



BELFAST LIONS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

May 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 \$12,000.00!

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.

The Deuce will be taking a break for the summer beginning June 23rd and will resume September 15th.

Previous Winners:

Jamie Spears	April 21 st	\$ 373.00
Mitchell O’Brien	April 14 ^h	\$ 397.00
Tina MacDonald	April 7 th	\$ 380.00
Justin Simard	March 31 st	\$ 350.00

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.

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

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 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 Lawnmower, 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 Joanne 902-326-4068. Draw date is May 14th, 2026.

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

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead

Sir Andrew Macphail Homestead will be open from July to September and will host special events. The next event will be **Mother's Day Lobster Lunch** on May 10th at 1:00pm. Please visit our website at www.macphailhomestead.ca to make a reservation.

The meal will include a 1.5 lb lobster in the shell with potato salad, coleslaw, and fresh biscuits, followed by a homemade dessert with tea or coffee. We can accommodate gluten-free and lactose-free diets.

Belfast Community Development Corporation

At Belfast Highland Greens, the course is now open for the 2026 season. We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff for their hard work in preparing the course, and to all those who have already been out to enjoy a round. Memberships for the 2026 season remain available, with a range of options to suit all golfers. For details on membership categories and pricing, please visit our Facebook page or contact the Pro Shop at 902-659-2794.

We are also excited to see the return of our weekly events, with Men’s Night beginning Thursday, May 7th and Ladies’ Night starting Wednesday, May 13th (weather permitting). These evenings are a great opportunity for golfers of all skill levels to connect and enjoy the game in a social setting.

Lord Selkirk Campground will officially open for the season on Friday, May 15th. Reservations are now being accepted online at lordselkirkcampground.com, and we look forward to welcoming both returning and new campers for another enjoyable summer.

Our first entertainment evening of the season will take place on Saturday, May 30th, featuring live music by Frank Whitty from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Admission is \$5.00.

At Pinette Park, work continues on key improvements, including washroom renovations, clearing windfall debris, and restoring wooded trails. We would like to thank the Belfast Area Watershed Group for their recent volunteer support. We look forward to the community’s enjoyment of the park this summer.

As a reminder, the Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games, hosted by the Belfast Historical Society, will take place September 11th-13th, 2026. Please also note that the Kilted Classic Golf Tournament will remain on its traditional weekend, with a 2026 date of Saturday, August 1st.

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

Rural Municipality of Belfast - Council Briefs



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

Council Supports Fire Department Project with Resolution

April 15th, 2026: Council unanimously passed a resolution showing Council's support for the Firehall Expansion Project. The project has already received funding from the Municipality, Fire Department Fundraising, the Canada Community Building Fund, and now with this support resolution, they are able to apply for funding through the Rural Growth Initiative. RMB and the Fire Department has also reached out to our MP Kent MacDonald as (hopefully) another funding source.

Good luck on this very important and necessary Firehall Expansion Project!

Dog Act Legislation – Responsibility of the Province – A Dog Bylaw NOT Recommended for the RMB Area (FPEIM)

April 15th, 2026: In a report quoting the work of the Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM), Council was informed by the FPEIM that following its legal research, they would not recommend the RMB municipality having its own Dog Bylaw. It would result in an expensive endeavour that was unenforceable by the municipality, and that issues and actions would still have to go back to the province to enforce.

Council Sets Up a New CAO-Selection Sub-Committee

April 15th, 2026: A sub-committee was established on Wednesday Night, to oversee a public call for a new CAO for RMB. This action was made necessary upon the announcement of the current CAO retirement at the end of December of this year. The CAO described the Succession Plan that's been in place for awhile, to help in a smooth transition of CAO change. Committee members selected include:

- Mayor Garth Gillis (chair-voting)
- Deputy Mayor Docherty (voting)
- Councillor McGivern (voting)
- Councillor Kinnee (voting)
- Possibly Councillor Bryson (voting) – tbd
- Admin Support – CAO Brooks (non-voting)

Committee to start in May/June.

Rural Municipality of Belfast

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Wood Islands and Area Development Corporation



We are excited to announce the 2026 season is about to begin!

- ❖ The Saltwater Market and Liquor Store opens May 14th-17th for the long weekend and May 21st-24th. Regular seasonal hours start May 28th.
- ❖ The Sweet Company opens May 2nd
- ❖ The Wood Islands Café Express Food Truck is on location Saturdays and Sundays

Sign Plaza:

We still have a few spots remaining 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:

- Tuesday May 26th, 6:30pm. Belfast Area Watershed Group "The Story of Water: From Source to Sea"
- Wednesday May 20th, 7:00pm-9:00pm Rural Municipality of Belfast Council Meeting

For more information, please contact us:

Phone: 902-962-3761 E-mail: wiadc@woodislands.ca

Website: woodislands.ca

Belfast Historical Society

Afternoon Tea at the Belle River Church of Scotland - The Belfast Historical Society invites the community to celebrate the reopening of the newly restored Belle River Church of Scotland. After years of dedicated renovation work, this cherished piece of local heritage is once again ready to welcome its neighbours. Join us for an Afternoon Tea featuring sandwiches, sweet treats, and tea on **Saturday, May 23rd, from 2:00-4:00pm** at 112 Selkirk Park Road (beside the Croft House). Admission is by donation and all are welcome. Come for the tea, stay for the good company!

Seasonal Positions - The Historical Society anticipates hiring for several seasonal positions, including a Site Supervisor, summer student and a groundskeeper. Anyone interested in applying is encouraged to forward their resume to Michelle via email at mmkenna156@gmail.com.

Belfast Celtic Festival and Highland Games - Sept. 11th-13th - Don't forget to mark your calendars with the new dates for this year's Highland Games! We are always looking for ideas and volunteers, please reach out to the Belfast Historical Society if you are willing to help support this treasured community tradition.

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!

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.

Thank you for supporting this annual fundraiser!

Garage Sale and Community Hang

Islanders and visitors are welcome to come to enjoy a visit to Uigg Community Centre Saturday, May 30th from 9:00am until 1:00pm. The Happy Hearts East Senior Club is hosting a garage sale and community gathering with light refreshments for sale. Picnicking, strolling the grounds and visiting with neighbours is encouraged. Please bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on.

The former school in rural PEI dates back to 1877 and is on the Canadian Registry of Historic Places. The address is 4894 Murray River Road, Vernon Bridge COA 2EO - close to Route 1 and a stone's throw away from Macphail Woods.

If you're doing some Spring Cleaning, here's an opportunity to unload unneeded items. Please contact the group to reserve your space. Like to browse at garage sales or chat with friends and neighbours? You are welcome. We're asking Mother Nature for a beautiful, sunny day! In case she doesn't do our bidding, the Rain Date is June 13th. To sell items, please visit the Happy Hearts East Senior Club Facebook Page or email happyheartsseniorsclub@gmail.com.

Seniors note: Anyone age 50 and over is welcome to join the Happy Hearts club. There are about 10 meetings each year with interesting and enjoyable activities and outings planned from September - June.

Belfast Fire Department – Burning Permits (IMPORTANT!)

Please note that the fire season has started and runs until November 15th, 2026.

Category 1 fires do not require burning permits; however, you must check the [Burning Restrictions](#) each day to see if conditions allow for burning. The burning restrictions will be updated each day at approximately 2:00pm.

[Burning permits](#) are required for Category 2,3 and 4 fires. If you have a permit, you must check the [Fire Weather Index](#) each day to see if conditions allow for burning. The Fire Weather Index will be updated each day at approximately 2:00pm. You can also call 1-800-237-5053 at 2pm to get the updated burning conditions for the fire categories.

Please note that burning is never permitted between 8:00am-2:00pm for [Category 1](#) fires.

Belfast and Area Watershed Group (BAWG)

Our first event in the *Story of Water: from Source to Sea* series will be held at the Wood Islands Visitors Centre (upstairs hall).

May 26th, 6:30pm Session 1: Hidden Waters – Understanding Aquifers and Groundwater

Join us to explore where our water story begins, right beneath our feet. In this session, you'll discover how aquifers, groundwater movement, and recharge shape our water landscape. You'll also learn how land use, forests, wetlands, and human activities affect water quality and supply. Bring your questions for our guest speaker, Sean Ledgerwood, Manager of Water and Air Monitoring with the Department of Land and Environment, and a hydrologist. Sean looks forward to connecting with you!

Session 2: Following the Flow – Springs, Streams, Rivers (June 16th, 6:30pm).

Session 3: Where Water Meets the Sea – Learn about the importance of estuaries, wetlands, and coasts in our water story (July 21st, 6:30pm).

May 16th - Our Annual Family Fishing Day at Roseberry Pond is on Saturday, May 16th, from 9:30am until noon. Bring your fishing rod and the kids to try fishing—no license needed for this event. Enjoy our hotdog BBQ and enter a draw for a new fishing rod at 458 Roseberry Rd. We thank RMB for funding this event through community grants and Terry Morrison for hosting us. No registration is required.

May 30th (starting at 9:30am) is our Annual Community Volunteer Tree and Shrub Day. Meet us at Fleece & Harmony (3130 Garfield Rd). We appreciate Fleece & Harmony for being a valued landowner participant. To register, please email bawgpei@gmail.com and you'll receive a registration link. Please bring a shovel, gloves, and a water bottle. Light snacks will be provided.

Join us on **June 9th, at 6:30pm for our Annual General Meeting** at the Wood Islands Visitors Centre (upstairs hall). Our guest speaker, Dasha Kass, will share insights on sustainable agriculture and water use at the watershed scale on PEI. Special thanks to WIADC for their support. We look forward to seeing you there!

Carl Docherty Celebration of Life

A celebration of life for Carl Docherty, late of Pinette, will be held at:

The Haviland Club
2 Haviland Street, Charlottetown
Sunday, May 17th, 2026
1:00pm – 4:00pm
Parking opposite

All are welcome. Donations to charity of your choice or community food bank.

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 contact P. Phillips by e-mail at canada.arts@gmail.com or text/call 410-972-7325.

Tuesday Morning Social Group

We meet every Tuesday morning at the Pinette Racetrack 10:00am-11:30am. Everyone is welcome. Tea, coffee, and snacks are available. Enjoy card games, crafts and chatting with each other.

For more information, please contact Irene (902) 659-2185.

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