



Community Newsletter

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ARA UPDATE MAY 2024

Annual ARA Spring Bottle Drive: Saturday, May 11 starting at 9:30 am. Please leave your recyclable bottle donations outside near your house (not near the road) as we will not be coming to your door. If we miss your donations along the way, please contact us for a pickup. Thanks to all who continue to generously support the bottle drives, and who take recyclables to our bin between drives.

Kids Craft and Trail Walk: Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 am in the Youth Room (upstairs Community Centre). Come make a fairy/elf door to welcome the fairies and elves to the trail for the summer; and then place them along the trail. Children under 6 should have an adult helper. There is no charge for this activity but please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Nancy at n.webb@dal.ca so we have enough supplies.

Chair Yoga: Fridays, 10:00-11:00 in the Community Centre. Drop-in fee is \$7.00/class – please bring exact change if possible. All are welcome to this fun and ‘user-friendly’ class. No previous experience is necessary. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Pickleball: Thursdays 6-7:30 (note: Wednesday May 8 for that week only) in the Community Centre. Beginner and experienced players are welcome, age 13+. Email Pickleball@BellAliant.net if you have questions or plan to play. If pickleball must be cancelled, players will be notified by email and a notice will be posted on the Community Centre Facebook page. Watch the community center Facebook page on Thursday afternoon to see if we are playing. \$3.00 drop in. All equipment is provided, please wear non-marking sneakers.

Tabletop Gaming: ends on April 29. Thanks to everyone for coming out for an evening of games; and hopefully see you again in the Fall!

PLEASE WATCH BLANDFORD AND COMMUNITY CENTRE FACEBOOK PAGES FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES TO ACTIVITIES.

If any community members have ideas for programs, please contact a member of the Executive – we welcome your ideas and feedback!

ARA executive: Carly LeBlanc 277-1269; Mary Norwood 228-2453, Vicki Schnare 228-2234 (vicki.schnare@bellaliant.net), Nancy Webb 225-2915 (n.webb@dal.ca)

COMMUNITY NEWS

DISTRICT # 1 COMMUNITY CENTRE

BLANDFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE 50/50 RAFFLEBOX



50/50 Rafflebox Tickets – All proceeds go towards the Roof Replacement Fund! Facebook live draws will take place at our Board meetings the first Wednesday of every month.



Next Draw May 1st at 7 pm.

Watch our Facebook page for more information and the link to purchase tickets monthly.

Use the QR code for link to 50/50 Draw.

UPCOMING EVENTS at the Community Centre:

Fundraiser Breakfast – Saturday, May 18th, 9 – 11 am. Eat in or Take Out. Includes eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, beans, hashbrowns, coffee, tea & juice. \$10 each, \$5 kids 10 & under, FREE kids under 3. Cash or debit available.



REMINDER!

The Community Centre park and trails are for everyone to enjoy! Please be cordial in sharing this communal space.

UPPER FIELD RENTAL -

Every Sunday starting Sunday June 1st until September 8th the upper field is rented from 11:30am until 3pm (possibly done earlier or a little later), during this time the upper field for disk golf and other activities is not permitted. Walking trail and lower field are available for use during this time.

Board of Directors Executive for 2024/2025:

Wendy Chase, Chair	902-980-0012	wendychase.ns@gmail.com
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Board Members (2024/2025)

Samantha Murphy, Joanne Walton, Eric Miller, Mary Norwood, Odessa Bezanson, Julie Day

District 1 Blandford Community Centre - 30 Firehall Rd, Blandford, NS B0J 1T0

COMMUNITY NEWS... (continued)

**THE FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE DISTRICT OF BLANDFORD**

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 13, 2024 @7pm

Blandford Community Centre in the Lodge
Ratepayers are welcome to view meetings

*Watch our Facebook page for any updates or changes at
"BLANDFORD & AREA FIRE RESCUE"*

ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING

JUNE 3, 2024

LODGE ROOM @ 7:30pm

Each year there are 2 Commissioners elected—Nominations are open to the floor, candidate must be a ratepayer in Fire District #1. Anyone interested please come to May 13th meeting or contact Wendy Chase for more information.

BLANDFORD & AREA FIRE RESCUE

EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2024

Before having **ANY** outdoor fire; brush fire, grass fire, in a fire pit(camp fire) or any open flame please check the website or call:

www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe

1-855-564-2876

updated daily at 2pm for that day burning restrictions.

For any questions please contact Wendy Chase
Phone: 902-980-0012 ~ Email: blandfordcommission@bellaliant.com

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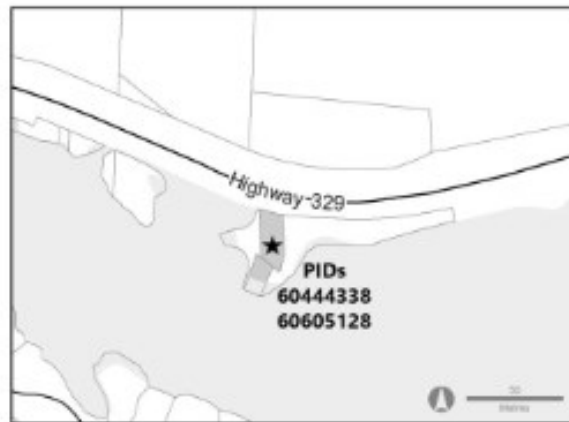
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THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER

**SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Aspotogan Wharf**

Council has deemed the following properties in Aspotogan surplus to the needs of the Municipality: PID#60444338 and PID#60605128 (see map). Council wishes to dispose of these properties and consider other potential locations in the area for public recreational use.



The Municipality is accepting offers to purchase the land at fair market value from interested individuals, partners, or companies.

Please contact Brian Webb, Senior Economic Development Officer at bwebb@chester.ca or 902-275-4147 for further information, including specific details that we will require in order to consider an offer, by May 31.

2024 CHESTER CUT N RUN 5K Walk
5K/10K Run

Sunday, June 2 Chester Area Middle School

COMMUNITY NEWS...(continued)

Heritage Handwork Drop-In at the Blandford Community Centre Lodge Room (side door)

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
Note that last drop in before the summer break will be on Tues May 28th,
starting again in September....Drop-in Fee \$4.00

Bring your hooking, knitting, felting, embroidery, sewing (machine work as well), or any other portable handwork and enjoy the sharing of handwork knowledge.

The coffee is free and plentiful but please bring your own go cup or mug.
Please note also that handwork day is nut-free.

Everyone Welcome!



Community Wheels was established in 2007 to address the transportation needs of residents in the Municipality of the District of Chester and surrounding communities. Since then, we have grown and made a positive impact on our community, allowing for access to regional services. If you or someone you know is in need of transportation assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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Website: communitywheels.ruralrides.ca



COMMUNITY EVENTS

ATHENÆUM SOCIETY
OF NOVA SCOTIA
www.athenaeumns.org

**Nova Scotia's Offshore Wind
Opportunity
Presented by
Sheila Paterson**

The winds off Nova Scotia are strong and consistent and provide the opportunity to harness this resource for our transition to clean energy with net zero emissions while creating a clean energy-based economy.

Sheila Paterson, a chemical engineer with both public service and industrial experience, is Director of Strategic Priorities at the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Renewables. She will provide observations from installed offshore wind in other countries, co-existence of offshore wind with other marine uses and a healthy marine environment. She will outline methods to participate in public engagement and the development opportunities associated with our joint federal-provincial managed offshore.

Sunday, May 12, at 2:30pm
Ocean Swells Community Centre
Northwest Cove, 2726 Hwy 329 (Hwy 103 Exit 6)

All are welcome. Q & A. following.
For more info, call: (902) 476-4465

COMMUNITY EVENTS...(continued)



CGC Gardeners' Sale
May 25th 9-12
noon
The Old Chester Train Station

Fresh Baked Goodies and Coffee For Sale

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| Storm Cast Products | New to You- Tools,Gardening Books,Garden Ornaments |
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| Helping Nature Heal | Brenda Hiltz |
| Trees and Shrubs- David Veinotte | Joanne Jellett |
| Sweet Spot Oceanside Farm | Community Gardens and Seed Library |
| Down To Earth Acres - Laura Baird | - Julia Creighton and Cynthia Myers |

**The Blade Runner will be on hand to Sharpen your Garden Tools, Knives, and Scissors **

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Bring your friends and join us in marking the beginning of another gardening season.

Please bring your own bags to transport your purchases

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Chester Garden Club @ chestergardenclub.ca

COMMUNITY EVENTS...(continued)



Creative Connections!
AA&C 23rd Annual
Art Exhibit & Sale



Saturday, May 11th
Sunday, May 12th
10 am to 5 pm
at the
Blandford Community Centre
30 Firehall Road, Blandford

Free Admission

www.aaandc.org



COMMUNITY NEWS...(continued)

Our Health Centre - Same Day Clinic Schedule for May 2024

Call 1-902-273-2098 starting **30 MINS** before each shift to make a same-day appointment (No Walk ins)

Schedule Subject to Change Please Note: No clinics on Sun, Mon, or Fri 3769 Hwy #3, Chester

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5 PM TO 9 PM	2 9:30 AM TO 1 PM 5 PM TO 9 PM	3 CLOSED	4 9 AM TO 1 PM
7 CLOSED	8 5 PM TO 9 PM	9 9:30 AM TO 1 PM 5 PM TO 9 PM	10 CLOSED	11 9 AM TO 1 PM
14 5 PM TO 9 PM	15 5 PM TO 9 PM	16 5 PM TO 9 PM	17 CLOSED	18 9 AM TO 1 PM
21 5 PM TO 9 PM	22 5 PM TO 9 PM	23 5 PM TO 9 PM	24 CLOSED	25 9 AM TO 1 PM
28 5 PM TO 9 PM	29 5 PM TO 9 PM	30 5 PM TO 9 PM	31 CLOSED	

Update from Seaside April meeting – Claudia Zinck

Spring is in the air. The Seaside came in ones or twos and joined tables with others to hear the most recent news (aka gossip) at its April meeting. Claudia passed out “Planting kits” that the Parish of Blandford and the Hubbards Area Lions Club had assembled. Stories were told of the students at Shatford School growing their lettuce last year. This year we are growing beans because every bean plant takes 10 grams of carbon out of the atmosphere. Happy Earth Day to all!



Then it was time for the “Gift Stealing” game. Two packs of playing cards are used. One pack is distributed to the Seaside. The second deck is used to call out the card numbers. If you have a card that is called, you receive a gift. Once all the available gifts are distributed, you steal a gift from someone in the room. A certain purple wrapping paper was well sought after.

Lunch was served and this month it was Hanni Taylor’s birthday. Sylvia (left) helps Hanni with her cake. The next meeting is May 17th at 7 PM.

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Thank you to all who came and made my birthday so special. It was an awesome day!

Sincerely, Annice Gates

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Aspotogan Ridge Golf Club is now open for the season!

If you are like us, this is the most anticipated time of the year—ready, set, golf! If you are an avid golfer that is anxious to hit the links or new to the game, we hope that you will come check out Aspotogan Ridge.

Golfer or not, you are welcome anytime!



376 Parkwood Drive, Mill Cove (1 km beyond Aspotogan Consolidated Elementary School)
play@aspotoganridge.com 902-857-1333 www.aspotoganridge.com/golf



Aspotogan Heritage Trust

“Investing in Community Visions”

A reminder to 2024 Graduating Students from

Forest Heights Community School or Bay View High School
 living within the boundaries of East River to Black Point
deadline for the Aspotogan Heritage Trust Bursary is May 27, 2024

Applications are available at the school guidance office
 (in-school applications through the guidance departments may have earlier deadlines)

Return applications to the school guidance office or
 E-mail: admin@aspotogan.org
 Drop off: 10 Pte. Richard Green Lane, Hubbards
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Services for the season. All are welcome, saints & sinners, seekers & regulars. Come celebrate with us!

April 21 **All Saints**, 10 am.
 April 28, **St. Cuthbert's**, 10 am
 May 5, **Community Centre Potluck**, 10 am – 1pm
 May 12, **All Saints**, 10 am



May 19, **St. Cuthbert's**, 10 am
 May 26, **All Saints**, 10 am
 June 2, **St. Cuthbert's**, 10 am



This Blooming World



"I wanted a perfect ending. Now I've learned, the hard way, that some poems don't rhyme, and some stories don't have a clear beginning, middle, and end. Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment and making the best of it, without knowing what's going to happen next.

Delicious Ambiguity."

— Gilda Radner —

Spring and uncertainty go together, don't they? Will the squirrels eat all my tulips? Will I have to get another vaccination? Will the roof stay on my house? Will my children leave/return home? Will the porcupine get my dog? And our world constantly pressures us with alarming news of violence and climate disasters, drought in Alberta, floods in the United Arab Emirates.

How do we live with this? People have always had to cope with uncertainty, but suddenly we cannot ignore the ways in which change and disruption are immediately affecting us. It has a lot to do with expectations. We thought our health would last forever. We thought our families would be free of chaos. We thought our institutions were so solid that not even our objections could put a chink in their bricks. All of this has proven to be untrue.

When uncertainty allows us to anticipate and welcome change, we can be less bereft about what has passed. The past can be appreciated as the path that brought us to this time, to this degree of maturity. Instead of a foundation, it can be a lovely and open album, full of memories. For some of us that will mean freedom, and for some of us, that will be terrifying. It is, however, inescapable.

"Have patience with everything that remains unsolved in your heart. ...Live in the question."

— Rainer Maria Rilke, *Letters to a Young Poet* —

As the temperature rises and the earth greens, we send you the blessings and hope of spring. Even if you can't dance, may there be spring in your heart and joy in all you see. May you feel the ocean pulsing in union with you. May you feel the earth energy lifting your feet. May you respond to uncertainty with hopeful anticipation and may you be delighted by all the surprises on your path, as you live beneath the sky, beside the ocean, and over this blooming, becoming world.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Blandford CC Board Mtg 7 pm	2 Pickleball 6 pm Darts 7:30 pm PL	3 Chair yoga 10 am 45's OS 7:00 pm	4
5 Parish Potluck Blandford CC 10 am	6	7 Fire Trg 7pm	8 Pickleball 6 pm	9 Walking 10 am Darts 7:30 pm PL	10 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7:00 pm	11 ARA Bottle Drive 9:30am Arts and Crafts Show Blandford CC 10 am
12 All Saints 10 am Athenaeum OS 2:30 pm Arts and Crafts Show Blandford CC 10 am	13 Fire Mtg 7 pm	14 Heritage Hand- Work 10-4 Fire Trg 7pm	15	16 Pickleball 6 pm Darts 7:30 pm PL	17 Chair Yoga 10 am Seasiders 7 pm 45's OS 7:00pm	18 Breakfast Blandford CC 9-11 am
19 St Cuthbert's 10 am	20 June 2024 Newsletter Deadline	21 Fire Trg 7pm	22	23 Pickleball 6 pm Darts 7:30 pm PL	24 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7:00pm	25 Gardeners' Sale 9 am Chester Train Station Kids Craft and Trail Walk 10 am
26 All Saints 10 am	27	28 Heritage Hand- Work 10-4 Fire Trg 7 pm	29	30 Pickleball 6 pm Darts 7:30 pm PL	31 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7:00pm	PL = Pumper's Lounge, Blandford CC OS = Ocean Swells CC

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