



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

Almost 20 years ago a project to install historical kiosks in Sunny Brae, Churchville. Eureka and Hopewell came to fruition.

The little blue roofed shelters, built to protect the panels have survived well but, unfortunately, the historical panels have fallen into disrepair partly due to age but mostly due to neglect, attempted arson and vandalism. Initial enquires into funding for their refurbishment have not been successful which brings some questions: do they still serve a purpose?

Is there any point in repairing them? Does anyone care?

TWO GREAT MARKETS COMING UP IN THE EAST RIVER VALLEY

Outdoor Rural Fall Market

Sunday, September 14th

9:30am-12pm

Churchville Hall

1054 Irish Mountain Rd.

Holiday Market

Saturday, December 6th

9:30am-12pm

Plymouth Fire Hall

4667 East River East Side Rd.

Sign up to be a vendor at one (or both by calling/texting Kara 902-301-0339 or emailing spotlight.1@hotmail.com

Outdoor Market is \$10 per parking spot/ Youth Market inside \$5 per table

Holiday Market is \$20 per table (only a limited amount of tables available, so don't wait!

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dates



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Thank You

Thank you to Darrell Linthorne for his work on the roof at the Riverton Hall.

Thank you to Sam Fitzpatrick for his work on the Eureka War Monument.

It's great to see that local businesses in the East River Valley are available to get work done!



Hon. Tim Houston
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First Presbyterian Church in Hopewell hosted the Vacation Bible School July 21-25 with 12 children in attendance (ages 4-14).

They collected items for the local SPCA, as well as school supplies for the United Way Backpacks for Kids program. Shown in the photo is Sharon MacKay, who spoke about the work the SPCA does. They collected items and over \$250! Well done, kids!



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"BLINK" and it could be SOLD!



Hopewell Ceilidh

Another fabulous Hopewell Ceilidh took place on a hot August 10th.

The event kicked off with a parade, there was amazing live music and delicious food vendors (including our cake slices!)

Congratulations to the Ceilidh Committee for another great event in the East River Valley.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bake cakes on these hotter than normal summer days. Without you, our fundraiser during the Ceilidh would not have been possible.

We look forward to an even bigger and better event in 2026!



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



The Churchville Hall hosted a Kitchen Party on June 22nd. A wonderful meal prepared by community members kicked off the evening. Fiddle music entertained the crowd. Members from the fiddling group based out of Arisaig drove to our area for the evening to entertain.

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
cliffjardine@hotmail.com

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!

THE FRIENDS OF IONA PARK ASSOCIATION PRESENT

IONA PARK PARTY

RELAX BY THE RIVER!

MUSIC BY HEATHER CAMERON
W/ KENNY STEWART

FREE HOT DOGS & POP

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM.
4157, NS-374, HOPEWELL

A cartoon illustration of a man with a beard and a yellow shirt, wearing an orange apron. He is holding a fork with a hot dog and a spatula. In front of him is a red charcoal grill with flames. To his left are three musical notes (blue, yellow, and pink) and a guitar. The background shows a sun, clouds, and a green field.

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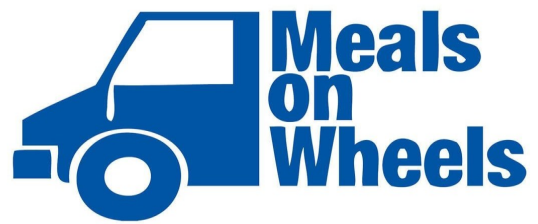
Coffee Social

Join us at the Riverton Hall on
Sunday, October 19th from 8-11am

for a coffee social.

We will be serving coffee, tea, juice and
baked goods and giving everyone an
opportunity to come together.

All are welcome! \$5 per person.



Meals on Wheels is returning after
the summer break.

Meals are \$8 each and delivered
on Tuesday & Thursday, at
supper time by our volunteers.

Meals are prepared at
Valley View Villa.

If you are interested in signing
up for meals this year, please
contact Alice Cameron at
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December 2025-February 2026 Newsletter Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, November 3, 2025

Contact Kara for advertising opportunities for new and existing businesses!
Our newsletter reaches over 1400 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
Classifieds (80 letters or less) \$5.

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

East River Valley Community Development Association Executive:

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Penny Wilson- Treasurer 902-616-0875 ervcdatreasurer@outlook.com

Kara Allen-Secretary/Coordinator 902-301-0339 spotlight.1@hotmail.com

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spacing, and landscaping.

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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.



ERVCD A Crib Tournament

Saturday, November 22nd
6pm

Riverton Hall
5678 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd.
Riverton

\$10 per person

Snacks, prizes & fun!

Pre-register by November 15th
by calling/texting Kara at
902-301-0339 or emailing
spotlight.1@hotmail.com

The Bridgeville Community Hall is hosting
a Chili Dinner in October.

Date and details are being confirmed now.

Keep at eye on our Facebook page, or
contact Debbie at 2twins1979@gmail.com
or 902-923-2416

FREE FOOD HANDLERS COURSE

Early November
(date to be determined)
Limited seats available

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Central and East Community Health
Board.

To register call Mary MacLellan with
Seniors Outreach at 902-752-8400.

November 11th Remembrance Day Services

War Monument at the First Presbyterian Church
Hopewell 4622 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd. Hopewell
10:45am

War Monument in Glencoe
East River East Side Rd. Glencoe
2:30pm

War Monument at the Eureka Fire Hall
5222 Stellarton Trafalgar Rd. Eureka
11am

War Monument in Sunnybrae
East River West Side Rd. Sunnybrae
2pm.

Important Dates

September 14~ Rural Outdoor Market Churchville 9:30am-12pm

September 14~ Iona Park Party 2:30-5pm at Iona Park 4157 Hwy 374 Hopewell

October 19~ Coffee Social at the Riverton Hall 8-11am

November 3~ Deadline for the December-February ERVCDA Newsletter

November 11~ Remembrance Day Services *see list above for times & locations

November 22~ ERVCDA Crib Tournament Riverton Hall 6pm

December 6~ ERVCDA & Plymouth Fire Dept. Annual Christmas Market

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

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