



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Macphail Woods Forestry Project

Exciting improvements are coming to our trails! Over the next few weeks, our crews will be working hard to ensure the trails are safe and accessible for your enjoyment. Please proceed with caution and obey all posted signage.

This month, we are offering a two-day Teachers Conference called Reimagine Nature Education. This unique education conference will bring together teachers and our island's best nature educators to showcase resources and the power of outdoor learning. Registration for the conference is now closed, but if you are interested in learning more about how to integrate nature education into your home, classroom, or personal learning, we have some amazing resources on our website (macphailwoods.org) including a PDF of our recent publication Supporting Teachers: A Field Guide to Nature Education.

On Saturday, August 10th there will be a free workshop on Coastal Habitats & Krummholz Forests. This workshop will explore our unique coastal habitats and wind-blown krummholz forests. Growing along exposed shores, these gnarly and fascinating places are critical habitats for many native species as well as the Island's natural shield against coastal winds, waves and flooding. The workshop will be held in the Nature Centre at 10am, and no registration is required.

Our annual Festival of Forests will be held on Saturday, September 14th. This family-friendly community event is intended to educate the public about ecological restoration and conservation, while allowing people to develop and strengthen their connection to nature. There will be workshops offered by different environmental groups on PEI, a continued public planting of the medicine wheel garden on site, and lots of activities for children such as art, bushcraft, and games. No admission is required for this event, but donations are gladly accepted. Stay tuned for the full event schedule to be shared to our social media accounts soon!

Wood Islands Women's Institute News

Mark your calendar.

September 17th Join us for Dr. Dave Lister's entertaining discussion about life as a large animal vet in rural PEI. At 7:00pm at the Wood Islands School house 822 TCH, admission is free. A freewill donation will be accepted. Tea and refreshments to follow the talk.

October 19th at 2:00pm A Dramatic reading of Making it Home by Angus Maclean will be presented by Rob Maclean and Melissa Mullens. Space is limited so reservations will be required. Watch the September newsletter for more information on how to reserve a seat.

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **August 2024**:

Official Plan and Development Bylaw to Resume in September!

The new **REVISED Official Plan and Development Bylaw** is now on the RMB Website. The comments and concerns raised by Members of the Public and Members of Council, have been considered and incorporated where possible. Now is your chance to see if what is being presented is a better fit for a "Rural" Municipality; "Our" Municipality.

Take a look - see what you think! Council will hold another Public Meeting on Saturday, September 21st from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Wood Islands Upper Meeting Hall.

Hurricane Preparedness!

RMB is doing its part to be prepared, are you?

RMB now has two Certified Warming Centres. One in Belfast and one in Wood Islands. One of which will be activated in an emergency (depending on where the emergency takes place - to be announced as required).

Are YOU Prepared?

- Do you have an Emergency Plan?
- Do you have an Emergency Kit? (Extra food, pet supplies, water, hygiene products, gas, cash, etc.)
- Have you, or do you have a plan to prepare your property for high winds and heavy rain, etc.?
- Check the RMB Website for more information on preparedness.

Council Approves an Annexation Exercise Process!

Recently, Council gave the go-ahead to investigate the possible Annexation of the surrounding un-incorporated communities into our municipal boundaries. This will be a public process for comments and information to discover which/if any un-incorporated communities could be annexed. Watch for the public announcements.

Next Regular Council Meeting set for August 21st!

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Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

It's been a great summer working in our community watersheds! Activities have included bank swallow monitoring, forest bird surveys, fish species monitoring, water quality testing, restoration activities, and important conversations with landowners to conserve and enhance our watersheds. We thank everyone who reaches out, participates, and cares for the future of our watersheds and land communities.

Friday, August 23rd, 11:00am-2:00pm. Open to everyone. Join in the activities and conversation at our **Nature Kaleidoscope - An Inspiring Nature Discovery Event featuring:**

- Children's nature art activities include painting, crafts, and scavenger hunts.
- Expand your watershed knowledge.
- And get 'batty'! Learn about our bats and our bat monitoring programs, as well as learn about our bank swallows and forest birds.
- Explore the world of silent invaders (invasive species) with preserved plants and bugs, their impacts, and how to protect our island from their spread.

Hosted by: Belfast Area Watershed Group.

Participants: PEI Invasive Species Council, PEI Watershed Alliance.

Location host: Cape Bear Lighthouse & Marconi Station Cape, 42 Black Brook Rd, Cape Bear.

Need to connect with us? Sherry Pelkey 902-218-1582 or bawgpei@gmail.com

Belfast Historical Society

The members and friends of the Belfast Historical Society were saddened to lose a long-time member and friend, Jean Cantelo last month. Jean was active in the BHS for many years and willingly shared her memories at our celebratory meeting on September 28th, 2023, as we honoured her and 3 other founding members. Her historic home in Pinette was also a special part of her life and she willingly shared its history.

As this submission is written (July 22nd), we are patiently waiting for a building permit to have our accessible washrooms installed. Hopefully, by the next newsletter, we will be able to announce a completed Renovation!

To celebrate this event, we will be hosting a PopUp Sale or Sales in the old Church of Scotland before work is done on the inside. We have some generous supporters in our community who have gifted us with some furniture and other interesting items. If you have some items that you would like to donate to our Fundraiser (date to be announced), please contact Gerry MacWilliams (Site Manager), Michele McKenna (President), or Doris MacDonald (Secretary).

**It takes a community to keep our history alive!
We thank our Belfast Community
for their support over the past months!**

Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



The 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale is fast approaching! This will be our 25th anniversary of the event and it's looking to be bigger than ever! It will be held September 14th and 15th.

Registration is available online and you may now use E-transfers to pay. Visit www.woodislands.ca for details.

This year we are holding a MEGA 50/50 draw with proceeds going towards the extensive restoration work required at the Wood Islands Lighthouse. Tickets are \$10.00 each, or three for \$20.00. The jackpot starts at \$500.00 and will increase as tickets are sold. Be sure to check out the replica lighthouse model at the Wood Islands Market with the prize amount displayed. Tickets are now available at the Wood Islands Lighthouse, The Wood Islands Liquor Store and Commissary, and at Galla Designs Studio, 1167 Trans Canada HWY, Belle River. Draw will take place at the 70 Mile Coastal Yard Sale September 15th.

The Wood Islands Liquor Store and Commissary Monday-Friday 10:00am-7:00pm. Sundays 12:00pm-5:00pm.

Outdoor Farmers Market: Every Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm. Lots of great vendors selling baked goods, fresh produce and Island Crafts. Located in the Gazebo. Vendor Inquiries – email us at wiadc@woodislands.ca.

Wood Islands Lighthouse: Looking for a unique destination to take your visitors from away? Why not take them on a tour of our iconic Lighthouse? Gloria and her team offer personalized tours of the museum and the gift shop is full of great local items, many of which are unique to our location. Open daily 9:00am-5:30pm. Tours operate from 9:30am-4:30pm.

Wood Islands Market Commissary: The Commissary at the Wood Islands Liquor Store is fully stocked with all those things you may have forgotten on your camping trip, beach visit, or staycation! Whether it is bug spray, a beach towel, ice, or those much-needed snacks, Cathy and Wendy have you covered! We now have a freezer full of great items! Open Monday- Saturday 10:00am- 7:00pm and Sunday 12:00pm-5:00pm.

The Sweet Company: Daily 9:00am-4:00pm.

The Visitors Information: Centre daily 9:00am-6:00pm.

The Rural Municipality of Belfast Office: Monday-Friday 9:00am-Noon.

The Sign Plaza still has a few spaces available! This is a great opportunity to showcase your business to the thousands of visitors we have every year. The cost is still only \$100.00 + HST for the season.

For more information, please contact us:

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Selkirk Millenium Club

Selkirk Millenium Club meets every 3rd Wednesday, Please call Sylvia at 902-659-2240 for time and place.

Macphail Homestead

Art Exhibition: Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead - Eighteen Island Artists will exhibit their *Island Nature and Culture* themed artwork for the month of August at Sir Andrew's childhood home the lovely old homestead nestled in acres of native woods in Orwell, Eastern PEI. Margaret Wailes, long-time summer resident has invited seventeen other artists to join her in an exhibition.

The artists on display share Sir Andrew's love of the Island, its beauty and the attempts to capture some of that essence with pen and pencil/brush. The participating artists will be; Mel Giddings, Goldie Gillis, Carolyn Hessinger, Betty Jenkins, Sandi Komst, Helene Larouche, Clair Nantes, Connie O'Brien, Linda Packard, Sylvia Poirier, Henry Purdy, Dagny Rossignol, Donna Serres, Simon Smith, Lorraine Vatcher, Margaret Wailes, LilliAnne Webster and Brenda Whiteway.

You are cordially invited to view and purchase the art. House-made desserts and tea & coffee will be available for your enjoyment. Open Tuesday - Friday from 9:00am-4:30pm, Saturdays from 11:00am-3:00pm. The Homestead is at 271 MacPhail Park Road, Orwell.

"For the Love of Maud" Afternoon Tea - Montgomery enthusiasts are invited to enjoy a fancy Afternoon Tea while we retell the amusing stories connected to Lucy Maud Montgomery's visit to the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead in Orwell, Eastern PEI. The Governor General at the time, Earl Grey, wished to meet the creator of the delightful "Anne of Green Gables."

Dr. Andrew Macphail and Lucy Maud Montgomery were both Island authors. The extracts from one of her journals will tell entertaining stories and her impressions of the people and place during her visit. Through her entries, we get a glimpse of the woman writer and her sense of humour. Over tea discussions about her writing, and her struggle to be taken seriously as a woman. Macphail, a well-known writer, and professor at McGill University, Montreal, was born at the Homestead. We invite you to enjoy a sumptuous Afternoon Tea while learning and talking about all things Maud.

Wednesday and Friday afternoons August, and September from 2:00pm-3:30 pm. Reservations are essential. \$35.00 per person.

Sunday Lunch & Lecture Series - The Lunch & Lecture Series is held every Sunday at 1:00pm at the Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead in Orwell, 271 MacPhail Park Road. Reservations are required and can be made by following the link on our web page www.macphailhomestead.ca or phoning 902-651-2789.

- [August 11th – Rosemary Curley – The World of Nature: Woodland Plants and Trees at Macphails](#)
- [August 18th – Linda Jean Nicholson – Selkirk's People: Stories of Some Early Settlers](#)
- [August 25th – Dr. Ed MacDonald – Dynasty: The Macdonald Family of Panmure Island and Georgetown in the Long 19th Century](#)

50th Wedding Anniversary

You are invited to come and celebrate Helen and George Docherty's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday August 17th, 2024, at the Belfast Rec. Centre between 6:00 and 10:00pm.

This will be an evening of music, refreshments and friendship. If you play a musical instrument, bring it along.

Best Wishes only, please.

Belfast Run Club

The Belfast run club meets at Belfast Consolidated school every Sunday morning at 8:30am and Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Open to all ages and paces. Hope to see you there!

Camp Buchan - Scouts' Canada Summer Camp

Calling all young adventurers and outdoor enthusiasts! Camp Buchan is still accepting registrations for Scouts' Canada Summer Camp! Scouts Camp Buchan is promising an unforgettable week of outdoor adventure filled with excitement and friendship. You're invited to join us for a journey into the great outdoors, where lifelong memories and new friendships await. Scouts Canada is offering an extraordinary week of day camp with an optional "camping under the stars" overnight stay. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.scouts.ca/camps/camp-buchan.html>. Follow our Facebook page for updates and giveaways <https://www.facebook.com/CampBuchan>.

Adventure awaits!

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Notice from the Belfast Fire Department

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 issued.

Please 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.

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.

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* The Community Vision Document * The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) * And much more

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