

## Murray Harbour & AREA



#### **COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

**December 2015 Issue** 

### **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Nov 29th Christmas sale at Northumberland Arena
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Ceilidh 7PM at the Community Centre \$5 Everyone Welcome
- Dec 5<sup>Th</sup> Christmas in the Villages at the Community Centre

**Community School** Over 2,500 Islanders attend community school programming each fall and winter across the province. The Murray Harbour Community School is once again looking forward to offering you another interesting year of programming in 2016. If anyone is interested in teaching or assisting a class, or maybe working together with someone else to make up a variety class with different activities each week, please call 962-3889. **By working together, community schools keep old skills alive and teach new ones!!!** 

On Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> All sales at Indigo between the hours of 5:30-7:30 will be donated to the library programs at the Montague Regional High School.

**#5 Café** Winter Hours please visit their website at <a href="www.numberfivecafe.com">www.numberfivecafe.com</a> or phone 962-3668

#### **Deadline** for submissions for our next newsletter is January 25th, 2016.

www.murrayharbour.ca office@murrayharbour.ca Fax: (902) 962-3865 P. O. Box 72, 27 Park Street Murray Harbour, PE. C0A 1V0 Phone: (902) 962-3835 Health and Wellness Public drug program improvements to the Generic Drug Program will allow Islanders who do not have health insurance to have better access to the drugs they need. The program, which is eligible to all Islanders under 65, limits out-of-pocket costs for eligible generic prescription drugs to a maximum of \$19.95 per prescription. Please note that to be eligible, you must possess a valid PEI health card. To apply, you can fill out a program application form online at <a href="www.healthpei.ca/genericdrugs">www.healthpei.ca/genericdrugs</a>, or pick up an application form at any Access PEI location and mail, fax or drop it off to PEI Pharmacare at 16 Fitzroy Street in Charlottetown. For more information on how to access the PEI Drug Programs go to <a href="www.healthpei.ca">www.healthpei.ca</a> or phone 1(877) 577-3737.

#### Murray Harbour Library

- For the whole month of December, come and participate in this fun "Blind Date With A Book"-style activity, where you are given a brief description of the contents of a giftwrapped package, and you bring it home where you unwrap your "gift" and read it.
- December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM Cookie Exchange please contact Kaye for more details at 962-3875.
- **January 18**<sup>th</sup> @ **6PM** Mouse Craft please contact Kaye at 962-3875. Space is limited.



Also, this holiday season, the PLS (Public Library Service of PEI) will be partnering with the PEI Literacy Alliance and the Upper Room Food Bank in their **Christmas Book Bank!** Each Christmas, the <u>Upper Room Food Bank and the Literacy Alliance include children's books in food hampers</u> that the Food Bank provides to families across the province. This year, all branches in the PEI Public Library Service will be collecting new or gently-used children's books to supplement the Literacy Alliance's supply of children's materials. This initiative will run from **November 29**th to **December 19**th, **2015** in all PLS locations.

The library is a great spot to find facts like:

- On September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM GMT, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-reigning ruler in British history. In honour of that milestone, here's a truly Canadian look at highlights from the past 63 years of her reign.
- 1953 The Coronation 900 members of the Canadian Forces are among the military guarding the parade route or taking part in the procession to Westminster Abby. Back in Canada, "God Save the Queen" was translated into French for the coronation festivities so Québec royalists could join in.
- 1957 While in Ottawa during her first visit to Canada as Queen, she declares Parliament in session and becomes the first reigning monarch to make the Speech from the Throne. This was not Queen Elizabeth's first visit to Canada however. In 1951, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Phillip had travelled across the country.
- 1959 Queen Elizabeth spent 45 days in Canada. She visited all of the provinces and territories and attended the official opening of the St.-Lawrence Seaway to commercial traffic.
- **1967** Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip participate in Canada's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and attend Expo 67.
- 1976 The Montréal Olympics in July are opened by the Queen.
- **1982** Queen Elizabeth signs the proclamation of the Constitution Act in Ottawa with Prime Minister Pierre-Elliott Trudeau at her side.

- 1994 Starting off in Nova Scotia and ending with the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip kick off a 10 day cross-country tour.
- **2002** While celebrating her Golden Jubilee, Queen Elizabeth drops the puck at a National Hockey League game.
- 2010 During her tour to Canada, Queen Elizabeth fetes the navy's centennial, Canada's 143<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and dedicates the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.
- 2013 In March, the Queen communicates the following message to Canadian astronaut, Chris Hadfield: "I am pleased to transmit my personal best wishes, and those of all Canadians, to Colonel Christopher Hadfield as he takes command of the international space station on Wednesday, our thoughts and best wishes are with him and the entire crew, as are our prayers for an eventual safe return to family, friends and fellow Canadians."

**Community Centre Hall Rentals** Anyone interested in renting one of our halls and/or our fully equipped kitchen for a special event of any kind can contact Sylvain at 962-3835, or by email at <a href="mailto:office@murrayharbour.ca">office@murrayharbour.ca</a>.

**Village Office** Please take note that office hours are Monday 9 to 12, Tuesday 8 to 3, Wednesday 8 to 3 and Thursday 9 to 12. Outside of these hours you can always leave a message on our voice mail, or contact us through our email, office@murrayharbour.ca. Emails will always be replied to within 24 hours, no matter what day of the week. Also, access to the Centre is now **keyless**, so it is necessary to obtain a temporary access code if access to the Centre is needed. All locks inside the Centre have also been changed, so old keys no longer work.

**Murray Harbour Fire Department** Christmas is a time to celebrate with family and friends not to be worrying about a fire in your home. As you begin your Christmas decorating, please keep the following tips in mind!!!!

- 1) Water fresh trees daily;
- 2) Check all sets of lights before decorating;
- 3) Make sure you have working smoke alarms;
- 4) Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if a fire occurs;
- 5) Use extension cords wisely;
- 6) Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children;
- 7) Candles can set the perfect mood for a holiday celebration, but remember to always blow them out before leaving the room or going to bed.

# On behalf of Fire Chief Stephen MacKay and the Murray Harbour Fire Department, have a safe and joyous Christmas!

**Murray Harbour W.I.** The Murray Harbour Women's Institute would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new owners of Ocean Acres Tim, Sharon & Leslie Swift and Jeff Blake to the area. The Swifts along with Mr. Blake are planning on running a year round business which will be welcome news for snowmobile and snowshoe enthusiasts as well as winter activity groups.

**Northumberland Arena** <u>Jig the Joker</u> at the Northumberland Arena every Monday night. Tickets go on sale from 6:30PM to 8:15PM, with the draw being held at 8:30PM. Trivia at 7:30PM. Canteen services provided. All 19 years of age and over welcome. Proceeds are shared between the Northumberland Arena, Northumberland Minor Hockey Association, the Murray Harbour Fire Department and the Murray River Fire Department.

Christmas Sale November 29<sup>th</sup>, 6PM to 9PM Let Northumberland Minor Hockey help you with your Christmas lists this season!!! A variety of local vendors will be on hand at the Arena for your shopping pleasure. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Keri MacLeod or email <a href="mailto:northumberlandhockey@gmail.com">northumberlandhockey@gmail.com</a>.

**Butler's Clover Farm** Winter Hours are Monday to Saturday 8AM to 8PM, and Sundays 1PM to 6PM

**This and That – Sign** If you are interested in having something posted on the Murray Harbour sign board located at the front of the Community Centre, please submit your information (event, date, fee, location, etc.) in writing to Shawn Landon, care of the Village Office, or email <a href="mailto:office@murrayharbour.ca">office@murrayharbour.ca</a>. Please allow a few days for the letters to be put up. Space is given on a first come first serve basis.

**Municipal By-Election Results** On October 26<sup>th</sup> Jim Evans was elected as the new Chair for the Council of Murray Harbour, by acclamation. Diane MacDonald was also elected as new Councilor. Welcome new members.

The View from the Grill with Shawn Landon Standing behind the barbeque and serving up hotdogs, you're bound to notice a thing or two. It's fun to watch people having fun, and Fall Fest was definitely that!!! Everyone who attended seemed to be having a great time, checking out the Scarecrow entries on the lawn, watching Simone and her hoop of fire (self-taught and totally amazing.) The crowd was alive and perky. I had a great time with Ed and we served up around 100 hot dogs. A fabulous event, I hope they let me do it again!

**Thank You From Faye!!!** I just want to thank all the people who came out to Tribute Night. It was wonderful to see the hall full. To the organizers, who did a marvelous job, my heartfelt thanks to all those who spoke, many thanks for your kind words. A special thanks to Jill – great interpretation and wonderful speech. You are all what makes Murray Harbour a special place. And finally, thanks to council. It is such an honour to have a street named for me. Words cannot express my gratitude.

Sincerely,

Faye

**Upcoming Events** Sandi Komst and Paul White will be offering a basket weaving class through the winter months. No date has been set but contact either Sandi or Paul if you are interested. It would probably be either a Saturday or a Sunday.

Friendly Circle Club Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all, especially to the seniors of the Murray Harbour area. This December, the Friendly Circle Senior Club will meet on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Village Center in the Harbour at 11:45 a.m. A fun activity called a Yankee Swap is planned. You're invited to come and see what that's all about. The following evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the FC Seniors are taking a bus to Charlottetown to see the 7:30 p.m. show of Elvis impersonator Thane Dunn and the Cadillac Kings. And, in December, a basket-making 2-week class will take place from 9 to 11 a.m., December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>; on December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, it meets from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. It will be taught by Paul White. Don't forget: If you're 50 or older, you can join Friendly Circle Senior's Club for only \$10 annually. We meet the first Thursday of each month for a Toonie meal, as well as take some fun bus trips.

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**Notes from Council** We are compiling a list of local business and would love to include your business. This listing will be shared with your fellow local businesses in the Murray Harbour/Murray River area, as well as anyone who might be interested in having work done or locating a service. For example who knows when the fish truck comes to Murray Harbour? What supplies can you get from Machon Point wharf? Are you a local handyman, and what do you do? If you are interested in being included on our list, please email Robin at <a href="mailto:robin78@live.ca">robin78@live.ca</a> or drop off your information (name, address, phone number, hours, product or services, etc.) to Robin Davidson, care of the Village Office.

**Light Up the Harbour for Christmas Contest** We are having our outdoor Christmas light contest again this year. Judging will be on Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Get involved, be creative and most importantly "HAVE FUN"!!!

Christmas In the Villages The Murray Harbour Farmer's Market, the Memorial United Church and the Village of Murray River "Raising the Roof" Fund are hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Christmas in the Villages" during the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Each of the three venues will offer a selection of products LOCALLY created, LOCALLY owned or LOCALLY grown. The Memorial United Church will be open Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6PM to 8PM, with all three venues being open Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 4PM. (Memorial United will only be open until 2PM on Saturday). Check out our FACEBOOK page "Christmas Ir the Villages" for more details!!!

**Going Green** There is a great supply of dishes at the community center for all renters or groups to use. Please reconsider your waste choices and chose the reusable dishes if possible.



Call Sylvie at 659-2783 for your free brochure, or pick up at village office.