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## Congratulations ..... to our young people

### Jenna Cottrill



High School Grade 12 student, Jenna Cottrill, was named one of Canada's five top teen philanthropists by Mackenzie Investments of Toronto for her volunteer work with God's littlest Angels (GLA) in Haiti. Along with this honour Jenna received \$500 for her designated charity and a \$500 scholarship.

Over the past two years, Jenna has volunteered for a total of six weeks at an orphanage and clinic in Haiti where she worked with children in an effort to strengthen their development skills. Jenna raised funds by creating and selling both bookmarks and cards made from pictures drawn by some of the children who live at the orphanages she visited. Her creations are available for sale at [godslittlestangelsstore.com](http://godslittlestangelsstore.com)

From Chignecto Regional School Board website

## Division 4 Champions Pugwash Panthers

The Pugwash boys won the 2013 provincial championship. The team went undefeated in division 4 boys for 2013 and won the Northumberland regional banner and the Provincial banner for the school and community. Records show that this is the first undefeated season for boys basketball in the school's history. The boys in the regular season were undefeated in division 3 beating the provincial division 3 champions, Shelburne Rebels.

In the Regional final in Truro, Pugwash defeated Colchester Christian Academy for the banner 77-55. In the provincial 3 games, Pugwash defeated Fountain Academy 92-65, Colchester Academy 80-64 and in the championship Pugwash defeated hosts, Ecole du Sommet, 66-58 in a defensive battle.

I would like to thanks everyone for attending the provincials in Halifax. We had a great group of fans that cheered us on. Thank you to the Pugwash Co-op , the Village Commission, Scotiabank and the Salt mine for their support over the years. It takes a lot of work and dedication from lots of people to win any championship. For the boys to win both 2012 and 2013 provincial titles and have one loss in the two years has been a very impressive run. I would like to wish graduating players Nick Stevens and Bruce Eddy all the best. I hope we can count on the continued support of the community as we look forward to the 2013-14 season starting next November.

**Vince Pye, coach**

See also photo on Page 10

## Master Plan Report: Multi Purpose Centre

Over the last two years, the Multi-purpose Centre Action Committee has worked with various representatives from CREDA and the Municipality of Cumberland County to develop a strategic plan, look at possible sites, arrange for funding and hire an architectural firm to, in consultation with the community, develop a Conceptual Design and Business management Model for the Multi-purpose Centre. This process has unfortunately met frequent delays. We had hoped to have completed our consultation with Ron Burdock and associates of WHW Architects by this point, but due to several changes in the liaisons appointed by CREDA and changes in the scope of the original project, there were some concerns by the original funding partners that needed to be addressed. The end result of these delays have meant that the funding deadlines have lapsed and will need to be applied for again. We are assured that the money will be there when we do and that this project is still looked at favourably by all levels of government.

The good news is that, with the departure of CREDA and the reorganization of the regional development associations in the province in March, this project will not fall through the cracks. We have been assured that the county will now be the lead on the project. In March our new liaison will follow through with the reapplication for funding process. As we have done all the preliminary work on that, this should be expedited. We are hopeful that the project will move forward now that the county has taken the reins.

Elaine Cook & Norene Smiley, Co-Chairs



## Master Plan Report: WATER SUPPLY INVESTIGATION

by Ron Patterson

Commencing January 16th, six test wells were drilled in the Pugwash River area. Between Feb 27th and March 3 a 72 hour pump test was carried out on one of the wells at a rate of 85 gallons per minute. The pumping well along with two nearby observation wells were monitored for draw down. Water quality samples we taken from both the pumping and observation wells. The results of the program to date are promising but we will continue our exploration program later this spring as we attempt to find a site that will provide both the quantity and quality of drinking water we will need to supply the needs of the Village of Pugwash.



**Our Mission:** To represent and unite the professional community members of Greater Pugwash as a business leadership organization focused on building community capacity and supporting sustainable growth to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our area.

**The Area We Serve:** The PACC serves and offers value to the Village of Pugwash and associated communities, (EG. West Pugwash), the Gulf Shore, Port Howe, Linden, Shinimacas, Northport, Wallace, Malagash, and Wentworth. The intention of the organization is to fill that gap between the Amherst Chamber boundaries and Tatamagouche in an inclusive manner.

**Who Are Our Members:** Business & professional organizations and individuals from all sectors - retail, service, manufacturing, tourism, etc. are members of the Chamber. The cost to join the Chamber is tax deductible and varies in accordance with the size of your firm between \$25 - \$250.

**Why Should You Join?** Among other benefits, the PACC publishes the very successful "Business Directory" brochure which is a quick reference list of ads and text listings for local businesses used by residents and cottagers each summer. PACC members are given priority for inclusion and special rates over non-members. **Sales for the 2013 edition start in March, so join today!**

Contact Kathy Redmond anytime for more info: [pugwashpacc@bellaliant.net](mailto:pugwashpacc@bellaliant.net) or call: 902-243-2606

Nancy Burgess-Graham

## Master Plan Report - Tourism

One of the projects targeted by the Tourism Action Team is signage. Signs need to be improved, updated or are simply missing from important areas, including directional signs on the highways to bring travellers to Pugwash.

The Village of Pugwash has taken on replacement of some signs within the Village limits and this project will be complete by the end of June. There will be three new "gateway signs" (Welcome to Pugwash), three new and updated interpretive panels in Eaton Park, a way finding "you are here" map of the Village to be erected on the end of the train station building and a new sign for the Village Hall.

Further development of services in and around the Harbour continue. There have been some wonderful ideas suggested and we are always willing to hear of more. Many of these projects are long term and some will take several years and considerable funding to complete.

Tourism Action Team Chair, Lisa Betts



**Pugwash C@P Site**  
Open Mon—Fri  
9am to noon

Summer Hours will take effect in May

Village Hall, 124 Water Street  
ph: 243 2088

### C@P SITE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Must be attending college or university 2012/ 2013 and again in 2013/2014.

Please send resumé to:  
pugwashcap@hotmail.com  
as soon as possible.

## VILLAGE OF PUGWASH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Village maintenance/grounds keeper's assistant**  
Up to 37.5 hrs per week @ \$10.30/hour.

**Recreation Director/ Special Events Assistant**  
Up to 37.5 hours per week @ \$11.30/hour

**Note: Candidates for both positions must be in full time education this year and next year.**

Application deadline: 4pm April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013.  
Start date: negotiable.

For more information, contact the Clerk at the Village Hall. Ph: 243 2946



### April Fundraising Campaign!!

#### Raffle Tickets

**for April 30 draw at Scotiabank**

(tickets available at Scotiabank, from members, at the KGB and in the Co-op lobby Thurs. April 11, Sat. April 13, Fri. Apr. 19, Thurs. Apr. 25)

#### Barbeque

at the Co-op Sat. April 20

#### Guided Hike and Refreshments

Sun. April 21 Look for Details



homemade quilt  
(made by Mary Jamieson)



stainless steel cookware set  
(donated by Chamans, Wallace)

**Thank you!**





## Pugwash Farmers Market

Jennifer Houghtaling

Our little farmers market is well on its way to starting another hopefully lovely and sunny season. We are collaborating with Communities in Bloom this spring to bring a first annual "Gardening Fair" to the village may 25th, it should be a great way to get a good start on your gardening with over 40 vendors and a schedule of exciting guests and workshops, watch for posters and brochures soon!

Members have hired a market manager this season to help us as we grow and change. We are hoping this will bring some scheduled entertainment and other benefits to help our market be a really good time. People come from all over Cumberland county to buy sell and chat their Saturday morning away while feeling part of the community. hope you can join us! take care and support your local farmers and producers!

If you are interested in becoming a member to sell or just support the market, please contact Jennifer Houghtaling at 243-2918.

## The Royal Canadian Legion, Peace Branch No.60

Special event:

Saturday, April 27th

10am to 1pm BRUNCH

\$7 and \$3.50

&

2pm to 5pm MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Admission \$5

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Regular events:

**Mondays** - 7pm Darts

**Tuesdays and Thursdays** - Zumba - check for times

**First Tuesday of the Month** - 7pm Legion Executive meeting

**Wednesdays** - 7pm Ladies Auxiliary Bingo

**Second Thursday of the month** - Legion and Ladies Aux. general meetings and Zumba

**First and third Saturdays of the month** - 1pm - Cribbage

There is a new pool table and the shuffleboard is now nearer the bar. There are no fees for member and guests using those facilities.

## Brian Skabar, MLA for Cumberland North



As summer approaches I find myself already looking forward to welcoming new and returning visitors to Pugwash and Cumberland North. From the Gathering of the Clans to HarbourFest and Thinkers' Lodge, there's definitely no shortage of things to draw people to the neighbourhood to enjoy our Nova Scotia hospitality.

In fact, we might expect some visitors from an unlikely source. The new Collaborative Emergency Centre model developed by this government is attracting attention from across the country. Premiers Ghiz of PEI and Wall of Saskatchewan are actively pursuing the model, while other provinces are investigating it. Planning work continues on the expansion of the CEC and the \$2 million earmarked by the province for the project is being put to good use.

Recently I was approached by Sport Pugwash with their plans to ask the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to assist with the repair and reconstruction of the basketball and tennis courts in town. This is a solid plan that has my full support and having hand-delivered the application to the Department I hope for a positive outcome. I want to thank Sport Pugwash for their efforts and I look forward to playing a game of pick-up this summer.

As always, I'm available through my office. Please email me at [office@brianskabarmla.ca](mailto:office@brianskabarmla.ca), or give me a call at 667-9812 with any questions or concerns.

From: Brian Skabar, MLA

## Message from Village Commission Chair, Dave Farley

Commissioners Linda Langille and Jim Whitman will not be reoffering when their terms expire shortly. Both have served six years on the Pugwash Village Commission and have worked hard and conscientiously on behalf of Pugwash residents. I thank them for their dedication to improving our community and for their wise council, support and encouragement since I have been on the Commission.

Therefore, two positions on the Commission will become available in June. If you would like to be part of making our Village a better place, I encourage you to step up to the plate and offer to serve on the Pugwash Village Commission. Contact the Village Clerk at the Village Hall at 124 Water Street (by May 22nd) to obtain nomination papers. You will also be required to provide a criminal check from the RCMP.

I am very gratified by the level of cooperation and the support provided to our Commission from people within Pugwash as well as the surrounding community. By reaching out to each other, good things are happening and that is my personal goal as Chair and for my fellow commissioners.

There are 22 Village Commissions in Nova Scotia, mainly set up to provide services to their community and have a bigger voice in promoting the interests of their Village that would not be otherwise provided by other levels of Government.

The Commission is there to serve the best interests of the residents of Pugwash - not the other way around. The job of a Commissioner is to listen to everyone's point of view and from that, and other researched information, make the best decision for *all* rate payers in Pugwash. We on the Commission value your input and encourage you to contact anyone on the Commission or our Clerk if there are concerns involving our Village you feel you want addressed and is within our mandate.

## Pugwash and Area Community Health Board

Peter Lewis

Patricia Harrington, District Care Manager Seniors Health with the Cumberland Health Authority made a presentation to CHB at the February meeting on *Home First*, which is a new Continuing Care Program.

*Home First* is program that will provide enhanced services to assist people to promptly return home from hospital to recover their health in their own environment. New Government funding will provide services that have not been available before. The benefits of being at home include being in one's own environment with loved ones, friends and neighbours. Patients are more at ease with their own pets, food and favourite entertainment and regular schedule. Independence is maintained and chance of infection is much less.

Home Support provides relief for caregivers, aids with meal preparation, personal care and housekeeping. If required, arrangements can be made to loan out a hospital bed or the equipment to provide portable oxygen. Other services can be provided to eligible clients such as home maintenance, transportation, snow removal and meal preparation.

All interested clients/families must meet with a care coordinator to determine needs and eligibility. In Cumberland County there are currently about 800 clients receiving home nursing and home support services. These are provided by approximately 45 nurses and over 100 home support providers.

Information can also be found at 1-800-225-7225 or from the Department of Health and Wellness website at: <http://novascotia.ca/DHW/>. Go to Programs and Services and click on Continuing Care.

## Gospel in the Park

We are looking forward to the Open Air Services at Eaton Park on July 7 & 14 & August 4 & 11

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy our beautiful park and listen to some Gospel music as you mingle with your friends.

Pastor Jack Briggs



### CAN-U Adult Learning Program

Are you interested in improving your reading, writing or math skills to achieve your High School diploma, write the GED or get a better job?

### **WE CAN HELP**

Registration and classes are **FREE**, you must be **19 yrs** of age. Classes take place on Water Street in **Pugwash** beginning January 2012.

For more information or to register please contact the office: 661-0153

# PUGWASH GATHERING OF THE CLANS

Monday, July 1st, 2013

Lisa Betts, Coordinator



In 1951, the original purpose of the Gathering of the Clans was to help raise funds to maintain the new Red Cross Hospital. With the announcement earlier this year of a new Collaborative Emergency Care facility for Pugwash, fundraising by the community and surrounding area though the Gathering is as important now as it was 62 years ago. The current hospital serves a large area around Pugwash and, with help and support from those in that area, Pugwash should be home to a new, purpose built facility within the next few years.

## Unique Fundraiser

Pugwash is unique in so many ways, and one of them is how we raise funds for our non profit groups - by holding a festival and inviting the world! The gate fees have not changes in many years, making this festival even more of a bargain than it was years ago! Where else can you get this kind of entertainment for only \$5 AND raise important funds for a community? Buy your entrance bracelets before July 1st at the Village Hall or the BBQs through June and save the long wait at the ticket gates on the day. Just DON'T LOSE your bracelet!!

## Eaton Stage Schedule

- 8:30am-1pm Highland Dance competitions
- 2pm Opening Ceremonies
- 4pm Abandoned House Band
- 5pm Sweet Addictions
- 6pm Eric Fresia
- 7:15pm Alicia Putnam and family
- 8:30pm **Evans and Doherty**

Dusk (about 10:15pm) \*\* Fireworks \*\*

## Barbecues at the Co-Op

Look out for regular barbecues through June outside the Co-Op where burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be available by donation.

Funds raised will be matched by Scotia-bank.

## Volunteers welcome

We need volunteers on July 1st to help with entrance gates and for some of the events listed. Help with the BBQs would be appreciated too! Call Lisa at 243 2946 to be added to the list.

Thank you!!

All dogs brought to the Gathering of the Clans must be on a leash. If you are staying for the fireworks, remember fireworks scare most dogs and hurt their ears. Please consider leaving your pup at home.



July 1st is not just the Gathering of the Clans, it is Canada Day too. This year, Veterans Canada declared 2013 as the Year of the Korean War Veteran as 2013 is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice. Over 26,000 Canadian men and women served in the three year Korean War.

The Grand Parade will be at 10am, taking its usual route through the Village streets of Church, Victoria, water and King. We hope to see some interesting interpretations of the theme of the Korean War Veteran.

## Other Scheduled Events

- 7-10am Pancake Breakfast at the new fire station \$7
- 8am Entrance Gates open Midway Artisan and food street vendors
- 8:30am Farmers Market at the old train station.
- 11am Pipe and Drum competitions at Thinkers' Lodge Antique cars, tractors and engines show and shine
- 1pm Children's Parade



Entrance Gate fees: \$5 for adults  
\$3 students 5 to 12  
FREE for children under 5



# Pugwash HarbourFest 2013

July 26 to 28, 2013

Lee Fleming, Coordinator



There is much to be excited about for this year's Pugwash HarbourFest, slated to go, as usual, the last weekend in July. There is truly something for everyone at this community-driven festival. The first Pugwash HarbourFest 5km road race, co-hosted by Sport Pugwash, goes **Saturday, July 27**. It is Event # 5 on the *Cross Border Point Series*.

Learn more at: [www.CrossBorderChallenge.com](http://www.CrossBorderChallenge.com).

Also making their debut: The Pugwash International Tennis Tournament is sponsored by the Pugwash International Tennis Association, in conjunction with Sport Pugwash. And HarbourFest committee member Donna O'Connell is working hard to bring the 1st HarbourFest Kite Flying event.

Saturday, July 27th will see the return of the Dragon Boats to

Pugwash Harbour. Twelve teams will compete for charity and for the glory. The very popular 2012 Soapbox Derby, Bathtub Boat Races, and Motorcycle Rally will be returning. And that isn't the half of it!

Resigning steering committee members need to be recognized for the incredible role they have played since the first event in 2006. These are: Arnold MacEwan, Bert McWade, Bill Kempt, Marie Urquhart, and Ron Urquhart. Thanks for all you have done over these many years!

The 2013 steering committee is happy to welcome new members John Fortier, Candice Langille, Donna O'Connell, and Chuck Graham.

Wally Vaters returns to the committee as the new chair. He will be ably assisted by

past chairs, Claude Hudson, and Denis Brown, and long time member Bob Nogler.

Kathy Redmond and Ben Smith, new members in 2012, will be assisting the steering committee this year. Event coordinator Lee Fleming has been working through the fall and winter months on a part-time year-round contract basis to ensure a successful event this year.

Pugwash HarbourFest 2012 was recently presented with "Festival and Event of the Year Award" from the Central Nova Tourism Association.

We'll keep you updated in the upcoming months via our website, Facebook page, and regular articles in The Oxford Journal and The Light. Should you have any questions call Lee at 243-2275 or email: [officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca](mailto:officemanager@pugwashharbourfest.ca).



Dragon Boats races at Pugwash HarbourFest 2010



**Denise Corey, Deputy Chief Librarian**

March break @ the Pugwash library was held on Wednesday March 13th.

The children made hopping bunnies, listened to a story about bunnies and played a fun guessing game. A Hopping fun time was had by all!



Hopping bunnies

### **Children's program for April**

Earth Day! @ Your Library Friday April 19th  
2-3pm. Grades P-6

Join us at the Pugwash Library! Make a cute Watering Jug! Listen to an earth day story and play a fun game. Space is Limited, please call 243-3331 to register.

To find out what's happening at the Pugwash Library check the Calendar of Events on the Cumberland Public Libraries' website:

[www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](http://www.cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca)

You can also follow @CumberlandPL on Twitter and see pictures of our programs on the Cumberland Public Libraries Facebook page.

### **Pugwash Library**

Summer hours

Monday 11am – 4pm  
Tuesday 11am – 4pm  
Wednesday 2pm—7pm  
Thursday 2pm – 7pm  
Friday noon – 5pm  
Saturday 10am – 1pm  
Sunday – closed

Ph: 243 3331



The Friends of the Pugwash Estuary (FOPE) held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, February 16 at the Northumberland Community Curling Club. Approximately 35 people attended to listen to an update of accomplishments of 2012, hear of future plans and listen to guest speaker, Bob Bancroft.

Bob Bancroft, well-known biologist, forester, and naturalist spoke eloquently on the topic “Broken Rivers – Ecological Restoration”. Bob presented a poignant illustration of how streams that are healthy for aquatic life and support both flora and fauna, tend to have varied flow, multiple waterfalls for aeration, deep pools, crooked, meandering paths and wide vegetation zones surrounding them.

Many of today's rivers in Nova Scotia are the antithesis of this – a result of centuries of clear cutting, straightening of rivers to transport logs, destructive farming practices, draining of wetlands and various other human activities that have impacted heavily on the natural environment.

Today, community organizations like the Friends of the Pugwash Estuary, are working to reverse this damage. Through the installation of digger logs and deflectors in streams, clearing and repairing of culverts, planting of trees along streams, fencing off cattle from streams, and various other activities waterways are gradually being restored. Unfortunately, governments and many industries have yet to buy into the program. For example, the currently mandated narrow vegetation strip along waterways does little for the wildlife – especially the variety of songbirds - competing for this space.

As an illustration of things individuals could do to promote wildlife friendly environment, Bob demonstrated some of the ideas he is trying on his property in Antigonish County. These include things as simple as leaving dead trees standing, creating hollow logs for nesting, leaving or creating brush piles and building nesting boxes.

For those interested in more serious intervention, one could create wetlands or ponds, which will promote diverse habitat for insects, amphibians, birds, fish and animals. What can you do?

**From: Alice Power**





Great food begins here.  
À la source des aliments.

Do you know your Co-Op? Did you know .... ?

- \*\* Over \$200,000 had been put back into our community from our 50/50 Snowball draw?
- \*\* Membership is over 2,000
- \*\* Membership is a one time payment of only \$25
- \*\* The Pugwash Co-Op has proudly served the Pugwash Area for 68 years.
- \*\* Pre-paid phone cards, retail gift cards are available.
- \*\* Services available include photo scanning, photo copying, fax and drop off photo finishing.
- \*\* Gluten free and organic products available.
- \*\* Party trays available upon request.

For more information find us on facebook or online at [www.co-opsonline.com](http://www.co-opsonline.com)

From: Your local Co-Op Board

## We're GROWINGGGGGG at Camp Pagweak!

These are exciting times for Camp Pagweak! I don't know of another winter when Camp Pagweak has ever been so busy! Since the last newsletter we now have a permanent residence on the property - a beautiful split level home for our camp Director Aaron Stevenson, his wife Sherry (Our Camp Mom), and their family.

And we are also proud to have a new lodge! For years this has been a dream but this year it all came together! The new Lodge (60 x 64) will provide much needed space and allow for a larger kitchen and eating area, offices, etc. Our present lodge came over from Camp Debert many years ago and it will still serve as a multi purpose building. Once we have everything ready, we are hoping to have an 'open house' so come on over and see!

We will be offering 9 weeks of camp for ages 5 - 18. Camp opens on June 30<sup>th</sup> ! Although we are known as a Baptist Youth camp, we are **open to all denominations** and many children come to us with no religious affiliation – **we welcome ALL!**

Please keep checking our web site – [www.pagweak.org](http://www.pagweak.org) as we provide employment for many youth in our area as Counsellors, Lifeguard, Cook, etc. We also have opportunities for volunteers. With all these changes we are hoping to continue to reach out into our communities and provide rental opportunities for groups or meeting spaces.

Memories, great friendships, fun and God's love are all experienced at Camp Pagweak! For more info visit: [www.pagweak.org](http://www.pagweak.org) or come see us on Facebook! Email Aaron Stevenson, Camp Missionary/Director at: [camp-missionary@pagweak.org](mailto:camp-missionary@pagweak.org) Or contact Ruth Rushton, Camp Registrar – 597-8583

By: Ruth Rushton, Camp Registrar

### The Friends of the Margaret King School

*" Together we can do the extraordinary . "*

Pat Briggins

Spring is on the way! Everything wakes up, takes on renewal and fresh energy and growth. May we follow our motto with fresh commitment to complete our project. We are always open to new members ( a fee of \$ 5.00 per year ) as well as those who have supported us with interest and encouragement.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month at the Pugwash Village Hall at 2:30 pm and welcome your attendance.

**Pugwash Pictures in the Park**  
Presents:

**"Roman Holiday"** (1953)

with  
Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn

**7pm, April 27th**  
Northumberland Community Curling Club  
Entry by donation

Keep up to date by visiting us on facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/Pugwash.Movies?fref=ts> or subscribe to the mail list  
at: [loukir@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:loukir@ns.sympatico.ca) **Kirsteen Thomson**

## PUGWASH SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL, DIVISION 4 BOYS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS!



From left: Assistant Coach Angela Stewart, Dylan Benjamin (injured), Lucas Morrison (injured), Tristan McKellar, Colby Stevens, Jordan Reid, Kyle Fromm, Ben Elliott, Jordan Boyd, Garrette Alguire, Caleb Pye, Coach Vincent Pye, Assistant coach Jordan MacAulay. Front row with the banner: Bruce Edey and Nick Stevens.

Photo supplied by Vince Pye

### Pugwash Communities in Bloom

#### Gardening Fair

Saturday, May 25, 2013

9:00am - 4:00pm

Pugwash Train Station Library &  
Memorial United Baptist Church, Durham Street, Pugwash, Nova Scotia  
*in conjunction with the Pugwash Farmers Market*

**FREE ADMISSION**



- **Gardening Experts' Workshops**- Jodi DeLong, columnist with the Chronicle-Herald; Elizabeth Peirce, author of Grow Organic; Jerry Draheim, Honey Wind Farm; Maureen Woodlock, KGB
  - **Hands-on demonstrations and talks** on everything from bee keeping and growing organic vegetables to composting and flower nurturing.
  - **Best-practices Question & Answer Forum**
  - **Hands-on Stone Wall Construction Workshop** with Helen MacLean, Halifax Public Gardens, and Benjamin Smith, Green Smith Construction - 8am - 4pm, 10493 Durham St. Registration \$30. Contact Norene at [902-243-4059](tel:902-243-4059) or [nsmiley@bellaliant.com](mailto:nsmiley@bellaliant.com) to register.
  - **Children's Activities**
  - **Gardening Marketplace** with over 40 vendors offering everything from annuals, herbs, and perennials to garden furniture, sculptures, stonework, birdhouses, sheds, birdbaths.
  - **Plant & Tree Sale** offered by Pugwash Communities in Bloom
  - **Win a CIB basket full of services and gardening supplies** worth over \$300 **Silent Auction,**
- Lunch,** 11:30 – 1:30, \$10 at St. Thomas More Church Hall, Black Street

### Communities in Bloom **Annual Litter Pick-up**

Saturday, April 20th at  
9am  
Chatterbox Café  
**Volunteers welcome**  
Wear appropriate footwear  
and clothing

## Mixed Palette Art Group



The Mixed Palette Art Group meets at the Pugwash Village Hall every Thursday from 9:30am to 1pm. We paint, chat and learn from each other.

We paint enough paintings through the year to have a ten day Art Sale in July /August at the Village Hall. This year, over 1,000 people visited the sale and we sold about 70 paintings!

New members are always welcome. Just drop by the Village Hall on a Thursday or contact Heather Cunningham at 243 2380.

*It Takes a Village Newsletter* is generally published quarterly in March, June, September, December. The deadline for our next issue is **May 17th**. Maximum word count of 250. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Photos or graphics will be used as space allows. Send articles by email to:

villagecommission@  
pugwashvillage.com

For more info call:  
**243 2946**

## Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue

Richard White, GSAR Past President



Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue Team was formed in 1978. In 1988 the members financed and built the PGSAR building in the Village of Pugwash. It is used for meetings, training and events. To date, there are 25 volunteer members who dedicate time and knowledge to this organization and continue to train. The Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (PGSAR) is a volunteer group working under the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO). The Team assists local, municipal and provincial authorities during emergencies and at times is asked to provide support to other teams in the province. The Team owns a mobile Command Unit for assignments that are of long duration or complicated. In the Province of Nova Scotia the Search Teams have a Training Standard to follow so that all searchers are qualified at the same levels. We train our searchers in Map and Compass; First Aid and CPR; Survival; Search and Rescue Techniques; GPS units and Radio Communications.

If you are 19 years of age, physically and mentally fit for outdoor tasks, and are available to volunteer your time for training, meetings, fundraising, events and searches, then contact us, we are now accepting new membership applications.

Email: [www.pugwash\\_gsar@hotmail.com](mailto:www.pugwash_gsar@hotmail.com)

Website: <http://www.pugwashgsar.webs.com/>

Post script: Congratulations to Rob Carter, newly elected President of the Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue Team (Ed.)

## Northumberland Community Curling Club

Hazel Felderhof



If you thought it was a long, cold winter perhaps you should think about joining the Northumberland Community Curling Club next season. For the approximate 200 curlers, ages 10 – 85, who play at the rink each week from October to March, the winter flew. "It's hard to believe the season is nearly over," has been a familiar refrain this past week. On March 22/23 members will play off for the Codiac Cup, league play finishes the following Wednesday

and the ice plant will be shut down on March 28.

When the ice has melted away the rink will swing into its summer time uses. Leading these is shuffleboard which meets on Wednesday and Friday during July, August and September under the direction of Dina and Dave Rushton. If you are interested in playing call Dave at 447 3294. Cards will continue on Friday night with Gerard and Janice Burke opening the doors. Two wedding receptions are scheduled and the lounge as a meeting venue will be on-going.

As the curling slides to a finish for this year a special thanks is due to all the volunteers who made this season possible. We missed our chief ice-maker, Gary Gullens, who was off due to illness, and want to extend our best wishes to him and Janet. A hearty thank you goes to the ice-makers who ably filled in for Gary..

Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to come back and bring a friend next year.

## Pugwash Village Commission Meetings

Regular meetings are generally on the third Monday of the month at 7pm in the Village Hall. 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 243 2946 or email [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)

**Next Regular Village Meetings:**  
April 15th, May 13th, June 17th  
**Annual General Meeting:** May 28th  
**Nomination papers for Commissioner** must be submitted by: May 22nd  
**Election of Commissioners:** June 1st

## Pugwash Village Commission

Pugwash Village has five elected Commissioners who volunteer their time to help administer what is going on in YOUR Village. To be a Commissioner, you have to live within Village limits and be willing to give up time to work for the sake of all Village residents. Elections are held every June for one or two positions that are held for three years.

**Dave Farley** (243 3284) is the Commission chair and a member of many organizations including the Cumberland Health Authority.

**Rod Benjamin** (243 3629) is the Commission vice chair. Rod lives on Water Street and is also a lay reader for the Anglican church.

**Jim Whitman** lives on Queen Street (243 3647). Jim is the Harbour Master for Pugwash Harbour.

**Linda Langille** (243 2669) lives on Russell Street and an active defender for animal rights.

**Chris Mullaley** (243 2276) lives off Pugwash Point Road. Chris is retired as a teacher and past PDHS principal.

MP for Cumberland Colchester  
Musquodoboit Valley  
Scott Armstrong  
1 888 752 0552

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MLA for Cumberland North  
Brian Skabar  
667 9812

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Councilor for District 4  
Allison Gillis  
243 3313

## Animal Issues

### DOG OWNERS

When walking your dog, please remember to take a bag (or two) with you to pick up your pet's waste. Dogs must be kept under control at all times.

Thank you for helping us keep our park and streets clean and healthy for everyone!

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### CAT OWNERS

Cats love to roam, but is it fair to your cat to expose it to the dangers of the street from other cats, cars, disease, dogs, coyotes, foxes and even eagles? Keep kitty inside, safe and warm. Get them neutered or spayed to avoid unwanted kittens.

Used kitty litter must be disposed of with your garbage pick up. Please do not dispose of kitty litter in the Village receptacles.

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### FIREWORKS

Fireworks are noisy and can be very damaging to the sensitive hearing of our companion animals. These noises are very frightening to cats and dogs. Please keep your animals inside during Canada Day fireworks, or any other time fireworks are being set off.

## Solid Waste Rule Changes

Pick-up day is Tuesdays. Garbage and compost are picked up alternate weeks with recycling picked up the other Tuesday. ONE non-clear "privacy bag" per clear, non-coloured bag of residential garbage is permitted. Multiple non-clear bags such as solid colour kitchen catchers or grocery bags will no longer be accepted. Schedules are available at the Village Hall.

It is an offence to either dump household garbage (including kitty litter) in Village public solid waste receptacles or to remove refundables from them.

Refundable containers are redeemed and the funds go to local charities.

For more information call 667 5141 or go to: [www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/solid-waste.html](http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/solid-waste.html)

## Pugwash Village Hall

Summer office hours:  
Monday to Friday  
9am to 4pm

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Listings include local businesses and contacts, history of the Village and Events page.