



Spotlight on the East River Valley

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East River Valley Community Development Association

6341 East River West Side Rd. Eureka, NS B0K 1B0

Mission Statement: To promote the sustainability of the East River Valley Communities

Notes from the Chair-David Wilson

Good news for the valley came in early January when the new Eureka bridge was opened to service. An official ceremony with pertinent and short speeches made it official. It is especially pleasing to see that the work of removal of the old bridge and installation of the new was all done locally by Balodis Inc.

It seemed like the prairies in winter yesterday: our backup generator didn't think much of it either though I managed to prevail and the effort helped keep me warm while I was at it. We have been spoiled by the recent balmy weather and it shocked a lot of people

Work on the hall has resumed and we hope to have the area where the washroom used to be cleaned up and redecorated by month's end. Kara is busy getting new activities set up for the spring so watch this newsletter for details.

The AGM is coming up on the 7th of March at the Riverton Hall, so please, come on out!



Family Feud at the Eureka Fire Hall

Saturday April 22nd 7pm

ERVCA is excited to be partnering with the Eureka Fire Department to present
Family Feud, with host GENE MILLS

We are looking for teams to sign up to participate.

You don't have to be a resident of the East River Valley to participate.

Teams of 5 can sign up for \$50. This is a 19+ event with liquor sales supporting the Eureka Fire Department. Snacks will be included in ticket price.

Prize for the top team, 50/50 and more!

Sign up and pre-payment by calling/texting Kara at 902-301-0339
or emailing spotlight.1@hotmail.com

This is a fundraising event for both organizations, so show your support!

Riverton Hall Rentals



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Springville-Island Women's Institute hold their monthly meetings on the second Thursday at 1:30pm. New members are welcome. For more information phone Debbie White at 902-923-2416.

ERVCDA AGM

ERVCDA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm at the Riverton Hall. All are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in being part of our organization please let Kara at spotlight.1@hotmail.com or 902-301-0339.

We would welcome anyone who has a passion for the East River Valley to join us at our AGM.



ERVCDA Monthly Meetings

If you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting of the ERVCDA, please call Kara at 902-301-0339 for details.

Bridgeville Community Hall

Hall Rentals Available \$40
Contact Debbie at 902-923-2416 or email 2twins1979@gmail.com

Plymouth Community Centre

Rentals by phoning
Dorothy 902-752-3809

Lorne Community Centre

Rentals by phoning Neil at 902-923-2183



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Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-2pm

Friday 8:00am-1:30pm

Closed from 11-11:30am for lunch all week.

902-923-2710



Pictured are Debbie White and Gloria Fraser who helped serve at the Christmas Tea at the Bridgeville Community Centre. Thanks to Joanne MacHardy for the photo.

Greetings from the Plymouth Community Centre!

We appreciate Kara's invitation to contribute to the newsletter that reaches our wonderful East River Valley communities.

Recent years have made for constant reorganization and renewal.

We are delighted to have the improvements made at the Centre that extend the roofing over the ramps, making it much safer for all ages. The facility is well-maintained and ready for interest groups, meetings, parties, fitness/yoga/dance, viewing events. Should you or someone you know be interested in renting the space, please call Dorothy at 902-752-3809 re availability (weekdays, after 2:30 or leave a message).

A very special event is planned for Sunday, March 5, beginning at 1:00. Kitchen Racket Jam/ Hooley, acoustic only please..

\$5 Admission, sandwiches and sweets provided... musicians are guests, also, a 50/50 draw. We are looking forward to having Mary and her musical friends filling the space with laughter and great music!

As we look towards the summer, we are thrilled with the accomplishments made by ERV Recreation at the Springville Ball-field! We do want parents in the area to know that we have made applications to provide leadership for our Summer Recreation Program and are hoping for the best! While tentative at this time, we will confirm plans as soon as possible in the coming months. We are appreciative of our community and the people who live in it.

We appreciate our councillor's vision and efforts to support those plans. We appreciate the support we receive from all three levels of government and private enterprise such as Watts Wind and partnering with businesses in the area: MacGibbons Const, Sid Ross Trucking, Blaine MacLane Excavating. We appreciate friends and neighbours who help to keep the Centre looking good, inside and out.

We invite new and old friends in the area to connect with us as volunteers are always needed and essential to our continued success!

Also, you can find us on Facebook at ...
Plymouth Community Centre and Recreation Association



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Spotlight on New Business in the East River Valley



**Eureka Bridge Official
Opening
January 9, 2023**



The Eureka Mills Bridge was officially opened on January 9th, 2023 by Premier Tim Houston, Councillor Chester Dewar, Warden Robert Parker and Devan and Brandon Balodis. Brandon Balodis provided those in attendance with some interesting facts about the bridge construction.

500ft of 12 inch steel piles are providing the support into the riverbed, 2.5 million pounds of concrete was used on the bridge, which equals about 90 truck loads. The pre-poured girders that were transported from the facility that makes them took 6 hours to transport and are 125 feet long each, but during transportation it was 180 feet with the truck.

Brandon extended a thank-you to police who escorted the loads, especially at the Stellarton traffic circle. There were 12 different machines working on-site and approximately 10,000 labour hours.

Bridges of this size normally take 6-7 months to build. However, with the taking the old bridge down and building the new one, they managed to do it in 5 1/2 months. Balodis have 60 people employed year-round with 50 percent of those people in construction and the other 50 percent in trucking.

The Balodis's would like to extend a huge thank you to the neighbours in Eureka for being so patient during construction.

*Photos courtesy of Brandon Balodis



Churches in the East River Valley

**The United Churches of the
Hopewell Eureka East River Pastoral Charge
Rev. Mavis Peddie 902-616-1366 - St Columba &
Bridgeville United Churches**

The Presbyterian Churches of the

East River Pastoral Charge

St Paul's and Springville

They will be doing alternating Sunday's starting on
December 04, at St Paul's
and time is 10:30. **More information phone**
Sharon MacDonald (902) 923-2336

First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell
(902) 923-2526

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

East River Valley Fire Department

Is looking for new Firefighters

If you are interested, call Kevin

902-923-2893

Or attend our Tuesday Training Meetings

7:00pm at the firehall located at

2020 East River East Side Rd, Bridgeville.

Volunteers Firefighters Wanted

Plymouth Fire Department

Is looking for new Firefighters

If interested in becoming a volunteer
firefighter

Call Mike 902-759-0153 or

John 902-759-0631

Or attend our Monday Training Meetings

7:00pm

At the firehall located at

4667 East River East Side Road

Plymouth



Volunteer Fire Department Contacts

East River Valley Fire Department:

Kevin Stuart, Chief (H) 902-923-2893

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Jason MacIntyre, Deputy Chief
902-759-3588

Eureka and District Fire Department:

Hall 902-923-2751

Roger Caddall, Chief

Lee Fraser, Deputy Chief (H) 902-923-2170

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Plymouth Fire Department:

Mike Conway, Chief 902-755-3229 or

902-759-0153

John Davison, Deputy Chief

(H) 902-752-4254 (C) 902-759-0631.

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**To rent the Riverton Hall, please contact
Kara Allen at 902-301-0339**

**Congratulations to Bill Holley on his
recent retirement from the Eureka and
District Fire Department.**

**We all thank you for your service to the
East River Valley.**

Junior Reporter: Madeline Smallman

Springtime! It's the coldest day of the year and I'm writing about Spring to stay warm. Shubenacadie Sam just saw his shadow and said there will be six more weeks of winter. Here are the signs of spring we can watch for in the East River Valley:

- Fishing season- Birds returning- Outdoor community events- Playing in the parks
- See flowers blooming- Clear roads to walk on- Smell manure!
- More tractors on the road

Home holidays in the spring we can celebrate are:

- Easter- April fools- Mother's Day
- Star Wars Day (May the 4th...a play on May the force be with you)
- Victoria Day

Jokes! What falls but never gets hurt? The Spring rain! What did the tree say to Spring? What a re-leaf! What did Summer say to Spring? I'm about to fall!

What are you looking forward to this Spring?

Spring Market April 1st **Plymouth Fire Hall**

ERVCD is excited to be partnering once again with the Plymouth Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary to host a Spring Market at the Fire Hall.

April 1st from 9am-12noon inside the hall.

Vendors are welcome to sign up with Kara at 902-301-0339, with tables being \$20 each.

Plymouth Ladies Auxiliary will be selling their delicious baked goods.



On Feb 7 Eureka Fire Dept held their annual election night. After 17 years as chief and over 30 years as a member Bill Holley retired. The members would like to thank him for his service and dedication to the community. Roger Caddell who has been on the Dept for 40 years is new chief. Lee Fraser retains his position of Deputy Chief.

Lynwood Bryden captain, Brandon MacDonald captain, Alex Jardine captain, Dawson Locke captain, Lily Sangster MFR Coordinator, and Cliff Jardine Vice Chair. The dept would like to thank those who put their names forward.



Advertising or sharing information in the Spotlight on the East River Valley

June, July & August 2023 Newsletter Deadline for submissions is Monday, May 8th 2023

Contact Kara for advertising opportunities for new and existing businesses!
Our newsletter reaches over 1300 people via Canada Post every 3 months, online on our website and social media pages, and sent out to our community via email.

Kara can even produce an ad for you at no extra cost!

Pricing for ads are as follows:

Business card size (2x3) \$30, 1/4 page \$50, 1/2 page \$100. full page \$200

Classifieds (80 letters or less) \$5.

Email her at spotlight.1@hotmail.com for details.

ERVCDCA is planning to visit some community halls in the near future with hopes of hearing from the community. We want to provide the opportunity to welcome newcomers to the East River Valley, create more partnerships and provide the platform for the PARL and their Maple App Coordinator a chance to touch base with the community.

Details will be confirmed and shared on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley



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Many clients tell us they have enough for two meals, keeping the soup and bread for the next day's lunch.

For more information about the program contact:

Etta Hirtle at 902-923-2244.





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Premier Tim Houston recently awarded Pictou East Constituents with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medals.

Recipients from the East River Valley included;

District 11 Councillor Andy Thompson, District 12 Councillor Chester Dewar, ERVCDA Vice President Arlene MacGregor, Plymouth Fire Department Chief Mike Conway and posthumously Tyson Bowen of Real Canadian Recreation, whose wife Jenna accepted with a standing ovation.

Congratulations to all recipients.

Important Dates

March 5~ Live music at Plymouth Community Centre 1pm

March 12-18~ March Break

March 12~ Daylight Savings Time Begins

April 1~ Spring Market at the Plymouth Fire Hall 9am-12noon

April 9~ Easter

April 22~ ERVCDA Family Feud at Eureka Fire Hall 7pm

May 8~ Newsletter Deadline for June-August Issue

May 14~Mother's Day

May 22~ Victoria Day

Be sure to follow us on Facebook as to not miss out on event details www.facebook.com/eastrivervalley