



Spotlight on the East River Valley

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East River Valley Community Development Association

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

Notes from the Chair

In the last newsletters I asked if anyone was interested in the kiosks with historic plaques located in four of our communities, only one response came in so I thought I'd include it:

"In response to Chairman Dave's request for comment on the future of the kiosks I offer the following. The kiosks were installed at considerable expense and offer a unique way of preserving and presenting community history in the East River Valley.

It is regrettable that resources cannot be found to replace the graphic panels especially in view of the fact that the kiosk structures appear to be still in good condition. Assuming that the original artwork for the panels still exists in the custody of John Ashton, an alternative to replacing the panels may be to post their contents on a website or Facebook page (if this has not already been done). They might also be printed in booklet form and sold in the community as a fundraiser. I offer these comments to encourage preservation and public accessibility of the information and images on the panels in some form if it proves impossible to find the resources to replace the panels in the kiosks."

My thanks to Robert Frame for his insightful comments, so, are there other thoughts?

It's good to see the wells filling up again, let's be grateful to all the volunteers who helped protect our valley from the wildfires this summer. And since this is the last "Spotlight" for this year I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe season.

**Christmas Market
Hosted by ERVCDA &
Plymouth Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary**

December 6th
9:30am-12pm
Plymouth Fire Hall
4667 East River East Side Rd. Plymouth
Over 25 Vendors and
Plymouth Fire Ladies Aux. Bake Table
50/50 Draw
Free Admission

**Christmas Ceilidh featuring
The Arisaig Fiddlers**

Sunday, November 30th

6pm
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There was a great turn out at Iona Park on September 14th. Friends of Iona Park Association hosted an end of summer party with BBQ and live music by Heather Cameron and Kenny Stewart.

This park is such a treasure, and it is so nice to see it being used.



Local carver, Andy Ward really has outdone himself with his latest project.

A wooden truck! Pieces of wood from old barn boards and trees lost during Hurricane Fiona make up the entire body of the truck. The Canadian Flag on the back is even carved. It turned heads at our Outdoor Market in Churchville on September 14th.



The Home and School Association (Dr. W. A. MacLeod) is organizing a Staycation Gift Certificate & Products Raffle featuring LOCAL businesses.

The package is valued over \$1500 from the following donors (with more donations arriving daily):

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Irene Rikardsen Sweets

Each student will be sent home with a pack of five tickets to start. Tickets are \$5 each. To add a little fun- the top seller in middle school (grades 7 & 8) and the top seller in grades pp-6 will win a \$50 cash prize plus the top selling class will win a pizza party!

Monies raised will go directly to student activities, such as hearing assistive technology, year end trips, field days and trail clean up.

The draw date will be December 10th, 2025 (in time for Christmas). Please have all tickets and money to the office by December 3rd, 2025! All unsold tickets **MUST** be returned to the office.

Yours truly,

Dr. W.A. MacLeod Home & School Association

Email: DWAM.homeandschool@gmail.com

Happy 80th Birthday on December 26th to
ERVCDA President, David Wilson.



ERVCDA Social Events in the New Year At the Riverton Hall

Sunday January 18

Coffee Social

10am-1pm

Wednesday February 25

Lunch Social

11:30am-1:30pm

DWAM Home and School is hosting a holiday sale for students on December 12th, and are looking for donations of new and used items for students to purchase as gifts for their families.

Items can be dropped off at the school during school hours, or one of the home and school members can pick up. Email:

DWAM.homeandschool@gmail.com

Bridgeville Christmas Tea

November 29th 2-4pm

\$7 per person



Stellarton Men's Choir will be entertaining with Christmas songs and hymns.

Thank you to those who donated treats for our Halloween Social on October 31st.

We also would like to thank the Adopt-a-Library Program for the donated books to give out once again.

It was wonderful to see all the costumes (including some very creative parents).



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The Presbyterian Churches of the

East River Pastoral Charge
Springville Jim Wilson 902-923-2696

St. Paul's Howard Archibald 902-928-2780

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



The Springville Ballfield had its backstop sign unveiled on September 7th, renaming the field after the late Bob MacLean. Bob along with others in the community were stalwart in making the ballfield what it is today. Bob's family (wife Judy, sons Clarence, David, Allister and daughter Mary Ellen along with some of Bob's grandchildren/great grandchildren took part in the unveiling.



Terry Fox Walk Bridgeville

The Annual Terry Fox Walk in Bridgeville was well attended and had some new volunteers take over the event this year. Carly Thompson and Melanie Fraser took over the event this year. Thanks to Edie Green, Kathy Gourd and Gloria Fraser for hosting it for many years.

It was great to see the younger generation participating this year. Thank you to Joanne MacHardy and Carly for submitting photos.

Volunteer Fire Department Contacts

East River Valley Fire Department 2020 East River East Side Rd. Bridgeville:

Kevin Stuart, Chief 902-923-2893

kevinandleisa@hotmail.com

Jason MacIntyre, Deputy Chief 902-759-3588
Tuesday Training Meetings at 7pm

Eureka and District Fire Department 5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd. Eureka:

Hall 902-923-2751

Roger Caddall, Chief 902-759-6526

Brandon MacDonald, Deputy Chief 902-301-6697
Civic signs can be ordered through Cliff Jardine
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Plymouth Fire Department 4667 East River East Side Rd. Plymouth:

Rod Livingstone, Chief
902-396-9161

Wayne VanVeen, Deputy Chief
902-759-2368

plymouthfire13@gmail.com

Monday Training Meetings 7pm

If interested in volunteering at one of the departments reach out today!

Frank Calder is pictured here with his sister Margie in Springville, date unknown. Frank was instrumental in the success of the Carmichael Stewart House Museum, until his passing in 2008. He was born in October of 1925. This photo posted on the museum website, and we thought how lovely it was, that we needed to share.



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From the East River Valley Community Development Association we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

We appreciate everyone who supports our events. Be it donating their time or talents. From cakes to cookies, to candies to books.

From sharing our posts on social media, to sharing our newsletters with those not in the East River Valley catchment.

From delivering meals to meals on wheels clients, to cooking those meals. To other community groups and Government leaders who always offer up their assistance, partnership, wisdom and advice.

We appreciate you all!



**Holiday Market at the
Lorne Community Hall
December 7th 10am-2pm
Vendors, Baked Goods, Lunch & More!**



**Christmas Tree &
Candy Cane Lighting
December 7th 6:30pm
Next to the Hopewell
Post Office**



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No experience necessary, this is just a fun, creative night for kids (parents stay to help)
\$5.00 each (to cover the cost of supplies) Kids can choose a book before leaving as well.

Important Dates

November 29~ Bridgeville Christmas Tea at the Hall 2-4pm

November 30~ Christmas Ceilidh at the Riverton Hall 6pm

December 3~ Kids Craft Night at the Riverton Hall 5-7pm

December 6~ ERVCDA & Plymouth Fire Dept. Annual Christmas Market 9:30am-12pm

December 7~ Holiday Market at the Lorne Hall 10am-2pm

December 7~ Hopewell Christmas Tree & Candy Cane Lighting 6:30pm

January 18~ Coffee Social at the Riverton Hall 10am-1pm

February 9~ March-May Newsletter Deadline

February 25~ Lunch Social at the Riverton Hall 11:30am-1:30pm

Every Monday~ Yoga at the Bridgeville Hall \$10 per person

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