Aspotogan Recreation Association



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ARA UPDATE AUGUST 2024

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 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.

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 902-277-1269; Mary Norwood 202-228-2453, Vicki Schnare 902-228-2234 (vicki.schnare@bellaliant.net), Nancy Webb 902-225-2915 (n.webb@dal.ca), Wendy Clark 902-877-4871 (wendyl.clark@gmail.com)



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 draw will take place on August 7th at 7 pm.



THIS IS OUR LAST DRAW FOR THIS ROUND! SO GET YOUR TICKETS!

Use the QR code for the link to the Draw.

Need to rent a room for an event??!!

A birthday party, wedding, retirement or anniversary event??



Consider the Blandford Community Centre! Events can even be catered! Room rentals are available by contacting Daw

Room rentals are available by contacting Dawn at 902-275-8654 or dawn_liz911@hotmail.com.



For catering for private functions held in the Centre, please contact Mary Norwood at marynorwood@hotmail.ca or 902-277-0944.

Next Board of Directors Meeting is September 4th, 2024 at 7 pm. All meetings are open to the public!



THE HANDCRAFTED SCHOONER WAS DONATED BACK TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BY THE JUNE RAFFLE WINNER!

GRAB IT NOW THROUGH SILENT AUCTION!

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

District 1 Blandford Community Centre - 30 Firehall Rd, Blandford, NS BOJ 1TO



Handcrafted Schooner

The winner of the Schooner Raffle in June generously donated it back to the Community Centre!

It is now up for Auction!



HOW TO PLACE BIDS -

- 1. Email bid to blandfordns@gmail.com
- 2. Drop off written bid to any Board Member
- 3. Written bids can be mailed to the Blandford CC (30 Firehall Rd, Blandford BoJ 1To)

MINIMUM BID OF \$250

BIDS DUE AUGUST 31ST

Roof Fundraiser

THE FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF BLANDFORD

Regular Monthly Meeting August 12, 2024

@ 7pm in the Lodge Room Please use side entrance

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

BLANDFORD & AREA FIRE RESCUE



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

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COMMUNITY NEWS...(continued)



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Community Development Coordinator, Recreation and Parks

Municipality of Chester

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What's Happening This Month?

- Picnic in the Park—Live music every sunny Tuesday Night in Lordly Park 6-8pm
- Chester Bandstand Summer Concerts every Sunday until August 25th 7–8:30 pm. Weather permitting. 3 Parade Square, Chester
- St. Lukes 76th Variety Show. Shore Club Tuesday August 6th @ 7pm
- Watch for the Explore Life Fall brochure coming out September 10th

Community Development Coordinator Update

TRAIL UPDATE

It's been a long year since the Trail closures from the July 2023 floods, but we are excited to announce that the Chester Connection & Aspotogan sections of the Rum Runners Trail are now officially re-opened from Hubbards to Martin's River (except Gold River Bridge). In addition, the Castle Rock Trails are now reopened.



There are sections where trail repairs where made that do not yet have the final crusher dust surface. You may come across some loose, sandy, rocky sections and machinery may be present. Please proceed with caution in these areas.



SUMMER SIZZLER & SANDCASTLE COMPETITION

The Summer Sizzler is back! We hope to see the community come out to participate in some excellent activities at Bayswater Beach! There will be relay races, a freezie eating contest, limbo competition, and a hole digging contest. We will be lending out lots of great beach toys, and we hope you take part in our famous sandcastle competition. Sunday, August 4. Rain date Monday, August 5.

INDOOR WALKING BEGINNING SOON

Grab some comfortable footwear and some water and join community friends and neighbours at District 1 Community Centre in Blandford for the fall session of indoor walking. Sessions will beginning on Monday, October 7 and run until Monday December 16th (no walking on October 14th or November 11th) from 10:00 am—11:00 am.

COMMUNITY NEWS...(continued)



Same Day Clinic - August 2024

Call 1-902-273-2098 starting 30 MINUTES before each shift to make a same day appointment (No Walk ins) *Schedule Is Subject to Change*

August 1st - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

August 8th - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

August 15th - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

August 22nd - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

August 29th - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm



Seasiders Summer 2024 Update - Claudia Zinck

Hello all. I hope summer is treating you well. Like many of you, my summer is full of gardening, visiting and grandbabies. It's that time of year to just enjoy.

The Seasiders don't really slow down, we just don't meet on the third Friday in July or August. We do have our annual picnic at the Bayswater Picnic Park on August 14th, however. We gather around 11 am, play some lawn games and have a chance to visit and chat. Members bring salads and each member gets a burger or fish portion from Sheila's. If it's raining, we will meet back at the community centre. I can't wait to see you all there.

The bus trips continue throughout summer and fall. As usual, we meet for 9 AM at the community centre parking lot. Everyone buys their own lunch but admission to tourist spots are covered by the club. The remaining trips are as follows: August 22nd - Hirtles Beach and Rose Bay; September 26th - Dartmouth Museum; and October 24th - Eastern Passage

Anyone thinking of joining the club should just turn up at 7 PM, September 20th at the community centre when we start our next year. Want to be with us sooner? Just contact our president, Peter Fillmore at peterafillmore@gmail.com



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Golfer or not, you are welcome anytime!

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Aspotogan Heritage Trust wishes everyone a wonderful summer Please support the efforts of the many volunteers who work on behalf of local non-profit groups by taking part in the activities and events happening throughout the region—it is part of what makes this region great!





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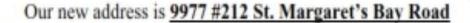




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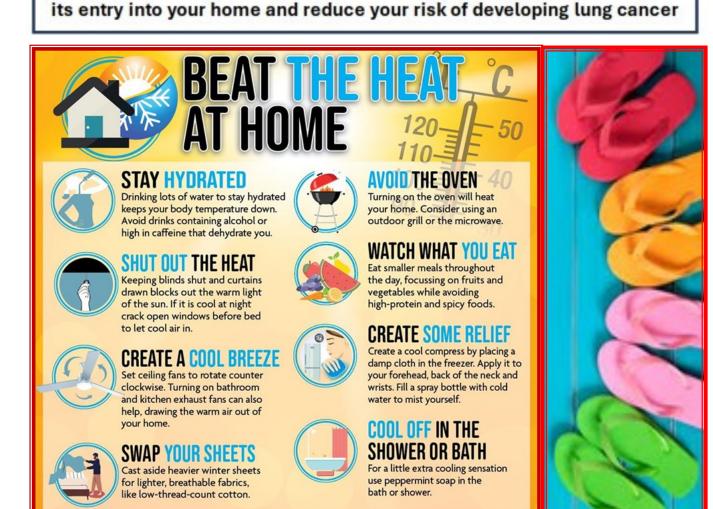
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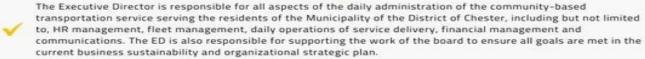
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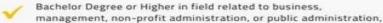
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 Experience in human resources and in stakeholder engagement and cultivating partnerships

 History of volunteering or working for non-profit organizations or community service groups/events

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All are welcome, saints & sinners, seekers & regulars. Come celebrate with us!

August 4, **Blandford Community Centre**, 10 am Family Service with Rev'd Trudy Lebans
August 11, **St. Cuthbert's**, 10 am with Rev'd Trudy Lebans
August 18, **All Saints**, 10 am with Rev'd Trudy Lebans
August 25, **St. Barnabas**, 10 am Morning Prayer with Robert MacMillan
September 1, **St. Cuthbert's Community Centre**, 10 am Family Service with Rev'd Trudy Lebans



Harbour and Home



t is the beginning of harvest season, although we had such a late start to summer. We are so fortunate to live where we do. Of course, there are problems here, too, but there are no earthquakes, no volcanoes erupting, no gangs of violent insurrection, no obvious war. Given the abundance of sea and land around us and the relative peace of our surroundings, we have the time and space to work on the issues that do affect our quality of life: racism, poverty, intimate partner violence, gender discrimination, homelessness.

"It was during those long and lonely years that my hunger for the freedom of my own people became a hunger for the freedom of all people, white and black. I knew as well as I knew anything that the oppressor must be liberated just as surely as the oppressed.... For to be free is not merely to castoff one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others. The true test of our devotion to freedom is just beginning. I have walked that long road to freedom.... But I can rest only for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not yet ended."

- Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom -

We share in that long walk together. For those of us who are Christians, we are reminded in the first letter to the Corinthians (12:26) that, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together."

There is a tradition here of the kitchen party when people bring instruments, food, bodies, and voices to a gathering. Some will be singers, some will be musicians, some will be comical, some will be providers. The ones who come may be family and friends, strangers and those from away — until the songs and dancing begin, until the corn and seafood is cooking, until the stories start. If we could bring that kind of consciousness, that hope of the ever widening circle to our community, there would be only prosperity. In the Anglican Parish of Blandford, that is our dream and if any of you would like to help us, or just come to tell your stories, we would be delighted. Stay tuned for new things happening in September. May the end of summer fill your basket of dreams and may all who are needy find a home and a safe harbour amongst us in this community.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wød	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pickleball 6 pm	2 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7 pm	3
4 Family Service Blandford CC 10 am Summer Siz- zler, Bayswater Beach 12 pm	5 Happy Natal Day!	6 Fire Trg 7pm	7	8 Pickleball 6 pm	9 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7 pm	10
11 St Cuthbert's 10 am	12 Fire Mtg 7 pm	13 Fire Trg 7pm	14 Seasiders Pic- nic, Bayswater Picnic Park 11 am	15 Pickleball 6 pm	16 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7 pm	17
18 All Saints 10 am	19	20 Fire Trg 7 pm Sept 2024 Newsletter Deadline	21	22 Pickleball 6 pm	23 Chair Yoga 10 am 45's OS 7 pm	24
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