hours a day; 7 days a week. our website,

For detailed information, please visit our website at princeedwardisland.ca/fireinformation and be aware that there is no burning allowed between 8:00am and 2:00pm. There are 4 categories and a map that details when, and if, burning is allowed.

Camp Buchan

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

Appreciate if you would remove the caps and rinse out the containers, it helps a lot at the recycling depot.

Your refundable containers help support maintenance at Camp Buchan.

Thank You!

Congratulations!

The Belfast Lions Club would like to congratulate the following members for being recognized by Lions Clubs International for their ongoing service:

Wayne Panton 45 Years

Dan Moir 40 Years

Lowell Large 20 Years

Your commitment to Community Service is truly appreciated!

Selkirk Millennium Club

The Selkirk Millennium Club meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Belfast Rec Centre beginning at 2:00PM. Come join us for get together and meet friends. K. Ross 902-659-2920

Point Prim Lighthouse - Employment Opportunities

We are looking forward to the upcoming 2023 tourism season and are now taking applications for employment positions. We are looking for energetic, motivated and outgoing people to work in our beautiful gift store and as guides to our historic lighthouse. Students should apply to the summer jobs program \$15.00 per hour. Adults 18 and over \$18.00 per hour.

Send resume to pointprimlighthousecottage@gmail.com

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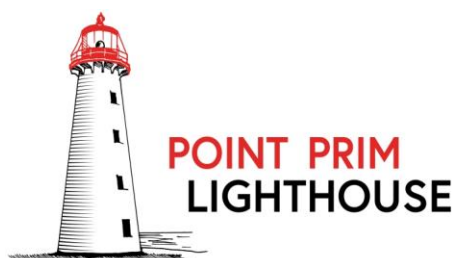
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Check out our Website for: * Contacts * Meeting Times and Dates * Agendas and Notices * The Community Emergency Plan
* The Community Vision Document * The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) * And much more

Check out our Facebook Page for: Activities, Issues, Discussions, Local Events, Photos and more

Council and Committee Meetings are held at the Wood Islands Market - Upstairs Meeting Hall
(see Website for times and dates) Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am - 12:00noon



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