



# COMMUNITY

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## MURRAY HARBOUR & AREA NEWSLETTER

### Meet Your Neighbour

There is nothing like “Home Sweet Home.” Jill and Gary MacKay are high school sweethearts who first met at Montague Regional. Jill is a daughter of the late Margie and Edison Horton.

After graduation, Jill and Gary moved to N.B. where Gary received his BSc. in Forest Engineering. They next moved to Espanola, ON where they raised their children, Carla and Darcy.

Gary began his career in road and bridge construction, but he has held several positions including logging engineer, head of Research and Development, and manager of Sawmill Co. Products. He is presently Project Manager for a consulting engineer firm.

Jill worked as a stay-at-home mom. As their children grew older, she worked part-time. Jill’s hobbies include biking the Trail and reading—she raves about our library! Jill also collects post cards. She joined postcrossing.com which puts her on a list to receive postcards from around the world.



Jill’s latest project is rock painting, and she leaves her creations in different locations around the village. On the bottom of each rock are instructions to either keep it or to place it in another location for someone else to find.

Jill and Gary’s daughter, Carla, and son-in-law, also named Darcy, live in Jill’s parents’ home on Riverside Drive aka “Fish Alley.” Jill and Gary moved back home in November 2018 after purchasing Joan and Peter Young’s home on Westview Drive. □

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## Church Notices

### Murray Harbour Baptist Church

**Sunday Worship:** 11 am  
**Sunday School:** 9:45 am  
**Bible Study:** Tues at 7 pm  
**Kids Klub (K – Gr. 6):** Wed, 6:15 - 7:15 pm  
**Christmas Concert:** Fri, Dec. 20, 7pm  
**Christmas Cantata:** Sun, Dec. 22, 7pm  
 Refreshments to follow.  
**Christmas Eve Service:** Tues. Dec. 24,  
 6:30pm

*Contact Rebecca at 902-741-2062 for more information.*

### Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church

*Pastor Aaron Tardif, 902-962-2200*

**Sunday Worship:** 10 am  
**Sunday School:** 10:30 am  
**Christmas Concert:** Dec 8 at 6:30pm  
**Christmas Carol Sing:** Dec 17, 10 am - 4 pm  
 at the Down East Mall. Hot chocolate to follow.  
**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 7 pm  
**New Year's Family Game Night:** Dec 31, 7 pm

### Murray River Baptist Church

**Sunday Worship:** 11 am  
**Sunday School:** 10:45 am  
**Christmas Eve Service:** 7 pm

### Murray Harbour Church of Christ

*Minister Victor McCullough, 902-962-2714*

**Sunday Worship:** 11 am & 7 pm  
**Christmas Dinner:** Dec 1 at 5 pm. All Welcome!  
**Christmas Concert:** Dec 15  
**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 6:30 pm

### 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 Worship:** 10:30 am  
**Christmas Craft Fair:** Dec 6 (6 – 8 pm) and Dec 7 (9 am – 2 pm)  
**Senior's Lunch:** Friday, Dec 13

### WellSpring Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Dr. David Son*

**Worship & Sunday School:** 10:30 am  
*"Drink from the Well; thirst No More"*





## At the Library

### Gift of Reading Program

We are excited to partner once again with the PEI Literacy Alliance for the Gift of Reading program!

All public libraries across PEI are now collecting donations of new and very gently used books for children and teens. Donated books will be given to local food banks for distribution to Island families through the Christmas Food Hamper program.

Donate at your local library until December 7 and share the Gift of Reading

### Radon Detectors

You can now borrow Radon Detectors from the library! Drop in for more information.

### Join Us on FaceBook!

Keep up-to-date with upcoming events and local activities in the Village by joining our new FaceBook group. Look us up by searching "Municipality of Murray Harbour". Please feel free to invite other people and get interactive!

### Recycling Award

Congratulations to Philippe & Jaki Durocher of Robertson Road for receiving second place for the Rural Beautification Society's 2019 Reduce-Recycle-Repurpose award!

## Friendly Circle Seniors Club

### Monthly Toonie Potluck

A \$2 potluck is held on the **first Thursday of each month** at **11:45 am** at the Community Centre. Fellowship, door prizes, and great food! Annual membership fee is \$10.

### Exhaust Fan for Generator Shed

The Friendly Circle donated an exhaust fan for the Community Centre generator shed. This project, which will improve safety and ensure proper ventilation of the building, cost \$860 (equipment and installation). Our ability to support these types of projects is made possible, in large part, to our recent New Horizons grant.

### Benches Donated to the Village

The club purchased two outdoor benches in memory of Arthur Chapman, club secretary, and Wendy Mennie, executive board member, who served the club admirably. The benches, which have lovely remembrance plaques, are located on the Community Centre grounds. □

## Have Information to Share?

The submission deadline for the next newsletter is **February 14**.

To share information, please contact Faye White at [fayehwhite@netscape.net](mailto:fayehwhite@netscape.net) or the Village Office at [villageofmurrayharbour@outlook.com](mailto:villageofmurrayharbour@outlook.com).



## Council News

### Sports & Recreation

*Carol White, Chair*

#### Lobster Traps & Christmas Lights

We're looking for donations of old lobster traps to build a Christmas tree. We're also looking for outdoor Christmas lights. If you would like to donate either, please them drop off at the Community Centre or we can pick them up. Thank you in advance.

#### Christmas Breakfast

On Saturday, Nov 30 from 9 - 11:30 am come out and enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, hash browns, tea, coffee and juice.

Adults: \$10

Youth (12 & under): \$8

Family of 4: \$25



There will be a children's program, hosted by Rebecca MacLeod, during the breakfast. A special guest from the North Pole is expected to attend!

#### Cenotaph

Anyone who would like to have a veteran recognized on the Memorial Cenotaph, please submit the name(s) (as you want it to appear) to the Village Office. ☐

### Beautification & Special Events

*Margaret VanInderstine, Chair*

#### Village Hanging Flower Baskets

The B&S Committee extends a huge thank you to all who purchased flower baskets this past summer. We look forward to doing it again next year, but plan to place them where they will get more notice. Purchases can be made early next spring. Cost will be determined. Let's make Murray Harbour even more beautiful!

#### Goings-On

Our *Hotdog and Corn Boil* was a nice time and the weather was perfect. We were happy to earn a net income of just under \$100. Thank you to everyone involved!

Our *Lobster/Turkey Take-Out* sold out at 80 plates and raised \$1300. Thank you to those who donated their time, to fishers who donated lobster, to Allan Glover for donating potatoes, and to everyone who purchased a meal!

#### In the Works - Stay Tuned!

We're planning a **Family Movie and Pizza Nite** with some intermission fun! If you would like to participate in our Secret Santa, bring a \$5 gift. Also bring your singing voices!

The new year is the time to get creative and prepare any form of artwork for our **Art Auction**. A **Valentine's Mixer** is also being planned.

Next summer, the Beautification & Special Event and the Sports & Recreation committees are joining forces to plan a

summer festival! We hope to draw a huge crowd to strengthen our local tourism.

### Have Suggestions?

Do you have suggestions for summertime fun at our festival? Send your ideas to Carol White or Margaret Vanlderstine. We are looking forward to hearing from you and perhaps creating a new tradition! □

## Emergency Measures Organization

*Marlene MacNeill, Chair*

The Murray Harbour Emergency Measures Committee (EMO) continues to develop the EMO Program which is mandated by the new *Municipal Government Act*. Our EMO Program includes a municipal by-law, a Municipal Emergency Management Plan, a delegation of authority, training and exercises, and a hazard risk analysis. The focus for emergency management includes mitigation (efforts to reduce or eliminate impacts from an emergency), preparedness (actions to limit the potential impact or results of an emergency), response (actions to deal with the emergency as it unfolds), and recovery (activities to help things return to normal after an emergency).

Murray Harbour EMO Co-ordinator Mike Vanesse (1-613-408-5370) and Deputy Co-ordinator Ken Devoe (902-218-0946) coordinate emergency activities and contact the Provincial EMO regarding all activities associated with a local emergency. The Provincial EMO must be updated frequently as they are responsible to coordinate and

manage emergency management activities Island wide.

As Chair of the Committee, I would like to thank our members, including the Fire Dept. Chief and Deputy Chief, volunteers, and the public for their cooperation during Dorian in September. The numerous downed trees and power lines, and the subsequent widespread power outage was a tremendous learning experience for the newly-formed committee. Organizing the opening and operation of the Reception Centre helped us to better understand community needs during an emergency. Alternative Reception Centres (other than the designated Community Centre) are currently being established as backups for possible emergency events in the future. □

## Volunteers Make Our World Go Round

The Murray Harbour Village Council extends a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who give their time, energy, and talent to community activities, events, and day-to-day doings. You make our community a very special place!

### The More, the Merrier!

If you're not already involved, we can always use more help! Contact the Village Office if you have some time to give.

## Community School 2020

Registration for Community School will be held **January 2 at 7 pm** at the Community Centre. The storm date is January 3.

Registration is \$15 for the first class and \$10 for each additional class. Classes begin the week of January 6 and will run for 10 weeks.

### Classes

This year's line-up of classes, pending instructors & interest, include:

- Alpha
- Badminton
- Basic Baking
- Conv. French
- Crokinole
- Euchre
- Floor Curling
- Guitar & Fiddle
- Hootenanny
- Line Dancing
- Local History
- Healthy Eating
- Rook
- Quilting
- Rug Braiding
- Rug Hooking
- Stretch
- Table Tennis
- Wood Carving
- Knitting

For more information please contact:

Charlie MacNeill	902-962-3278
Vaughan Gosbee	902-361-2153
Lori Chapman	902-962-3256

### Off Limits

Please be aware that it is prohibited to drive a pickup truck on any part of the Confederation Trail. It softens it, muddies it, causes major ruts, and just makes for a messy trail!

## Subscribe to our e-Newsletter!



In the coming months, the Village is looking to reduce the printing, distribution, and environmental costs associated with the paper version of our community newsletter.

If you have email, you are encouraged to subscribe to the electronic version of this newsletter to keep up to date on local news and upcoming events. Visit [www.murrayharbour.ca](http://www.murrayharbour.ca) to subscribe today! ☐

## A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



Do you have photos that capture the essence of community life in Murray Harbour and surrounding areas? If so, please considering sharing them as part of our website gallery. Submit your images of local landscapes, community goings-on, etc. to [villageofmurrayharbour@outlook.com](mailto:villageofmurrayharbour@outlook.com).

## Message from the Mayor

Mayor Paul White

Greetings to all residents of the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour and surrounding areas.

In addition to regular village business, our Council has been working very hard to conform to the new *Municipal Governance Act*, which requires many changes for municipalities. We are on target or ahead of some deadlines for these changes. I give many thanks to the Councillors and Committee volunteers for their work.

Councillors are also working hard to address some unexpected financial hurdles from previous years. We are struggling but confident we'll eventually be back on track. We have organized two fundraisers which should clear about \$4,400. Our Council and many volunteers are stepping up to help our community through these challenges.

With the Christmas season approaching, many of us are busy preparing for company, shopping, baking, and much more. Let us not forget to pause and take the time to remember what this joyous season is about: the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. He is the greatest gift we will receive and will always be by our side and in our hearts, guiding us through our joys and sorrows. Though we may have presents under our tree, the greatest gift will be the gift of Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and God bless you. ☐

## February 2020 By-Election

A by-election for councillor will be held on Monday, February 3, 2020 to fill the seat resigned by Debbie Shea in September. Details regarding candidate nominations and other information will be posted on the village website as they become available.

Think you might be interested in serving on Council? To qualify, candidates must be: (1) a Canadian citizen; (2) at least 18 years of age; and (3) ordinarily a resident in the municipality for a period of at least six months before the election.

Learn more about what's involved in municipal governance by speaking with other Councillors, dropping by the Village Office, or reviewing resources like the *Municipal Governance Act* or the *Local Government Resource Handbook*, which are available on the Municipal Affairs website at [www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/municipal-governments](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/municipal-governments).

### Yarn Needed!

Roberta Dobson knits hats for newborns at the QEH. She has just delivered 200 hats. If you have any remnants of yarn you would like to contribute to this great cause, please drop them off to the Village Office any weekday morning. Thank you!





## This & That

### Christmas Ceilidh

Come out and enjoy the sounds of the season on **Friday, November 29** at **7 pm** at the Community Centre! Admission is just \$5!

### Christmas Breakfast

On **Saturday, Nov 30** from **9 – 11:30 am**, the Murray Harbour Community Council and Farmers Market are teaming up to host a family breakfast extravaganza to kick off the holiday season. See details on page 4.

### Christmas in the Villages 2019

On **Saturday, Dec. 7** from **9 am to 2 pm** take in this showcase of creations and products from local artisans, farmers, and community organizations. This event is held at several venues in Murray Harbour and Murray River, including the Community Centre.

### Online Business Directory

Do you operate a business or organization in the Murray Harbour area? Knowing what types of services, clubs, attractions, and opportunities are available in our area is important information for residents, visitors, and potential newcomers. **Please submit a listing to our Business Directory on the village website** and let the world know what we're all about!

## Murray Harbour Community Council

**Paul L. White**

*Mayor*

**W. Glen White**

*Deputy Mayor and Chair of Planning*

**Sandra Gordon**

*Chair of Sewage Utility*

**Marlene MacNeill**

*Chair of Emergency Measures Organization*

**Margaret VanDerstine**

*Chair of Beautification and Special Events*

**Carol White**

*Chair of Sports, Recreation, and Community Centre*

**Christine Jackson**

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