



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## September 2025

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### **The Deuce is Loose**

The Deuce is Loose is back! Come join us at the Belfast Rec. Centre September 16<sup>th</sup> and see if you can be the big winner of the estimated \$15,000.00+ jackpot!

Advance tickets can be purchased at Cooper's Red & White. Tickets are also available at the door or for purchase online via e-transfer. For more information on how to purchase your Deuce tickets online, and when online ticket sales begin, please visit [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00\*

Doors open: 6:00PM

Trivia starts: 7:30PM

Draw begins: 8:00PM

### ***Thank you all for your continued support!***

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Please watch our Facebook page for ongoing information and announcements - [facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast](https://facebook.com/thedeuceislooseinbelfast).

*\*PEI Lottery players must be 19 years or older.*

### **Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead**

We are open all of September from Tuesday - Saturday, 8:30am-4:30pm serving delicious home-made desserts with tea and coffee. Some of the favourites are scones with cream and jam, rhubarb ice cream, strawberry shortcake, chocolate torte, and more.

"For the Love of Maud" afternoon teas will be held on Thursdays. L.M. Montgomery visited the homestead and wrote amusingly about it in her journal. We serve a gracious afternoon tea and then there is a reading from Montgomery's journal. Cost \$35.00. Dietary needs can be accommodated. If you have a larger group and want to schedule it for another day in the week please contact us. Telephote 902 651-2789 or e-mail [macphailhomestead@gmail.com](mailto:macphailhomestead@gmail.com).

The long tradition of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners lives on. See our website for details and to register. We serve a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings as well as dessert. Thanksgiving dinner is \$45.00, and Christmas dinner is \$50.00 per person.

Walk the trails in our beautiful woods, have a picnic on the grounds or wander through the historic Homestead. You're invited!

### **Belfast Consolidated School Report**

Our staff is excited to be back at school for the 2025-2026 school year! We would like to welcome to our staff, Ms. Jillian Lockhart (Gr 7-9 Science, Math, and Social Studies Teacher) as well as our new counsellor, Shelly Hassel. Our former counsellor, Heather Lea, has gone to the Public Schools Branch to support EAL (English as an acquired language) students. We want to thank Heather for her dedicated work on behalf of our students and staff, and we wish her all the best in her new position. She will be missed!

If you are wanting to volunteer at the school, please reach out to me ([mjmunro@edu.pe.ca](mailto:mjmunro@edu.pe.ca) or 902-659-7200) to share how you would like to volunteer. We could use support in extracurricular music, art, sports, and home and school initiatives.

Looking forward to another exciting year of learning!

Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School

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

It's the end of the season for our summer students, and we at BAWG thank them for their hard work from stream restoration, invasive removals, water quality testing, events, bird surveys, mapping (eelgrass), and more! All the best in your fall studies.

Our work continues on larger "connectivity" projects, and we look forward to seeing you at the following events: 70 Mile Yard Sale on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and at the MacPhail Festival of Forests on September 27<sup>th</sup> (12:00- 4:00pm).

In streams and rivers, "connectivity" refers to the seamless flow and interaction between various aquatic habitats, essential for maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting biodiversity.

Connect with BAWG by phone at 902-218-1582 or by e-mail [bawgpei@gmail.com](mailto:bawgpei@gmail.com).

### **Wood Islands Women's Institute**

Our speaker series is beginning again: Join us September 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00pm for a very timely and inspiring discussion on *Putting up food and preserving the Harvest* presented by members Joanne and Jill. Light refreshments following the presentation. Donations will be accepted to support the institute. Wood Islands Schoolhouse 822 Trans Canada Highway, Wood Islands.

### **Belfast Rink**

Join us for coffee and cards every Tuesday from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Rec. room at the Belfast rink.

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



Items of note for the *Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)* for the month of *September 2025*:

### **Council Awards Canadian Community Building Funds**

Congratulations to the Belfast Rural Fire Department! Upon careful consideration of all seven applications, RMB Council voted unanimously in support of awarding \$294,835 in funds to assist in the firehall expansion process.

This CCBF Call was open to all Not-for-Profit Community Groups and Community Development Organizations. A stable, predictable (and much appreciated) source of funding provided to the Rural Municipality of Belfast through the Canada/PEI Infrastructure Secretariat. This funding allows local communities to make strategic investments in essential infrastructure, and in the case of the Rural Municipality of Belfast, has allocated \$294,835.00 over a 5-year period. Thank you to everyone who applied.

### **2024 -2025 Financial Statements Approved**

RMB Council approved the 2024 -2025 fiscal year Audited Financial Statements for RMB in a unanimous decision. MRSB prepared this document which can be found on the RMB website [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com).

### **Upcoming Regular Council Meetings:**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** – Upstairs Hall – Wood Islands Market.

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



Our weekly Cruisin' Down East event was a huge success! Thank you for your supporting the restoration of the historic Wood Islands lighthouse. We look forward to doing it again next year!

The 70 Mile Coastal Yard sale is September 20 & 21. We'll be raffling off many great prizes this year! Stay tuned to our website ([www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca)) for prize details and our online participant map. The map will also appear in the Sept 17 issue of the Eastern Graphic newspaper.

Thank you to our summer students Matt, Sophie, Charlie, and Nate for all your hard work this season! Good luck in the upcoming school year!

For more information, please contact us:

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## **Belfast Historical Society**

As summer winds down in Belfast, the Historical Society extends our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make this season one to remember. From visiting the Croft House to researching your family roots in our new genealogy room, to attending or taking part in the Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games, your support and participation continue to keep Belfast's rich heritage alive and thriving. Special thanks to our dedicated staff members Gerry MacWilliams and Aiden Beazley for doing such a great job this summer, as well as Glen Davies for shingling the Old Church of Scotland. Many thanks to our volunteers and generous donors — we couldn't do it without you.

### **Looking Ahead**

Though the summer season is closing, our work continues! Fall brings more opportunities to explore Belfast's past, including:

- Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Croft House on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. Sherry Pelkey from BAWG will be giving a short presentation on current projects titled: Updates from Headwaters. Gerry MacWilliams will also give a short presentation on a Digital Museum Community Stories Funding Opportunity. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Annual Christmas Craft Fair in Belfast will be held at the Belfast Rec Centre on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details.

Join Us

If you're passionate about preserving Belfast's history, we'd love to have you involved. Memberships are available year-round, and your support helps us maintain the museum, develop programming, and expand our community outreach. Thank you for making history with us this summer. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

Warm regards,

**The Belfast Historical Society**

### **Camp Buchan, Scouts Canada**

Appreciate your donation of your pop bottles/can and beverage bottles/cans they can be dropped off at the shelter set up at the entrance to the Camp Buchan property.

Removing the caps and rinsing out the containers will be very helpful at sorting and at the recycling depot. Your refundable containers help support maintenance at our Camp Buchan. *Thank You!!!!!!*

### **Tuesday Morning Social Group**

We meet every Tuesday morning at the Pinette Racetrack 9:00am – 11:30am. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee and snacks are available.

Enjoy card games, crafts and chatting with each other.

### **Island Pride Garden Co**

The cooler weather is finally here. It is a great time to consider planting trees, shrubs and perennials to set their roots for next year. Drop by to check out colour for your yard all season long. Consider trees and shrubs that offer fall and winter colour and texture and berries for the birds.

Join us for the 70 Mile yard sale September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. We are a group, multi-vendor site. Register with us if you are interested in booking space to sell your stuff. We have inside and outside space.

The garden centre will have plants and products on sale- in September, Watch Facebook to find out the deals.

Hours September 1<sup>st</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday afternoons. Yard sale weekend open 8:00am-5:00pm.

Reach out if you have any questions or stop by 902-962-2044 [www.islandpride.ca](http://www.islandpride.ca).

### **Macphail Woods**

#### **Chainsaw Safety Training:**

Saturday/Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

- Chainsaw level 1&2 (Safety & Felling, Maintenance, Limbing, & Bucking)

Saturday/Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

- Chainsaw level 3&4 (Advanced Felling Tactics, Storm Damage)

For more information and to register, please visit [www.macphailwoods.org/education/chainsaw-safety-training](http://www.macphailwoods.org/education/chainsaw-safety-training) or email [evanyoung@macphailwoods.org](mailto:evanyoung@macphailwoods.org). Courses are hands-on. You do not need to bring your own chainsaw, but you must have PPE.

#### **Festival of Forests:**

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-4:00pm

This Festival's mission is to increase awareness and affect attitudes towards the value of forests and forest habitats through providing an opportunity to reconnect the public with nature/forests. There will be workshops, guided walks & talks, artist displays, information booths from various environmental groups, horse and carriage rides, a fire pit and more!

### **Selkirk Millenium Club**

The Selkirk Millenium Seniors Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Rec. room of the Belfast rink. Come join us.

### **Belfast Community Development Corporation**

It's been a busy and rewarding summer at Belfast Highland Greens and Lord Selkirk Campground, and we thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and energy.

August brought the return of the Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games. Congratulations to the Belfast Historical Society on a fantastic series of events at Croft House. It was wonderful to see such strong community spirit and a great turnout for the games and entertainment.

Earlier this summer, we partnered with the Belfast Area Watershed Group on a shrub and tree planting project at Lord Selkirk Campground to support habitat and coastal protection. Thank you BAWG and we look forward to more collaborations ahead.

Thanks also to Eileen Richard and her team at the Selkirk Galley, who are leasing the pool canteen this season. The expanded food options have been a welcome addition. While the community pools close after Labour Day Monday, the Selkirk Galley will remain open through September so be sure to stop by for a meal and check out the renovated dining area.

Finally, a special thank you to the Belfast Fire Department for their support with our irrigation pond and, most importantly, for keeping our community safe during this dry weather.

Stay connected with upcoming events, tournaments, and other happenings by following us on our Facebook pages for Belfast Highland Greens, Lord Selkirk Campground, and Belfast Community Development Corporation.

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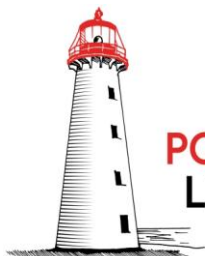


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\* The Community Vision Document \* The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) \* And much more  
Check out our Facebook Page for: Activities, Issues, Discussions, Local Events, Photos and more

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