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The current Eaton Stage

Replacement of Eaton Stage in Eaton Park has been delayed but we still have every expectation the new stage will be ready for July 1st, 2019.

A tender for construction was released last summer with the expectation construction would start in August or September. The tender was unfortunately structured in such a manner as to make it financially difficult for local contractors to bid on it and expensive for large companies to bid on it without adding large additional amounts for contingency expenses. The bids came in significantly larger than the budgeted amount and were rejected. Funding partners met and, with input from the Municipality and the Village Commission, new plans should be available soon so that a new tender can be issued.

The specifications will be changed to make it easier for smaller, more local contractors to bid.



We want to begin by apologizing for the delay in providing information regarding the Pugwash Water Project. We understand this has been a point of concern for many residents and will endeavour to be more timely in providing updates on this project from this point forwards and on a more consistent basis.

We also want to assure you that staff, consultants and contractors are working diligently to complete the commissioning of the system that will provide residents with a safe and reliable water source.

At this point we are currently working on the Pro-

Eaton Stage Replacement Still on Track

Some minor design changes will be made at limited redesign cost. The depth of the stage will be reduced and bench storage area eliminated, the verandah can be added later and additional security doors and windows also eliminated.



Conceptual drawing of new stage. New design changes not shown.

The old stage has been sold and will be removed once the ground freezes. The old signs and giant tam have been salvaged.

Programming will continue for 2019. The Village Office is taking booking for next summer at 902.243.2946.

From: staff

Pugwash Water Project Update

ject Commissioning which is the process of assuring that all systems and components of the system are designed, installed, tested, operated and maintained according to operational requirements. We are experiencing an issue with the level of aeration of the water. Staff, consultants and contractors are working extended hours to remedy the situation.

We would like to thank those users who have installed their connections are ready to receive water and also thank everyone for their patience as we continue the Commissioning.

From: Justin Waugh-Cress, Director of Operations and Engineering

Welcome back to Commissioner Elect, Roger Mundle

After a day long election at the Village Hall on Saturday, December 1st with 108 votes cast, Roger Mundle was declared winner in the by-election for the Pugwash Village Commission.

Roger served on the Commission 2013-16 and was chair for half that time. He will be sworn in as Commissioner at the next regular Village Commission meeting on Monday, December 10th.

Villagers may have noticed our Maintenance/public works employee, Greg Fahie, and our part time helper from Sunset Community, Donnie Allen, with the Village mower and trailer out and about on in the further reaches of the Village. They have been doing a great job picking garbage from roads and ditches outside of the Village core. Please keep an eye out for them as they help keep our Village clean.

There are litter bins in various locations around the Village core. These are for litter, not household garbage.

Thinkers Lodge 2018 - a volunteer's perspective

The 2018 season at Thinkers Lodge was again very rewarding for me as a volunteer. The hired summer students returned to university in the fall and are greatly missed for their amazing energy and talents. Volunteers then fill-in as best we can to welcome visitors who arrive well into the Fall.

This Fall, 378 people signed the visitors' book, bringing the season's total to 1380 signatures. Canada was well represented with visitors from all 10 provinces and the Northwest Territories. People from the USA came from 34 different states. Beyond our North American borders we welcomed guests from 15 countries. The UK, Germany and Australia had the highest numbers of travelers, but the following countries were also represented: Portugal, Switzerland, Slovenia, Brazil, Poland, Netherlands, Scotland, Turkey, France, New Zealand, Ireland, and Costa Rica.

There are often visitors who want to share the positive impact in their lives of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs /Thinkers Lodge. A lady who was first brought by her father to Pugwash in 1961 to see Yuri Gagarin, the Russian cosmonaut who was the first man in space, fondly recalled Gagarin's kind attention to her, a young six-year-old girl.

A gentleman from Warsaw, Poland came in with his wife and son fully aware of the history of Thinkers Lodge, the beginning of a great worldwide organization devoted to peace. He had fled Poland during World War II and after many years became a resident there again. He knew the impact of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs and the extent of this organization reaching well over fifty countries.

It is my belief that we have a responsibility to welcome people here warmly. Some visitors know nothing about Thinkers Lodge or even the fact that there is a Nobel Peace Prize there. They leave in awe of the impact Pugwash has made in the world, in the past and present. It's a great honour for me to spend time with these people.

From: Patsy Cox

New Village Equipment

One of the services the Village of Pugwash provides is snow and ice clearing. From our sidewalks and car parks. This has been contracted out for many years and we were very satisfied with the service provided. However, there are many times a heavy vehicle is required through other parts of the year and, with the snow removal contract expired, it seemed timely to source out a vehicle of our own. We consulted with other Villages and Municipalities to compare with what they use and used that information to issue a tender. The lowest bid came from John Deere and we expect delivery of our new tractor, blower, salt spreader, blade and loader in the next week or so.

There will be a learning curve for our staff and we ask for your patience as our staff take on this new responsibility.

We are deeply grateful to our past contractors for helping us out during the unusually early winter weather we have been experiencing lately while we wait delivery of our new equipment.

From: Staff

Many thanks to Steven and Alexander Russell for the donation of the community Christmas tree. Thanks to Stickman's Forestry Services for cutting and transporting the tree to the old Pugwash train station property where it will be officially lit on Friday, December 6th at 7pm as part of Christmas-by-the-sea. (See also pages 6&7).

Public Information Session Source Water Protection

The Municipality of Cumberland and the Pugwash Wellfield Advisory Committee are holding a public consultation meeting

This session is to discuss the proposed designation of the Pugwash Wellfield Water Recharge Area as a Protected Water Area



Thursday, December 6, 2018 5 - 7pm
Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street, Pugwash

Proposed Regulations available at
cumberlandcounty.ns.ca



Tree Fest III and Christmas Fun Invitation. Communities in Bloom (CIB) invites you, your family, and friends of all ages to enjoy ***Tree Fest III, Saturday, December 1st from 12-2 p.m.*** at Pugwash District High School, 192 Church Street. Enjoy Christmas trees decorated by local businesses and organizations. Come for seasonal entertainment and refreshments. Vote for the People's Choice Award. ***Free event! All welcome!*** Food Bank donations welcome.

Winterscape. CIB is beautifying the village for the winter. Have you noticed the Peace Wreath displayed on the west side of the train station facing the bridge? Ever wonder who designed and hung the wreaths for the bridge, decorated the window boxes at the village hall, library and train station, designed the Cenotaph lighting, and created the Eaton Park display and wreaths? CIB hopes you enjoy the beauty! Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Communities in Bloom (CIB)

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Pugwash is well-known for its high level of volunteerism. This year Communities in Bloom and the Village Commission invited representatives from all 47 volunteer organizations to a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; 52 people attended. The accolades, laughter, and stories of memorable volunteering experiences filled the hall. Thank you, thank you to all volunteers who have enhanced our lives and community!

CIB Fundraiser. For the last 10 years to support its many projects, CIB volunteers decorated homes for Christmas, held plant and tree sales, ran bingos, created memorable calendars, and organized luncheons, among other ventures. Always, the goal has been to serve multiple functions such as fund raising, increasing community spirit and fun, expanding native species of trees, promoting intergenerational contact, etc. This year we decided to go a different route and held a raffle which raised \$8,000. We are deeply grateful for all the support we received!

Carly Clarke won the first prize of \$2000. Second prize of a Garden Consultation with Debbie Cameron was won by four sisters/aunties/daughters: Tracey Murdock, Bonnie McCutcheon,

Heather Legere, and Jessica McCallum.

Litter Cleanup. A reminder to all that litter cleanup is a year round activity, unfortunately. A special shout out to Frankie Ferdinand who last month picked up 12 bags of garbage, 1 bag of refundables, and 1 bag of recycling (boxboard, cardboard, etc.) from the Brickyard Road to Nellie's. Let's make Pugwash pristine in winter too and stop littering.

Circle of Excellence. Pugwash CIB recently received a certificate indicating our standing in the national CIB Circle of Excellence. This honour continues to recognize our 2017 Silver 5 Bloom award and previous wins.

Facebook. Please like Pugwash Communities in Bloom on Facebook! Come join our group 902-243-3454 or 902-257-2468. We're always keen to have new members.

From: Maureen Leahey



Lobster Factory

At the last event of the 2018 season at the Lobster Factory, instructor Anna Jones taught the international students from PDHS how to line-dance.

They also made chicken vegetable soup and delivered containers to seniors in the village, which was much appreciated.

From: Teresa Kewachuk



The Friends of the Pugwash estuary (FOPE) recently hosted a sold-out fund-raising dinner at the Peace Hall. A roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all. The high-light of the evening was the presentation of Honourary Life Memberships to Stephen and Dennice Leahey. Stephen was the creative force behind developing FOPE convincing a group of like-minded individuals to form the organization. He served as the first Chair of the



Board. Stephen has also made significant financial contributions to FOPE. Dennice has also contributed to the success of the organization, taking part in events, organizing very successful silent auctions and assisting with the establishment of the Alice M. Power Environmental Education Fund.

FOPE events continue with an active schedule through the fall. Sunday hikes have gone ahead with just a couple of missed weeks due to bad

FOPE honours founding members

weather. The wind storm in mid November did not spare the FOPE trails. Many hours of volunteer activity were required to clear the blow-downs. Both trails are open again, but we needed snowshoes sooner than expected!

Amy-Lee Kouwenberg from Bird Studies Canada assisted with the Fall Migratory Bird Count in September. Nearly 2000 birds from 46 different species were identified. Anyone interested is encouraged to come out for our next count which is the Christmas Bird Count, 9am at Estuary House on December 27th.

In October, 14 paddlers braved the cool, damp weather for the Fall Colours Flotilla. It was a very pleasant paddle that included exploring Canfield Creek. Two groups of hikers traversed both trails to take in the fall colours on foot. Everyone enjoyed the barbeque at the end of the day.

The siding has been completed on our barn and now the work continues inside to build cradles to store canoes and kayaks.

Members of the FOPE Board have been busy through the fall attending workshops on grant writing, introducing youth to nature and salt-marshes. Information gained from these sessions will be incorporated into programming planned for the spring.

Next FOPE meeting is December 4th at Estuary House starting at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Chair, Betty Hodgson at ejhodgsonca@yahoo.com or phone 902 243 2476.

From: Betty Hodgson

Camp Pagweak is Taking A Winter Rest

from: Ruth Rushton

Although camp is over and 'put to bed for the winter' – the work goes on! It takes many people to keep this camp going and we meet regularly throughout the winter to plan events and take care of business.

We have started advertising for our key positions – Camp Director (6 months), Assistant Director/Promotion, Programs Director and a Camp Cook. If any of these positions interest you please go to the web page for more info and an application. A resume only is required for the camp cook.

Soon we will start advertising for regular staff like Counsellors and Lifeguard. We always need many, many volunteers.

A big thank you to Randy Bonnyman and Gordie Matthews for keeping the camp looking 'spiffy'. We really appreciate all their hard work over the summer and fall! They are indeed our handymen!

Camp Pagweak is a fully accredited camp through CANSPEI – the Camping Association of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island – meeting all the criteria for summer camps.

A big thank you to the Village of Pugwash who supports the camp in so many ways!

Many camp photos have been posted to our web page so please visit www.pagweak.org

Pugwash Village Hall

Winter office hours
Monday to Friday
9am to 1pm
or by appointment

Clerk Treasurer:
Lisa Betts
Phone: **902 243 2946**

e-mail:
villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com

124 Water Street
PO Box 220
Pugwash, NS
BOK 1L0

The Village Hall has space available for a variety of uses and meeting sizes. This is FREE to non-profit groups.

Please call the Clerk to book a time at:
902-243-2946



Pugwash Visitor Information Centre

Winter hours
Closed until April.
Open by chance or by Appointment

Volunteers welcome

Pugwash Village Hall
124 Water Street
902 243 2088



Pugwash & Area Community Health Board (CHB) Corner

From: Joyce Gray

CHB Chair Joyce Gray, Vice-Chair Judy Brogan and Student Rep. Kailey Rushton attended the Biennial Provincial CHB Conference held on 2-3 November in Halifax. Several of the key issues discussed on the first day were: Terms of Reference governing activities of the Council of Chairs was reviewed and adopted.

A presentation on available agricultural resources in NS was presented and the question was asked why NS has the greatest food insecurity in Canada (1 in 5 children). Our proposal to rec-

ommend changes to CHB membership guidelines received broad support.

There were four different break-out sessions during the Conference. Joyce attended the "Board Capacity Building Session". Kailey attended the "How to Communicate to recruits and volunteers". Judy attended a session on "Building Bridges". In addition, each CHB was asked to showcase one aspect of their program. Pugwash & Area CHB constructed a visual presentation of our community's Well-

ness Tent at the Village Farmer's Market that our CHB supported through a Wellness Grant.

Northern Zone (NZ) CHBs were invited to meet with Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) Board of Directors on 28 November in New Glasgow. Due to bad weather, the meeting was postponed to January. Joyce Gray and Springhill, Oxford and Amherst Region (SOAR) CHB Co-chair, Bill Schurman, will do a presentation to the Board on behalf of the ten NZ CHBs.

NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Pamphlets have been placed in public areas within the Village explaining who we are and what we do.

While most of the money raised through our Thrift Shop goes to support North Cumberland Memorial Hospital, we were pleased to present bursaries totaling \$3,000 to five graduating students from PDHS who are continuing their education in a health related field. We also sponsored four youth from the Pugwash area to attend Camp Pagweak for a week this summer. Pictures of our most recent purchases for the hospital can be found on our Facebook page: NCMHA Thrift Shop.

Two Auxiliary members attended the NSAHA Convention and AGM in Dartmouth in October. Guest speaker Dr. Colin Van Zoost did an eye-opening presentation on Walk in Our Shoes - a program providing foot care and other health care to people living on the streets of Halifax. Alyson Hillier stressed the importance of Advance Care Planning. Linda Bird did a presentation on dementias, focusing on what it is like for people dealing with diminishing abilities in the early stages of dementia and how family and friends can help them cope with the new reality.

As most charities are finding, our pool of volunteers is aging and we would welcome new volunteers, especially younger people, to our group. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the Thrift Shop, please contact Helen Cameron at 902-243-2615. Our next monthly meeting will be the first Tuesday of March at 2pm in the Hospital Boardroom.

From: Faye Moore

Nova Scotia Heritage Day Honours Maud Lewis in 2019



A world famous folk artist, Maud Lewis painted scenes that evoke feelings of innocence and child-like exuberance that is as enduring as the spring times she loved to paint. Nova Scotia Heritage Day is Monday, February 11th. heritageday.novascotia.ca

Nova Scotia



Community Access Program

Pugwash C@P Site to Close

After 20 years service, the Pugwash C@P Site is closing down at the end of 2018. The purpose of bringing computer access to residents and visitors is all but redundant at a time when most people own a smart device of some kind. Wi-Fi, a couple of computers and printer will still be available. The space had become increasingly more useful as a Visitor Information Centre in recent years. Thanks go to the many volunteers who have helped at the site over the years. Volunteers and members are welcome to come to the last open day during Christmas-by-the-sea on December 7th.

From: Staff

Christmas-by-the-Sea 2018



Friday, December 7th

- Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery * Holiday sale and Christmas cookies
- C@P site * extended hours * refreshments and free internet
- Cut to the Chase * Giveaways, in store tax free sales
- F & D Service Station * Craft and bake sale 9am-8pm
- Fire Truck Rides * 5-7pm (from the old fire hall)
- GK Pizza * Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works
- Harrison's Building Supplies * Snacks * Prizes with store purchase
- in store draw * For each purchase Spin the Wheel for a prize
- Horton Gallery * Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 6pm.
- KGB - Christmas treat bags
- Langille's Service Centre * draw and refreshments
- Monty's Used Clothing * No sales tax on clothing
- Nelly's Grill and Dairy Bar * Customer ballots for a prize will be drawn
- Northumberland Veterinary Services * Refreshments * 15% discount selected retail items * Customer draw
- NSLC * in store samples for tasting (from 4-7pm) & yummy treats
- O'Brien's PharmaChoice * In store specials * redeem Perks for a chance to win a HDTV. 25% off winter Dawgs footwear, Agiato leggings and giftware novelties
- Pugwash Co-Op * In store specials, refreshments and customer draw.
- BBQ (weather permitting)
- Pugwash Home Hardware * Scratch and Save tickets for savings up to 50% in store purchase
- Pugwash Library * 6 to 7:30pm * Open House * Refreshments
- Pugwash Post Office * Refreshments and draw
- Pugwash Train Station * 7pm * Lighting of the community Christmas tree*
- Pugwash Village Hall * Open House 4-6pm
- Pugwash Village Hall * 5pm to 6:30pm * Santa Claus
- Seagull Pewter * In store specials
- Scotiabank * Refreshments
- Sheryl's Bakery & Café * Customer draw for gift certificate
- The MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant * hot apple cider & Christmas cookies



One Awesome Night

BETHLEHEM LIVE

PUGWASH FARMER'S MARKET

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

- Shepherds to guide the sheep through the village
- Blacksmith working the forge
- Mary and Joseph with the animals in the stable
- Childrens activity
- An 'bin for a warm drink

ALL VISITORS WELCOME

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC

AND TOUR THE RECREATED OLD CITY OF BETHLEHEM!

7 AREA CHURCHES INVOLVED

Pugwash and District High School—basketball games.

All games 5-7pm unless otherwise stipulated.

December		January continued	
5th	Junior boys vs Springhill	30th	Junior girls vs EB Chandler
7&8th	Senior boys home tournament		3:45pm-5pm
11th	Senior Girls vs Tatamagouche	30th	Junior boys vs EB Chandler
17th	Junior girls vs Springhill		
18th	Senior girls vs Hants North	February	
19th	Junior boys vs River Hebert	1st & 2nd	Senior girls home Tournament
January		12th	Senior girls vs Springhill
7th	Junior girls vs Springhill	13th	Junior boys vs Oxford REC
8th	Senior girls vs S.Colch. Academy	15 & 16th	Junior girls home Tournament
21st	Junior girls vs Advocate	19th	Senior girls vs Amherst RHS
22nd	Senior girls vs Amherst RHS		
25 & 26th	Junior boys home tournament		



Christmas-by-the-Sea 2018



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- Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery * In store specials and Christmas cookies
- Communities in Bloom: PDHS Tree Fest
- Cut to the Chase * Giveaways, in store tax free sales
- F & D Service Station * Craft and bake sale 10am-2pm
- GK Pizza * Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works.
- Horton Gallery *Open House. 20% off regular priced items, refreshments, open until 5pm
- KGB - Christmas treat bags
- Langille's Service Centre * Draw and refreshments
- Monty's Used Clothing * No sales tax on clothing
- North Cumberland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop - door prize
- Nelly's Grill and Dairy Bar * Customer ballots for a prize will be drawn
- NSLC * in store samples for tasting (from 1-4pm) & yummy treats
- O'Brien's PharmaChoice * In store specials * redeem Perks for a chance to win a HDTV. 25% off winter Dawgs footwear, Agiato leggings and giftware novelties
- Pugwash Co-Op * In store specials and customer draw. 2-4pm
- Pugwash Farmers' Christmas Market * PDHS * 9am to 1pm
- Pugwash Home Business Expo at the Peace Hall (old Masonic Hall) * 10am-3pm
- Pugwash Legion * starts 1pm *Special treats at the regular cribbage & Chase the Ace games
- Rebecca Silver Spray *starts 10am* Craft and bake sale
- Seagull Pewter * In store specials
- Sheryl's Bakery & Café * Customer draw for gift certificate
- The MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant * hot apple cider & Christmas cookies



Winter Events

December

- 1st Election for Village Commission
- 1st TreeFest (3)
- 1st Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 1st Concert (Camp Pugwash)
- 2nd Hanukkah begins
- 4th FOPE meeting (4)
- 7th Christmas-by-the-sea (6&7)
- 7th One Awesome Night (6)
- 8th Christmas Concert (7th Day)
- 10th Village Commission meeting
- 12th Nutcracker's Holiday Party (8)
- 13th Heritage Fair, Grades 8&9
- 13th Country Christmas (Wallace)
- 14&15th NCCC Turkeyspiel (11)
- 15th President's Reception (9)
- 15th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Boxing Day
- 27th Christmas bird count (4)
- 29th Chase the Ace (9)
- 31st Hogmanay/ New Year's Eve

January

- 1st New Year's Day levee (9)
- 5th Cribbage (9)
- 14th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 19th Cribbage (9)
- 26th Legion Brunch (9)
- 26th Burns Night Dinner
- 27th Legion brunch (8)

February

- 2nd Storm the Mountain (9)
- 2nd Cribbage (9)
- 11th NS Heritage Day
- 12th Science Fair, Grades 7-9
- 16th Cribbage (9)
- 18th Village Commission meeting (12)
- 17th Cribbage (8)

Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

Ladies' Exercise

10-11am Fridays. PDHS. \$5

Badminton

8-10pm Tuesdays. PDHS. FREE

Pickleball

7pm Tuesdays. PDHS. FREE

Walking Group

9:30pm Tuesdays. CEES FREE

9:30am Thursdays. CEES FREE

Toaist Tai Chi

6-8pm Thursdays Peace Hall

Pop-Ups

9-11am. Mondays. CEES. FREE

Chair Yoga with Sara

10:30am Wednesdays. Peace Hall, Pugwash

Local Event Calendars

Facebook

Things to Do in Pugwash
Pugwash Happenings

Municipality

<http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/upcoming-events2.html>

Six Rivers

<http://www.sixrivers.ca/Calendar>

Pugwash Baptist Church

<http://www.hopecentre.ca/Calendar.aspx>

For more details - numbers in brackets refer to newsletter page numbers.



From: Denise Corey, Chief Librarian,

Build It Drop-In

Wednesday, November 28
3:30-4:30pm

Do you like to build? Drop-in for LEGO, giant dominoes, and Kapla planks!

Holiday Open House

Friday, December 7. 6pm-7:30pm
Everyone welcome, refreshments served! Includes:

Holiday Puppet Show, Stories and a Craft from 6pm to 6:45pm.

The Nutcracker's Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 12
3:30-4:30pm Grades P-6

Enter into the magical world of the Sugarplum Fairy, the Rat King, and the brave Nutcracker as you read stories, make crafts, and have tasty treats inspired by a classic holiday tale.

Please call 902-243-3331 for more information.

Check our Calendar of Events on the Cumberland Public Libraries' website to see the other fantastic programs lined up for the winter at cumberland-publiclibraries.ca

Follow us on:
Twitter at @CumberlandPL
Instagram @Cumberland_pl
Facebook

**Pugwash Library
Winter hours
September - June**

Monday: 11am - 4pm
Tuesday: 11am - 4pm
Wednesday: 2pm - 7pm
Thursday: 2pm - 7pm
Friday: noon - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 1pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Phone: 902 243 3331



**Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada**

Girl Guides of Canada is transitioning to a new program called "Girls First" which includes the following areas:

Guide Together – What it means to be part of Guiding in Canada and the global Guiding Movement.

Explore Identities – Discovering the power of their true selves as they develop their confidence and self-esteem.

Build Skills – Providing the building blocks in areas such as financial know-how, and leadership to help girls succeed in life.

Be Well – Physical and mental wellbeing for girls and building healthy relationships.

Experiment and Create – Discovering the world of innovation and creativity.

Connect and Question – Girls discovering the communities and world they live in.

Take Action – Empowering girls to use their voice, put their ideas into action and make a difference.

Thirty-three girls are enrolled in Wallace Girl Guides. Our multi-branch unit has 8 Sparks, 11 Brownies, 8 Guides, and 6 Pathfinders coming from Pugwash, Wallace, Malagash, Tatamagouche, and River John.

The Sparks and Brownies decorated collection boxes for "Coats for Cumberland". Area residents were encouraged to donate gently used or outgrown winter coats and jackets to help those in need. Boxes were located at the Pugwash Co-op and Wallace Ultramar.

Guides and Pathfinders enjoyed decorating a Guiding themed tree for the Tatamagouche Tree Fest while the Sparks and Brownies had lots of fun making ornaments and decorating their tree for the Pugwash Tree Fest.

We will all join together to be in the Wallace Country Christmas Parade.

In October the Guides and Pathfinders had lots of fun camping overnight at Camp Cumberland.

Wendy Lo, a Guider experienced in international travel, visited our group. She shared ideas, activities, and food relating to Sangram, one of the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) World Centres located in India. New opportunities for international Guiding were opened to the girls.

We always welcome more girls to join our group. For more information call Mary Maron, 902-257-2468.

From: Mary Maron

Mixed Palette Art Group



This fun group is a great way to spend Thursday mornings at the Pugwash Village Hall. No fee. Bring your own materials.

There is much to learn and we have lots of laughs.

Seventh Day Adventist Church Christmas Music Series

Christmas Concert at the Camp Pugwash Cafeteria consisting of both secular and sacred music, etc. will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments also being provided.

Sandy Lake Academy MasterPeace Choir & Bell Ringers will present a sacred Christmas Concert in the sanctuary of the Pugwash Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, December 8th at 11am with a light lunch being provided after the concert in the Church Fellowship Room.



PREPARING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21^E SIÈCLE

Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

President's Reception

15th December. 5:30 - 7pm

New Year's Levee

1st January. 11am to 1pm

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

Cribbage. 1pm. \$20 per two person team

Chase the Ace Every other Saturday.

3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win. Next draw is December 1st.

Bingo: Every Wednesday at 7pm.

\$10/person. No bingo January - March.

Saturday Brunch: Last Saturday of the month.

10am to 1pm. Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50.
Next brunch is January 26th.

Canteen: 902.243.2123

Bar hours: 2-6pm

Hall rentals available

New members always welcome.

Pugwash and District Volunteer Fire Department



The Pugwash Fire Department's 50/50 Toonie Draw continues to grow in the community and surrounding areas. We have 10 drop boxes situated at Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Pugwash Home Hardware, Scotia-bank, O'Brien's PharmaChoice, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso, Monty's, Sheryl's Bakery & Café and (for employees only) the Sunset Community.

The draw takes place every Wednesday evening between 6-7pm. Members of the public are welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw.

We are encouraging our registered players to pay in advance by placing bills or cheques in the drop boxes. Remember to tell us your number by applying a yellow sticker. You can also pre-pay by using e-transfers. Our new website is getting plenty of hits, so it would seem people are checking their pre-pay status. The website shows our weekly winners and an up to date list of rules. The home page on the web site shows when it was last updated, which is normally done after the Wednesday night draw, so if you have paid during the week, it won't show up until after the draw. Please check out our site at www.pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca

The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook group page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw. It is published on our new website and also on www.sixrivers.ca website.

If you have any questions you can contact us at pugwashfiretoonie2016@gmail.com and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours. Or you can call 902 243 2600 and leave us a message.

The Pugwash Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support with this fund raising initiative and wish you good luck in the weekly draws.

From: Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief



Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (PGSAR) Prepares to Storm the Mountain

PGSAR is busy planning for our annual Storm the Mountain Adventure Challenge (SMAC) fundraiser. SMAC is a snowshoe orienteering

event we host every year in Wentworth, it's great fun for all skill levels. Our next challenge will be held on February 2nd, 2019. Online registration opens December 1st. See www.stormthemountain.ca for more information and registration.

Our members have also been busy upgrading their First Aid skills and assisting with community events. We have several new members who will be beginning their Searcher training over the next few months. Be on the lookout for our orange vests out around the village.

Meetings are at 61 King Street on Tuesday evenings.

Submitted by Denise Damone



Seasons Greetings from the Pugwash Farmers' Market!

From; Norene Smiley, Market Manager
 pugwashmarket@gmail.com or call: 902.234.2073

With outstanding community support, municipal and federal funding, the Pugwash Farmers' Market had a stellar year. We changed the face of the market and the village streetscape with the new market constructions. This led to increased visitor traffic (approximately 1,000 people during the high season), increased vendor sales (many vendors said this was their best season by far), an upswing in member vendors (up 27.9%) and an outpouring of new ideas for the future. It was invigorating for everyone!

The Pugwash Farmers' Market looks forward to improving the market site and encouraging use of the facility by other community groups in 2019. We are delighted that Bethlehem Live! 2018, a project by all the local church groups, will be using the market structures this year for their Christmas re-enactment on Dec 7, as part of Christmas by the Sea.

The potential for the market site is limitless! Contact us if you have ideas for future collaborations.



Tammi Giffin and Barb Canton of She Shed Selections at the 2017 Christmas Market . Photo Norene Smiley



Hey kids! Did You Send Your Letter to Santa Yet?

It's not too late. Be sure to include your home address and send your letter as soon as possible to:

Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada, HOH OHO and he will write back!

Santa loves to hear about children's favourite jokes, hobbies and school activities. Letters from a school class will receive a package of special seeds sent directly from the North Pole!

Parents and teachers helping children out with their letter writing can find resources at canadapost.ca/santa



Friends of The Margaret King School

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes to all for the coming New Year 2019 from your friends, neighbours and members of the Margaret King School Society.

Our highlight for the year was the honour of having an entry in the book called " Thinkers Lodge: It's History & Legacy " written and self published by Cathy Eaton, granddaughter of Cyrus Eaton. It includes a history of the Margaret King School - some personal interviews with some former students who attended that famous school. There are 176 photos— some in colour and black & white. Two copies of the book have been purchased by the Society and are available to its members for sign out, review and return.

Society membership is \$ 10.00 and welcome to all to come on board.

Pat Briggins, FMKS President
patricia briggin@gmail.com or call 902 - 243 - 3346

Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA)

From: Dianne Elliott

NTPA is a newly registered not-for-profit organization with Diane Burnham as president, Wayne Reid is vice president, secretary is Nancy Burgess and directors are Bob Nogler and Doug Hunt. This is a move from the original association name of Pugwash International Tennis Association (PITA). This change is to reflect the increasingly popular sport of pickleball and that we have regular players from all along the shore, not just Pugwash. Tennis and pickleball are popular in Pugwash with more than 50 people regularly playing and lessons over the summer had over 30 participants.

Our mission is to foster enthusiasm in the sports of tennis and pickleball, to be a welcoming environment, to encourage players of all ages and skill levels to be both good players and good sports through friendship, volunteerism and fun. We also aim to support and improve the local tennis and pickleball facilities and summer programming for the benefit of the community as a whole.

We presented our status and plans to the Village Commission meeting of November 12th, 2018. We wish to work with the Village Commission to promote these sports, to provide pro-

gramming and to identify some long-term strategies around the current Village tennis/pickleball courts which need repair. A quote of \$125,000 to fix them means we need look for band aid fixes to keep the court going until we either find another piece of land for new courts or funding to repair the present courts. We would like to adapt the current courts so that summer pickleball is accommodated.

We have developed a temporary web page at <https://pugwashtennis.wixsite.com/pita>. Please visit and see what a vibrant group we are!

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<http://pugwashvillage.com/index.php/government/village-of-pugwash/it-takes-a-village>

New NCCC Memberships include International Students



Northumberland Community Curling Club (NCCC) started the 2018/19 curling season on October 22nd with a four day Open House when we welcomed the public to come in and try the ice, register for leagues and obtain information regarding our programs. Instruction was available for anyone who wished to try the sport for the first time.

Among the many who came to Open House were 16 International students. Six are now regular attendees of our Junior program under the leadership of Lou White.

Jacqui Russell, the area coordinator of the International Student Program (ISP), informed me that the Pugwash District High School catchment area is hosting 29 international students this season. When asked "why so many in Pugwash" she responded that over the years Pugwash has developed a reputation of being very welcoming both as a community and as a school. The program is always on the look-out for additional host

families. She adds that hosting the international students has brought the world to our rural area. Students have come from several European and Asian countries. It has been a pleasant and learning experience for NCCC to welcome these students to our curling community.

Membership is robust this year with 140 members and associates...and still counting. This includes 13 Introductory Members and 16 attending Learn to Curl.

NCCC held its Introductory Funspiel on November 16th and 17th with sixteen teams competing for bragging rights. Norval Benjamin was the over-all winner. Our next funspiel will be our annual Turkeyspiel scheduled for December 14th and 15th.

The public is always welcome to come and watch curling. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings provide the most action.

From: Hazel Felderhof

Pugwash Village Commissioners: Who are they?

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help decide what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits, a Canadian citizen and be willing to give up a little bit of time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Terms overlap thus elections are held every year for one or two positions.

Bill Martin (902 614 3000) is the Commission Chair and lives on Church Street. Bill is the Pugwash Baptist Church pastor.

Tracey Mundle (902 243 3666) lives on Pugwash Point. And is the Vice Chair of the Commission. Tracey volunteers with a number of organizations, particularly in school age sports.

Charles Gould (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street. Charles is retired from NS Department of Natural Resources.

Roger Mundle (902 243 2042) returns as Commissioner. Roger lives on Water Street and is retired after delivering furnace oil to the area for 28 years.

Carl Purdy (902 243 2124) is retired from the Canada Revenue Agency and now lives on King Street.

Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally held on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Come to the next meeting and find out what is going on in YOUR Village!

Meetings often include special presentations from local organizations and groups, the RCMP or Provincial representatives

If you would like to make a presentation, call the Clerk at 902 243 2946 or email



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**Next Regular
Commission Meetings**
December 10th
January 14th
February 18th

**Meetings start at 7pm
Village Hall Board
Room**

Suggested Contractors for water line hook-up

This is a suggested list only and will be updated as necessary. Go to the village website at for the latest contractors list. Home owners may use the contractor of their choice. The final hook-up will not be made until all connections are checked by the Municipal inspectors.

Kevin Blakeney, Amherst	902 664 7562
Dave Brown, Amherst	902 664 8324
David Campbell, Wallace,	902 957 0441
Michael Cunningham, Pugwash	902 243 2096
Steven Jamieson, Pugwash	902 243 3490
Rob Nepchuk, Gulf Shore	902 243 3076
Kirk Purdy, Pugwash	902 694 3238
Gordon Spicer, Wallace	902 664 4250

Village of Pugwash Merchandise

Gifts and souvenirs from the Village of Pugwash -
World Famous for Peace



Front licence plate \$5



Pens \$5



Lapel pin \$2

Gathering of the
Clans hat \$15



Gathering of the
Clans shirt \$20

Did you know?

That the official Municipal comfort station for Pugwash is the Pugwash Legion on Durham Street?

The Pugwash Fire Station is also set up as a comfort station if required.

Did you know *It Takes a Village* newsletter goes to over 800 local homes and is available at various downtown Pugwash locations? Look for the version number for the most recent printing.



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