

Great Village Planning for July 1st Celebrations

BRINGING A COMMUNITY TOGETHER BY BUILDING IDEAS

By Terry Francis

Spring is here and we are all hoping to go out and enjoy the great outdoors. Spring and summer are also great times to meet new neighbours and catch up on what our "old" neighbours are up to. A great way to do this is to make Saturday morning breakfast at the Great Village Farmers Market a regular habit. Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 11:00. Lot's of time to eat, have great conversation with the neighbours and then browse the market.

Our last community meeting has produced more great ideas and plans for the coming months. It was moved that Heather MacKay and Mandi MacRae be sponsored for training through the Tumble Bugs Program which is a program for body basic movement skills

in preparation for gymnastics for ages 3-6. Once they have their training we will be holding Tumble Bug classes.

Plans are in the works for a Dinner in the fall with a Health & Wellness Speaker. Tickets will be presold.

There has been an interest in card games, and we are looking for instructors of Bridge, 45's, Cribbage, etc. Once we have everyone's skills and confidence built up we hope to hold card games this fall and winter.

If you have been up by the ball field on Mill Lane this year you will have seen the great progress that was made. Sign up for Little League has started with already more than 70 children registered between Londonderry field and Great Village field. Congratulations to the Ball Field Committee

for a lot of hard work well done. Watch for posters for upcoming adult ball tournaments as well.

July 1st will soon be upon us and we are looking for people to lend a hand for an hour or two so we can all enjoy the events that day. Please give a call to Heather MacKay or Terry Francis if you can spare some time. It is a good opportunity to get out meet people you don't often have a chance to see, as well as, enjoy the food and entertainment.

We were successful in receiving a grant from the Municipality of Colchester for \$1000 which we are using to purchase 10 tables and another computer for the Community Centre. Many thanks to Council.

We were successful in our application to hire two students for the summer. We have two positions available. The first is for a Program Co-ordinator/Story Telling Facilitator and the second is for a Computer Instructor/Emergency program co-ordinator. The students need to be entering a post-secondary program or already enrolled in one. We will be posting information on the programs and events that will be happening in Great Village in the June issue of the Shoreline as well as on posters and our website <http://www.greatvillage.cobequid.net>.

We will be involved in the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary happening this summer in Great Village and the surrounding area. This is a great opportunity to learn more about this internationally famous poet that lived part of her younger years in Great Village. There will be artists, writers, and musicians from all over coming to Great Village and performing or showcasing their talents as well as dinners and concerts. Let's show community support by getting out and enjoying their talents. It is a good opportunity to invite family and friends from away to "come home" at this time to partake in the festival. More information can be seen at <http://www.elizabeth-bishopns.org>

There was much discussion in environmental issues around our area. One is the Mill Pond on Mill Road which is quickly filling in. If you are interested in becoming part of a project to revamp this area, please let us know. Our Orchard in Great Village has been up to a slow start, but Mandi MacRae has offered to be our Co-ordinator, so watch for information coming out on the adoption of apple trees and events surrounding the Orchard.

Do you have an idea or interest in mind for Great Village. Contact Heather MacKay 668-2501 or Terry Francis 668-2766.



Doreen Howard (left), Registered Holistic Nutritionist and Wellness Coach, was in attendance at the Great Village Community Association's Health and Wellness Day on April 30th. Ellen Carruthers (right), Leader of TOPPS 4623, Bass River was interested in having Doreen make a presentation at one of their meetings. The Health and Wellness Day was a unique opportunity for individuals and groups to network their services. (Harrington Photo)



Polly Tutts (left) and Meg Mooring PT, MCSP, MCPA, Cert MDT of Winnock Physiotherapy discuss some of the services available at their clinic in Parrsboro with Heather MacLeod (right). Physiotherapy, fitness programs, orthopaedic braces, foot assessments and orthotics can all be accessed through Winnock Physiotherapy. Great Village Community Association's Health and Wellness Day was a great opportunity for people to gather information on beneficial health related programs offered locally. (Harrington Photo)



The Great Village Community Association sponsored a Health and Wellness Day on April 30th at the Great Village School Gym. The event included vendors, practitioners, guest speakers and demonstrations such as this Zumba class led by Celeste Chesal. (Harrington Photo)

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

On the evening of May 5, the Londonderry Community Council met for their monthly meeting as well as their annual election of officers. Officers were elected as follows: Peggy Mattix to remain as President; Maxine Richard - Vice President; Ann Spencer - Secretary, and Sally Richard as Treasurer. Amanda Langille agreed to continue the responsibility of hall rental. Becky Rushton brought us up-to-date on the ballfield plans for the summer. A project was discussed of possibly developing some playground facilities near the ball field for small children. Before proceeding, the cost of insurance and proper equipment has to be investigated.

Immediately following the meeting President, Peggy Mattix, presented Reid MacVicar with a gift certificate while Margaret Barnes presented Charlotte with a bouquet of red roses. Reid and Charlotte have moved to Truro after thirteen years of serving our community well. Under Reid's leadership the Community Center was completely renovated and operates successfully to serve our community needs. Reid and Charlotte assured us that they will remain very interested in the Community Center and will help out when needed.

The month of May has cer-

tainly been a wash out, windy and chilly. It seems everyone is struggling just to get their lawns mowed. Planting and yard work are on hold. Although most of us are feeling frustrated because of the poor weather conditions and lack of sunshine - tornadoes, floods and forest fires are not factors in our daily lives here. The natural devastating disasters experienced on our continent lately are just horrible and heart wrenching for thousands of people. Is this and the many other world-wide disasters caused by global warming?

The Council would like to express their sympathy to the family of the late E. Jean Neil formerly of Londonderry. Her children Benny and Dianne attended school here for many years. To Betty Gamble and family on the passing of her sister, Helen Adshade of Port Howe. Our community was saddened by the sudden passing of Elda (Eagles) Adams, wife of David Sr. and mother of Theresa Beazley and David Jr. as well as four grandchildren. A well attended reception was held at the Community Center on May 19 with the full support of our community. Our condolences to all Elda's family.

You may recall that last year Risha-Jaide Rushton was awarded a scholarship to attend the University of

Saskatchewan to study the environment. This year her mother Valerie was recently informed that Risha-Jaide was awarded the SSHRC Joseph Bombardier Masters Competition Grant. Congratulations to Risha-Jaide on her exceptional accomplishments. Your home town is very proud of you. Maxine and Dan Richard enjoyed a weeks vacation in Ottawa recently visiting their two sons and families.

It has been brought to our attention that a group of young people have been hanging around memorial square and treating the property as well as the cenotaph with disrespect. It is very disappointing to learn of this activity. As discussed at our meeting, this type of behavior will not be tolerated by the citizens of this community and if necessary the RCMP will be contacted.

The Council has dissolved for the summer months and will be meeting again in September. Card parties will be finished on May 30. Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries at 668-2300.

Remember our military and their families in prayer.

Great Village Student Job Opportunities

By Terry Francis

We are looking for two students for summer employment for 8 weeks 30 hours per week within June 27 to August 27. Students must have completed Grade XII and be entering or already enrolled in post-secondary education.

Positions will include some evenings and Saturdays. Must have skills in reading text, document usage, working with others, job task planning and organizing, researching.

First position is for a Computer based Instructor/Emergency Program Co-ordinator. \$10.00/hr. Experience in computer programs a necessity. Will be preparing and teaching materials and outlines for courses, develop content and conduct courses, tutoring one-on one, and leading classroom and workshop

courses. Compiling information for Emergency Preparedness program.

The second position is a Program Coordinator and Story-Telling Facilitator \$10.50/hr who will organize programs for children, adults, and seniors, both for recreation and learning activities, such as teen drop in for board games, computer games, reading circles for children/senior participation, crafts. Assist in programs for Farmers's Market Days and development of a tutoring program for September. Coordinate the Program "Story-telling Circle" which involves seniors writing stories about their past in conjunction with a cook-book.

Call Terry Francis 668-2766, 899-0811 or 647-2424 for more information. Applications must be in by June 15.

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