**Things Happening – Murray Harbour Library,** Tue Feb. 7th, from 6:30-8pm. Pinterest Party:Making paper Roses from old books; Fri Feb. 10th - Open event from 10 to 3 PD Day fun-Marshmallow Engineering; Saturdays – Storytime and Lego Club; **Murray River Library,** Wed. Feb. 8th - at 6:30 Book Club meeting; Thursdays at 10:30am – Storytime; Wed. Feb. 22 during open hours (4-8pm) - Star Wars Trivia; **Murray Harbour Community Centre,** February 15th @ 6:30, Special public Meeting; **Murray Harbour Community Centre,** Love Kitchen. Presented once again by the GEBIS monks, Tuesday February 21st @ 12:30. Please call 962-3835 to register.

**Won’t you be my Neighbour?**

Over the past several months, we have had a number of people move into our community. We are devoting a section of the newsletter to introduce you to some of our new residents. Today meet Rose and Glen White. Glen and Rose live at 30 Library Street. They bought the house formerly owned by Darryl and Carol White. Glen is retired from telecommunications and Rose is a retired nurse. Glen lived here is the Harbour with his grandparents and mother while his father was in the military during the Second World War. He has family here. Rose called Charlottetown home from the ages 10 to 16. After retirement to couple moved to River John for 8 years before deciding to move to Dartmouth during the summer and Florida during the winter months. However, Murray Harbour was not far from their thoughts. They stayed at another Library Street residence for a few days, which started them thinking about a more permanent home here. Glen chaired several Boards in River John included the Health Board, CAP committee, Friends of the Library and Community Enhancement. Both Glen and Rose are busy turning their house into their home. So, welcome neighbours!

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**FROM THE COUNCIL –**

Acting CAO

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Tiller as the Community of Murray Harbour’s Acting CAO. Mark comes to the job after retiring from 35 years of ordained ministry. He brings a wealth of human resources experience to the position. Prior to entering the ministry he held an upper management position with a major Canadian Record company. He and his wife, Margaret, moved permanently to the community in March of 2017. Mark will be in the village office Wednesday, Thursday& Friday from 9:00 to 1:00. Please drop by and introduce yourself! Office number is 902-962-3835.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Lora Ann MacPhee for her commitment these past few months. Lora Ann agreed to act as our CAO but has now returned to her position with the sewage utility. Many thanks, Lora Ann.

Bridge Update

The temporary sideway across the village bridge has now been altered as per the suggestions from the last open Council Meeting. A close eye will be kept on the area throughout the winter season to ensure traffic and snow plowing issues to not occur. Work is scheduled to be completed by early next summer. ***PLEASE take care crossing the bridge especially in relation to your speed.***

Off street ATV Track

The ATVing youth of the community are asking for a plot of land where they can set up a course and use their various off-road vehicles. Councilor Paul White is looking for 5 acres of land to be donated for this purpose. If you can help, call Paul at 902-962-2792.

Election of a Council member

The notice in the Graphic mistakenly identified the wrong date in the notice informing the public for the election of a new Council Member. Because the Council must advertise the date on two consecutive weeks, the date for the election has been moved to November 1st at 7:00 pm. Residents who are 18 years of age, who are Canadian citizens and who are residents of Murray Harbour are eligible to vote. Please come out.

Playground Equipment

The Council has ordered new playground equipment. Funding for this project has been supplied through the Gas Tax Fund.

Sewage Expansion Project

The bids are in and are being reviewed.

EMO News

Thanks to the fire department we have a defibrillator in the community Center. Our EMO chairperson, Councilor Joan Young, has arranged for defibrillator training with Island First Aid Services for November 16th at 7:00 pm. There is no charge and the training takes about one hour, allowing time for questions. ***It is very important that a large number of people attend this training. You never know when you might be the one that your neighbor depends on to save his or her life.*** Thanks also to Councilor James Irving for hanging the defibrillator cabinet in the large hall.

**Friday night Ceiledh**, Come and enjoy an evening of down home musical entertainment on Friday, October 13th at 7:30 pm at the Murray Harbour Community Centre, 1382 Main Street, Murray Harbour.

Come and join Wayne MacLeon, Len Buell and Edna McMaster who will entertain us with instrumental music accompanied by some whistling. The MacDonald sister, Marie and Doris, will be there. Louis MacKay will be our Master of Ceremonies and will share some gospel music. Marion Bruce will be there with some old favorites. Also joining us will be Marie MacIntyre who will sing and play a number of instruments. Amy Swensen will join us as well. She will be playing a number of favorites on her fiddle.

Your $5.00 admission fee also includes a light lunch, so come out and take in an evening of entertainment, and enjoy the Island hospitality.

The ceiledhs will continue every two weeks until December 8. They will end with a Christmas ceiledh on December 8.

**The Friendly Circle,** The Friendly Circle Senior's Club [50+] meets at 11:45 a.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Village Hall. We feature a potluck meal and an interesting program The club has reached out to the Village to make positive contributions. We recently donated post caps for the front of the Village Hall, and a volunteer put them on. We also are finishing a Railhead Park program by hiring a UPEI student, Choyce Chappel to photograph and identify many of the plants and flowers there. We will make copies of her work and contribute them to the schools and public library. And we are in conversation with individuals who will be instrumental in bringing water to the Railhead Park. We already have a well dug there. Next we need to provide access to the well. And, last, the Friendly Circle donated a top of the line new dishwasher to the Village Hall kitchen. We received training in the use of the dishwasher and will soon post instructions in the kitchen area. Come join us at our next meeting!

**Farmers Market,**

The Murray Harbour Farmers Market would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support in making our 2017 season the best yet!

2017 is not over however and so we would like to tell you about three upcoming events we want to invite you to attend.

On Saturday, October 21st, the Market is "Remembering Our Veterans" and will have on sight a display of various military items and memorabilia.  We will also highlight the experiences of some of our local veterans in pictures and stories.  If you should have a picture of a family member who served our country, please feel free to contact us at the Market and we would be thrilled to include their picture, story or items of interest.

On Saturday, October 28th, we are hosting our windup BBQ and annual Jack - O- Lantern contest.  First prize for the winning Jack-O-Lantern for twelve years of age and under is $100.  For those of you over twelve years of age, the winner of your category will be awarded a prize to one of our local eateries!  To enter the contest, just bring your carved pumpkin to the Market at 9 AM,  tell all your friends and family to come out and vote, and while you wait for the winner to be announced you can enjoy a hot dog and get a chance to see your friends and neighbours,

On Saturday, December 2nd from 9 AM to 2 PM, the Murray Harbour Farmers Market is thrilled to be joining our friends at the Murray River Community Centre venue and the Northumberland Minor Hockey Association venue (Northumberland Arena) in hosting "Christmas In the Villages"!  Our venue will be in our usual spot at the Murray Harbour Community Centre and will feature not only our regular vendors but local entertainment as well as refreshments.  A second venue will be at the Community Centre (in the room across from the Murray Harbour Library) called the Mill Road Crafters.  Be sure to circle the first Saturday in December for this amazing event, which has become a holiday tradition.  It's a great way to put you in the holiday spirit and pick up some treasures and produce to make your Christmas even more special!

**Neighbourhood Church News**

Murray Harbour Baptist Events –

Murray Harbour Baptist Church is hosting a Community Connections Dinner on Thursday October 26th at 6:00 pm.

Service time includes:

Community Worship Service – Sundays at 11:00 am

Fishing for Friends Preschool drop-in program – Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 am

Bible Study – Tuesdays 7:00 pm

Kids Klub – Wednesdays 6:00 pm

Memorial United Church Events -

Memorial United Church in Murray River will be a busy place.  Upcoming events include the Seniors Dinner, which will be delivered on October 20th. This month it’s a boiled ham dinner.

On November 4th,the traditional Lobster & Ham Take-out Dinner will take place with pick-up from 12 - 2 p.m.  Tickets are Lobster $20 and Ham $13.  You can contact Maureen MacLeod, Beth Clements or Delight Richardson for tickets.

Men of the Harvest will be presenting a Concert on November 12th at 3:00 p.m. Admission will be by donation for Emma's Cupboard (food support program for kids at SKC) and Mission and Service.

The ladies of MUC and friends are busy every Monday morning preparing for the upcoming Christmas Craft Fair and Mistletoe Cafe. Feel free to join us for sewing, knitting, craftiness and conversation!

Also to get you in the Christmas spirit, the Church will present a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol on December 5th in the evening.  A free will offering for the Food Bank is all you need to bring.

Sunday morning service begins at 10:30 am

Choir meets on Thursday at 6:30 pm

**EMO survey**

You will find enclosed with this newsletter a survey, which you are asked to complete and return to the office. The survey is intended to help the EMO committee update their emergency plan. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**IMMEDIATE CHANGES (2017 – 2018)**

* Budget approved by council (no vote by residents)
* Account for expenditure in 2018
o Budget for a review engagement ($50,000 or less)
* o Budget for an audit (more than $50,000)
* Prepare for 15 month fiscal year transition (1st January 2018 – 31st March 2019)
* Adopt a bylaw if operating one or more reserve funds
* Develop financial plan by March 2018
* o Operating budget
* o Capital Budget

**AS SOON AS ACT IS IN EFFECT (scheduled for FALL 2017)**

* Follow new conflict of interest standards
* A municipal office is designated
* Processes for 6 regular council meetings per year are in place
* No council member is performing employee duties
* Bylaws are in place if:
o Borrowing financially as a municipality
* o Establishing tax groups in municipality
* Anything else not explicitly transitioned (processes, duties, utility operations, bylaws to provide services, etc.)

**NEXT YEAR (2018)**

**By 31 March 2018:Adopt operating and capital budgets**

**By 5th November 2018: Prepare to conduct elections**

* **By 14th May: Appoint Municipal Electoral Officer & Deputy**
* **By 30th July: Election bylaws (voters, financing, council size)**
* **By November: New procedures in place**
* **By November: Preparation for uniform council size**

**By Fall 2018 (within one year of the act taking effect): Adopt/follow**

* **Access to information and protection of privacy bylaw**
* **Conflict of interest bylaw**
* **Code of conduct for council**
* **Code of conduct policy for employees**
* **Records retention and disposition bylaw**
* **Procedural bylaw**

**By 31st March 2019:**

* **5 year capital plan with asset management strategy**

**By 2010 (3 years after Act in effect)**

* **Full audit for fiscal year starting April 1, 2020**
* **Emergency Management Program in place**

**2022 (5 years after Act in effect)**

* **Municipal office accessible to all member of the public**
* **Regular office hours (open to the public a minimum of 20 hours**
* **Municipal planning services (plans bylaws, administration)**