

Local MLA's Award Community Grants

Three local area MLA's shared the spotlight recently by announcing various community groups who will receive funding from a number of community grant programs. MLA's were Tom Taggart MLA, Colchester North; Larry Harrison MLA, Colchester Musquodoboit Valley and John A MacDonald MLA, Hants East. A total of 18 grants under ??? programs were announced in mid-March. The programs included: Communities Facilities Improvement Program, Community ACCESS-Ability Program and Recreation Facility Development Grant Program,

The award grants are as follows:

Communities Facilities Improvement Program –

Under the Communities Facilities Improvement Program, applicants will receive support to improve their facilities by enabling important repairs and improvements to the interior and exterior features of their buildings. Through this program, local organizations will continue providing the public access to their facilities and help them maintain a lasting impact for the people in our communities

Tom Taggart, MLA, Colchester North

Bayhead Community Hall Society, Tatamagouche will receive \$6,184.95 for heat pump installation.

Brule Community Centre Association will receive \$10,000 for heat pump installation.

Creamery Square Heritage Centre in Tatamagouche will receive \$31,005 to upgrade washroom entrances.

Earlton Community Centre will receive \$17,550 to replace rotten windows, doors and make exterior repairs

Kempton Community Centre will receive \$15,000 for floor upgrades

Middleton Community Hall Association will receive \$50,000 for a metal roof, siding, and kitchen upgrades.

Tatamagouche Centre (Atlantic Christian Training Centre) will receive \$50,000 for insulation upgrades

Larry Harrison MLA – Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley

Musquodoboit Valley Bicentennial Theatre and Cultural Center is receiving \$3,750 in funding for renovation of the performing arts venue and dressing room.

Upper Musquodoboit Community Association is receiving \$23,070.78 in funding for kitchen upgrades.

John A MacDonald, MLA – Hants East

The Rainbow Community Centre in Kennetcook is receiving \$22,952 for a roof replacement.

The Rising Tides New Horizon Group in Noel is receiving \$4,020.90 to replace windows and to paint the kitchen.

Maitland and District Volunteer Fire Department is receiving \$35,163 in funding for repairs to flooring, installation of heat pumps, and replacement of windows and doors.

Community ACCESS-Ability Program

Investment in local development project originates from the Community ACCESS-Ability Program, which offers cost-shared grants to community groups for capital improvements related to accessibility. Through this program, the funding supports initiatives aimed at enhancing accessibility for individuals with diverse needs.

John A MacDonald, MLA, Hants East

Parish of Christ Church Anglican in Lantz will receive \$45,408 for accessibility upgrades, including elevator, door openers, and washrooms.

The Municipality of East Hants will also receive \$12,943.25 for an accessible/inclusive playground.

Recreation Facility Development Grant Program

With this investment from the Recreation Facility Development Grant Program, not-for-profit groups, Municipalities, and Mi'kmaq Band Councils will receive support as they develop, upgrade, or renovate recreation facilities. Through this program, local organi-

zations will be able to increase access to sport and recreation programming in our communities.

John A MacDonald, MLA, Hants East

The Enfield, Elmsdale and District Lions Club in Enfield will receive \$35,000 for a new pickleball facility.

Recreation Trail Expansion Program:

Larry Harrison MLA – Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley

The Municipality of the County of Colchester will receive \$47,102.51 for Stewiacke River Park Trail Bridge Replacement.

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Economical Efficiency: Budget-Friendly Organizational Tips

By Marjorie McMillian

I hope the tips I offer will be beneficial for parents navigating the daily chaos.

Organization Tips

Balancing work, childcare, and household management as a busy parent intensifies the need for organization without giving in to chaos. Adopting clever, cost-effective organizing hacks transforms overwhelming routines into manageable tasks, instilling calm and control. The Shoreline Journal shares these strategies to streamline your responsibilities, enhance your living space, and increase quality time with loved ones.

Master the Art of Decluttering

Decluttering is more than just a cleaning task; it's a strategy to enhance your home's functionality and aesthetics. Tackle one room at a time, sorting through items to determine what truly adds value to your life. Selling or donating unwanted belongings not only frees up space but also can provide a financial boost or support those in need. Ensure you have sufficient space for any new purchases to avoid clutter and maintain organization in your living or work area. A decluttered home results in a clearer mind, allowing you to focus on what matters most and making day-to-day living less stressful.

Go Paperless with Document Digitization

Consolidate all essential medical and school paperwork into one file for easy access. This method ensures you can find what you need without sifting through endless piles of papers. It saves time, reduces stress, and keeps your important documents in one secure place. You no longer face the frustration of lost or misplaced paperwork. With everything digitally stored, retrieving any document becomes a quick and hassle-free process.

Carve Out Time for Organization

Integrating scheduled organizing sessions into your

weekly routine ensures that tidiness becomes a maintained habit rather than an overwhelming project tackled only when things get out of control. Dedicate time each week to sort through mail, organize living spaces, and plan for the week ahead. Making organization a consistent part of your schedule helps prevent clutter from piling up and keeps your home running smoothly.

Foster Responsibility with Chore Charts

Implementing chore charts for your children not only assists in keeping your home tidy but also instills a sense of responsibility and teamwork. Designate age-appropriate tasks for each child, allowing them to contribute to the household in meaningful ways. This practice teaches valuable life skills and helps distribute the workload among family members, lightening your load and encouraging a collaborative family environment.

Focus on Achievable Organizational Goals

Setting clear, prioritized goals for what you want to accomplish organizationally can provide direction and motivation. Identify key areas that need improvement, such as

streamlining morning routines or creating a more functional kitchen space, and focus on these objectives one at a time. Achieving these goals not only brings a sense of accomplishment but also creates a more harmonious home environment.

Involve Children in Pet Care

Involving older children in pet care responsibilities benefits both your pets and your children. Assigning tasks such as feeding, walking, or grooming teaches children about empathy, responsibility, and time management. This shared responsibility lightens your load and fosters a nurturing relationship between your children and their pets.

Optimize with Clever Storage Solutions

Maximizing storage space in your home can greatly reduce clutter and improve organization. Utilizing clear over-the-door organizers offers a versatile solution for storing a variety of items, from shoes and accessories to cleaning supplies and snacks. These storage options make use of otherwise unused space and keep essential items easily accessible, contributing to a more orderly and efficient home.

For busy parents, achieving a well-organized home might seem like a daunting task, but with the right strategies, it is entirely possible. By incorporating these cost-effective organizing hacks into your daily routine, you can streamline your responsibilities, create a more pleasant living environment, and enjoy the peace of mind that comes with having everything in its place. Embrace these changes, and watch as your home transforms into a bastion of calm and efficiency, allowing you and your family to thrive amid the hustle and bustle of daily life.

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Let's Revive the 90+ Birthday Party

For 10 years, during my ownership of the Shoreline Journal, I organized a Birthday Party for life-long area residents who had reached the milestone of 90+.

They longed to live VLA-19 and we were forced to stop. Now that we are feeling more comfortable about going out in public, **I would like to re-start the birthday party.** Maybe reducing the age requirement to 80.

I'll be contacting local volunteer groups and local churches to assist with pre-registration. I'll start accepting registrations.

Before December 31, 2023, I will need: Complete name; mailing address, date of birth, phone number and email address if available. Further details to be announced later.

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