



# BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## April 2026

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### The Deuce is Loose

Come on out Tuesday evenings at the Belfast Rec. Centre for our local fundraiser and progressive lottery. You could be the lucky winner of the Big Jackpot – currently estimated at more than \$10,000.00!

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).

#### Previous Winners:

Brad Carson	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 388.00
John Fitzpatrick	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 332.00
Sheila O’Shea	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 327.00
Louise Jenkins	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 467.00

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!***

Belfast Lions Club                  Belfast Rec. Centre Board  
Belfast Rural Community Fire Department PEI

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.*

### **Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)**

This April, while things may seem a little quieter on the surface, our team is hard at work preparing for a busy field season ahead. We are grateful to the Rural Municipality of Belfast for their support through a Community Grant, which will help us continue important wildlife, species-at-risk, and water-quality monitoring throughout the watershed. These efforts play a key role in understanding and protecting the health of our local environment for the common good.

As spring unfolds, we’ll be getting back out into the field and look forward to sharing opportunities to get involved. Keep an eye out for upcoming events starting in May and continuing throughout the summer - we hope to see you there!

Membership with BAWG is free – become a member today at [bawg.ca](https://bawg.ca) (<https://bawg.ca/membership-form/>).

Membership includes our newsletter highlighting projects, events, educational programs and more.

### **Belfast Consolidated School Report**

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the community for the incredible kindness shown in memory of Carey Gillis. To date, our school’s breakfast program has received approximately **\$4,300.00** in donations made in Carey’s name. This extraordinary generosity ensures our students start their days well-nourished and supported. Both the school and Carey’s family are profoundly moved by this tribute. Thank you for going above and beyond for our children.

Sincerely

Mr. John Munro Principal Belfast Consolidated School

### **Belfast Historical Society**

Please mark your calendars! The Belfast Historical Society is pleased to announce a special spring tea to be held on **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, in the newly renovated Belle River Church of Scotland, now attached to the Croft House. This gathering will mark the building’s first opening to the public since its careful restoration - offering locals the opportunity to step inside and experience a cherished piece of our local heritage brought back to life. We invite you to join us for tea in this historic setting and share in celebrating its next chapter. Further details will be shared in next month’s newsletter and on the Belfast Historical Society’s Facebook page.

Looking ahead, our planning committee has begun shaping events for this year’s **Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games**, taking place on the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup>. Rooted in the customs and spirit of the early settlers, the Games continue to be a highlight of the season. We warmly welcome community members who may wish to volunteer or share ideas as plans take shape.

The Historical Society also anticipates hiring for several seasonal positions, including a site supervisor, summer student, and groundskeeper to assist in the ongoing stewardship of the Croft House and the Church of Scotland grounds. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in these opportunities please contact Michelle via e-mail at [mmckenna156@gmail.com](mailto:mmckenna156@gmail.com).

*Looking forward to an exciting season ahead!*

### **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.

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



Items of note for the **Rural Municipality of Belfast (RMB)** for the month of **April 2026**:

### **0% Increase in RMB Budget**

**March 18, 2026:** The Council of the Rural Municipality of Belfast, unanimously passed a '0%' Balanced Budget for the upcoming 2026/2027 fiscal year.

This year's \$539,000.00 budget goes to grants and services, such as:

- \$165,00.00 going toward Fire Protection Services
- \$66,400.00 in miscellaneous Community Grants
- \$307,600.00 in other items, such as; Canada Community Building Fund, Operations, Rink Grant, and much more, including funding for RMB's two Emergency Warming Centres.

See the full detailed budget online in RMB's Municipal Website at: [www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com](http://www.ruralmunicipalityofbelfast.com)

### **RMB Awards \$239,900.00 in Community Grants and Services for 2026/2027**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** In making Council's allocations for these 2026/2027 Community Grants and Services, RMB Council recognized that by providing these Community Grants to the various community groups, volunteer groups, facilities, sporting groups, and numerous miscellaneous groups, RMB is able to help support many, many integral services to the residents of our municipality. Grants and Services such as:

- \$165,000.00 - Belfast Fire Dept. for Fire Protection Services
- \$8,500.00 - Belfast Rec. Centre for GPEI Rink Grant
- \$8,000.00 - Belfast Area Watershed Group
- \$5,000.00 - BCDC Pinette Park Revitalization
- \$4,000.00 - Belfast Days
- \$2,500.00 - Belfast Historical Society
- \$2,500.00 - Belfast Minor Hockey
- \$29,000.00 - Belfast Rec. Centre
- \$2,000.00 - Iona Park Inc.
- \$2,000.00 - Pinette Raceway
- \$2,000.00 - Point Prim Lighthouse
- \$2,400.00 - Vernon River/Belfast Community Pantry
- \$2,000.00 - Wood Islands Lighthouse
- \$5,000.00 - Wood Islands Market

**Congratulations Everyone and Thankyou for helping to make our municipality even better!**

### **Rural Municipality of Belfast**

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



*We're hiring!*

We have the following positions available for the 2026 season:

Student positions (July-August):

- Lighthouse Tour guide (Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum)
- Bilingual Lighthouse Tour guide (Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum)
- E-Bike Rental clerk (Wood Islands Market)

Seasonal Positions:

- Assistant Staff Supervisor (Wood Islands Lighthouse and Museum) May – October
- Store Associate (Woods Islands Saltwater Market and Liquor Store) Age 21+ June – Mid October

For Job details and information how to apply please visit our website: [www.woodislands.ca](http://www.woodislands.ca).

**Sign Plaza:** We still have room on our Sign Plaza for 2026! There's no better way to advertise your business! Every year thousands of visitors to our market stop to check out the signs posted. Its only \$100.00 to display your 16" X 44" sign. Contact us for details.

**Hall Events:** Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – 9:00pm Rural Municipality of Belfast Council Meeting.

**The Wood Islands Market April Hours:**

- Administration Office: Monday - Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Visitors Information Center: Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Wood Islands Café Express: Friday - Sunday 10:00am-6:00pm
- Food Truck: Call 902-330-2280 for operating hours

For more information, please contact us:

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### **Belfast Rink**

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

### **Belfast Lions Birthday Calendars 2026-27 HAVE ARRIVED!**

The 2026-27 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 call or text Henry Kliner at 902-978-2447, or contact via e-mail at [BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com](mailto:BelfastLionsCalendar@outlook.com).

*Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser!*

### **Belfast Community Development Corporation**

As April arrives, we're looking forward to the warmer days ahead across our community facilities.

At Belfast Highland Greens, preparations are underway for the 2026 golf season as we patiently await warm spring weather to ready the course for play. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for announcements on opening dates. In the meantime, our golf simulators remain open and are a great way to keep your swing in shape. Hourly simulator bookings can be made online at [belfasthighlandgreens.ca](http://belfasthighlandgreens.ca) or by calling the pro shop at 902-659-2794.

Lord Selkirk Campground is now accepting reservations for the upcoming summer season. Campers can book their stay online at [lordselkirkcampground.com](http://lordselkirkcampground.com) and start planning another great season of outdoor fun.

We are also excited to welcome back the annual Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games, hosted by the Belfast Historical Society. **Please note the new dates for 2026 edition, which will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.** The change allows for greater participation from pipe bands, performers, and athletes, who are often difficult to schedule during the busy summer months. Please note also that The Kilted Classic Annual Golf Tournament will remain at its traditional scheduling of the first weekend of August (Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>).

At Pinette Park, renovations to the public washrooms will resume as soon as weather permits. We look forward to completing this important upgrade in time for residents and visitors to fully enjoy the park throughout the summer.

To stay up to date on news, events, promotions, and opening day announcements, follow us on Facebook at the Belfast Highland Greens and Lord Selkirk Campground pages.

### **Mt. Buchanan / Point Prim Women's Institute**

2026 Spring Luncheon. Hosted by the Mount Buchanan/Point Prim Women's Institute Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Belfast Rec Centre. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

Serving your choice of chili or corn chowder, roll, side salad, dessert square, coffee or tea.

Make sure to reserve your tickets today by emailing [leilavey@gmail.com](mailto:leilavey@gmail.com) or [stefanie\\_takacs@yahoo.com](mailto:stefanie_takacs@yahoo.com), or by calling Stefanie: Phone 902-659-2900 (7:30am-9:00am or 6:00pm-8:00pm), or Leila: Phone 902-326-0329 (5:00pm-9:00pm). Please leave a message if we are unavailable when you call. We will call you back to confirm your spot(s).

### **Selkirk Millenium Club**

The Selkirk Millenium Seniors club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12:00pm in the Rec. room of the Belfast rink. Come Join us!

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

Who doesn't love a good loaf of sourdough bread? Come learn all about sourdough bread from start to finish. We have expert bakers in our area who are coming to speak to us, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Wood Islands School House, 822 Trans Canada Highway, Wood islands. Joanne, Angela and Kathryn, Women Institute members will be presenting, "*An Evening of Sourdough: Everything you wanted to know about Sourdough Bread*". Whether you are new to baking or simply love good bread, Everyone is welcome.

Admission is free, light refreshments will be served. Donations will be graciously accepted for the ongoing community work of the Wood Islands Women's Institute.

### **Belfast Fire Department – Dabber Bingo Fundraiser**

The Belfast Fire Department will be holding a Dabber Bingo Fundraiser at the Belfast Rec Centre Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:45pm. Bingo starts at 7:00pm. This will be a 19+ event.

There will be Cash/Gift card prizes, a Cake Auction, Bar & Canteen. Proceeds go toward the Fire Department Building Fund.

### **Island Pride Garden co**

It is April and we are working many days in the greenhouses. You are welcome to drop by to check out what is starting. Seeds and soil are available. You may want to call to make sure we are around. 902-962-2044 or [gardens@islandpride.ca](mailto:gardens@islandpride.ca). Watch the website [www.islandpride.ca](http://www.islandpride.ca) and Facebook for early season sales and updates. **Hours:** We will be participating in Doors Open Down East April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Open for the season daily May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Belfast Fire Department – Lawnmower Raffle Fundraiser**

The department is excited to launch our Lawnmower Raffle with proceeds going towards our fire hall expansion project!

First prize is a \$130 John Deere Lawn Mower and the second prize is a \$250.00 gift card to Platinum Tire Group in Cardigan.

Tickets are \$50.00 each with 250 tickets sold. For a ticket please speak to a member of the fire department or call William 902-978-2179 or Joanne 902-326-4068.

Every ticket sold helps our fire department keep our community safe from fires, medical calls and other life saving emergencies. (Lottery Licence #11830)

### **Rental Accommodation Required**

Wanted: House, cottage or apartment for rent. Wood Islands, Belfast, Orwell areas or nearby. Retired adult professional and well-behaved dog. Stable income. Neat, organized person with excellent references. \$900.00 - \$1,000.00 plus utilities is good.

Please e-mail, P. Phillips, at [canada.arts@gmail.com](mailto:canada.arts@gmail.com).

## **Belfast Fire Department – Burning Permits (IMPORTANT!)**

The Belfast Fire Department would like to remind the residents of Belfast to please follow the required rules when burning this fire season! If you are burning a category 2,3, or 4 fire this year please call to inform our fire chef Jason Rector before hand - 902-388-1937.

Fire season runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> each year. 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. You can also visit [www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/FireInformation](http://www.PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/FireInformation).

Burning is not the only means of disposal. There are other methods of disposal of brush and other natural debris. You might consider mulching, composting, or hauling to a local waste facility. *Please note: contact your local waste facility to inquire about dropping off brush and natural debris.*

There are municipalities on Prince Edward Island that have their own by-laws; there are also some villages that have bylaws that restrict burning. It is the responsibility of the resident/visitor to find out if your municipality or village has its own by-laws. If it does not, or you live outside of a municipality, your area is governed by provincial regulations.

The burning information presented here applies only to non-treated, woody material. Certain materials such as pressure-treated wood and construction materials are not permitted to be burned under any circumstances.

### **Category 1 Fire**

- no more than two piles burning at one time
- piles must be three metres or smaller in diameter
- piles cannot be more than two metres high
- multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart from each other
- burning of tree limbs, leaves, brush or cut grass is permitted
- fire must be attended at all times

There will be three levels of permission granted, based on the weather and current fire conditions in your area; these permission levels are similar to the traffic light system:

#### **GREEN** Open Burning

- burning will be permitted between 2:00pm and 8:00am the following morning

#### **YELLOW** Restricted Burning

- burning will be permitted between 8:00pm and 8:00am the following morning

#### **RED** Non-Burning

- no burning is permitted. Please note: burning is not permitted between 8:00am and 2:00pm, regardless of permission or weather conditions. If you light a fire, you must ensure it is extinguished before leaving the area

The following types of fires require permits and possible inspection(s) by a Forest Services Officer from the Department of Land and Environment:

### **Category 2 Fire**

- requires written permission and pre-inspection
- three or more piles burning at one time
- piles must be three metres or smaller in diameter
- piles cannot be more than two metres high
- multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart from each other
- burning of tree limbs, leaves, brush or cut grass is permitted
- fire must be attended at all times

**OR**

- requires written permission and pre-inspection
- burning of only one pile at any given time
- piles can be bigger than three metres in diameter
- piles can be more than two metres high
- multiple piles must be at least 10 metres apart from each other
- burning of tree limbs, leaves, brush or cut grass is permitted
- fire must be attended at all times

*Please note: specific guidelines from Forest Service Officer must be followed at all times.*

### **Category 3 Fire**

- requires written permit
- any size fire that is used for the purpose of treating plants in a blueberry field
- fire must be attended at all times

*Please note: specific guidelines from Forest Service Officer must be followed at all times.*

### **Category 4 Fire**

- requires written permission and pre-inspection
- prescribed burning\*
- for broadcast burning (ex. burning a grass field)
- fire must be attended at all times

*Please note: specific guidelines from Forest Service Officer must be followed at all times.*

\*Prescribed burning is the knowledgeable application of fire to a piece of land for the specific forest management or other land use.

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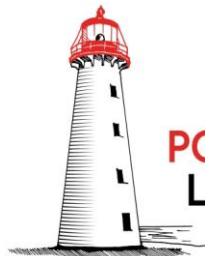


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- Check out our Website for:** \* Contacts \* Meeting Times and Dates \* Agendas and Notices \* The Community Emergency Plan  
 \* The Community Vision Document \* The Official Plan and Development Bylaw (in process) \* And much more
- Check out our Facebook Page for:** Activities, Issues, Discussions, Local Events, Photos and more

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