



COMMUNITY

MURRAY HARBOUR & AREA NEWSLETTER

Contributions Recognized

Local councillor Paul White was recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for the outstanding volunteer work he has performed throughout the course of his life. This award honours volunteers who have made a significant and continual contribution to their community.

Councillor White's continuous contribution to our community and behind-the-scenes work has provided extraordinary help and care to individuals and groups in the community.

Congratulations and many thanks, Paul! ☐



In March, Paul White was presented the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal by the Lieutenant Governor of PEI Antoinette Perry.



Best Wishes to All Our Fishers!

Setting day came a bit early on April 26. Best wishes for a safe and profitable season to all our fishers!

Photo by Lester Berezowski

Words from the Mayor

I am honored to serve as Mayor of Murray Harbour.



Since being elected in January 2023, I have enjoyed the opportunity to engage with individuals and work with the elected councilors on village matters.

We are proud of the great initiatives underway in our community, including numerous offerings through community school, and various events and activities that are held throughout the year.

I sincerely appreciate the continued support of our Council and our many enthusiastic volunteers. Together, we will continue to work towards the betterment of our beautiful village. Please feel free to reach out at any time with your thoughts, questions, or suggestions that would positively impact our residents.

Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable Spring.

Sincerely,

Terry White

A Fond Farewell and a Warm Welcome

Our beloved Butler's Clover Farm has been sold! A fond farewell and many thanks to Linda and Otis Butler and a very warm welcome to Harsh and Dhrumi Shah.

Harsh and Dhrumi want to let everyone know they are very appreciative of the welcome they have received and that they will continue to support the community with no changes planned. They aim to keep their prices competitive and to continue offering delicious menu items to the community. We wish them all the best with their sole business venture! □



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YOUR LOCAL
REALTOR!



Murray Harbour Farmers Market

Jackie MacNeill-Doiron

Greetings from the Murray Harbour Farmers Market vendors and friends! 2023 marks our 10th year of operation and even though much has changed over the past decade, our commitment to promoting everything LOCAL remains intact!

Whether it is the pride instilled by our surroundings or the big hearts of you, who live in the area, this little market allows its friends, customers, supporters, visitors, and vendors to showcase Murray Harbour and area, its history, its culinary delights, its culture, its people, its music and its industries - all the best we have to offer! We have visitors return every year to the Market solely because they feel “at home” and “amongst friends”!

Well we are ready to celebrate and invite you to come along for the ride! Our season will run every Saturday from 9 am to noon beginning on July 1 going through to October 14. At the Canada Day Market (July 1) there will be FREE ice cream (hopefully homemade and fingers crossed maybe some strawberries) and you never know, there might be a free hot dog floating around as well! There are also a few other things in the works as

well but we don't want to let all of our surprises out of the bag!

So what's new or back in the 2023 season? The Photo Contest is back (start snapping those winning photos), a book launch (shhh...it's a secret), FRYDAY, a Quilt Hang Out Day (August 5), School Days, COFFEE CLUB, and who knows maybe it's time to bring back our “Scarecrow Contest” with a twist, just to name a few!

Be sure to check out our Face book Page for specifics about each Market's activities and the specific offerings for the 2023 season. See you at the Market - there will be lots of old friends there and who knows maybe you may make some new ones! ☐





Fire Dept. News

As the weather starts to improve and we say goodbye to winter many of us will be back to yard work and continuing with clean up from Fiona. Our department wants to remind folks that the rules around burning have changed and that the fines are considerably higher. We encourage anyone who plans on having outdoor fires to go to the PEI Environment, Energy and Climate Action

website to view the new rules. One of the new rules is that grass fires are absolutely not allowed.

Also, this past winter three individuals joined our department and they have been busy obtaining their Level 1 Firefighter status. We welcome Logan Glover, Ronnda Singer, and Synova Peter to the department. □



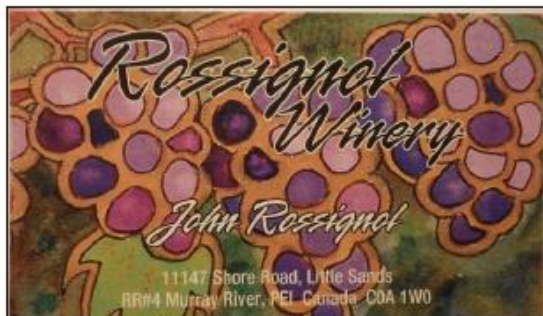
The PEI Life Saving Society recently recognized the Murray Harbour, Murray River, and Belfast Fire Departments for their response to the ferry fire last summer. The award was presented at Government House by the Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Murray Harbour FD were honoured to receive this award alongside the many other individuals who have saved lives in our province.



The Village Players recently had a lot of fun performing *Aw Shucks* and expressed their thanks to everyone who came to see the performances and supported the group. The play had two sold out performances at the Murray Harbour Community Centre and had a very good turn-out of people at Murray Harbour North.

The intermission concession raised over \$300 for the Humane Society! Thank you to everyone, cast and community members, who supplied the sandwiches and goodies and thanks to everyone who enjoyed the lunch and contributed to the great cause.

Linda Palmer says the group is talking about putting on a Christmas play; stay tuned for more details!





Michelle Hodgson 

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Council Reports and Projects

Events Committee

Jacqueline (Jaki) Durocher

Upcoming events and activities slated for the coming year at the Murray Harbour Community Centre:

Bingo, dart tournaments, pub nights, kitchen parties, theatre, dances, bake sales, corn hole tournaments, BBQ's, lobster lunches, Saturday market, chili take out, floor curling, pickle ball, rook, cribbage, craft sales and much more.



Show & Shine

A Show & Shine is scheduled for August 12 at the Community Centre. Beginning at 1pm, antique cars will be displayed; a beer tent and BBQ will be on-site during the day. In the evening we will hold a 50s-style dance with music by DJ, cash bar, some food for sale, and a prize for best 50s costume.

Accommodations Needed

Local accommodation businesses that will have rooms/rentals available during that time are asked to contact Jaki if they want to be included on the event poster. Anyone with questions can also contact Jaki at 902-809-1737. Thanks everyone!

Canadian Community Building Fund Projects

Gary MacKay

There are numerous projects scheduled for the coming construction season in the Village. The sidewalk extension from the Post Office south to the corner at the Baptist Church has been awarded to Somerset Gardens Inc. from Kinkora. Planned start date is mid-May. This project should take about 6 weeks to complete and will provide a safe walkway for pedestrians using this segment of the village's roads.

The Fisherman's Memorial, Heritage Park, and Fitness Park are all planned to be completed over the coming months. Hopefully the tender will have been awarded by the time of publishing this newsletter and these projects will begin to take shape shortly.

The community garden will be in operation this spring for its inaugural season! Site preparation will occur as

Canadian Community Building, con'd

soon as weather permits with construction of a new storage shed, elevated planters and compost bin following in time for the 2023 growing season. If you're interested in using some space, contact Anne Harnesk at the Village Office and she will put you on the list.

The solar panels came online last September and are working well on the Community Centre roof. We are looking forward to generating power at an elevated rate through the summer and reducing our power bill even further.

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 ☐



Enter as guests -
leave as friends!

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News from the Cape Bear Lighthouse

Hello neighbours! We are excited spring is finally here and look forward to seeing everyone during our '23 season. Much is happening at the lighthouse this summer, including our Bring & Buy event on July 15; a BAWG (Belfast Area Watershed Group) three-hour programme for children on July 21st and an Open House on August 26th. So please save the dates. Times and rain dates to follow. Our gift shop will be also be expanding this year, showcasing many local artisans.

We are also looking to hire tour guides for the summer season. If you are interested please email your resume to info@capebearlighthouse.com. Similarly we are always looking for potential Board Members. If this interests you, please contact us at the email above.

Phase 1 of the redevelopment of the Lighthouse is well underway with the moving of the Marconi Building scheduled for late fall of '23. This will allow us more space to display our archives. If you have any memorabilia that you feel would add to our collection please contact us as we are keen to develop our collection. ☐

Murray Harbour Community School Well Attended

The closing event for the 2023 session of Community School on March 27 was a wonderful night of song, dance, and displays of beautiful crafts produced by students. There was a great turnout for the Community School programs this year with 128 people registered, 19 of which were instructors; 155 classes held over the 10-week period. This is the best turnout we've had in a few years! Heartfelt gratitude is extended to all our wonderful instructors and all the students who enrolled.

Instructors and Course Suggestions Needed

The Community School committee will meet on Oct 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm to plan for next year's session. We're always looking for courses and instructors. If there is something you would like to learn and we can find an instructor for that course, it will be on the list! Past courses have included Alpha, Baking, Crokinole, Conversational French, Euchre, Guitar, Hootenanny, Knitting, Crochet, Line Dancing, Local History, Rook, Rug Braiding, Rug Hooking, Sewing, Strip Quilting, Violin, Wood Carving, and Basket Weaving to name a few. Do you have any ideas for other courses? Would you be willing to be an instructor? ☐

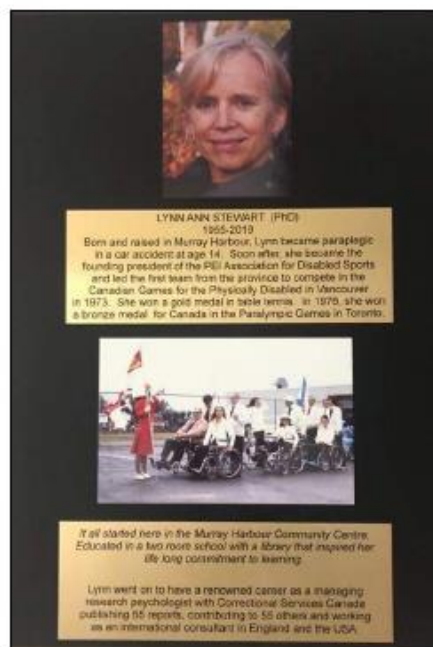


2023 Canada Games Torch Relay - Murray Harbour Leg

On January 24 volunteers, athletes, mentors, leaders, cultural ambassadors, First Nation peoples, the young, the not so young, and world winning athletes from our area proudly carried the Canada Games Torch on the Murray Harbour leg of the relay. Hearts soared as we watched the torchbearers—Adam White, Megan MacLeod, Carol White, Royelle MacKay, Micah Pollard, Darlene Compton, Charlene Belsher, Faye Fraser, Thomas Doucette, Alyssa Chapman, Abbey Gordon, and Roland Penny—walk the route. The torch was raised in front of our beloved Trap Tree illuminating the night sky in recognition of the importance of the fishery and honouring those who came before us.

The event also brought together Murray Harbour Fire District's youngest and eldest residents, Sohlvie MacLeod and Ada Herring. After the torch was lowered in front of Ada's house in recognition of her incredible life and the respect we hold for her, Sohlvie completed the remainder of the route carried by her mother, Megan MacLeod.

Festivities continued at the Community Centre where a packed crowd enjoyed great food, song, saw old friends, met



During the festivities John Slavin unveiled a plaque in honour of his late wife, Lynn Stewart, who was a proud daughter of Murray Harbour. Lynn was the driving force behind the birth of paralympic sports on PEI and was an internationally accomplished psychologist.

new ones, and listened as Murray Harbour's own Susan Herring emceed the formal part of the program.

Many thanks to the Steering Committee (Carol, Royelle, Anne and Jackie), PEI Mutual Insurance for providing funds to host the best celebration possible, the Murray Harbour Fire Department, Constable Kim Dudley and ALL the volunteers who made everything seem seamless! ☐



Spring/Summer Ceilidhs

The next Ceilidh featuring local entertainers will be on **Friday, May 26 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm** at the Murray Harbour Community Centre. Admission is \$5 and includes a light lunch. Starting on June 9, Ceilidhs will be held every 2nd Friday.

Call Out to Artists



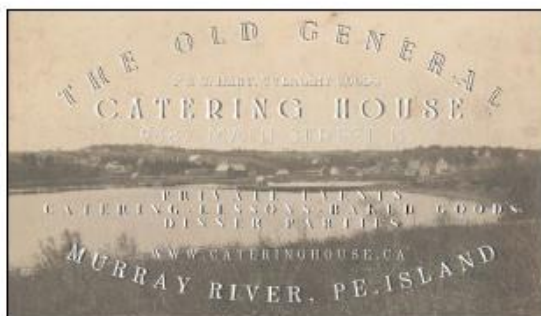
We are looking for proposals from artists to paint a nautical-themed wall mural for the Murray Harbour Community Centre. The mural will be placed on the very back wall of the stage in the large room.

Proposals should include a detailed scaled-to-size sketch of your idea, project start and end dates, the cost of supplies needed, your fee for doing the project, and any special requirements you may need. Drop cloths will be required to keep the space clean and all supplies must be removed at the end of each day during the project.

Because the community centre is well used, scheduled activities may impede access to the centre, which should be

taken into consideration for your project end date. Centre hours and a list of scheduled events is available in the Village Office.

The deadline for proposals is June 30, which can be dropped off at the Village Office in the Community Centre. For additional information, please contact Mike Vanasse at 902-969-0307. □



Seniors Food Program

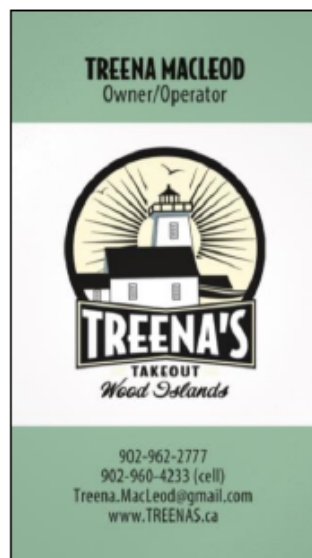
The provincial government is expanding the Seniors' Food Pilot Program to Murray Harbour and Murray River. PEI seniors in Murray River and Murray Harbour, aged 65 and older, can register as of April 25 to receive up to five meals per week. Seniors who are eligible for the program will pay a flat rate of \$4 per meal, as the Department of Social Development and Seniors will cover the remaining costs. To be eligible for the pilot program, seniors must be eligible for the Seniors Independence Initiative.

Meal delivery and pick-up will take place every Monday, as of May 1.

- Those picking up their weekly meals can do so at the Home Plate in Murray River between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Mondays.
- The Home Plate will deliver meals between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays. Participants must arrange to have someone present at the delivery location during this time.
- All meals will be pre-cooked and reheatable.

To apply, call the Department of Social Development and Seniors at 1-902-368-6369. The following information will be needed to register:

- full name
- date of birth
- provincial health number (PHN)
- household income (proof of income required to be eligible for partial meal payment)
- home address
- food allergies and/or dietary restrictions
- delivery instructions. ☐



Are You Ready?

Did you know that in the event of an emergency you should be ready to shelter in your home for the first 72 hours?

Emergencies like Hurricane Fiona have taught us the importance of being prepared for anything.

Emergency preparedness involves three basic steps:

1. Know the risks;
2. Make a plan;
3. Create an emergency kit.

While reception/warming centres will open as soon as it is safe to do so, you need to be prepared to stay in your home for the first 72 hours following any emergency (blizzard, power outages, ice storms, hurricanes, storm surges, and hazardous material accidents).

A basic emergency kit includes:

- ✓ Water (at least 2 litres/person/day);
- ✓ Food that won't spoil such as canned food, energy bars and dried food (replace food and water once/year);
- ✓ Manual can opener;
- ✓ Crank or battery-operated flashlight and radio (and extra batteries);
- ✓ First Aid kit;
- ✓ Extra keys to your car and house;

- ✓ Cash in smaller bills;
- ✓ Items such as prescription medications, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities, food, water and medications for your pets/service animals.

Important reminders for the Murray Harbour Community Centre in the event that it becomes a reception/warming centre:

- ✓ While we will try to open the centre as quickly as possible, please be aware that we will not open until it is safe for emergency response members to do so;
- ✓ Should you need to access water from the centre, make sure that you bring an appropriate water container. The centre is only able to provide water for personal consumption to ensure that the well is not at risk of drying up;
- ✓ While the emergency response team will do their best to try to provide some meals, please understand that it may be limited to light meals;
- ✓ Please do not bring any expired or thawed food to the reception centre as we are not able to accept such donations.

Are You Ready?, con'd

For more information on emergency preparedness, contact:

**PEI Office of Public Safety –
Emergency Measures Organization**

Tel: 1-902-894-0385

Toll free Tel: 1-877-894-0385

www.peipublicsafety.ca

**Government of Canada – Public
Safety Canada**

www.GetPrepared.ca

Environment Canada

www.ec.gc.ca

The Canadian Hurricane Center

www.ec.gc.ca/ouragans-hurricanes

For the most up to date local information, call 902 962-3835, visit www.murrayharbour.ca/news, or visit our Facebook page ***Out and About Murray Harbour PEI***.

While no one wants to experience an emergency of any cause, it's important to remember to...

BE PREPARED!!

Murray Harbour Walking Tours 2023

For the summer of 2023, we will once again be offering the Murray Harbour Historical Tour walk as well as “Eerie We Arr!”, a ghostly walk through the village.

The Historical Walking Tour of Murray Harbour will take place every Monday morning from July 3 to August 28 at 10 am. All tours will begin and end at the Murray Harbour Community Centre and will take approximately one hour.

Our popular “Eerie We Arr!” highlights the ghostly tales of old (and some not so old) of the area and will begin at dusk on Wednesdays from July 5 to August 30. Be sure to bring your bug spray, a flashlight, COMFORTABLE walking shoes and an open mind! We are currently looking into an additional site as well but we will see if the “spirits” move us!

It is best to book ahead as tours are limited to 20 persons. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information or cost, contact us through our FACEBOOK page (Historical Tours of Murray Harbour), the Village Office, or Jackie @ 902-626-5580. □



At the Library

Local libraries are an amazing resource for so much more than books. In addition to our online resources, the library has been steadily building a "Collection of Things" that can be borrowed using a library card. These items include musical instruments, radon detectors, CO2 monitors, thermal cameras, white noise machines, light therapy lamps, fitness and yoga kits, sensory kits, technology kits, walking poles, and telescopes. In addition, TCap pool passes are available at the Montague Library on a first come, first serve basis.

Programming News

Story Time is always on Friday mornings at 10:30 am.

We have an upcoming **PE Day Program: Making a Musical Instrument** on Friday May 5 at 1 pm.

The **TD Summer Reading Program** for school aged children will be running again this summer at the library on Saturday mornings during the Farmer's Market.

Check with the PEI Public Library Service Facebook page for additional events and

information that may be happening at your local libraries.

A Few Reminders

The public computers have a subscription to **Ancestry.com**, which is a great resource for those interested in researching their family history.

No late fees on materials brought back after the due date.

Covid tests are still available for pick up at the library, and batteries can be dropped off for recycling.

And finally, if you are interested in finding out how to access our online resources please contact Sue and she would be happy to help you get set up with the **Libby App** for digital and audio books, as well as the **Flipster App** to access our online magazines.

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

For more information, please contact the library at (902) 962-3875 or by email at murray_harbour@gov.pe.ca ☐

Notice: Poison Information Centres

Health Canada has launched new toll-free number for poison centres across Canada: 1-844-POISON-X or 1-844-764-7669





Church Notices

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;
Grades 7-12, Thurs 6:30-8 pm at the
Church of Christ

Murray River Baptist Church

Pastor Marie Kenny

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

WellSpring Presbyterian Church

Minister: Dr. Lonnie Atkinson

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

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: Wed, 7 pm

Community Connection: Sun, 6:30 -8 pm

Murray Harbour Church of Christ

Minister Jason McVicar, 902-962-2884

Sunday Worship: 11 am

Sunday School: 9:45 am

Bible Study: Tues, 7 pm

Youth Group: Grades 7-12, Thurs 6:30-8
pm with Pastor Colby Stewart

Murray River Church of Christ

Pastor Charlie MacNeill, 902-962-3278

Sunday School: 10 am

Sunday Worship: 11 am

Memorial United Church

Reverend Debbie Aiken

Sunday School: 10:30 am

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am ☐





This & That

The Friendly Circle

The Friendly Circle Seniors Club meets at the Community Centre at noon the first Thursday of every month until June. We have a potluck lunch and a short program of interest and a brief discussion about how we can be of help to our village. Our April 6th program featured the new owners of Butlers Grocery & Hardware, Harsh and Dhrumi Shah. Our May 4th program featured Andrea Hill, who filled us in on her vintage clothing business. Everyone is invited. Members donate a toonie for club overhead. For more information call Larry at 902-213-5275.

NOTE: The Friendly Circle has applied to the Senior Secretariat for two \$5,000 grants to help the Village with the Community Garden and Fitness Park. Thank you so much for this effort, it is greatly appreciated!

Community Fridge

We are looking for funding for this important community asset and hope to have something in place this year. The exact location has not been determined yet but more information on this will be forthcoming.

Murray Harbour Community Council

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