

The Bear River Tributary

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Public Meeting: Bear River Water System Nov 21, 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Representatives from the municipalities of Annapolis and Digby Counties will present the findings of the water feasibility study to all those interested in seeing this project carried forward. If you are suffering from bad water or water shortages, this is an important meeting to attend! Want more information? Contact one of the following representatives from the participating organizations: Glendean Parker, Bob Benson, Teresa Henshaw, Don Rice, Rick Jacques, Darryl Jelfs, Zoe Knorek Onysko, Cathy Banks.

Water, Water Everywhere!

On Oct. 11, results of a recent Water Study were presented to representatives of various Bear River organizations. The Municipalities jointly organized the meeting. Laurie Emms, Deputy CAO for Annapolis, presented the results of the study; Pat McQuade also attended for the Municipality of Annapolis. Jimmy MacAlpine, councillor, and Linda Fraser, CAO, represented the Municipality of Digby. Many of the village representatives emphasized that the supply of water to the downtown area was crucial for the economic stability and growth of the village.

At present, the people and businesses in the community rely on private water supplies. The Hillsborough Water Society services 24 properties on the Digby side of the village. Adrian Potter stated that the Society provided ample good water. However, Rick Jacques who services the system said the water was unreliable and the system needs attention to the point where it may not last much longer. The Hillsborough Water Society water has been under a "must boil" order for quite some time.

Mr. Emms pointed out that the water system for the village would be a user-pay service but no homeowner could be compelled to hook up -and there is no cost to those who choose not to participate. The feasibility study compared the cost per household for the maintenance of a well versus the fees for the water system and found that a town water system was actually more economical-- based on expenses over a 25-year period. The cost per household will depend on number of factors, but the main two are: the number of households participating, and the funds provided by the federal and provincial governments. Municipal representatives agreed that the likelihood of government funding is very good since there is a priority for this type of initiative at this time. An excellent source of water has been determined and the cost has been estimated. The proposed system would potentially serve households currently on the sewage system. If support for the system is apparent, the facility could be completed within 4 to 5 years.

Bear River Youth Centre News

The Bear River Youth Centre proudly presents
another great Variety Show

"Musical Tricks and Treats"

Saturday, Oct. 27 7-9 p.m.

At the Oakdene Centre

Don't miss these two hours of hauntingly good talent
Featuring the musical selections of: Tom Berry, Jerry
Thurber, Taylor Express, Steve Spidle,
Greg & Cody Peck and Shoestring Swing!
Tickets at the door \$5 -- children under 12 free!

BRIDGS News

Mark Wednesday, November 14 on your calendar! Back
by popular demand: A Night to Celebrate Bear River
Volunteers. Sponsored by BRIDGS, this is an
opportunity to hear and tell all that has been
accomplished in our community over the past year.
Oakdene Centre at 7:30.

BR Legion News

Get a big jump on your Christmas shopping
at the BR Legion Ladies' Aux. Annual Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 3rd.

Doors open at 9 and the famously-yummy seafood chowder
and hot dogs will be served from 11 am.

Want to book a table to make some extra Xmas cash?
Just call Glendean Parker for all the information!

The 2007 Remembrance Poppy Sale will start Oct. 26
with a door-to-door campaign. Please support this
worthy cause.

Pat on the Back ...

...To Everyone who has made Active Saturdays an "ON-
going Concern". This program was recently sighted as
a leading example of a Community Wellness Initiative by
the SW Nova Health District.

In a great show of volunteer participation, the program has
inspired a rejuvenation of the ball field, and a variety of
fitness-raising activities, ranging from dance to soccer. Kids,
parents, and other citizens have been having a great time
playing, getting fit and getting to know each other.
Currently, it has changed into Active Wednesdays.. For
more information call: Gerry Chute 467-0956. or drop into
the Bear River Youth Centre.

Read the Tributary on line at the Bear River Board of Trade site www.bearriver.ca.

Social Notes

Pamela Shepherd of Virginia, formerly of Bear River, just made it home for a lovely visit with her mother Midge Somers, her sister Linda Dunn and family, her brother David Somers and family, and many friends from August 22 to September 5. She brought souvenirs and many pictures from a recent trip to Alaska where she visited with her son Loran Shepherd, who has been working at the Denali Park Resort for the summer months. While she was home, she was able to participate in a surprise 60th birthday party for her brother-in-law, Raymond Dunn.... a great time was had by all!

Happy Anniversary!

Heather and Mike Charlton celebrated their 10th anniversary, October 11, with a party at Oakdene on Oct. 13 for family and friends.

Carol and Wylie White enjoyed a vacation in Cape Breton, celebrating their 6th anniversary. And Zoe and Jeff Knorek-Onysko celebrated their 5th anniversary with a week travelling in various parts of the province.

Dave and Stephanie Ramsay celebrated their first anniversary this October.

Welcomes & Farewells

A hearty Bear River welcome goes out to Flora Doehler and Larry Knox who have recently moved here from Ontario.

The United Church in Bear River said goodbye to Rev. Wayne Smith at the end of September. Earl and Nathan Waterman are conducting the services on alternate Sundays until a new minister is appointed.

Birthdays in the News

A special Birthday Woof to Digby Dog who celebrated her 19th this past September (folks, that's about 130 in human years!) Birthday Greetings to: Lisa Sarty, who celebrated on Oct 13th and Dwayne Sarty, Oct 27. Lisa and Dwayne are the owners of the Changing Tides Diner. and to Shyla Mah on Oct 25th. For November: Happy Birthday to: Anne Brown, Nov. 9; Julie Rice, Nov. 15; Diane Milbury, Nov. 26; and Vinnie Hill turns 76 on Nov. 27.

Bear River Volunteer Fire Department

During the month of **September** our Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to **5** emergency 911 calls!

Over the last few years there has been an increase in fires being set to eliminate yard waste during the Fall clean up. This can be a dangerous, expensive and even fatal practice, when we burn grass clippings, dead tree trimmings, leaves and garden waste.

You may have noticed the construction work going on at the Fire Hall. This is the new house of the Emergency Power Generator. In case of power failures, the Fire Hall will now be able to accommodate residents with heat, cooking facilities, plumbing and other comforts.

This month's Fire Prevention tip: **DO NOT BURN** leaves or other yard waste, it's much better to compost or use for "banking" around un-insulated foundations.

Congratulations

Congratulations to ***Inn Out of The Fog*** for being chosen by the *Lonely Planet* Guide for N.S., N.B. and P.E.I. as a recommended accommodation!

Simone Wilson is opening a show of her art at ARTsPlace, Annapolis Royal, November 10. Congratulations!

Be Afraid, Be very very afraid!!!!

This Halloween, the scariest place of all is getting even scarier. Do you like having sleepless nights and shivers down your spine? Then don't miss Carolyn Wagner's House of Ultra Scary Horrors on the Dunn Road, where witches and goblins and ghosts are just the beginning of the journey into Halloween madness!

Treats!

The Bear River New Horizons will be holding a bake sale and tea on Oct. 27th from 1-4 pm. Get there early to be sure to get something delicious!

**Bear River Economic Development Society
BREDS is having a fundraising Supper,
Saturday, Oct 20 at 5:30 p.m
Come out for an evening of good food, entertainment
and a silent auction. All proceeds go to upgrading the
plumbing under the Trading Post Building.**

BRIDGS: Meets second Wed. each month at the Youth Centre, 7:30. Everyone Welcome.
Bear River and Area Clinic: Board meets first Tuesday each month at 7:00. New Members needed.
Amnesty International 2nd Tues. each month in the United Church Vestry, 7pm-8pm.
Oakdene Centre: Card Parties Tuesdays at 7p.m.
Legion Ladies' Aux: 1st Thurs. each month in Aux room at Legion at 7:30
Bear River Board of Trade meetings:- second Thursday each month, 7:30 pm at the Fire Hall.
Bear River Fire Hall Breakfast: Next breakfast: Saturday, November 3 at the Fire Hall 7-10 a.m.
New Horizons Quilting Bee: Thursday afternoons, New Horizons Open house Thursday afternoons 1-4.
Oakdene Seniors' Exercise Classes: Wednesday mornings from 10 –11. Sponsored by the Digby Recreational Dept.

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