Fall 2022 / Winter 2023



Community School Returns!

After a long COVID-induced hiatus, it looks like the Murray Harbour Community School is a go for January 2023. A new committee has been formed; Glen Gosbee has stayed on as Treasurer, but we need two or three more people to go on the Committee.

We're looking for community input into courses for the upcoming session. Past courses have included:

- Alpha
- Line Dancing
- Baking
- Local History
- Conversational French
- Rook Rug Braiding

Sewing

- Rug Hooking
- Crokinole Euchre
- Guitar
- Strip Quilting Hootenanny
- Knitting
- Violin Wood Carving .

Do you have any ideas for other courses? If there is something you would like to learn and we can find an instructor for that course, it will be on the list.



Vaughen Gosbee, who passed away in August, was a longtime supporter and volunteer with Community School, village ceilidhs, and many other community events. She will be missed.

We're also looking for instructors. If you have a skill or talent that you would like to share, we want to hear from you! Please contact Paul White (902-962-2792) with any comments, suggestions, or questions.



Message from the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone for your support over the last four years. It was quite an experience and kept me very busy.



I love to serve my community; a place I have lived all my life. I want the best things to happen here, and I feel I have completed some of that during my term as Mayor.

Though I am stepping down as Mayor, I will continue to serve as a councillor for the next four years. The new Council will continue to put Murray Harbour first and will work to move our community in a positive direction!

Sincerely,

Paul White

'Back Home at Christmas' Concert

Gordon Belsher and his son-in-law Todd MacLean will team up with Brad Fremlin again for three concerts this Christmas season—one in each of their home communities in Prince Edward Island. They had "way too much fun" with the shows last year, in spite of Omicron!

Back Home at Christmas



All three are accomplished musicians, performers, and expert merrymakers. Above all, they look forward to sharing some time with their audiences "at home". Gordon plays guitar and mandola and is the main vocalist in this trio. Todd will deliver velvet saxophone renditions of favourite Christmas melodies and will also charm all on the ukulele and piano. Brad is a piano virtuoso and a percussionist master; he also has a secret talent which you must come to the show to discover!

Concert dates are:

- Friday, December 9 St. John's Presbyterian Church, Belfast at 7 pm.
- Saturday, December 10 WI Hall in Stanley Bridge at 7:30 pm.
- Sunday, December 11 Murray Harbour Community Centre at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$25 cash at the door. 🗆







New Council Members

Mayor Elect: Terry White Councillors Acclaimed: Jacqueline (Jaki) Durocher, Pam Fielding Oickle, Paul White, John Robertson, and Gary MacKay

Out Going Council Members

Carol White: "I would like to thank all the council members that I work with and wish the new council all the best. It has been a privilege to be on council for the people of Murray Harbour. I love our village and want to see it flourish. Keeping our past in mind, I will continue to be after the new council to build or buy a place where we can save our heritage. Thank you all again."

Sandra Gordon: "I would like to thank the Village of Murray Harbour for the opportunity of serving on Council for the past four years and would like to wish the new Council all the best in the future. It is a learning and rewarding experience. Thank you all."

Marlene MacNeil: "I have completed my term as Councillor and Chair for the Murray Harbour Emergency Management Committee. It has been a wonderful experience for me, and I have enjoyed working with my fellow committee members, who so willingly and kindly gave their time to provide for others in the community. I want to take this opportunity to wish the next Chair all the best as they endeavor to serve the needs of the people in our community."

Margaret VanIderstine: "Dear Friends, the Beautification & Special Events Committee would like to thank everyone who have helped and/or supported our various fundraisers over the past four years. We've created some new traditions and continued some old ones. The support of the community has been so wonderful, and it shows the level of community spirit of the folks in Murray Harbour and surrounding area. As always, the support of the committee is appreciated, and the volunteers and planners are as well."

Want to become a Committee Member and be more involved with happenings in your community? Please contact our CAO, Anne Harnesk, at the Village Office if you're interested. The committees are:

- Parks and Recreation
- Planning
- Finance and Infrastructure
- Newsletter
- Sewage Utility
- Emergency Measures Organization
- Beautification and Special Events



As we approach the holiday season the Murray Harbour Fire Department would like to announce that we will be taking Santa on a tour of the district. We received great feedback last year, so we are partnering with our brothers and sisters at the Murray River Department to make this event happen again. Please follow our Facebook page for times and planned routes.



As everyone gets into the spirit of the season and decorations go up, please be mindful of fire safety in these activities.

- Ensure lighted decorations have lots of clearance from curtains and other combustibles.
- Inspect all cords and light strings for frayed wires or other defects, especially those that will be on trees.
- Be sure to keep natural trees wellwatered.

As we are now looking at Fiona in the rear-view mirror, many are thinking of the ample supply of firewood she has created. This wood that has come down from the hurricane needs to be seasoned well before it can used in home heating appliances to avoid buildup of creosote and cause potential flue fires.

From all our members and our families, we want to wish everyone in the district a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



2023 Canada Games Torch Relay



Prior to each Canada Games, a Torch Relay is held as an invitation to our country to join in the journey of the Games.

On October 17, the Roly McLenahan Canada Games Torch was lit from the Centennial Flame on Parliament Hill. To date, it has travelled through several Maritime locations and across several communities on PEI.

On the evening of January 24, we are thrilled the 2023 Canada Games Torch will run, walk, and wheel a 5-kilometre route through the Murray Harbour area, carried by our 13 Torch Bearers. The Torch Bearers, chosen from nominations submitted in June of 2022 and announced in October, are a well-rounded group coming from a wide range of backgrounds, demographics, athletic, cultural, and community organizations.

Following the completion of the relay, which will be at the Murray Harbour Community Centre, a celebration will be held to showcase the unique culture, music, history, and pride of our community and our Island overall. Final plans for the relay route and celebration are in progress and will be announced shortly.

Fiona and the EMO

Marlene MacNeill Past Chair, EMO Committee



Hurricane Fiona came fast and furious, bringing widespread power outages to PEI. From September 25 to October 3, the Murray Harbour Community Centre was open as a Warming Centre, providing a warm place, water, hot beverages, snacks, hot suppers, and a charging station. On average, approximately 60 people attended the Warming Centre each day. Many volunteers gave their time, local residents donated food and money, and the government provided resources. The community really came together in a wonderful way. I would like to thank everyone for all they have done.

Fiona Relief Donations to the Village

Many thanks to the following donors:

- Lenentine Transport Inc., \$1,000
- Craig Taylor, \$600
- Friendly Circle, \$200
- Harold & Tanya White, \$50
- Sandy Couts, \$20
- Steve and Tammy Macleod in memory of David MacLeod, \$100
- Sandra & Arnett Reynolds, \$20
- Ida MacKenzie, \$20
- Miscellaneous Donors, \$202

Light 'Er Up

It's time to light up the Murray Harbour Fire District and what better time to "light 'er up" then during the 2022 holiday season. The Murray Harbour Farmers Market and our own Murray Harbour Fire Department have partnered to hold "The 2022 Lighting Up the District Contest" on December 17, 2022.

Now you can have a theme, no theme, be classy or tacky, interactive, funny or serious, but nothing distasteful please! The more lights the better...maybe someone will even take some drone pictures—hint, hint to you photo enthusiasts!

The contest rules are pretty simple:

- 1) You must live in the Murray Harbour Fire District.
- 2) You must PM us (Murray Harbour Farmers Market or Murray Harbour Fire Department), email us at edandjackie@eastlink.ca, or call or text us at 902-626-5580 with your name and address to notify us you want to participate.
- 3) You must have your lights/display turned on/in operation between 5 and 8 pm on Saturday, December 17. There will be other people besides the judges wanting to enjoy the lights!

Judges are from outside the district.

First Prize is \$75, Second Prize is \$50, and Third Prize is \$25. □

Deputy Mayor Carol White is Down Under

The Cheers women's softball team from PEI won a gold medal in the 45-plus age category at the Pan Pacific Master Games in Australia. Cheers defeated the Vicsens Juniors from Melbourne, Australia, 5-3 in the gold medal game on Nov. 12.



Members of the Cheers team posing with their gold medals are, front row, from left: Ginette Sears, France Bourque, Lisa Hetherington, Joy Hanson, Janet Cameron, and Sue Keen. Back row: Dawn Moase (coach), Heather MacInnis, Andrea Wolf, Tracy Redmond, Nancy Drover, Tammy Gallant, Tasha MacDonald, Carol White (coach) and Carolyn MacPhee. *Photo credit: Cheers Team.*



Canadian Community Building Fund Projects

The centrefold included in this newsletter shows several of the projects planned for 2023 around the Community Centre and at the wharf. Haute Nature, the architectural firm hired to provide professional services, developed these preliminary drawings and will be giving a presentation to Council early in the new year. This would be great opportunity for you to learn more about these exciting works. Keep an eye on our electronic sign, our website, and social media for the date and time. In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions please contact Cllr Gary MacKay, 705-677-7511, garyffmackay@gmail.com, FB or Messenger.

Green Energy: The 61 solar panels are installed and working on the Community Centre roof. This array has a 27.45 kW capacity with estimated yearly savings to our power bill of over \$5,000.

Sidewalk Extension: The extension of the sidewalk from the Post Office to Robertson Road was unsuccessful in tendering for the job. In fact, only one bid was received, and it was three times the engineer's estimate. Back to the drawing board to see if we can get a bid for next spring! Sewage Lagoon Access Road and Fencing: Complete.

Community Garden/Public Washroom: See centrefold.

Soccer Field: Complete.

Community Office Basement: Complete with addition of two humidex controls to complement the circulation and ventilation HRV system.

Outdoor Sports and Recreation: See centrefold.

Recreation Improvements: Ball hockey bumpers finally arrived; ready for next year!

Heritage Park: See centrefold. Efforts continue to remove the old school bell from the Fire Hall roof.

Fisherman's Memorial: See centrefold.



Many thanks to the many local businesses that have supported our newsletter by placing an ad. The monies raised through these ads makes the newsletter possible by covering our printing (350+ colour copies) and distribution.

Please show your support by visiting these vendors. There is a wide range of products and services represented!

Contact Gary MacKay,

garyffmackay@gmail.com, 705-677-7511, on Messenger or FB to get your business ad in the next edition!



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At the Library

Did you know that local libraries are an amazing source of more than just books? The world seems to revolve around social media and handheld digital devices of all kinds. The library offers inroads to the digital world, but there is so much more: musical instruments, radon detectors, white noise machines, light therapy lamps, fitness and yoga kits, sensory kits, technology kits, walking poles, and telescopes. You can even drop off batteries to recycle! Other offerings include:

Research your family tree: our public computers have a subscription to **Ancestry.com** if anyone is interested.

The Gift of Reading Program is running once again. Bring your new or gently used children's books to the library. Donations will be included in Christmas hampers for families across the province.

Rapid COVID tests are now available for pick up at the libraries.

Snowshoes will be available to take out on your library card once again this winter. Online digital materials, such as Libby for books and audiobooks and Flipster for online magazines, are available. If you need help to access these apps, please contact Sue—she is happy to help you get set up. She's also available to help with basic tech issues, like setting up a new cell phone or iPad.

Storytime is always on Friday mornings at 10:30 am.

December Programs

Book Page Snowman Tree Ornaments on Saturday, December 17 at 10:30 am. For ages 6 to adults.

Drop In Cribbage on Wednesday, December 21 at 4 pm. Bring a board and deck of cards, 15, 2 and pair is 4!

Library Hours

Tuesday: 11:00 am - 2:30 pm Wednesday: 3:00 - 6:30 pm Friday: 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Saturday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Note: There are no late fees on materials brought back after the due date.

For more information, please contact:

Tel: (902) 962-3875 Email: murray_harbour@gov.pe.ca 🗆



Northumberland Arena

There's lots of fun activities happening at the Northumberland Arena during the month of December and you are invited!

First, during the month of December, kids aged 13 and under can participate in the Colouring Contest Draw being held at the arena. It's very easy: pick up your page to colour at the arena canteen, do your best colouring, and submit your entry in the draw. One winner will be picked at the end of December!

Here's some upcoming events; be sure to spread the news!

December 8: Annual Seniors Christmas Tea sponsored by the Rural Municipality of Murray River & the Northumberland Arena (elevator available); 2 -4 pm

December 9: FREE Skate sponsored by the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour; 6 pm

December 16: Be sure to catch Santa Claus as he tours the villages with the Murray River & Murray Harbour Fire Departments! Begins at 6:30 pm.

December 23: Ugly Christmas Sweater FREE Skate sponsored by the Rural Municipality of Murray River at 6 pm; at 7:10 pm, the Central Storm U15AAA (Black Team) Girls Hockey game vs. Midisle Wildcats. December 25: CLOSED for Christmas!

December 30: New Year's Eve-Eve Glow Party Skate sponsored by Machon's Point Fishermen's Co-op; 6 pm

Village Fundraising Profits

As of November 3, the Village has raised \$11,894 in various fundraising activities, outlined below. Thank you to everyone to participated; your contributions are very much appreciated.

Advertising on Electric Sign	\$430
50/50 Draws	\$3564
Lobster Roll Take Out	\$855
Turkey Roll Take Out	\$527
Canada Day	\$1189
Fish Alley Festival	\$3432
End of Summer Celebration	\$906
Yard Sale	\$991



SEASON'S GREETINGS from Lorraine Vatcher of RED CLIFF GALLERY

68 Little Sands Wharf Rd Little Sands, PE COA1WO 902-962-2327 lvat60@gmail.com Paintings, prints and art cards



Murray Harbour Farmers Market

Jackie MacNeill-Doiron

Hope this note finds you all happy, safe and looking forward to the holiday season! Here at the Market, 2022 proved to be another successful year with numbers up, great events hosted, and so many of the friends of the Market enjoying Saturday mornings at the Community Centre (or "home" as we like to call it!) During the year, we were honoured to have hosted Mel's 85th birthday, sponsored Terri Kerr's most recent book launch (Mermaids Save the Ocean), cheered on our own Ellen Moore and Grace London as they became the Canadian Junior Women's Dory Racing Champions, burst with pride as our own Alyssa Chapman was named to the Special Olympics Team Canada 2023 Training Squad and will compete at the Berlin Games, and the list goes on......

2023 will mark the Murray Harbour Farmers Market's 10th year in operation, an AMAZING credit to the vendors, customers, volunteers, visitors, and you who believed in us! We are so very thankful for your support and commitment to buying local, taking a bit of time to stop and talk to your neighbours, being kind to each other and remembering that by working together and having each other's back, anything is possible. We will be having have some special events in 2023 to celebrate our 10th anniversary, so stay tuned as we look back on our last 10 years.

So to you and yours, much joy, happiness and peace from the Murray Harbour Farmers Market and in the infamous words of Dr. Seuss from *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*: "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!"





Faye Fraser and Mel Giddings' at Mel's 85th birthday celebration.



Pumpkin Carving Winners L-R: Rosalie Glover accepts for Hannah Williams, Emy Campbell, Frankie MacDougall, Mauve MacDougall, Phyllis Penny.



Lest We Forget: Jim Robertson



Rueben Ball reciting *In Flanders Fields* at the village Remembrance Day ceremony.



The Village Players: On Stage in 2023



The Village Players are very pleased

to be winding up for our 2023 season! On March 24th and 26th, we will be performing two comedy plays at the Murray Harbour Community Centre. Stay tuned for more information in the coming year.

Our group, which consists of new and veteran members from various areas, works together (and has lots of fun doing it!) to provide community entertainment. Our current active members are Carolyn Somers, Donna Penny, Mary Lou MacLure, Errol MacLure, Dorrie Murdoch, Myra Taylor, Arlene Baird, Judah VanIderstine, Willow VanIderstine, Allie Rivero, Margaret Brady, Anne Thompson, and Linda Palmer. New members are always welcome!







The Home Plate Restaurant & Bakery will host a Kids' Christmas Party on Wednesday, **December 21 at 1 pm**. Contact Caroline at the Home Plate for additional information!



Murray Harbour Baptist Church Pastor Colby Stewart, 902-781-4308

Sunday Worship: 11am Sunday School for All Ages: 9:45 am Adult Bible Study: Tues, 7 pm Kidz Klub (Grades K-6): Wed, 6 -7:15 pm Christmas Eve Service: 6 pm

Murray River Baptist Church Pastor Marie Kenny

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am Sunday School: 9:45 am Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm Christmas Concert: Dec 11 at 10:45 am

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WellSpring Presbyterian Church Minister Dr. Lonnie Atkinson

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am December 11: Community carol sing w/ Norman Stewart at 7 pm; fellowship to follow.

Christmas Eve Service: 7 pm; offering to the Montague Food Bank.

Join us for worship in person or online!

Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church Pastor Aaron Tardif, 902-962-2200

Sunday Worship: 10 am Sunday Evening: 6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer: Wednesday 7 pm Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 11, 7 pm Christmas Caroling: Wednesday, December 21, 7 pm Christmas Eve Service: 7 pm Christmas Morning Worship: 10 am New Year's Eve Family Night at The Barn 7 pm. Bring your favourite game and snack to share.

Murray Harbour Church of Christ Minister Victor McCullough 902-962-2714

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Sunday Worship: 11 am Sunday School: 9:45 am

Murray River Church of Christ Pastor Charlie MacNeill, 902-962-3278

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Sunday School: 10 am Sunday Worship: 11 am

Memorial United Church Reverend Debbie Aiken

Sunday School: 10:30 am Sunday Worship: 10:30 am Christmas Eve Service: 6:30 pm



This & That

Bridge Banners

You may have noticed that the beautiful summer-themed banners we had installed on the bridge didn't fare so well with Fiona! New banners are now installed, but these will be taken down after the holiday season to prevent damage through the winter.

Lobster Trap Tree

The Christmas lights are lit on the lobster trap tree again this year. The traps are getting in a state of disrepair and rotting making it dangerous to maintain so we'll be looking at respectful and appropriate alternatives for next year. Enjoy it as much as you can, send pictures to friends and family around the world, visit the tree and read the names and dates on the buoys, and remember those that have gone before us. It really is a special place.

Keep Warm Campaign

Check out your closets, bins, and boxes! The KEEP WARM Campaign is on! Donations of new or gently used clean winter outdoor items and cash donations are being accepted at Murray Harbour Community Centre.

Murray Harbour Community Council

Terry White Mayor

Jacqueline (Jaki) Durocher Councillor

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