



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

About 20 folks attended Detective Constable Dave Bowman and Jillian Horne's very pertinent presentation on email/phone messages scams and other forms of fraud to which we are all now exposed constantly. Although most of us are aware that they are out there, Dave's knowledge and experience in this field pointed out just how all pervading this threat is. Luckily, Arlene, Penny, Alex and Kara had prepared some sweets to take some of the sting out of the information provided.

Thank you, kindly ladies, and especially Dave and Jillian.

It seems to me that there is a need for this type of presentation on many different subjects so bring your ideas please and let's put them into being: the hall is ready to be used by everyone in the East River Valley.

We have some exciting events planned at the Riverton Hall this fall.

We will be posting details in the next newsletter and on our Facebook page. If you would like to get involved in our association to assist in facilitating these events, please reach out.

These events will allow us to highlight the recent renovations to the hall, including our brand new kitchen. They'll allow the community a place to come together and socialize.

You won't want to miss out!

If you have any events you would like to see take place, let us know!

The ERVCA would like to thank the Ground Search and Rescue groups, volunteers and law enforcement who have gone through the difficult searches over the past few weeks in Pictou County.

We know several individuals from the East River Valley are part of these groups. Their tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed.

If you would like to help support the Pictou County Volunteer Ground Search & Rescue group, they graciously accept donations. They have a website you can learn more at <https://www.pictousar.ca/>

There is also a Provincial 50/50, and you can choose our local group to support, found at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/nssar>



Riverton Hall Rentals

A great fully-accessible location to host any celebrations or meetings. \$50 per day.

Weekly rates are also available.

To book the hall please phone Kara Allen 902-301-0339



Our renovated kitchen at the Riverton Hall is the perfect addition to your rental. With our capacity of 45 people, it's the perfect space for small functions.

50-Mile Yard Sale

The 50-Mile Yard Sale is taking place on June 7th in the East River Valley. ERVCDA is selling at the Riverton Hall. If you have items to donate, please drop off on June 6th at the hall 6pm.

If you plan on selling, please let Kara know, so that we can add your address to the list.

spotlight.1@hotmail.com or call/text 902-301-0339.

The list of locations will be posted on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley>

Need Help With Virtual Care Nova Scotia (Maple)? Accessing your Medical Records on YourHealthNS?

Did you know your local library can help? Call Melissa @ 902-759-5227 or email virtualcare@parl.ns.ca



Get the help you need today

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the East River Valley Clean-Up in April. Thank you to Larry for co-ordinating this effort. Do your part all year to keep YOUR East River Valley clean!



Our Spring Market was held on April 5th at the Plymouth Fire Hall in partnership with the Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you for another wonderful event.

50/50 winner was Odessa DeMont





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The East River Valley Recreation in Springville is looking for gently-used toys for their outdoor space at the Springville ballfield.

Ideally, these would be Fisher Price, Little Tikes type of toys to replenish damaged toys.

If you have something you would like to donate, contact Tori at torikeun@gmail.com



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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-2pm

Friday 8:00am-1:30pm

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

902-923-2710

Happy Father's Day
June 15th

We would love to see photos of your gardens as you help beautify the East River Valley.

Flowers make even the most unhappy person smile.

We would love to share your photos on our Facebook page.

Send by email to spotlight.1@hotmail.com, text to 902-301-0339 or send us a direct message on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley



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Primary Registration for Dr. W.A. MacLeod Consolidated School

Please visit the CCRCE.CA website https://www.ccrce.ca/school_information/registrations

- How do I register my child for Primary?
- What school catchment area do I live in?

Visit Bus Planner @ www.ccrce.ca/school_information/bus_information/busplanner to learn about your school catchment area and bus eligibility.

- What do I need to register my child for school?

Children who reside in the province of Nova Scotia and reach the age of five (5) years on or before December 31 are eligible for enrolment in the Primary Program. Within the online registration form (or if you register in person at your school) please have prepared the following documentation:

Nova Scotia Health Card • Birth Certificate • Proof of residency to confirm your school catchment area (e.g. utility bill)

Dr. W.A. MacLeod School's phone number is 902-755-8450.

Also feel free to check out our school website at dwam.ca for up-to-date information!

ERVCDCA hosted a Cyber Fraud/Scam presentation with Detective Constable David Bowman of the New Glasgow Regional Police Major Crime Unit on April 27th at the Riverton Hall. The crowd in attendance learned about dangerous scams, and how to avoid them. Thank you to our presenter for his expertise and to all those who came out.

Thank you to committee members who provided sweets for our refreshments as well.

If you or someone you know have questions about potential scams, don't hesitate to contact the non-emergency numbers below:

Stellarton RCMP 902-755-4141

New Glasgow Police 902-752-1941



Churches in the East River Valley

**The United Churches of the
Hopewell Eureka East River Pastoral Charge**
St Columba & Bridgeville United Churches

Minister Sam Graham 902-921-0137

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

A Worship Celebration Commemorating
the 100th Anniversary of
The United Church of Canada

June 8, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Sharon St. John United Church

33 Acadia Avenue, Stellarton, NS

All are invited to join with United Church
Communities of Faith from Pictou and
Guysborough Counties in honouring 100
years of Deep Spirituality,
Bold Discipleship & Daring Justice

The Service will be followed by a
Reception in the Church Hall.
Please use the Acadia Street
Entrance. Parking is available in the
Nova Scotia Community College
parking lot behind the church.

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.



Volunteer Fire Department Contacts

East River Valley Fire Department:

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

kevinandleisa@hotmail.com

Jason MacIntyre, Deputy Chief 902-759-3588

Eureka and District Fire Department:

Hall 902-923-2751

Roger Caddall, Chief 902-759-6526

Brandon MacDonald, Deputy Chief 902-301-6697

Plymouth Fire Department:

Rod Livingstone, Chief

902-396-9161

Wayne VanVeen, Deputy Chief

902-759-2368

plymouthfire13@gmail.com

Volunteers Firefighters Wanted

Plymouth Fire Department

Is looking for new Firefighters

If interested in becoming a volunteer
firefighter

Call Rod 902-396-9161 or

Wayne 902-759-2368

Or attend our Monday Training Meetings

7:00pm

At the firehall located at

4667 East River East Side Road

Plymouth



Eureka Fire
Department

civic signs that
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Advertising or sharing information in the Spotlight on the East River Valley

September-November 2025 Newsletter Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Contact Kara for advertising opportunities for new and existing businesses!
Our newsletter reaches over 1300 people via Canada Post every 3 months, online on our website and social media pages, and sent out to our community via email.
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.

The Meals on Wheels Program will take it's summer break at the end of June and return in September. If you or someone you know would like to sign up for September's list of clients, contact Alice Cameron at 902-928-0767.

Thank you to everyone who supported this program once again, from clients to volunteer drivers.
We look forward to seeing you all in September.



Products and Services offered:

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Various Home repairs and improvements like exterior paint and siding, deck repair or replacement.

Recently added dump trailer and mini excavator to expand services to include haul away or deliver, spread, dig, grade, ditch, and more.



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THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR EVERYONE
AUGUST 10TH

Parade start 12:45pm
Ceilidh to follow 1-6pm

Music all afternoon
Lots of family fun for everyone including
Bouncy houses
Face Painting
Lawn Games

Food Truck, BBQ & Sweets; most are cash only
Follow our Facebook page for updates & to see music lineup



Hopewell Recreation Association

hopewellrecreation@gmail.com



East River Valley Community Development will be selling cake desserts at this years Hopewell Ceilidh on August 10th.

We are looking for donations of 9x13 cakes. If you are interested in donating a cake, for us to sell as part of our fundraising efforts, please contact us.

We will be meeting to get cakes ready on Saturday August 9th at 6pm at the Riverton Hall. Cake donations can be dropped off at that time.

To donate contact Kara by text or calling 902-301-0339 or by emailing spotlight.1@hotmail.com

Important Dates

June 6~ Yard Sale Donation Drop Off at Riverton Hall 6pm

June 7~ 50-Mile Yard Sale in the East River Valley 8am

June 15~ Father's Day

August 5~ Deadline for September-November Newsletter

August 9~ Hopewell Ceilidh Dessert Drop-Off at Riverton Hall 6pm

August 10~ Hopewell Ceilidh 12pm-6pm

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

www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley