

Gearing Up for the 58th Gathering of the Clans

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Volunteer's and Village staff got together over lunch on June 2nd to go over plans for this year's Gathering of the Clans festival. Pictured above: Lisa Betts, Judy Benjamin, Cliff Hutchinson, Cerina Churchill (Festival Coordinator) Linda Langille, Helen Cameron, Meggin King, Mary Ann Jay, Rod Benjamin and Paolo Brenciaglia.

Changing of the Guard at the Village Commission

At the close of nomination Day June 3rd the Clerk had received two nominations for the office of Commissioner. As there were two seats open and only two nominees had been filed both were to be acclaimed Commissioners at a swearing in ceremony at the Village Hall on June 11th. As well there would be no need to hold the election and so that was cancelled as voting had been slated for June 13th.

The two Commissioners that were acclaimed are Danny Brooks who is beginning his second term and David Farley who is joining the Village Commission for the first time.

The Village Commission wishes to thank outgoing Commission Chair Mary Lou Trenholm for her dedication and hard work on the Village Commission over the past year. Mrs. Trenholm acknowledged in her report at this year's AGM that it had been a busy year. Important items like the marketing and beautification projects, new signage, a new playground for Eaton Park, the reconstruction funding for the waterfront along with a successful effort to have Cyrus Eaton Elementary School taken off the list of potential school closures are all major accomplishments of the past year.

The Commission will have many projects and issues in the coming year and appreciates the support and assistance of all the residents of the Village.

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For more info call: **902-243-2946.**

Theme Decided for the Gathering of the Clans

For the past few weeks, the Pugwash Gathering of the Clans was having a contest to decide the theme for this year's festival. There was notice sent out in the Village Newsletter, and also to all members of the facebook group.

Many entries were received and on Monday, June 1st a winner was decided. Tyrel Kaluza came up with "Pugwash- Above and Under The Sea".

Tyrel wins four entry bracelets for July 1st and a sheet of ride tickets for the midway.



Pipes and Drums Competition Returns

The Gathering of the Clans is pleased to announce that the Piping and Drumming Competition is returning for 2009. Please help us welcome all participants from the 78th Highlanders, Dartmouth & District and The College of Piping. The competition will take place on the Eaton Lodge Estate grounds on July 1st immediately following the parade. Special thanks to the Games Steward Rick Crawford, the coordinator and the volunteers for helping to ensure the success of this event.

Rod Benjamin—New Chair of the Village Commission



Rod Benjamin was born and raised in Dartmouth, NS

After graduating from Dartmouth High, Rod received a diploma in Electronics Engineering Technology from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology in Halifax. Following that he completed several technical and administrative courses at the Transport Canada Training Institute at Ottawa and Cornwall Ontario. Rod also completed several business administration courses at the University of New Brunswick through their distant learning program.

Following Rod's graduation from NSIT, he was hired by Transport Canada to serve with the Canadian Coast Guard at their base in Dartmouth. After 5 years with the Coast Guard he transferred to the Transport Canada regional office in Moncton (later to become Nav Canada) where he served as an installation technologist installing ground based radar and navigational aids systems around Atlantic Canada marine stations and airports. From there Rod became the Navaid Maintenance Management Specialist for Atlantic Canada airports. Rod's last two years of employment were as a Technical Operations Coordinator at the Air Traffic Control centre in Riverview, NB from which he retired in 2002. Rod continues to do some contract work in the Air Navigation field with another company part time.

Rod Benjamin was a cottager in Pugwash since the early 1960's. In 1980 he purchased his family's cottage on Water St., Pugwash and immediately following retirement they sold their house in Riverview, NB and moved permanently to Pugwash. The old cottage came down and a house was built on the same spot at the end of Water Street. Rod says that it did bother him for years that he was paying taxes in Pugwash but not able to vote; "My solution to the problem was to move permanently to Pugwash where I now can vote and serve on the Village Commission".

As well as serving on the Pugwash Village Commission, Rod is also involved with the Pugwash Yacht Club as commodore and with the Anglican Parish of Pugwash and River John as a synod delegate.

Rod and his wife – Judy, have 3 children – Jacqueline, Susan and Michael, and 2 grand children – Chase and Oliver. His mother and two brothers live in the Dartmouth area and his father is living in Florida.

We all join in wishing Rod every success as he takes over the reigns at the Village Commission.

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MEALS-ON- WHEELS PUGWASH

Is a service organized and operated by a Volunteer program committee under the sponsorship of the Pugwash Royal Canadian Legion, Branch # 60.

Further information about the service can be obtained by calling the Program Coordinator or any other committee member.

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to Noon and from
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Work to Begin Soon on the Waterfront

Each of the past 3 years has seen an increasing degree of damage to the seawall and walkway in Eaton Park. Costs to repair the washout have escalated from under \$2,000 per year to over \$6,000 last year. In November 2008 two severe storms were accompanied by significant storm surge leaving in their wake significant damage. Repairing the current damage could have run as high as \$30,000. But replacing the pathway to its current height only to be washed away again this fall is not the answer to the problem and is not a sustainable strategy to deal with the growing problem of rising sea levels and increased storm surges along the Northumberland Strait.



The Village Commission has sought funding from other levels of government to make major modifications to the seawall area which will provide for a long term solution to this problem. The Village has secured \$131,000 in funding from the Build Canada Fund which is a partnership between the Federal and Provincial Governments. That funding along with \$50,000 from Cumberland County and the Village's own contribution of \$10-15,000 will allow the seawall to be raised by as much as 3 feet in places and a new hard surfaced walkway installed. Work is expected to be completed before the fall.

Friends of the Pugwash Estuary

Once again the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary have embarked on a busy summer season. The May session of the Community Aquatic Monitoring Program (CAMP) has been completed. Once a month CAMP tests 6 sites along the Estuary, primarily for species and numbers of fish, but also for salinity, oxygen content and presence of algae. A probe to continuously record temperature and a monitor for invasive species have been installed in the harbour.

Jill Rushton, summer student, started work on June 1. Jill has a BA in Environmental Science and is enrolled in Cartology Certificate Program at NSCC. Jill's key responsibilities are to develop a map of the Pugwash River Watershed, map specific land parcels owned by the Nature Conservancy, and plan a number of habitat restoration projects on streams that flow into the Pugwash River. Other plans include a float and information booth on July 1, estuary tours during HarbourFest, a canoe/kayak flotilla down the river, and a photo contest. Jill can be reached at friendsofthepugwashestuary@hotmail.com

This year the Friends have teamed up with Communities in Bloom (CIB) and acquired funding from the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corp (NSYCC) to hire 2 students for July and August. These students will work half time with Jill on the Estuary and half time with CIB on Village beautification projects. Meet all 3 students at the Canada Day booth.

Gospel In The Park

Sundays at 3 PM
In Eaton Park

July 12
Children's Day
Shining Light
From Halifax

July 19
Truro Concert Band

August 9
Gospel Harmony
Bluegrass Band
From Jeddore

August 16
Gladness Band
From Halifax

The Pugwash Peace Exchange News

This summer, the Pugwash Peace Exchange will be welcoming some of the brightest young minds in the world. From July 9-11, we will be hosting an International Student/Young Pugwash workshop, where a dozen international youth leaders will meet to determine ISYP's direction, to develop strategies for a sustainable youth peace network and to lay the groundwork for a major youth conference in Pugwash in 2010.



During this time, the PPE will also be hosting a visit from over 50 Canadian youth who are participating in the Shad Valley program. This program is for high-potential students, and builds on an academic foundation of mathematics, science, engineering, and entrepreneurship to develop intellectual excellence.

There will be public events taking place during this workshop, and we are looking forward to our friends in the community meeting these bright young individuals and hearing their ideas.

One public event will be our 4th annual Dinner of Peace, on July 11th. Our guest speaker for this lobster dinner will be Talatbek Masadykov, Chief of the Political Affairs Unit for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA.) As well, we will have a special guest with a local connection. Nova Scotia-born, world-renowned soprano Barbara Hannigan (daughter of Tatamagouche resident and PPE member Ed Hannigan) will be gracing our stage with some selections from her vast repertoire.

Tickets for the dinner are now available! Information about other workshop events will soon be available, so keep your eye on the newspapers and watch for posters around the village, or contact us at 243-2328 or visit us at www.pugwashpeaceexchange.org.

Cape Cod Wood Siding Percherons are Coming to Pugwash



The Gathering of the Clans is pleased to announce that Harrison's Home Hardware Building Centre has managed to arrange for the Cap Cod Wood Siding Percherons to be in Pugwash for the 2009 Gathering of the Clans.

This 8 in hand team are arriving on June 30 and will be on display for the public to view in the evening at the parking lot for the Pugwash Library on Durham St. They will be in the parade the next morning, and back on display for the day.

These horses have been competing for 14 years. They have won the 6 horse hitch 53 times, second place 19 times and third place 7 times. They are also a 5 time winner of the North American All Breeds Classic Series, 2 time winner of the World Percheron Congress, 5 time winner of the National Percheron Show, 2 time winner of the Calgary Stampede Percheron Show, and 3 time winner of the All Breeds Show at the Toronto Royal Winter Fair.

The history of the Percherons and Cape Cod Wood Siding began in the 1930's when Hedley Creelman started the business. The Percherons were part of the workforce, hauling logs to the mills. Today, they are the ambassadors for Cape Cod Wood Siding.

The 2009 Gathering of the Clans would like to thank Harrison's Home Hardware Building Centres for their support in bringing this beautiful team to Pugwash!



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Don't Leave Garbage Behind!

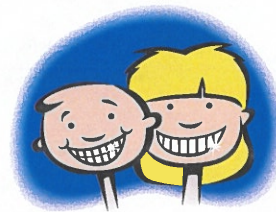
Signs will be installed on all garbage and recycling bins placed around the Village this year which bear the warning that those bins are for litter and recyclables only and not for household garbage or bagged garbage from vehicles. Violators will be fined if identified.

This measure comes after many incidents last summer and fall where bags of household garbage were dumped off in Eaton Park and other locations around the Village. Cumberland County has provided for curbside collection of garbage including all cottage lanes from May to September.

Anyone who sees a vehicle unloading garbage where it should not be is asked to call the Village Clerk (243-2946) who will alert the RCMP. The Village Commission thanks everyone for helping to keep our Village clean and attractive for residents and visitors.

Camp Pagweak is Still Going & Growing after 65 Years!

Camp Pagweak and the Village of Pugwash have been together for 65 years! It is nothing new to hear children's laughter and shouts coming from across the harbour and into the village on a hot, summer's afternoon! It's remarkable to note just how many people have attended Camp Pagweak since it started in 1944!



This Camp is owned by the Atlantic Convention Baptist Churches of Cumberland, Colchester & Pictou Counties. Located on 18½ acres of scenic, oceanfront property on Route 6 just outside the Village of Pugwash on the Sunrise Trail, its purpose is to give young people an opportunity to experience God's love by having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Camp Pagweak has taken on a strong spiritual focus while providing a fun time for children of all ages! This year Camp Pagweak is offering 8 weeks of camping under the leadership of Jason Burke. Many volunteers join the staff at the Camp to make each week a special time.

From June 29th to Aug. 22nd, camps include Music, Crafts, Sports, a Family Camp, a Leadership Camp, Variety and a Teen Blast Camp. Younger campers ages 6 - 9 can participate in Day Camp. There is something for every age group, all centered on experiencing God's love. This year we have undertaken a huge, new wash house project, a new cabin, a new basketball court, we will be purchasing a new commercial dishwasher and we are very proud of the Pagweak Chapel. Wow! We are growing... and growing.

Many children never have the opportunity of attending Camp, but you can make this happen! Churches of all denominations, community organizations and individuals sponsor children each year to attend Camp Pagweak - what a gift! And guess what! These children keep coming back year after year. Last year 124 children were sponsored by various organizations and individuals. Kids can't wait to return to Camp Pagweak to play Capture the Flag, participate in water games, enjoy hay rides, the ropes course, paintball or get reacquainted with Ed's Alley! Nutritious meals, campfires and beach scavenger hunts are also a big part of Camp.

Most of the camps are expected to fill up quickly, so be sure to get your registration in early!

~ Memories, great friendships, fun and God's love are all experienced at Camp Pagweak! ~

Further info contact: Ruth Rushton, Camp Registrar
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Visit our Web Site: www.pagweak.com



Find updated information @ www.pugwashharbourfest.ca

2009 Schedule of Events

July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd

*The fastest Tall Ships will arrive from Picton Thursday evening, July 30th
and some will stay beyond Sunday, August 2nd*

These Events Happen Every Festival Day - Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Time	Event	Location
8:00 AM	The Tall Ships - 7 Tall Ships will be gracing the Harbour	"Pride of Baltimore" "Fair Jeanne" "Mist of Avalon" "Picton Castle" "Roseway" "Sea Rover" "TBA" - new ship yet to be named
TBA	Public Viewing and Boarding of Tall Ships	Windsor Salt Plant Wharf
11:30 AM - 8:30 PM	Beer and Wine Tent	Eaton Park
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Beer and Wine Tent	Eaton Park
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Mixed Palette Art Show & Sale	Pugwash Village Hall
All Day	Buskers (local and CFA's)	Windsor Salt Plant Wharf
TBA	Lobster Suppers	Seitel's Antiques
All Day	HarbourFest Food, Craft and Vendor's Mart	Water Street

*** Visit www.tallshipsnovascotia.ca
for photos and specific info about these ships*

Friday, July 31st - Specific Day Events plus every day events listed above

TBA	Opening Ceremonies and Reception	TBA
Afternoon	Puppet Show and Children's Activity Area	Pugwash Library
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Lobster Supper - Sugar Babe (bluegrass)	Pugwash Legion
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	MARK HAINES	Main Stage - Eaton Park

Saturday, Aug 1st - Specific Day Events plus every day events listed above

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Across the Harbour Golf Challenge	Adjacent to Dingy Beach
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Beach Volleyball for Adults and Children	Eaton Park
6:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Pancake and Sausage Breakfast	Pugwash Fire Hall
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Estuary Tours	Pugwash Yacht Club Floating Wharf
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Washers Registration and Tournament	Eaton Park
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	MUSIC - TBA	Main Stage - Eaton Park
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	2009 NS Arm Wrestling Championships	TBA
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Family Pork Bar-B-Q In The Park	Eaton Park
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Lobster Races	Windsor Salt Plant Wharf
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	JOHN GRACIE	Main Stage - Eaton Park
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	NS Arm Wrestling Championship Matches	Main Stage - Eaton Park
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	KILLACK	Main Stage - Eaton Park
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM	Firemen's Nautical Dance	Pugwash Regional High School

Sunday, Aug 2nd - Specific Day Events plus every day events listed above

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Canoe/Kayak Registration and Race	Seagull Pewter Parking Lot
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Power Boat Registration and Rally	Chase's Lobster Pound Wharf
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Sand Castle Competition	Crescent Beach
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	JANET MCGARRY AND WILDWOOD	Main Stage - Eaton Park
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Dory Relay Races Across Harbour	Harbour Front
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Family Pork Bar-B-Q In The Park	Eaton Park
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Family Raft Racing (build and race)	Crescent Beach to Dingy Beach
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Closing Activities and Awards	Eaton Park Stage





WANT-

It's not too late to get involved with this year's Gathering of the Clans Festival.

Festival Coordinator Cerina Churchill is looking for Volunteers to help mount this year's Gathering of the Clans Festival. You will have fun while gaining valuable planning and organization experience preparing for the largest festival in Northern Nova Scotia.

You can help out with the psychic fair, the pipes and drums competition or the highland dancing competition and much more...

For more information
Contact: Cerina
Churchill 243-3538



The Northumberland Community Curling Club

The most exciting news from NCCC this quarter is that over-the-house cameras and monitors for the lounge have been ordered and will be installed this summer. Come October you will be able to have a clear view of each of the three houses at the far end of the ice while sitting in the lounge. There will be no room for dispute over which rock is closest to the center. This addition to our club is in part due to a generous pledge from Union Local 823 of the Canadian Salt Company. NCCC wishes to extend their sincere thanks to union members.



Once again NCCC has decided to enter a float in the July 1st parade. In the last three years we have won two firsts and a second in the non-commercial category. At the moment we are scratching our heads to come up with another winning idea to do credit to the theme, *Pugwash- above and under the sea.*

Harbourfest will be a busy time for volunteers from NCCC. For the third year we will be running a beer tent on the waterfront. It is our intention to make the tent a welcoming and comfortable venue for cooling off and watching the tall ships at close range. Come and enjoy our hospitality anytime from 11:00 a.m. until dark on July 31, Aug. 1 & after 12:00 on Aug. 2.

Did you get your ticket? NCCC is having another fund-raising raffle this year. First prize is a Toyota Corolla or \$20,000.00 cash. Second prize is \$3,000.00 and third prize is \$1,000.00. Ten \$100.00 prizes will be drawn during the evening and returned to the draw for a chance at the one of the BIG prizes. Saturday, September 12 is the big 3D night with a dinner and dance (tickets \$25.00 each) and the drawing of tickets. Our 3D event (Dinner, Draw and Dance) was *the* event of the season last year and we expect it to be even better this year. Don't miss out. Buy your ticket ...available from club members for \$100.00 each..

Friends of the Margaret King School

The Friends of the Margaret King School Society have made significant progress in the development of Phase 1 of our three phase project. The sprucing up of the existing structure has almost been completed thanks to a huge effort of many volunteers working under the direction of our project manager George Gillis.



Also thanks to the support of our Municipal Representative Al Gillis and endorsements from the Village Commission and the Pugwash Peace Exchange we were able to receive Municipal financial support in the amount of \$3,000. towards the completion of Phase 1 and some startup on Phase 2 (a permanent monument to the Margaret King and Doherty Creek schools).

We have also applied for additional funding from the Eaton Foundation which will go towards completing Phase 2 and Phase 3, permanent interpretive panels on Pugwash Junction Road. These panels will document the histories of Cyrus Eaton as a young man, Margaret King, the Margaret King School, the Doherty Creek School as well as that of Pugwash Junction.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who have donated time, materials and plants over the last couple of weeks. Remember, the School's - and our Society's motto : " Together We Achieve the Extraordinary!" -and we are doing just that.


This baby can have babies of her own.....



Most people don't know that a cat can have her first litter at the age of five months, and just one litter means that five more good homes must be found! That is why there are so many strays, and why our shelters are full of cats. Do your cat, and everyone, a favour...

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