



COMMUNITY

MURRAY HARBOUR & AREA NEWSLETTER

Bonspiel, Anyone?

Murray Harbour's First Annual Floor Curling Bonspiel, held on December 29 at the Community Centre, was a lively event with 20 curlers.

Floor curling is quickly becoming a popular sport in Murray Harbour. In November, Go East PEI provided the community with a couple of sets of rocks (with ball bearings on the bottom to help

slide) and push sticks. The sport is accessible to all players as the push sticks eliminate the need for players to slide on the floor; instead, rocks are pushed from a standing or sitting position.

At the December event, Team #7 (Faye White, Lora Ann MacPhee, and Elaine Herring) won 6-3 over Team #6 (Paul White, Carol White, and Diane MacDonald) to capture the top position. Councillor Glen White was on hand to

award prizes to the winning team. Gary Gormley won the Players Draw Prize. Thanks to Otis and Linda Butler for providing prizes.



The December bonspiel was a great event! Curlers enjoyed snacks and beverages throughout the morning, a pot luck lunch, and downtime at the rook and crokinole tables!

The next mini bonspiels are on February 23 and March 30, from 10 am to 2 pm. Cost is \$5 per person and curlers can sign up at the Community Centre, library, or Butler's. This is a spectator sport, so come out and enjoy some good fun and great curling. □



Letter from the Mayor

Paul White

Hello to all community residents and people in neighbouring areas of the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour. Since taking office in December, council members have been hard at work learning the ins and outs of the new *Municipal Government Act*, which is being implemented over the next couple of years. Together, we're studying the Act to determine how it impacts us. I believe more power is being shifted from the provincial government and put into the hands of the municipality, which will put more costs on us. There are a lot of new or different items in this Act. We've put some into practice, but there is still much more to be put in place with deadlines. You can get more information on the Act at www.princeedwardisland.ca (search 'Municipal Government Act').

Council members have been assigned various responsibilities and committee duties (see the list on the back page). One more councillor will be elected at the upcoming by-election on April 29th.

Councillors put in a lot of volunteer time, not just for monthly meetings, but for other committee meetings and training sessions. All this is done because we have a village we love and we want to make even better.

Though new to the position, Mark Tiller, our CAO, is doing a fine job—when he doesn't outright know the answers to our questions, he finds them out. Mark is one of our two paid positions, the other being the janitor and groundskeeper.

As residents, we ask for your patience, but we also encourage your questions. Share your ideas about things that need attention in the village. We will work together to do great things for the future of the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour. □

Monthly Council Meeting Dates

The next monthly meetings will take place on
March 6th, April 3rd, and May 1st (Wednesdays).
All meetings begin at 7 pm.

April By-Election

Mark Tiller

Though it is several months away, I want you to know that we are required to hold a by-election for a new councillor. The by-election will be held **Monday, April 29**. The process actually begins in early March, so the office will be busy preparing for this important event. Please watch the website and community notice boards for updated information.

Any other questions? Please call the office at 902-962-3835 or drop in. Office hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 am to noon.

Bridge Update

As you know, our new bridge is now open and functional. There are a couple of traditional light standards yet to come—they are presently back-ordered. An official opening will be scheduled in the spring by the Provincial Government.

Update from Beautification and Special Events

Margaret VanDerstine, Chair

Donate a Flower Basket

We plan to place flower baskets on the telephone poles throughout the Village again this year. Unfortunately, last year was a hot dry summer, and it was a struggle to keep them alive. This year, we've ordered

different plants which will tolerate heat much better. Plants are provided by Island Pride Nursery in Wood Islands and include slow release fertilizer.

Like last year, residents are encouraged to donate a basket in memory of loved ones or 'just because.' If you would like to donate a flower basket, please call the Village Office (902-962-3835) and give Mark your information. The cost of a basket is \$26, taxes included.

Seeking Volunteers for Canada Day

We are going to try and plan a Canada Day celebration on Monday, July 1st but need volunteers to make it happen. The more volunteers, the more activities we can do that day! Please contact Margaret VanDerstine or Paul White, so we can start a volunteers list. □



We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the community. If you have some time to share, please contact Debbie Shea at sheaoct27@gmail.com. It is always rewarding to give of yourself to helping our wonderful community!



At the Library

Murray Harbour Programs

Makerspace Saturday

Saturday, February 23 @ 10 am

Story Time

Fridays at 10:30 am

Snowshoe Rentals

In partnership with GoPEI, the library is offering snowshoe rentals this winter. There are a variety of sizes available at the Murray Harbour library. Patrons can borrow a pair with their library card for a one week period.

Other items, including a ukulele, yoga mat, and fitness and technology kits, can also be borrowed.

Family History

Interested in your family history? Our library computers provide [free access to Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)! Come check it out!

Murray River Programs

Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 am

If you have a skill, talent, or information you'd like to share, we're always looking for new programming ideas. Contact Sue to discuss your thoughts!



*** REMINDER ***

There are no late fees on children's materials.



Follow our libraries on Facebook!

NEW! Toonie Movie Night at the Community Centre

Come out on **Friday, February 15** for movie night at the Community Centre—just \$2 per person! Doors open at 6:30 pm; movie (*Finding Neverland*) begins at 7 pm.





Valentine's Day

FIND-A-WORD



ARROW
BOUQUET
BOW
CAKE
CANDLE
CANDY
CARD
CELEBRATE
CHOCOLATE
CUPID
DANCE
DEAR
DIAMOND
FAMILY
FEBRUARY
FLOWERS
FOURTEENTH
FRIENDS
GIFTS
HEARTS
HONEY
HUG
KISS
LETTER
LOVE
MAILBOX
NECKLACE
PARTY
PERFUME
PINK
PRESENT
RED
RING
ROSES
SAINT
SMILE
SWEETHEART
SWEETS
TEDDY BEAR
TRADITION
VALENTINE
WEDDING
WHITE
WINK



Church News

Murray Harbour Baptist Church

Rev. Scott Herring

Community Connections Dinner

Saturday, February 16 from 5 – 6:30 pm

Church of Christ

Victor McCullough

Father-Son-Daughter Breakfast

Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 am

WellSpring Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. David Son

Pancake and Sausage Supper

February 26 from 4 – 6 pm

Adults \$8 | Children \$5

Chowder Supper

April 6 from 4 – 6 pm

A Musical Faith Journey Concert

with Dr. Lonnie Atkinson

Sunday, February 24 at 7 pm

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays, March 27 – April 17 at 7 pm

Rev. David Son will be leading this series, and we will be covering the passion story from Matthew and Luke.

Memorial United Church

Weekly Service and Sunday School

Sundays at 10:30 am

Week of Prayer Meetings

All services begin at 7 pm.

Sunday, March 3

Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church

Monday, March 4

Murray River Church of Christ

Tuesday, March 5

WellSpring Presbyterian Church

Thursday, March 7

Murray River Free Church of Scotland

Friday, March 8

Memorial United Church

Saturday, March 9

Murray Harbour Baptist Church - Movie night and fellowship time. The movie is called *I Can Only Imagine*.



Friendly Circle Seniors Group

Seniors Home Repair Program

Contact the Dept. of Family and Human Resources at 902-368-4889 for more information.

Learning Elders Arts Program (L.E.A.P.)

L.E.A.P is a project-based initiative designed to provide Island seniors with the opportunity to learn various artistic disciplines from local artists. It is administered by the PEI Senior Citizens' Federation.

Recently, Glen White's wood carving workshop was funded through L.E.A.P. Due to so much interest, Glen also offered the course through Community School. □

Watch Your Step...AGAIN!

This winter, like last, is turning out to be an odd one with days of snowy weather followed by rain and flash freezes.

As a result, there are very icy conditions around the Community Centre. Sometimes the ice becomes quite thick and applications of salt have little effect. Please be very careful when attending events at the Centre—we are doing our best to ensure safe, ice-free conditions on our walkways, but your diligence and caution is much appreciated! □



Recipe Corner

Cherry Nut Shortbread

Submitted by Margaret Brady

- 1 c. unsalted butter
- ¾ c. icing sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1-½ c. flour
- 1 c. cherries
- 1 c. chopped nuts

In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat butter and sugar until creamy. Beat in egg then vanilla. Gradually beat in flour—don't overbeat. Stir in cherries. Wrap dough and put in fridge for 30 minutes.

Divide into thirds and shape each piece in a roll 1-½" wide. Roll each piece in nuts on wax paper. Wrap rolls and put in fridge for 3 hours or up to a week.

Heat oven to 350. Slice rolls into ½" slices. Place 1" apart on cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until golden.

If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please send it along to sheaoct27@gmail.com and reference 'The Recipe Corner'.



This & That

Walking Group

Monday mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Meet at the Community Centre and enjoy a walk with your neighbours.

Essentrics Classical Stretch Class

Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Community Centre, Main Hall. \$2 per session or through Community School.

Community School Closing

Come out and celebrate another wonderful winter of learning on **March 7 at 7 pm!**

Need More Drama in Your Life?

Join the Village Players!
Contact Jaki Durocher for more information.



You Are Invited!

Faye Fraser invites family, friends, and music lovers to celebrate with her on her 80th birthday. The celebration will take place on **Saturday, February 16, 7 pm** at the Murray Harbour Community Centre. There will be a lunch and lots of music. If you have an instrument, bring it along and join in a night of fun. No gifts please.

Murray Harbour Community Council

Paul White

Mayor and Acting Chair of Sewage Utilities

Glen White

Deputy Mayor and Chair of Land Development

Marlene MacNeill

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