



Murray Harbour & AREA

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Free Skate at Northumberland Arena in Murray River

Hope you were able to take advantage of the Free Skate days offered by the Communities of Murray River and Murray Harbour over the last few weeks. There is still 1 date left, Friday, March 4th, at 6 PM.



Murray Harbour Farmers Market in conjunction with the Murray Harbour Library, will be screening the CBC documentary from the mid-80s entitled "A Day In the Life of Murray Harbour" on Friday, February 19th, at 7PM. The 22 minute film showcases life as it was in Murray Harbour in 1987, and features the musings of some of our residents who are no longer with us. A second short film presentation is also in the "works"! The screening will be held at the Community Centre, and samples of some "old time" recipes will be provided during intermission. Storm Date is Friday, February 26th. Everyone is welcome... It's the perfect opportunity to sit back and relax, as well as visit with your friends and neighbours!

Deadline for submissions for our next newsletter is March 18th, 2016.

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Community School Schedule for 2016

- Monday**
- 1 PM to 3 PM
 - Crokinole, in the Small Hall
 - Computer, in the Library
 - 1:30 PM to 3 PM
 - Bingo, in the Large Hall
 - 7PM to 9 PM
 - Violin, in the Small Hall
- Tuesday**
- 10 AM to 12 PM
 - Knitting, in the Small Hall
 - Computer, in the Library
 - 1 PM to 3 PM
 - Bridge, in the Small Hall
 - 7PM to 9 PM
 - DIY, in the Small Hall
 - Adult Drama, in the Large Hall
- Wednesday**
- 10 AM to 12 PM
 - Rug Hooking, in the Large Hall
 - 1 PM to 3 PM
 - International Cooking, in the Kitchen
 - Quilting, at Barb MacNeil's
 - 7PM to 9 PM
 - Hootenanny, in the Large Hall
- Thursday**
- 1 PM to 3 PM
 - Alpha, in the Large Hall
 - 7PM to 9 PM
 - Local History, in the Large Hall
- Saturday**
- 9 AM to 12 PM
 - Baking, in the Kitchen

Residents of the Community of Murray Harbour

Important Notice Public Meeting - February 8th, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Adoption of Official Plan and Development Bylaw

At present Murray Harbour does not have an Official Plan or Planning Bylaw. Your Council believes that now is the time for us to work together to take control of our community's future.

BACKGROUND In Prince Edward Island all development or subdivision of land is regulated under the provisions of the *PEI Planning Act*. The Act provides two options for Island municipalities. They may remain under the provisions of the *Planning Act Regulations* and thus be under Provincial control, or they may prepare a municipal Official Plan and Development Bylaw and assume local control of land use and development.

The *Planning Act Regulations* only provide general standards for development and the subdivision of land. They do not regulate land use or create any enforceable land use zones. It is only via the preparation of a municipal Official Plan and Development Bylaw that the use of lands and buildings can be effectively regulated. This can have a major impact on property values and the protection of your interests as a home or land owner.

Under the current arrangement your local municipal Council has no authority over any development within the Community boundaries. Essentially, almost any form of development can take place on your street or beside your home or business and you and your Council have no say. In addition, you do not currently have any right to appeal a development permit due to any potential land use conflict. With our own Official Plan and Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw, Council would be in full control and all property owners and residents would have the right to appeal any development which they feel would negatively affect their interests. Council can also hold public meetings on any development application which they feel may be contentious.

It is equally important for Council to be able to protect and optimize the operation of our municipal sanitary sewer system and treatment lagoon. In the

current situation Council has essentially no say in where development can occur or what form the development will take. This can impose challenges for sewer services and could lead to extra costs which would have to be borne by the other users of the system. Murray Harbour is one of a very few centrally serviced communities which does not have an Official Plan and Development Bylaw to help control development.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND BYLAW An Official Plan is a policy document that is intended to present a shared vision of how the community would like to see itself develop in the future. The time period for the Plan is normally 15 to 20 years, but it can be longer. The most critical component of the Official Plan is public input. If the Plan truly reflects the values and the vision of our residents, business owners and land owners, then it will be successful.

The implementation of the policies within the Official Plan happens primarily through the provisions of the implementing Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw. The *PEI Planning Act* requires that the Development Bylaw must conform to the policies in the Official Plan.

Your council is convinced that the time has come for Murray Harbour to assume control of our development future. By developing a Plan for our future we are confident that we can better protect those elements of our physical surroundings and our current quality of life that we most cherish. We are also hopeful that by planning for our future we can achieve a better outcome than would be the case if we continue to leave our future in the hands of others.

Council is holding a first public meeting on the Official Plan adoption process on **Monday, February 8th, 2016 at 7 PM in the Large Hall of the Murray Harbour Community Centre**. Our Planning Consultant, Phil Wood of P. Wood & Associates, will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have on Official Plans. At this first meeting Council will also be starting the process of seeking input on various land use or development issues which residents would like considered as part of the Official Plan review. All residents and land owners are encouraged to attend and provide their input into this important process.

The Murray Harbour Community Council

Ocean Acres Cottages & Campground is **OPEN** at 247 Fox River Rd.!!!

We have 2 of our 5 summer cottages now available for WINTER rental. For more information, check out our new website www.oceanacres.ca, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/oceanacres. Or give us a call at (902) 962 3913. Tim, Sharon & Leslie Swift



Murray Harbour Women's Institute

2016 WI Handcraft, Horticulture & Arts Show – The 92nd Handcraft, Horticulture & Arts Show at the provincial exhibition is scheduled for August 11th to 20th, 2016. Watch for details on the show and for details on the Premier's Craft Education Award.

The 16th Annual Spring is in the Air Gala Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 15th, with proceeds going to the PEI Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR). The Gala dinner will be held at the Red Shores Restaurant (a change of venue in 2016) and will feature a Surf & Turf Buffet.

The Murray Harbour Fire Department invites you to join them every Monday night at the Northumberland Arena for "JIG THE JOKER". Doors open at 6:30PM with trivia starting at 7:30PM. Tickets must be purchased before 8:15PM with the draw being made at 8:30PM. Be sure to drop by to support this great cause, play some trivia and enjoy the signature "Joker Platter" from the canteen.

The Community of Murray Harbour is pleased to announce that our new website is in the process of being put together. We will soon have a whole new place for you to get all sorts of useful information such as an interactive calendar of upcoming events - where you will be able to post your own important dates of what is noteworthy for the community – a schedule of meetings and other events happening at the Community Centre and around, agendas and minutes from Council Meetings, a blog area – where residents will be able to have conversations with other residents on various topics - and so on. There will also be a "Historical" section where people can submit their old pictures and stories from the Olde Murray Harbour & area... **Please be advised** that we no longer maintain any part of the Murray Harbour Facebook page. We cannot monitor any posts appearing on our page, and cannot accept – or reject – any "Friend" requests. We would gladly have it taken down, but administrative access is no longer possible.

Interesting Facts About Prince Edward Island

- Prince Edward Island is the smallest province in Canada as well as the most densely populated province (24 people per square kilometer). It joined the Confederation in 1873.
- The island was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1534.
- The original residents of the island were Mi'kmaq.
- Originally known as St. John's Island, it was renamed Prince Edward Island in 1799.
- Approximately 15% of electricity used on PEI is generated from renewable resources, predominately wind.
- Beer and soda (or pop) was not sold in cans on PEI until May 2008.
- Prince Edward Island gets its name from Prince Edward Augustus, the Duke of Kent. He was the father of Queen Victoria.
- The highest point in PEI is in Springton at 152 metres above sea level.
- The provincial flower is the Lady's Slipper.
- The provincial bird is the Blue Jay.
- The provincial tree is the Red Oak.

- PEI's famous red soil gets its color from the high iron content which oxidizes when exposed to the air.
- Potatoes represent over 1/3 of farm revenue for the province and PEI represents nearly 1/3 of Canadian potato production.
- PEI is the setting of Lucy Maud Montgomery's book, *Anne of Green Gables*. She also wrote the Island Hymn.
- PEI's motto is "The small under the protection of the great".

Movie trivia – Match description to movie.

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| A | Partner brothers turned to Homer's epic poem <i>The Odyssey</i> for this offbeat journey set in Depression Era Mississippi. | 1 | A Christmas Story (1983) |
| B | Working as an orderly at a mental health facility in California, author Ken Kesey penned the novel as a reaction to how patients were treated while under care. | 2 | Blade Runner (1982) |
| C | Published as <i>The Body</i> , this Stephen King novella follows four friends as they set out on a quest to see their first dead body. | 3 | The Graduate (1967) |
| D | Comic genius Jean Shepherd wrote <i>In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash</i> , a tale of all-American childhood that truly put Holden, Indiana on the map. | 4 | Field of Dreams (1989) |
| E | W.P. Kinsella's book <i>Shoeless Joe</i> sprang from the author's research into the Black Sox scandal retold via notions of long-dead baseball players returning from the grave. | 5 | Die Hard (1988) |
| F | Stephen King's debut novel published in 1974 was inspired by King's experience working as a school janitor. | 6 | The Thing (1982) |
| G | Published in 1968, <i>Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?</i> by Philip K. Dick is a grim, foreboding tale even by today's standards. | 7 | Stand By Me (1986) |
| H | A 1938 sci-fi novella by author John W. Campbell Jr. entitled <i>Who Goes There?</i> investigates the paranoia around a group of secluded scientists in Antarctica once their base is compromised by an alien. | 8 | The Neverending Story (1984) |
| I | Chuck Palahniuk's debut novel was fleshed out after realizing a short story he'd published about an unnamed man struggling with insomnia was worthy of expansion. | 9 | O Brother, Where Art Thou (2000) |
| J | Straight out of college, Charles Webb penned the novel based on his personal experience of an academic romance with an older woman. | 10 | Fight Club (1999) |
| K | A pulpy thriller titled <i>Nothing Lasts Forever</i> , penned by Roderick Thorp as a sequel to his earlier novel, <i>The Detective</i> . | 11 | One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975) |
| L | Originally published in German as <i>Die Unendliche Geschichte</i> by Michael Ende, the novel's first chapters became a beloved classic. | 12 | Carrie (1976) |

The New Anne of Green Gables movie to air on Islander Day

YTV will air the two-hour TV movie "Lucy Maud Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables" on February 15th, and is starring the well-known actor **Martin Sheen** as Matthew Cuthbert.

WinterDine 2016 A campaign designed to give downtown Charlottetown restaurants a boost in what is typically a slow season, is about to kick off its 10th year. WinterDine begins Thursday, January 24th, and will run for three weekends. This year, 19 restaurants are taking part, offering a three-course meal at either \$28 or \$38 per person. «WinterDine has been fabulously successful over the years» said Dawn Alan, executive director of Downtown Charlottetown Inc. «We grew this from a 1-weekend event that was mediocre at best, way back when, to a full 3 weekends». Ms. Alan is advising people not to wait until the last minute to book a table. «People have learned quickly that if you don't get your restaurant reservation in early, you won't get a WinterDine seat» she said. «As a rule, the last weekend of WinterDine, some of our restaurants are turning away as many as 80 reservations».

A complete listing of the restaurants taking part this year can be found on the Downtown Charlottetown website.

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

Community Centre 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 office@murrayharbour.ca. Please allow a few days for the letters to be put up. Space is given on a first come first serve basis.

Answers: A- 9; B-11; C-7; D-1 ; E-4; F-12; G-2; H-6; I-10; J-3; K- 5; L-8