



Jack & Mary Barley, were married July 18th, 1953. They celebrated their 60th Anniversary on July 20th, surrounded by friends and family, with an Open House at the Debert Hospitality Centre. (Harrington Photo)

## Clear Bag Program Increases Waste Diversion

Colchester Waste Management has been tracking the diversions from landfill to the compost facility since the facility opened in 2006. Here is some local data on the volumes of waste which has been processed at Colchester's Compost facility when the facility started:

**Year 1996** - 2089 metric tonnes were processed.  
**Year 2000** - 3458 metric tonnes were processed  
**Year 2010** - 5456 metric tonnes were processed  
**Year 2011** - 6,737 metric tonnes were processed  
**Year 2012** - 7,254 metric tonnes were processed

**Year 2010 - 11:** Curbside collection from 20,100 households (stats Canada number) all residents have green carts - 3,637 metric tonnes collected curbside - 181 kilograms organics per house  
**Year 2011 - 12:** Curbside collection from 20,729 household - 4,510 metric tones collected curbside - 218 kilograms organics per house. Dramatic increase due to clear bag program.  
**2012 - 13** - not calculated yet.

## "Our residents are really doing a great job" - Darlene Proctor

By Linda Harrington

Statistics Canada recently released information collected from a Composting Study conducted in 2011 which indicated 61% of Canadian households participate in some form of composting, more than double the rate in 1994.

Nova Scotia came out on top, with 94% of the households likely to have composted, second only to PEI with 96%, and far above the next highest provinces of Ontario (75%) and BC (64%).

Nova Scotia has dramatically increased the percentage of households composting, from a low of 19% back in 1994.

The city of Halifax led the Census metropolitan areas from all across Canada, with 93% of households reporting composting either kitchen and/or yard waste.

The Stats Canada report was fabulous news for Darlyne Proctor, Waste Reduction Manager for the Municipality of Colchester. "Our residents are really doing a great job. They have embraced our recycling and composting programs which show they take great pride in their community. The support we receive in "Putting Waste In The Right Place" - has saved us landfill space and created jobs in the recycling, composting and transportation sectors. The local residents and businesses actions help make it all possible. It is wonderful, that Nova Scotians and Prince Edward Islanders efforts are recognized nationally. Sometimes we forget how important it is because we have been doing it for such a long time, 17 years. It is a part of our daily lives. It is hard to believe that it is still



quite new and not even started yet in some parts of Canada," says Darlene.

The Colchester Balefill and Colchester Composting Facility, located at 188 Mingo Road, Kemptown (Exit 18 off Highway 104), are responsible for processing recyclables, organics and garbage generated within Colchester County.

When the compost facility started in 1996, 2089 metric tonnes were processed. There has been a continual increase since then, with 3458 metric tonnes processed in 2000 and 7,254 metric tonnes processed last year, in 2012.

Stats Canada reports for the Municipality of Colchester in 2010-11, there was curbside collection from 20,100 households. All residents in Colchester County were given green carts that year, resulting in 3,637 metric tonnes of organic waste collected curbside, or 181 kilograms of organics per household.

In 2011-12, there was curbside collection from 20,729 households, with 4,510 metric tonnes of organic waste collected curbside, or 218 kilograms of organics per house.

Darlyne Proctor, says the dramatic increase in 2011-12 was due largely to the implementation of the clear bag program. Effective January 1st, 2012, residents, businesses,

## Gem and Mineral Show Returns to Parrsboro, Aug 16-18

By Patricia Burke

Parrsboro continues to have lots of activity this summer, which is a wonderful plus for our town. With the beautiful flowers, gardens and well kept properties is definitely a drawing card for tourists to come to our small town. We have been very fortunate to have Sweet Briar Boutique re open, Black Rock Bistro in the Manning Block and a shop by Katie Henwood in the same block open in the few weeks.

Anyone coming to visit will have a great variation of restaurants and shops to buy just about anything they may want to remember their visit here. On Tuesdays and Fridays

there is a farmers market in Main and Station and on Saturday at the Fundy Geological Museum. Concerts in the Park will continue during the month of August, weather permitting at 7 pm.

Donations appreciated and will be donated to musician's charity of choice. Films for all will take place at "The Hall" on King St. On Wed., Aug. 7 (Haute Cuisine) and on the 21 (Wild Horse Redemption) at 8 pm. The Ottawa House Museum will hold some great events so watch

for their publicity.

The Not since Moses Run will be held on Sat. Aug. 11 in Five Islands. This event brings in hundreds to do the run. A wonderful fundraiser for a small area. The Age of Sail Museum will hold a marathon the same day in our area.

The popular Gem and Mineral Show returns to the Lions Arena from Aug. 16-18. The arena is filled with vendors and workshops and displays. Don't miss it. On Fri. Aug 23, The Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Parrsboro

Golf Club beginning at 10 am. For info call Patricia Burke @ 728-2015 or Brenda Wheaton @ 254-3153.

This is the largest fundraiser that takes place for the hall each year. A donation is also given to the Palliative Care at the Care Centre in Parrsboro. St. Georges Anglican Church will hold a Blueberry Tea at their hall on Sat. Aug. 24. There is much more to see and do in Parrsboro, more than I could ever list in this article. Drop down and see us anytime.

## Church Services & Church Camp

By Christine Urquhart

Church services for the month of August, all at 10am, will be:



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
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August 4 - Glenholme

August 11 - Masstown

August 18 - Debert and

August 25 - Glenholme.

We have a family Church camp called Berwick Camp and the Truro Presbyteral UCW ladies are in charge of the UCW Cookie Cottage at Berwick Camp this year.

I wish to extend a very large THANK YOU to the many ladies who have baked cookies this summer for Berwick Camp week, a total of 800 dozen cookies!

UCW day at Berwick Camp is on Wednesday, July 31st.

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