



# COMMUNITY

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## MURRAY HARBOUR & AREA NEWSLETTER

### Murray Harbour Athletes Compete on the National Stage

Several local youths participated in the 2025 Canada Summer Games in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador from August 8 – 25<sup>th</sup>: Alyssa Chapman was a member of Team PEI Soccer; Bella MacNeill was a member of Team PEI Women's Softball (placed seventh overall); and Willow Van Iderstine represented Team PEI in wrestling (fifth place finish).

In addition, Ellen Moore and Grace London captured second place at the Canadian Women's Dory Races while Kiersten Shepherd and Makala Higginbotham placed third at the Canadian Junior Dory Races. Both events took place in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to these athletes. Murray Harbour is very proud of you all! ☐



Photo submitted by Jackie MacNeil Doiron

## Message from the Mayor

*Terry White*



Despite the challenges in the world over the past year, the people of Murray Harbour and area have created new community programs and infrastructure and hosted some of the largest gatherings we have seen in years. The newsletter showcases but a snippet of that energy.

My wish is that we focus on this growing sense of camaraderie, collaboration, and ingenuity as we move forward into a new year together.

On behalf of the staff and council members of the Municipality, I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and all the best in 2026!

## Historical Society of Murray Harbour and Area

Year two has been amazing for the Historical Society of Murray Harbour and Area. We have dug into some phenomenal stories, learned about some amazing people and found LOTS of “rabbit holes” to pursue!

We would be thrilled to have you join us on the **third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm** at the Community Centre. You don't have to be a member to drop by but if you would like to buy an annual membership for yourself or a family member, contact Floyd or Kaye and they can hook you up. Memberships are \$25.

In closing, on behalf of the Society and Chapter II of the Society, located at the Gillis Lodge in Belfast, we would like to wish a very Merry Christmas and a 2026 filled with good health, prosperity and happiness to you and yours! ☐



## Introducing Lot 64

*Jackie McNeil Doiron and Carol White*

In early 2025, a group of people from the area came together to create “Lot 64.” This not-for-profit group’s mandate is to ensure projects and initiatives in Samuel Holland’s Lot 64 are investigated, pursued, and carried out so the hard work, vision, and dreams of the past are recognized and not forgotten.

Lot 64’s first initiative was to place name plaques at the “Memorial Garden” at the Murray Harbour Community Centre for the soldiers from the area who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Before we even put the word out that we were raising funds for the project, we were honoured and humbled when two groups came forward to cover the cost of the plaques. One was an anonymous donor and the second was a donation made by Royelle MacKay and her daughters Billie and Julie in memory of their husband and father, John.

Currently, we are raising funds for the Memorial Buoy Tree which will officially be lit on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. We are selling tickets (\$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$25) for two tickets for COME FROM AWAY on July 9, 2026, at the Confederation Centre of the Arts (Aisle: 1 Orchestra Row C, Seats 25 & 26). The draw is being made on Christmas Day.



If you would simply like to make a donation, we would be thrilled. Recently, a local fisherman made a \$100 donation and challenged other fishers in the area to match or exceed his donation—an amazing gesture! Between you and I, the challenge has been met and surpassed, but let’s face it: there are a lot of amazing people carrying out amazing gestures in this place we call “home”! □

The logo for Rossignol Winery is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border. The text "Rossignol Winery" is written in a black, elegant cursive script. "Rossignol" is on the top line and "Winery" is on the bottom line, slightly offset to the right.



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# Christmas in the Villages 2025

DEC. 5, 6PM-9PM

DEC. 6, 9AM-2PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony, Murray Harbour, Friday at 6pm

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR THROUGHOUT  
SOUTHERN KINGS COUNTY

*The Old General Catering House*

*Northumberland Arena*

*Memorial United Church*

*The Deck at Ocean Acres*

*The Olde Anchor B&B*

*Murray Harbour Farmers Market*

*Located at 10 Mariners Lane and  
Murray Harbour Community Center)*



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"CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGES -  
DOWN EAST PEI"

## Memorial Buoy Tree Lighting

Lot 64 has undertaken the creation of a Memorial Buoy Tree which is based off the one shown here from West Pubnico, Nova Scotia. It is 20 feet high, 10 feet wide at the base and built with aluminum. It will not remain on the wharf permanently but will return there for memorials and lighting ceremonies for many years to come.

So pop by the Murray Harbour wharf on **December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** for the official lighting! We heard a man in a red suit will be there as well! □





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## Remembrance Day 2025

Sometimes one wonders what our ancestors would say about how we observe Remembrance Day. Are they proud of us? Do they know how much gratitude we feel for the sacrifices they made for our freedom? Will we ever be able to carry on their commitment of community service, respect, and making this world a better place for future generations?

If you were able to attend Remembrance Day 2025 at Murray Harbour, there is no doubt those questions were answered. It was humbling to see generations from so many local families stand shoulder to shoulder in unity, paying homage to their family members who fought for and defended our country and all things we hold dear.

On behalf of the Remembrance Day Committee, please accept our thanks for all you do for us, all you do with us, and all you do because of us. May each of you be richly blessed and continue to hold our veterans, their families, our military serving today and their families in our hearts and in our minds at all times. □



## Ongoing at the Community Centre

*Drop-in fees may apply*

**Card Play:** Rook every Tuesday and Friday at 1:30 pm in the small meeting room across from the library. For more information, call Ida MacKenzie at 902 - 962 -2798.

**Floor Curling** Tuesday mornings from 10 am to noon until the end of June and resuming in the fall.

**Friendly Circle Senior's Club:** All seniors [50+] are invited to lunch and a brief program on the first Thursday of every month (with the exception of July and August). For more information, call Larry at 902-741-2120.

**Hootenanny:** Thursday nights from 7 to 9 pm; all musicians are welcome to come jam!

**Library Programs:** Storytime Friday mornings at 10:30 am.

**Murray Harbour and Area Historical Society:** Meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. New members or visitors are always welcome!

**Pickle Ball:** Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-11 am in the main hall

of the Community Centre. New players welcome. Paddles available.

**South Shore Step & Tradition Group (AA):** Tuesdays at 8 pm.

Inviting all seniors & their spouse's on the  
Murray Harbour (COA 1VO)  
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*Seniors*  
**Christmas Dinner**  
Murray Harbour Community Centre  
**Saturday, December 13, 2025**  
**5pm**

RSVP on or before Dec. 6th if you are able to attend:  
Village Office: (902) 962-3835  
Paul White: (902) 969-7434

Max. 84 seats  
available

Sponsored by the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour



# Summer Fun in the Harbour





An Afternoon at Prowse House



CFCY Best Boat Party with Ben Chase at Nellie's Landing Marina



## Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour Committee Updates

### Infrastructure Maintenance 2025

- The Community Centre has been painted and eavestroughing with downspouts installed around the entire roof line.
- The two entrance way steps have been replaced with more user friendly dimensions and the entire entrance steps and ramps painted by Shannon to match the colours used on the gazebo on the front lawn.
- An energy audit has been completed at the Community Centre and we are waiting for the report.
- The sidewalk between Butler's and the post office will be renovated; hopefully this work is complete by the time you are reading this.
- A new picnic table was purchased for the exercise and playground area. It was built by Landen Singer. Nice job, Landen!

### Infrastructure Maintenance 2026

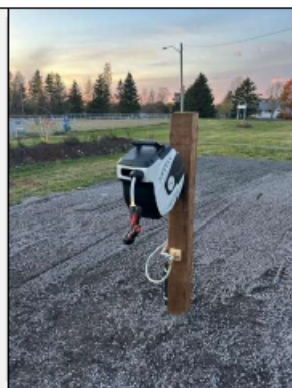
- A playground equipment inspection report has recognized a few deficiencies that will be addressed in the spring. The main items are adding more sand and reestablishing the border between grass and sand around the perimeter.
- The Rail Head Park needs work on the pavilion roof and the gazebo.
- The library falls under the village's responsibility for operating costs. This includes power, lighting, climate control, and furniture to name a few things, but does not include wages and books. They have been asked to provide a "wish list" that we will consider in our 2026-2027 operating budget.
- The village will be looking at purchasing a small utility trailer for use around the community (e.g., taking garbage to the waste disposal site, landscaping use, etc.).

## Community Building Fund Projects

- A solar array will be installed at pumping station #3 by the lagoons for the Sewage Utility. It will be designed to offset 100% of the electric bill at this location. A second array planned for pumping station #2 beside the highway has been removed due to the adjacent wetland being a no-go for development.
- The main entrance to the Community Centre and cenotaph off Main St. will be renovated with a wide concrete walkway.
- The recreational areas around the dog park and gardens will be renovated with proper drainage and parking areas established along Faye Fraser St.
- An inscription plate has been added to the Fishers Memorial monument. Individual name plates will be added in the spring once we see how the fastening works through the winter.
- The Heritage Park will have proper signage and information graphic boards installed next year. We are looking for information and any photos, inside or out, of the three individual buildings that occupied this site: the school, the arena, and the public office/community hall. □

### Let There be Water!

As a part of Project Nectar—a collaborative project between the Southeast Environmental Association, Friendly Circle Seniors Group and the Rural Municipality of Murray Harbour—an old well at the site of the community garden has been reestablished to provide reliable, senior-friendly access to water. This infrastructure has potential for further development in the future. □





## Community School Planning Underway

Emily Walker & Gary Mackay



We are in the beginning stages of planning for the Murray Harbour Community School for Winter 2026.

Tentative dates have been set for registration on January 5 with classes starting on January 12 and ending the week of March 16.

If you have course ideas or would like to offer a course, please let us know. ☐

## Friendly Circle Senior's Club

The Friendly Circle is the Harbour's senior club, age 50 and over. We meet at **11:45 am on the first Thursday of every month** at the Community Centre; our meetings last about an hour. We share a potluck meal, have a short meeting, and enjoy a 20-30 minute program led by a guest speaker. Every senior in the village is invited to attend. The cost is a toonie for the lunch and \$10 for a year-long membership. For more information, call Larry at 902-741-2120.

On Friday, December 5, some Friendly Circle Club volunteers will help deliver about 80 meals to Harbour seniors. Delivering meals during the winter months is one service project of our club. We hope you'll come join us! ☐



## Murray Harbour Farmers Market Calendars

Each year, the Murray Harbour Farmers Market produces a calendar comprised of photos submitted to our photo contest. We will be selling the calendars at the "10 Mariner" location during Christmas in the Villages and at Butler's in the time leading up to Christmas. If you can't get to either of those locations, just get in contact with Jackie McNeil Doiron. The cost will be \$20 to \$25 and YES, they will have a hole punched in them. A great Christmas gift for those who live off island! ☐

## Cape Bear Lighthouse

As we approach the holiday season, the members of the Board of Directors for Cape Bear Lighthouse and Marconi Station Inc. would like to say “Happy Holidays” to you, our friends and neighbours.

We had a great season this year and would like to extend our gratitude to all those who supported the lighthouse in 2025. If you took a tour, visited the Signal Shop, participated in one of our summer or fall events, made a donation, had a picnic on our grounds, or just dropped by to say hello you assisted in helping us to celebrate and share Cape Bear Lighthouse and our unique history. We very much appreciate that!

This summer, as part of an ongoing maintenance regime, the lighthouse exterior received a fresh coat of white paint. Window repairs were undertaken and all the dormers and main door got decked out in a bright red colour. A special thank you goes out to the contractors who worked so diligently to complete this work and to the various funders who helped make this project a reality.

Our next project will see upgrades to the Marconi Hall and deck areas throughout the upcoming months. This work will



enable Cape Bear Lighthouse to employ new spaces in some exciting new ways. Stay tuned for updates!

As a non-profit, we are very thankful for your ongoing support. Please join us as we continue our mission to preserve, celebrate, and share Cape Bear Lighthouse. Thank you and Happy 2026!

## Murray Harbour Cemetery

The Board of Directors of the Murray Harbour Cemetery would like to thank everyone who donated to the cemetery in the past year. Every year, it takes about \$10,000 and a lot of volunteer hours to maintain the well-kept condition of our cemetery where our loved ones are laid to rest.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation in memory of a family member or to buy a plot, please contact Glen Hawkins at 902-969-8012 or Lily Baker at the Garage at 902-962-2340. Thank You.



## At the Library

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*  
- Dr. Seuss

Murray Harbour Library is an inclusive hub of learning, culture and connection, and continues to thrive as a vibrant community space, providing free and equitable access to information, and support for lifelong learning.

In addition to the dizzying array of books, DVDs, and games, we have an ever expanding library of things including musical instruments, radon detectors, garden tools, C-pens, launch pads, Yoto players, kobo readers, ice skates, disc golf sets, pickleball sets, cake pans, and book club kits, just to name a few. Your library card is also a gateway to our online digital media via the Libby App where the PEI library service has a terrific array of digital and audio books for use on your devices.

The library continues to support community programs such as the Salvation Army Heating program,

battery recycling, PEI Human Rights Commission Shoe Box Sessions, and the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). CVITP volunteers prepare returns for eligible taxpayers with a low to modest income, so if you missed taking advantage of this great program be sure to be ready to take advantage of it next year during tax season.

And finally, calling all community artists: young, old, professional or amateur! If you are interested in displaying your creative work on top of our stacks, we'd love to see it! Don't be shy! □



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## Church Notices

### **Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church**

*Pastor Aaron Tardif, 902-962-2200*

**Sunday Worship:** 10 am

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7 pm (until the end of June)

**Christmas Concert:** Sunday Dec 21, 10 am

**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 7 - 8 pm

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### **Murray River Baptist Church**

*Pastor Marie Kenny*

**Sunday Worship:** 11 am

**Sunday School:** 9:45 am

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

**Christmas Music:** Dec 12 at 7 pm

**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 7 pm

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### **WellSpring Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am

**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24 at 6:30pm

**Church Carol Sing and Cocoa House:**

Sunday, Dec 7 at 7pm with Rev. Dr.

Lonnie Atkinson and special guest

Norman Stewart. Fellowship and lunch to follow.

**Free Seniors Community Christmas Tea:**

Saturday, Dec 13 from 2 – 4 pm

### **Memorial United Church**

**Sunday Worship:** 10:30 am

**Sunday School:** 10:30 am

**Craft Fair:** Dec 6, 9 am - 2 pm

**Mistletoe Cafe:** Dec 6, 11 am - 1 pm

**Seniors Meals:** Dec 12

**White Gift Service:** Dec 14, 10:30 am

**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 7 pm

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### **Murray Harbour Church of Christ**

*Minister Jason McVicar, 902-962-2714*

**Sunday School:** 10 am

**Church Service:** 11 am

**Christmas Potluck:** Dec 7, 12 pm (after morning service)

**Christmas Concert:** Dec 14, 6:30 pm

**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 6:30 pm

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### **Murray Harbour Baptist Church**

*Colby Stewart, 902-962-3347*

**Sunday School:** 9:45 am

**Sunday Service:** 11 am

**Bible Study:** Tuesdays at 7 pm

**Kidz Klub (Gr K – 6):** Wed, 6 - 7:15 pm

**Woman's Missionary Society:** Every 3rd Thursday at 7 pm

**Night of Christian Christmas Music:** Dec 12 at 7 pm

**Christmas Cantata:** Sunday Dec 21, 11 am

**Christmas Eve Service:** Dec 24, 6 pm




*Thank you*

**See you in June!!**



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