

EAST RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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6341 East River West Side Rd. Eureka B0K 1B0

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



NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Quite a few events are coming up in the valley this season. Building on last year's success in our hall, there will be another Kids Painting Event on the 29th of March and a Spring Crib Tournament on the 11th of April. There will also be a March 1st meeting of representatives of the community associations in the East River Valley, to discuss ways and means of organizing a valley wide Craft Crawl. This signals better cooperation among the Valley's community activities.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

We are beginning a new chapter with our newsletter. You will notice the design has been updated. We hope the new layout is pleasing to read. If there are any suggestions to improve the layout for future newsletters, we welcome emails at spotlight.1@hotmail.com

ERVCD A CRAFT CRAWL MEETING

We will be hosting a meeting to discuss the possibility of hosting a craft crawl in the East River Valley in the spring.

All community organizations, halls and volunteers are invited to attend.

Meeting date: Sunday, March 1st
Time 1-3pm

Location: Riverton Hall

RSVP with Kara to confirm numbers
902-301-0339.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ERVCD A Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Riverton hall.

AGM will begin with light refreshments at 6pm.

Regular monthly meeting to follow.

All are welcome to attend.

If interested in being a committee member contact Kara at 902-301-0339.

We love receiving good news to share.

Send to Kara at spotlight.1@hotmail.com to be included in the next newsletter.

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RIVERTON HALL RENTALS



The Riverton Hall offers a cozy space for gatherings.
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Rentals are available at the Riverton Hall
by contacting Kara at 902-301-0339.

Visit the website for availabilities

<https://eastrivervalley.ca/>

CHURCHVILLE HALL HAPPENINGS

It's been great to see regular events happening at the Churchville Hall over the last year. With monthly kitchen parties on the third Sunday and coffee socials on the third Tuesday of the month, bringing the community together. They also recently took part in the net zero project under the guidance of Councillor Andy Thompson, bringing great changes to the hall, including solar panels to provide power to the hall. They are able to use the hall year round now. With a great group of volunteers, who have succeeded in making this a happening place. Rentals are available by contacting Adele at 902-759-6421. There will be a St. Patrick's Day Irish Hooley on March 15th from 1-4pm. Admission by donation & 50/50. Their first cookie bake-off, on February 7th was a resounding success. 15 contestants made chocolate chips cookies. The hall was full, and people waited patiently for their chance to taste cookies. Bill Munro added to the afternoon with his rendition of "The Cookie Thief". Jane Rozee was cookie champion. Thanks to bakers & tasters!



A large gathering turned out for the Annual Hopewell Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7th. Pictured is Hopewell resident Shirley Gray and her family. Shirley was the honouree who lit the 2025 Christmas tree.



Registration for Pre-Primary and Primary is now open at Dr W.A. MacLeod Consolidated. If you missed the February dates, you can contact the school at 902-755-8450 or by emailing macleanbm@ccrce.ca

Please join us for the

3rd Annual East River Valley Clean-Up

There are so many ways to help make our beautiful valley clean this spring. If you wish to participate you can do so in so many ways! You can organize a clean up on your road or take 30 minutes in late April to walk a bit of your road with a bag and fill it up, get your family out for a clean up, or join me (Larry) for a clean up.

I will join anyone who would like my assistance, as my time permits, or you could talk to me and join me (and my wife) on one of our numerous clean ups.

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ltlydsley@yahoo.ca to let me know what you plan to do (big to very small)

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The Presbyterian Churches of the
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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

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
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Plymouth Fire Department
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Our Kids Christmas Craft Night on December 13th was well attended. The kids and parents enjoyed a variety of craft opportunities, snacks, and hot chocolate. We plan on hosting another event on March 29th at the Riverton hall, from 2-4pm. We will be charging \$5 per person, and will be Easter themed. All ages welcome.

On Tuesday, Feb 3rd, the Churchville Hall hosted a Seniors Wellness Program. The event was a partnership between the Pictou County Community Health Centre and Nova Scotia Health's Mobile Health Unit. A pharmacist and an occupational therapist provided information on a range of health topics relevant to older adults including falls prevention, healthy eating, medicine/prescription reviews, and the importance of exercise and restful sleep. The group also learned about the services offered by the Pictou County Community Health Centre and the Virtual Health Navigator (available through the Pictou Antigonish Regional Library). Volunteers at the Hall provided snacks and lunch, which was appreciated by everyone! For information about the Seniors Wellness Program and Pictou County Community Health Centre, call 902-616-2142.



The Arisaig fiddlers entertained at the Riverton Hall on November 30th. This group of aspiring musicians gave us a mix of Christmas songs and traditional fiddle tunes. We thank them for their talents and sharing their evening with us. We hope they can join us in the East River Valley once again.



**Hon. Tim Houston
MLA for Pictou East**

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HOPEWELL FOOTBRIDGE

It was lovely to see the Hopewell Footbridge decorated so magically for the holidays. Thank you to the group who does this every year. So many people discovered the footbridge this year for the first time, proving it's an important piece of our history.



Congratulations, to District 12 Councillor Chester Dewar on 25 years with the Municipality of Pictou County. He recently received a plaque from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.



ERVCD A PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Partially cooked pizza from Cliffie's Pizza on Main St. in Westville will be available Wednesday, March 25th, with pick up between 5 and 6pm.

Large Pepperoni \$21

or

Large Combo \$27

Pick up locations:

Riverton Hall

Churchville Hall

Please confirm location when pre-ordering

Pre-orders only by phoning/texting Kara at 902-301-0339 by March 20th



Thank you to Sea Sog Coffee Co. for the donation of coffee for the Riverton and Churchville Coffee Socials in January. They have some exciting things happening in Lorne. Check out the story on page 8 for more details.

It's great to work with local businesses in the East River Valley.

ERVCD A CRIB TOURNAMENT

We will be hosting another crib tournament on April 11th beginning at 1pm, at the Riverton Hall.

Teams of 2 (24 teams max).

6 games played, with prizes for top teams.

\$10 per person. \$1.00 non-alcoholic drinks, 50/50 and snacks.

Sign up your team of 2 with Kara by calling/texting 902-301-0339 before April 6th.



Our first crib tournament at the Riverton hall was a great success.

Teams spent the evening competing for top spot, all while meeting community members and enjoying snacks.

We hope the next one will be just as successful!



THE CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE PLYMOUTH FIRE HALL TOOK PLACE ON DECEMBER 6TH. THE SOLD OUT MARKET GAVE EVERYONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP LOCAL.

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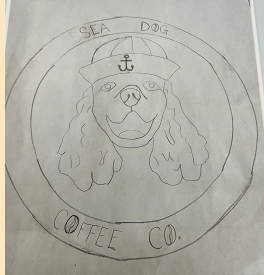
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SEA DOG COFFEE



As you take your first step into Tom and Brenda Mountain's converted barn in Lorne, the aroma of coffee hits your nose. Tom, retired from Michelin and Brenda a retired school teacher, have taken their son Blair's passion for coffee roasting to the East Coast. Blair began roasting in Calgary in 2011, and has now filled his parents free time. With a new Loring Roaster on site they can now have "green" coffee beans shipped to Lorne, roast them on site, and bag them to sell.



60kg bags are shipped from Timor, Indonesia to BC. It is a truly organic bean, grown at high elevations where insects are not a problem, all fair trade by small farmers. With the new roaster, it takes 12-13 minutes at 429 degrees Fahrenheit to roast 10lbs of beans, a 4-minute cool down process, then bagging. Bags sit for 2-4 days to allow gas to escape, otherwise it would be acidic and not very palatable according to Tom. The roaster is propane fed, and very environmentally friendly, with no smoke as the machine incinerates it. It's a true family affair with their 10 year old granddaughter designing the logo for the bags. They have plans to sell at various markets, and hope to get their coffee in local cafes. In the meantime, if you would like to order some you can contact them at

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Tuesday, May 5

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Every third Sunday~ Kitchen Party at the Churchville Hall 1-4pm

Every third Tuesday~ Coffee Social at the Churchville Hall 8-10am

**February 25~ ERVCDA Fundraising Lunch at the Riverton Hall 11:30am-1:30pm
(eat in or take out) \$15 per person.**

March 1~ ERVCDA Craft Crawl Meeting Riverton Hall 1-3pm

March 3~ ERVCDA AGM & Monthly Meeting 6pm at Riverton Hall

March 7~ Hopewell Recreation Association Music Bingo 8pm at Eureka Fire Hall

March 15~ St. Patrick's Irish Hooley at the Churchville Hall 1-4pm.

**March 25~ ERVCDA Pizza Fundraiser 5pm Riverton or Churchville
see page 7 for details**

March 29~ Kids Craft Event at the Riverton Hall 2-4pm \$5 each.

April 5~ Easter

April 11~ ERVCDA Crib Tournament 1pm at Riverton Hall

April 18~ DWAM Music Bingo Fundraiser 7pm at Eureka Fire Hall

May 5~ Newsletter submission deadline for June-August 2026

May 10~ Mother's Day

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