



Spotlight on the East River Valley

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East River Valley Community Development Association

6341 East River West Side Rd. Eureka, NS B0K 1B0

Mission Statement: To promote the sustainability of the East River Valley Communities

Notes from the Chair

Today was Remembrance Day and all news reports tonight indicated a very high attendance around the Maritimes in spite of a blustery wet day. Certainly, the ceremony in Hopewell was well attended.

I heard though that other communities in the Valley were having difficulty fielding organizers for their events and I know that the considerable work required for Hopewell's parade was handled by the same people who have been carrying the ball for years. While a big parade is an impressive event, it makes a lot of sense to have a number of smaller, intimate ceremonies. Thanks to everyone for keeping the tradition alive.

We hope to have a new kitchen installed in the Riverton Hall soon and are working on replacing the oil furnace with a heat pump system this year too. The old building is slowly coming out of its decline and we are pleased to see increasing use of it. For those of you voting on the 26th, you'll have the opportunity to do so there. After the circus that just went on to our south and the exhibition going on in Ottawa, we have to get over the voter fatigue and exercise our franchise.



Join ERVCDA for...A Visit with Santa

Sunday, December 8th

2-4pm

Inside the Riverton Hall

5678 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd. Riverton

We will accommodate visits with Santa outside as well

Stop by for a visit with Santa, choose a book from the Adopt-a-Library program and a candy cane.

Bring a food bank donation to help us collect food items before Christmas.



Riverton Hall Rentals

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Outdoor & Youth Market in Churchville

We hosted another successful Outdoor Rural Fall Market, incorporating a Youth Market on October 5th. This event took place at the Churchville Community Hall and grounds. It was great to see such talent and community coming together to support local.

Thank you to all of the vendors and shoppers for supporting our event.

Thank you to the Churchville Community Hall for this partnership once again.



ERVCD & Plymouth Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Holiday Market

We partnered with the Plymouth Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary on November 2nd for a Christmas Holiday Market at the Plymouth Fire Hall. Over 25 vendors were there to sell their wares. It was a great opportunity for everyone to support local.

50/50 was drawn with Tammy Holley taking home \$109.00.

We thank everyone for their support of this fundraiser for the two groups.

Thank you to Plymouth Fire Ladies Aux. for this continued partnership



Come, Celebrate Advent & Christmas with Our Community of Faith . . .

November 30 Bridgeville - Cookies & Crafts &

Tree Lighting - All Ages - 3:00 pm

December 1 Bridgeville - Song Service - 6:00 pm

December 8 St. Columba 10:00 am

White Gift - Food Bank Collection, & Communion

December 15 Bridgeville 10:00 am

December 22 St. Columba 10:00 am

December 24 Bridgeville 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Song Service

All Welcome!





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St Columba & Bridgeville United Churches

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The Presbyterian Churches of the

East River Pastoral Charge Springville and St. Paul's
More information phone

Sharon MacDonald (902) 923-2336

First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell

Minister Rev. Bonnie Langille 902-396-6266

bonniejcrockett@gmail.com

Sunday School 9am (in hall)

Sunday worship 9:45am

Coffee hour following worship every 1st Sunday

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

WANTED

East River Valley Fire Department

Is looking for new Firefighters

If you are interested, call Kevin

902-923-2893

Or attend our Tuesday Training Meetings

7:00pm at the firehall located at

2020 East River East Side Rd, Bridgeville.

Volunteers Firefighters Wanted

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Volunteer Fire Department Contacts

East River Valley Fire Department:

Kevin Stuart, Chief (H) 902-923-2893

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Eureka and District Fire Department:

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Plymouth Fire Department:

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John Davison, Deputy Chief (H) 902-752-4254

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SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN



Saturday December 14th

6:00-6:15 at Springville Church Hall
6:20-6:35 at Bridgeville Community Hall
6:45-7:00 at Rebecca Hall
7:10-7:25 at St. Paul's Church

Santa Claus will be
joining the East River
Valley Fire Department
for a parade through
the Valley to greet
everyone and hand out
candy to the children.
Merry Christmas!
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of the ERVFD

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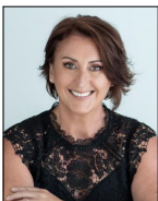


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Email her at spotlight.1@hotmail.com for details.



Lester Ward has the bellies of the Pictou County school kids at the centre of his heart.

The Grand Master's project of the IOOF Grand Lodge of the Atlantic Provinces was to raise money in support of the elementary schools' breakfast program. This is the fifth year fourteen schools in the area, from Tatamagouche to Frank H in Sutherland's River, have received funding. Six people, of which one is Lester Ward, sold tickets to raise money for this project. At first each school was given \$100. Enough money was raised this year to give each school \$200. In order for this to happen \$5600 was raised.

Lester is the town crier for Hopewell and buys candy himself to hand out during the tree lighting. He finds different shaped tree limbs and makes them into walking sticks. In exchange for a stick people give him money to go towards the breakfast program.

In recognition of their efforts, Lester and the others received the King Charles III coronation pin from the office of the Hon. Sean Fraser. Pictou County School children are so fortunate to have a friend in the person of Lester Ward. The East River Valley communities are proud to have Lester in their midst.



Bridgeville Community Hall Christmas Tea

December 14th from 1-3pm

21 Elgin Rd. Bridgeville

\$5 each

Stellarton Men's Choir
will provide entertainment



Meals on Wheels

The East River Valley Community Development Meals on Wheels program has returned after summer hiatus.

Meals are delivered Tuesday & Thursdays, and cost \$8 each.

Most are enough for two meals, as you get soup, roll, entrée and dessert.

You can sign up by phoning
Etta at 902-923-2244.

Thank you to Valley View Villa for preparing our meals and to our volunteer drivers who deliver each week.



Congratulations to District 11 & 12 Councillors

We would like to extend congratulations to our District 11 Councillor Andy Thompson on being re-elected in the recent Municipal elections.

We would like to extend congratulations to District 12 Councillor Chester Dewar on returning to the seat. Chester was acclaimed in the recent election, with no one running against him.

We are pleased to continue our work with both of these wonderful representatives of the East River Valley. Their support to our association and countless others is always appreciated.

To contact Andy phone: 902-754-0101

To contact Chester phone: 902-923-2931

Village of Hopewell Annual Tree Lighting December 1st at 6:30pm.

This event takes place next to the Hopewell Post Office. Refreshments will be served after the lighting at the First Presbyterian Church Hall. Food bank donations are welcomed.



Pictured are residents in Bridgeville who took part in the annual Terry Fox Run.

This event has been taking place in Bridgeville for some time, and new faces are always welcome to join in each September.

Thanks to Joanne MacHardy for submitting this photo.

Important Dates

November 30~ Cookies, Crafts & Tree Lighting at Bridgeville United Church 3pm.

December 1~Christmas Market at Lorne Community Hall 10am-2pm.

December 1~ Village of Hopewell Tree Lighting 6:30pm next to Post Office.

December 8~ Visit with Santa at the Riverton Hall 2-4pm.

December 14~ Bridgeville Community Hall Christmas Tea 1-3pm.

December 14~ Santa with the East River Valley Fire Dept. Starting at 6pm.

February 3~ Newsletter Submission Deadline

Be sure to follow us on Facebook as to not miss out on event details

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