

Bible Hill Events of interest to Seniors and Others

Saturday September 16th

Music Jamboree - 7-9PM Bible Hill Village Hall
Performance by local musicians
Call 902-893-8083 for details

Thursday September 21st

Senior Social - 4-6PM Bible Hill Village Hall
Dancing, music and a light lunch
No RSVP required

Sunday October 15th

Adult Hike - 1:30
Village Court trailhead
Call (902) 893-8083 for details

Thursday October 19th

Senior Social - 4-6PM Bible Hill Village Hall
Dancing, music and a light lunch
No RSVP required

Saturday October 21st

Music Jamboree - 7-9PM Bible Hill Village Hall
Performance by local musicians
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Sunday November 5th

Adult Night Hike
Bible Hill Rec Park Trailhead
Register at Village of Bible Hill - 902-893-8083

Thursday November 16th

Senior Social - 4-6PM Bible Hill Village Hall
Dancing, music and a light lunch
No RSVP required

Saturday November 18th

Music Jamboree - 7-9PM Bible Hill Village Hall
Performance by local musicians
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Little Dyke Residents Not Backing Down

By Maurice Rees

People living near Little Dyke Lake, Colchester County are contemplating an appeal and a judicial review of Environment Minister Iain Rankin's approval of a giant Irving-owned OSCO gravel pit within sight of their shoreline.

On August 24, 2017 the Minister of Environment announced he has approved the undertaking in accordance with Section 13(1)b of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, pursuant to Part IV of the Environment Act. The undertaking has been approved subject to a number of conditions which includes: development and submission of a complaint resolution program to address public concerns; appoint a contact person to handle complaints from the public and form a Community Liaison Committee. Additional conditions include developing and

implementing a Mi'kmaq Communications Plan which will include a process to communicate project details and to seek input from the Mi'kmaq community.

The Glenholme-Little Dyke Residents Association is currently consulting with its lawyers to review its options. Spokesperson Ian MacFadden says the group's members are firmly committed to seeing this through. "We believe the approval process is flawed, and that mistakes have been made in the review of Irving-Osco's proposal," he says. "The province has not followed its own regulations in arriving at its decision last week. Our legal team advises us that we're on firm legal ground as we contemplate a judicial review."

The Ministerial approval came down on August 24th with some restrictions on noise and water monitoring for the

giant gravel pit, but nothing to limit its hours of operation, which are planned for up to 22 hours a day. Other restrictions include distances from watercourses and wetlands; vegetation removal, water surface monitoring, distances for excavation above the maximum water table.

A groundwater monitoring program including location of monitoring wells to determine impacts on groundwater levels and quality. Any flora and fauna to be removed must be done outside normal bird breeding season April 15 - September 1. OSCO must implement an air quality and or dust monitoring program along with a noise management plan which is to be monitored on an ongoing basis.

Work at the site must cease immediately upon discovery of an archaeological site or if artifacts are unearthed.

Conditions laid out in the company's prior approval (in 2007) were not consistently monitored or enforced by the provincial government," says MacFadden. "We've looked for accountability on the part of the government, and we just haven't been able to find it."

Irving-owned Osco Aggregates is planning a 75-acre gravel operation that would extract more than one-million tonnes of material within 500 meters of Little Dyke Lake.

"We submitted a lengthy document to the environment Department detailing the Association's many concerns with the project, including ongoing compliance infractions with existing operations, that otherwise would have gone unnoticed," says MacFadden. "We have no confidence that the government can be relied on to consistently enforce these latest conditions that Minister Rankin has mandated".

September Events at Col-East Hants Public Library

Libraries across the province celebrate Seniors Week in October. Here are some September events taking place at the Truro branch Colchester-East Hants Public Library, which may be of interest to seniors.

Wednesday Movies, Based on True Stories (for all adults)

Wednesday, September 13 at 1:30 pm and Wednesday, September 27 at 1:30 pm

Due to license restrictions, we cannot advertise the name of the movie, but patrons can call the library or check the program guide on our website: <http://lovemylibrary.ca/>

Scrabble (for all adults)

Mondays at 2 pm, starting September 11. Several non-competitive Scrabble games are played with 2 or 3 people, with a rotation each game. Dictionaries and cheat sheets are permitted.

Understanding Dementia

Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 pm

A speaker from the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia will present an overview of dementia, including the 10 warning signs, the importance of early diagnosis, and what we can do to reduce the risk of getting dementia. Questions and answers will follow.

Science Literacy Week

From September 19 - 22, there will be a variety of science programs for adults. Contact 902-895-4183 for more information.

Monthly Matinee (adults 50 and older)

Monday, September 25 at 1:30 pm

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Wentworth UCW Visits Malagash

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth United Church Women (UCW) were planning to have their June annual outing to a restaurant and saw the notice about a United Church buffet supper being held by the Malagash United Church (Minister Rev. Connie McNamara) at the Malagash Community Hall for a cost of \$12 per person.

Members of Wentworth UCW decided giving financial support to another church assuming home cooked food would be the menu and the price was very reasonable that it was a good idea to go there. As it was a friendship outing, UCW members wished to be seated together and phoned to

see if this could be arranged. They were told the church workers would arrange a table setting for them and asked them all to be there at 4 pm.

Coming in to the Malagash Community Hall, we were greeted warmly and seated all together at a table. Our Minister, Rev. Jean Ward, attended with her husband, the Rev. Nigel Weaver, and joined us. As previously thought, the food was home made with sandwiches, casseroles, vegetables, fruits, cakes, pies and assorted drinks. The rhubarb pie I ate was especially delicious. It was a fine meal by the church workers and was supervised under the direction of Jocelyn Dobson.

We had time to chat as we

ate and then seeing that the hall was filling up with many more people, we left to take a pleasant drive home.



Rev. Nigel Weaver, Minister of the Amherst Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church and Rev. Jean Ward, Minister of the Wentworth United Church, enjoy a buffet supper served by members of the Malagash United Church at the Malagash Community Hall. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



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