



Spotlight on the East River Valley

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East River Valley Community Development Association

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Notes from the Chair May 2024

Good news for the East River Valley! At a well-attended meeting at the Eureka Fire Hall that was essentially a last-ditch effort championed by Betty and Eric Dwyer to revitalize the Hopewell and Area Recreation Association, the concern that the footbridge would deteriorate to the point that it would have to be removed and the annual Ceilidh would become just a fond memory was obvious. This concern quickly resulted in a new committee being struck that evening. Councillor Chester Dewar expressed the feelings of the attendees in thanking all those who had volunteered their time over the years and wished the new committee the best of luck.

On behalf of the East River Community Development Association, I would like to pass on our best wishes for their success in restoring these assets that play an extremely important role in making the whole East River Valley community what it is.

Hopewell Ceilidh & Footbridge Revitalization

Mark your calendars for the return of the ceilidh on Sunday, August 11th from 2-6pm!!

The Hopewell Ceilidh and Footbridge has always been an important part of the East River Valley and that was evident during the first community meeting on April 15th at the Eureka Fire Hall. Over 60 people came together to show their desire to bring back the ceilidh and help fix the footbridge. A new committee has been formed with interim committee members handing over the reigns.

More work is being discussed and more volunteers are always welcomed to assist with both projects.

To sign up, email Chairman Sean Fraser at

seanfraser76@hotmail.com

A big thank you is extended to former committee members who looked after this community treasure for so many years.

We hope the new committee does you proud!

New Committee: Chair: Sean Fraser
Vice: Adam Fraser
Secretary: Leonard Lowe
Treasurer: Mike Kirby
Directors: Leona Mills-Hall, Nicole Jones, Michelle MacKenzie, Clifford Jardine, Christine Falt, and Jason Ward



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Kara Allen 902-301-0339

Springville-Island Women's Institute hold their monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 1:30pm. New members are welcome. For more information phone Debbie White at 902-923-2416.

For a complete list of community halls with rentals visit our website www.eastrivervalley.ca and click "Community Information" and scroll to Community Centres.



Several groups in the East River Valley recently received acknowledgement at the Municipality of Pictou County/Recreation Pictou County Volunteer Awards night. Pictured are representatives from Springville-Island Women's Institute, Bridgeville Community Centre, Bridgeville Women's Institute, East River Valley Recreation and East River Valley Community Development Association. Awards were held at the Pictou County Wellness Centre on April 16th.



ERV DCA Monthly Meetings

If you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting of the ERV DCA, please call Kara at 902-301-0339 for details.



Hopewell Post Office

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-2pm

Friday 8:00am-1:30pm

Closed from 11-11:30am for lunch all week.

902-923-2710

Clean up in the East River Valley took place in April. A few groups including those in Plymouth, Churchville, Bridgeville Eureka and Hopewell set out to clean our valley. How can we get more involved? How can we stop the littering in the first place? We welcome ideas. If interested in a fall clean up email spotlight.1@hotmail.com



Thank you to Larry Tyldsley and Tina Staplin who coordinated the clean up. His passion for making the East River Valley beautiful is very appreciated.



What events would you like to participate in? Let us know your thoughts. We are always looking for fun new ways to fundraise and have community involvement.

Let Kara know by emailing spotlight.1@hotmail.com or texting 902-301-0339.



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Details at <https://pcfoodbank.ca>

There are also Humble Harvest pantries located in the Town of Westville Library and Town of Trenton Library. More details can be found by searching Humble Harvest N.S on Facebook.

We hosted a 55+ Paint Event on April 7th at the Riverton Hall. With funding from the Community Health Board Grant, we were able to include this in our projects over the past year. A floral painting was the inspiration and everyone in attendance put their own interpretation on it. It was an enjoyable afternoon with relaxing painting and refreshments. We hope to be able to host more paint events in the future, so be sure to watch our social media for details.



We partnered with the Plymouth Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary to host another successful Spring/Mother's Day Market on April 27th.

Thank you to the fire department for this wonderful partnership, that benefits both of our organizations. Thank you to all the diverse vendors who showed up with some amazing products and handmade items. We appreciate everyone who came to support as well.

Winner of the ERVCDA 50/50 was Wilma (Post) Fraser of Lower Sackville, who was home visiting family.





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The Presbyterian Churches of the

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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 Fire Department Contacts

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902-396-9161

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plymouthfire13@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

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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

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firefighter

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John 902-759-0631

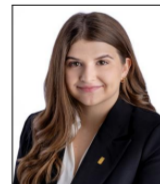
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Garden season!

Each year my family grows a garden. Most things grow. Some don't. Mom includes me in deciding what to grow each year. This year I chose lettuce, peas, beans, carrots, and mint. Peas, beans, and carrots are my favourite, and we plant them every year. The carrots grow into funny shapes. Mom says it's because of the rocks. Each year we save seeds from some of our plants to start next year. We have beans and pea seeds. This year we hope to have onion and leek seeds.

In the spring compost is added to the garden and a broad fork is used to turn the soil. I think a tractor would be fun to have but mom said we don't need one. In the fall we added mulch and straw to the top of the garden to keep the soil from blowing away in the winter wind.

Flowers and herbs grow in our yard, too. This will feed the bees and other pollinators. The herbs get dried and used throughout the winter as teas and seasoning for our food.

As I write this article, I'm waiting for the hummingbirds to return. We put a feeder out and watch them eat and chase each other.

What is in your garden?

Gardening Joke!
I have a bird feeder in the garden.
It also works as a cat feeder!

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Kara can even produce an ad for you, at no extra cost!

Pricing for ads are as follows:
Business card size (2x3) \$30, 1/4 page \$50, 1/2 page \$100, full page \$200
Classifieds (80 letters or less) \$5.

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

Bridgeville Community Hall Events

Chicken Burger Dinner June15th

\$10 each includes chicken burger, potato salad, coleslaw, and a dessert.

First 200 people.

Call Debbie White at 902-923-2416 to order.

The Bridgeville Community Hall hosted a kids Easter Craft Day on March 24th. Lots of fun was had by all of the participants. Thanks to Carly Thompson and her team for hosting a great event in the East River Valley!





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ERVCD A Rural Fall Market

We will be hosting our outdoor rural fall market on Saturday, October 5th from 10am-2pm (rain date Sunday, October 6th).

This will be taking place at the Churchville Hall 1054 Irish Mountain Rd. Churchville.

If you are interested in setting up at your vehicle in the field, please let Kara know by September 9th by calling or texting 902-301-0339 or emailing spotlight.1@hotmail.com

\$10 per vehicle, you must provide your own tables or set-up.

ERVCD A will be selling lunch

Posters will be shared on our social



Meals on Wheels

The East River Valley Meals on Wheels program started in Oct 2015. By the end of December that year 152 meals had gone to seniors' homes. The program has grown from those humble beginnings. In March of 2024 the program had its largest month with 189 meals being delivered to approximately twenty homes. At end April, 2024 residents received 8598 meals since the inception of the program. September saw the first price increase since the program started eight years previously. Clients pay \$8.00 and the meals are delivered in time for supper. Many people tell us they get at least two meals from the soup, roll, main course and dessert.

A strong contingent of volunteers makes this program happen. Drivers usually deliver once a month. Most drivers feel an hour of their time once a month is a small volunteer commitment. Another integral volunteer is Etta Hirtle. Etta is the phone voice for the program. Every Tuesday and Thursday she calls the numbers into the Valley View Villa kitchen (where the meals are prepared) so they know how many extra meals to cook each day. If clients are going to be away from home or for some reason do not need a meal they need to call Etta to relay that information. Etta keeps track of who gets meals so the invoice totals are calculated correctly at the end of each month. Arlene MacGregor coordinates the drivers.

If anyone is interested in ordering meals call Etta at 902-923-2244.

Important Dates

June 15~ Bridgeville Hall Chicken Dinner

June 16~ Father's Day

July 1~ Canada Day

August 6~ Newsletter Deadline

August 11~ Hopewell Ceilidh 2-6pm

For updates visit <https://www.facebook.com/hopewellrec>

September 9~ Deadline to sign up for Rural Fall Market

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

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