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## Santa Takes a Break to Visit Pugwash

Santa will be making several brief visits to Pugwash this holiday season. He loves to visit with children and those young at heart, like Shirley White in this photo from last year.

One of his visits will be at the Pugwash Village Hall on Friday, December 6th between 3pm and 4pm. Come and see Santa and let him know what you would like him to bring you for Christmas.

Staff

## New Board for Pugwash Co-Op



The new board of directors of the Pugwash Co-op are committed to the Co-op continuing to provide groceries to the residents of Pugwash and the surrounding areas. As in the past, the new board plans on working to pursue the best interests of the members, staff and community.

The new board members consist of: Corwin Reeves, Trevor MacFarlane, Heather Lowe, June Beaton, Alison Bidwell, Wesley Trenholm, Kevin Polley and Cerina Churchill.

We would like to wish everyone a great Christmas Season and a wonderful 2020.

Corwin Reeves, Chair

## PUGWASH HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

The Pugwash Harbourfront Centre (PHC) is shut down for the winter, but we are taking bookings already for next year.

Do you have an event, conference, exercise or dance class or exhibition looking for a venue? The venue is currently free to use for all not-for-profit groups and festivals.

Internet has been installed for the use of artists and technicians. New web cameras will be installed for the public near and far to observe what is going on the Eaton Park and on the Harbour. There will be also security cameras installed.

Do you have any performance skills that you are willing to share in a series of classes and workshops? There are plans for classes in various stage crafts, voice, stage combat and improvisation. Please contact the Clerk if you have any skills to share. Registration will be in the next few weeks. Watch this space!

Staff



### Waterfront Boardwalk

The damage to the boardwalk, lamp tops and seawall as a consequence of Hurricane Dorian should be fixed this winter. The Village has assisted the insurance company to gather the information necessary to discover what needs to be fixed and at what level of coverage cost. We hope to tender this out as soon as possible.

Staff



Manger scene at One Awesome Night, 2018. Rachel and Angela Trenholm. Photo: Staff.

## One Awesome Night Runs for a Second Year

One Awesome Night offers a re-enactment of the *Nativity Story* in the Town of Bethlehem. The Pugwash Farmers Market doubles as the ancient town, complete with live animals, market vendors, Roman soldiers, numerous citizens and, of course, Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus, all in period costume.

Last year's event was indeed an awesome night and the area churches are planning even more for this year.

The evening presentation will open Friday, December 6th at 6:00 pm with a musical narration of the nativity story with about twenty members from Cumberland Performing Arts.

Bethlehem comes to life for two hours and visitors are urged to dress in costume to become part of the living recreation.

While the tax collector makes his dramatic presence and the vendors hock their treats and drinks, no money actually changes hands. The event is entirely free, a Christmas gift from seven area churches.

Come early for the annual tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 in front of the library, then join the townsfolk of Bethlehem.

Bert McWade

Many thanks to Brent and Karen Clark for the donation of the community Christmas tree. It will be officially lit on Friday, December 6th at 5:30 pm as part of Christmas-by-the-sea. (See also pages 6&7).

**the Cumberland Singers**  
present:

**WENTWORTH RECREATION CENTRE**  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th @ 7:30 pm  
Admission: \$12 Adults | \$6 Children under 12

Proceeds to Local Area Food Banks (Oxford, Pugwash, Springhill)

Join us for an evening of traditional and contemporary Christmas Music.  
You are sure to leave with your heart full of the Christmas Spirit.

**44th Annual Service of Lessons and Songs  
7pm Christmas Eve. St John's United Church, Wallace**

One hour service with large community choir, instrumentalists and carols for the congregation. The service is entirely ecumenical and has drawn participants from nine denominations of the Church. It is also strongly family oriented, with two and even three generations of a family singing in the choir. The service alternates between the United and Presbyterian churches in Wallace.

Stuart Semple, Organist & Choir director



Snowy street scene from One Awesome Night 2018 includes shepherds, Roman soldiers, donkeys and Pugwash shoppers and visitors. Photo: staff



## Communities Blooming in Winter

**Winterscape.** Communities in Bloom 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? Wondered who designed and hung the wreaths for the bridge and Cenotaph fence, decorated the window boxes at the village hall, library and train station, decorated the Post office railings, designed the lighting in the area as you come across the bridge? Communities in Bloom (CIB) hopes you enjoy the beauty! Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

**Festival of Lights.** CIB judges will drive past over 400 homes in the greater Pugwash area to pick winners in the Festival of Lights contest. They are expecting an impressive variety of outdoor lights, creativity of owners, and sheer number of light displays! The winners will

be awarded gift certificates at the Pugwash Christmas Farmers' Market. Saturday December 7th at 11am.

**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 Calendars.** For the last 10 years, CIB volunteers have decorated homes for Christmas, held plant/tree sales, run bingos, and organized luncheons, among other fundraisers. Always, the goal has been to serve multiple functions such as fundraising, increasing community spirit and fun, expanding native species of trees, promoting intergenerational contact, etc. This year our CIB 2020 calendar celebrates *The Tastes of Pugwash*

featuring residents' love of community, good yummy food, and special recipes. We are deeply grateful for all the support we received! Call Norene Smiley 902-243-2073 or stop at Pugwash Home Hardware to obtain your calendar.

**Trees.** Interested in replacing trees lost by Dorian, enhancing your property, adding ecological value to our environment? In Spring, CIB will host a series of events to preserve and increase the forest canopy of Pugwash. Stay tuned!

**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.

Maureen Leahey, Chair



## Sunset Community to Open New Thrift Shop in Pugwash

In 2018, The Sunset Community opened a Thrift Shop and laundry in Oxford. Having achieved their operational goals with that program, the management team, led by Executive Director Julie Hoeg, have decided to establish a similar retail outlet at Sunset Industries on Crowley Road, Pugwash. Like Oxford, items for sale to the public will be a combination of used, sorted, clean donated clothing, furniture and household items and new, liquidated or returned product bought by the pallet load from Amazon and other retailers. Sunset's

program in Oxford has included a very popular on-line auction. This feature will be replicated and offered out of the remodeled operation in Pugwash.

The Sunset Community has remodeled its workshop program at Sunset Industries. The reorganization of vocational programs has included the combining of two woodshop programs and the elimination of pallet production, creating space for the new Thrift Store.

Renovations are expected to wrap up the first phase in December with an

open-to-the-public date expected in January 2020. Updates and other information is available on their Facebook group: "Sunset Industries" and at [www.thesunsetcommunity.ca](http://www.thesunsetcommunity.ca)

Sunset has provided a sheltered workshop for residents of its own programs as well as for members of the community who need a day program/vocational program for many years. 24 adults, supported by 4 to 5 staff, work at the Sunset Industries every day.

Randy Thompson, Social Enterprise Manager, Sunset Industries



A busy summer ran into an equally busy fall for FOPE. We were at the Farmers' Market until late September. This allowed us to meet new members we might have otherwise missed and generate some funds from our merchandise.

The Fall Flotilla (Oct 19th), was a much smaller event this year with only 8 boats taking part due to the weather. A dozen or so hiked on both trails and everyone enjoyed hotdogs and a bonfire afterward.

As an adjunct to the work our students did on the salt marshes, Clean NS was able to do a drone survey of our marshes and provide us with the data and pictures.

FOPE sponsored a presentation at the Peace Hall about Solar Energy which was very well received. With a south facing roof on Estuary House, FOPE would like to employ this technology to reduce our carbon footprint.

The highlight of our fall season was the sold out Fall Feast at the Peace Hall November 9<sup>th</sup>. The popular fundraising raf-

## FOPE keeping busy year round

file of a boat cruise for 10 for next summer was won by Peter Clarke of Gulf Shore. The door prize of an overnight at rustic cabins in Apple River was won by Wayne Reid.

Our trails have been busy with two very successful hikes by the Volksmarch group from Truro and Hike NS; both lead by Greg Nix. Our Sunday hikes are ongoing, meeting at Estuary House at 1pm or by arrangement with Bob Nogler or Sarah Witney (243 2985/ bobnogler@gmail.com).

Work continues to upgrade the foot surface of the trails with 2 spans of boardwalk installed on the Peace Trail and the lumber is in place for the next section thanks to the volunteers who carried the boards in.

Up coming events include participation in the Christmas Market at the High School and the Christmas Bird Count on Dec 28th. Anyone interested in the Bird Count should contact Betty at 243 2476.

Betty Hodgson, FOPE Chair

## Camp Pagweak is Hibernating ...

Ruth Rushton , Camp Cheerleader

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 are now in the process of drafting the calendar for 2020.

In January we will start advertising for regular staff for next summer: counsellors, lifeguard, kitchen help, etc – and we always need many, many volunteers. Stay tuned and keep checking the web page [www.pagweak.org](http://www.pagweak.org) where you can also view many camp pictures.

We are pleased to have a 'fuller time' Director on board - David Throop and he is

working on next year's camp program already. He is no stranger to camp - he served as Director many years ago. Pagweak kept calling him back!

A big thank you to Randy Bonnyman and his helpers for keeping the camp looking spiffy. We really appreciate all their hard work over the summer and fall.!

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

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

## 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

## NORTH CUMBERLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

A request from Site Manager, Barbie Cook to purchase a Total Body Stepper with wheelchair accessibility for the Physio Department of the North Cumberland Memorial Hospital was approved at our September meeting.

Three members attended the Nova Scotia Association of Health Auxiliaries (NSAHA) Convention in Truro on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The presentations by guest speakers Raj Makkar, speaking on physician recruitment; Gillian Power, speaking on the roles of primary care and specialty care Nurse Practitioners; and Carlis Coulter, speaking on the different levels of Paramedics and their changing responsibilities, were very informative. The NSAHA statistics for 2018 show that Health Auxiliaries across Nova Scotia provided \$628,848.81 for medical equipment; \$176,390.93 for non-medical items; \$83,461.22 to community projects; and \$65,100.00 in bursaries.

A farewell luncheon to thank Helen Cameron for the many years she has volunteered as our Thrift Shop Convenor was held recently at Inn the Elms. Our new Shop Convenors are Anita Seaman and Wilma Logan. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the Shop can contact Anita at 902-661-4340 or Wilma at 902-243-3630.

In addition to our regular Shop hours of Wednesday 1-4; Thursday 10-4 and Saturday 9-12 noon, our shop will be open on Friday afternoon from 1-4 beginning on November 29<sup>th</sup> and continuing up to and including December 20<sup>th</sup>.

The shop will be closing at noon on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be Bag Day.

Faye Moore, NCMHA

## Not Too Late to Plant Spring Bulbs

Next spring and even in late winter, look out for some of the 270 spring bulbs the Village of Pugwash planted this fall. The flower garden in front of the old train station has been refurbished and is the home to many of the spring bulbs. They will then give over to mass plantings of perennials such as hosta and astilbe which will bloom through the summer.

Late winter we will first see white snowdrops and blue scilla poke their heads up through the snow. As spring progresses we will see a variety of crocus, then daffodils and various tulips.

Villagers are encouraged to join in and get some bulbs in the ground before freeze up so we can all enjoy the colours through the spring. Plant them pointy end UP, no deeper than three times their height, in well drained soil and in groups. Many bulbs will keep coming up each year, some dividing and making additional blooms as the years pass.

Lets make Pugwash BLOOM in the springtime too!

Staff



## Wallace, Wentworth, Pugwash and Area Community Health Board (WWPA)

The name of the local community health board changed to better reflect the geographical area we cover.

We are always looking for individuals who are interested in participating on our Health Board. If you are interested or want to learn more please contact Colleen Dowe (902-397-0376) or [colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca](mailto:colleen.dowe@nshealth.ca)

Judy Brogan, WWPA

## Joint Emergency Management (JEM) Local Committee Seeks Members

The Village Commission will support a committee that will look at the particular local needs and resources available and how to respond and recover when an emergency occurs.

This could be an emergency due to extreme weather, mass power outages or any of a wide number of possible scenarios that would make travel, communications or shelter difficult.

Every area has its own resources or challenges in emergency preparedness. The committee will look at what those are and compile a resource handbook for our particular area.

Anyone interested in being part of this committee should contact the Village Hall or Mike Johnson, EMO Coordinator at [mjohnson@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca](mailto:mjohnson@cumberlandcounty.ns.ca). Posters advertising openings will go up in the next few weeks.

Don't have time for another committee? Creative and positive suggestions are also always welcome.

Staff

## Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading

*Cumberland County's first stop for adult education*



Programs for learners age 18 & up  
GED & ALP prep  
Essential & employability skills training  
All study materials & classes are FREE

### Featured CAN-U program

GED Prep  
Mon, Tues, Wed, and Fri  
1<sup>00</sup>-3<sup>00</sup> pm  
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TO HELP YOU REACH YOUR GOALS!

Find us on Facebook:  
Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading- CANU

## Literacy, Employability, Possibility

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[www.canu-ns.ca](http://www.canu-ns.ca)

902 661 0153

[can-u@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:can-u@ns.sympatico.ca)

Find the community and social services that YOU need at: <http://ns.211.ca/>

# Christmas-by-the-Sea 2019



## Friday, December 6th



- Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery \* Holiday sale and Christmas cookies
- Cut to the Chase \* Giveaways, in store tax free sales
- F & D Service Station \* Craft and bake sale 8am to 8:30pm
- Fire Truck Rides \* 3pm to 4:30pm from the Village Hall
- GK Pizza \* Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works
- Harrison's Building Supplies \* In store specials \* prize draw for each purchase
- 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 \* 30-40% off toys, collars and leashes, 10% off food. Refreshments, contest
- NSLC \* 4pm to 7pm in store samples for tasting & yummy treats
- O'Brien's PharmaChoice \* In store hourly specials \* redeem Perks for a chance to win a 43" Smart TV\*  
\*40% off Dawgs\* 25% off regular priced giftware
- One Awesome Night \* Pugwash Farmers Market 6pm to 8pm
- Pugwash Co-Op \* In store specials, refreshments and customer draw. BBQ (weather permitting)
- Pugwash Home Hardware \* Scratch and Save tickets for in store purchase
- Pugwash Library \*5pm to 7:30pm\* Open House \* Refreshments
- Pugwash Library \* 6pm to 6:30pm Puppet Show
- Pugwash Post Office \*Refreshments and draw
- Pugwash Train Station \* 5:30pm\* Lighting of the community Christmas tree\* Carol singing
- Pugwash Village Hall \* Open House 3-5pm \* Refreshments
- Pugwash Village Hall \*3pm to 4pm\* Santa Claus
- Rebecca Silver Spray \* Craft and bake sale \* Starts 10am
- Seagull Pewter \* 15% off Christmas pewter & 50% off Christmas giftware
- Scotiabank \* Refreshments
- Sheryl's Bakery & Café \* Daily draw for customers
- The MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant \* Hot beverage & Christmas cookies



### 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>

Dance/sport/exercise instructors - please call the Clerk with your class times at: 902 243 2946 to add your classes to the events list.

### Festival of Lights 2019

Do you love to decorate your property for the holidays? This season, on December 2 and 3 Communities in Bloom judges will be driving through our Pugwash area\* looking for your seasonal decorating.

We are not looking for the prettiest, or the most lights or the best theme. We will be judging your efforts, small or large, to bring a smile to our faces. No need to apply to be judged, but if you have a favourite decorated house, even if it is off the beaten path, please let us know.

Winners announced December 7 at the Christmas Farmers' Market at PDHS Contact: Helen Matheson 902 243 2762; Norene Smiley 902 243 2073 Or email: [cib.pugwash@yahoo.ca](mailto:cib.pugwash@yahoo.ca)

\* Pugwash, south Pugwash, west Pugwash, Pugwash Junction, Gulf Shore



# Christmas-by-the-Sea 2019

## Saturday, December 7th



- Basic Spirit Fine Craft Gallery \* In store specials and Christmas cookies  
 Communities in Bloom: Festival of Lights winners 10am PDHS  
 Cut to the Chase \* Giveaways, in store tax free sales  
 GK Pizza \* Get a 9" FREE garlic fingers with 16" pizza with the works.  
 Harrison's Building Supplies \* In store specials \* prize draw for each purchase  
 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 \* Noon to 3pm in store samples for tasting  
 O'Brien's PharmaChoice \* In store hourly specials \* redeem Perks for a chance to win a 43" Smart TV\*  
 \* 40% off Dawgs \* 25% off regular priced giftware  
 Pugwash Co-Op \* In store specials and customer draw  
 Pugwash Farmers Market \* Christmas Market at PDHS \* 9am to 1pm  
 Pugwash Home Hardware \* Scratch and Save tickets for in store purchase  
 Pugwash Legion \* starts 1pm \* Special treats at the regular cribbage game  
 Rebecca Silver Spray \* Craft and bake sale \* Starts 10am  
 Seagull Pewter \* 15% off Christmas pewter & 50% off Christmas giftware  
 Sheryl's Bakery & Café \* Daily draw for customers  
 The MacFarlane Lantern Restaurant \* Hot beverage & Christmas cookies



### Winter Events

#### December

- 3rd & 4th Festival of Lights - judging  
 6th Christmas-by-the-sea (6&7)  
 6th One Awesome Night (2 & 6)  
 7th Cribbage (9)  
 8th White gift service (10)  
 9th Village Commission meeting  
 12th Heritage Fair, Grades 8&9  
 12th Country Christmas (Wallace)  
 13&14th NCCC Turkeyspiel (11)  
 14th Christmas Concert (7th Day)  
 14th Cribbage & Chase the Ace (9)  
 14th President's Reception (9)  
 20th Christmas Cheer Day (10)  
 21st Winter begins. Yule.  
 21st Cribbage (9)  
 22nd Hanukkah begins  
 24th Carols & Lessons, Wallace (2)  
 25th Christmas Day  
 26th Boxing Day  
 26th Kwanzaa begins  
 28th Christmas bird count (4)  
 31st Hogmanay/ New Year's Eve

#### January

- 1st New Year's Day levee (9)  
 4th Cribbage (9)  
 11th Chase the Ace (9)  
 13th Lohri  
 13th Village Commission meeting (12)  
 18th Cribbage (9)  
 24th-26th NCCC Invitational  
 25th Legion Brunch (9)  
 25th Burns Night

#### February

- 1st Cribbage (9)  
 8th Chase the Ace (9)  
 10th NS Heritage Day (8)  
 11th Science Fair, Grades 7-9  
 15th Cribbage (9)  
 17th Village Commission meeting (12)  
 29th Legion Brunch (9)

### Sport, Exercise & Dance Classes

#### Ladies' Exercise

10-11am Fridays. PDHS. \$5

#### Pickleball

8pm Wednesdays. PDHS. \$2 Drop in  
 7pm Sundays. PDHS. \$20 membership

#### Walking Group

9:30pm Tuesdays & Thursday. CEES  
 FREE

#### Tai Chi - beginners

Noon—1pm Thursday PDHS FREE

#### Yoga with Sara - Wednesdays. Peace Hall, \$10

9am Bring your own yoga mat  
 10:30am Gentle stretches

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

**811**   
 Peace of mind 24/7



From: Denise Corey, Chief Librarian,

**Holiday Open House**

Friday, December 6th 5pm-7:30pm  
Everyone welcome. Refreshments served! Includes:

**Holiday Puppet Show**, Stories and a Craft from 6pm to 6:30pm.

**Christmas Crafty Week**

December 16-20  
Come in this week and get crafty. Use your imagination to make your own Holiday decorations to take home for your tree!  
All Ages

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

**Pugwash Library**

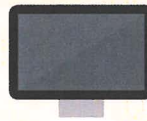
Active Registered Members: 856

The population of the village of Pugwash is 736 people!



8,478 items were borrowed from the Pugwash library last year.  
That's almost 10 items for every resident.

There were approximately **12,382 visits** last year.



The library provides free computer and wifi use.

wifi: 5,408 hours  
computer: 319 hours



The Pugwash library offered 71 programs with 852 people in attendance.

Open for 1,347 hours in 2018/19



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

Want more information? Contact Denise at 902-667-2135 or [denise.corey@cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca](mailto:denise.corey@cumberlandpubliclibraries.ca)

**Nova Scotia Heritage Day 2020  
10th Anniversary of the Afficville apology**

Heritage Day will honour this National Historic Site, which holds great significance to the African Nova Scotian community.

**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.





PREPARING FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  
ON SE PRÉPARE POUR LE 21<sup>E</sup> SIÈCLE

## Royal Canadian Legion Peace Branch 60

### President's Reception

14th December. 5:30 - 7:30pm

### New Year's Levee

1st January. Noon to 2pm

### 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month.

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

### Chase the Ace Every Saturday.

3-5pm. Draw at 5:15pm. Ticket holder must be present for the draw to win.

### Bingo: Every Wednesday at 7pm. \$10/person.

No bingo December 18th to April 2020.

### Saturday Brunch: Last Saturday of the month.

10am to 1pm. Adults \$7 and Children \$3.50.  
Next brunch is January 25th.

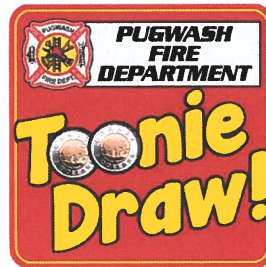
Canteen: 902.243.2123

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 11 drop boxes situated at Sunrise Country Market Port Howe, Wilson's Gas Bar, Pugwash Home Hardware, Scotia Bank, O'Brien's Pharmacy, Pugwash Kwik Way, F&D Esso, Monty's, Sheryl's Bakery & Café, The Lantern Restaurant and the

Sunset Community (for employees only).

We encourage our registered players to pre-pay in advance by placing bills or cheques in the drop boxes. Remember to tell us your number by applying the provided yellow sticker. You can also pre-pay by using e-transfers. The draw takes place every Wednesday evening between 6-7pm. The weekly drawn number is published on our Facebook page at Pugwash Fire Department Toonie Draw and on our website. Members of the public are welcome to come along to the Fire Station to witness the draw.

Please check out our site at [pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca](http://pugwashfire.tooniedraw.ca) to check the status of your number(s) and when they are about to run out. The website also 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. If you have paid during the week, it won't show up until after the draw.

You can still contact us with any questions at [pugwashfire-toonie2016@gmail.com](mailto:pugwashfire-toonie2016@gmail.com) or leave a message at 902 243 2600, and we will get back to you in 24-36 hours.

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

Andy Yarrow, Fire Chief

## Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue (PGSAR)



You may have seen PGSAR's latest acquisition around town: a support vehicle that will provide storage for equipment and serve as a warming centre for searchers. In the past we would have been waiting outside or in a chilly tent between taskings, but on our latest search we could enjoy the comforts

of this vehicle. This made for a team of happy searchers.

Nova Scotia Ground Search and Rescue celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Sydney, NS. A strong delegation from PGSAR was present. We are looking ahead to the next 50 years.



PGSAR continues to be active in the community. We will be helping out with parking at the Sunset Christmas Craft Sale at the Legion on November 30<sup>th</sup> as well as the Bethlehem Live event on December 6<sup>th</sup>. You will also see us at the Wallace Christmas parade! New members are welcome. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at our hall at 61 King Street.

Louise Van Thielen

# North Cumberland Historical Society Appeal for old photographs



*This magnificent photo of the wooden bridge across the Pugwash River is our only record of what it looked like. We need pictures to preserve the history of our area and let future generations know how their ancestors lived. We ask that you search through your old photo albums and see what you can find to help us. Come to us and we can scan them, or scan them and send them by email to us and help us make history available to all. Our email address is [ncumbhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:ncumbhistorical@gmail.com).*

Dianne Elliott

## 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 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 are free - no stamps required. And Santa can reply in 30

different languages! Hurry up and get your letter sent by December 12th to get to Santa in time for Christmas.

## Christmas Cheer Day

Once again the students and staff of Cyrus Elementary will caroling and spreading Christmas Cheer in the Village. Students will singing and visiting local businesses and offices on December 20th. Please open your doors and help them some Christmas Cheer.

Steve Wells, Principal CEES

## Sandy Lake Academy MasterPiece Choir & Bell Ringers

The SLA Christmas Concert will be at the Pugwash Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch to follow.

Daryl Fawcett

BETHLEHEM LIVE

**One Awesome Night**

**Pugwash Farmer's Market**

**Friday, December 6th**

**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Opening play by**

**Cumberland Performing Arts Players**

- ~ Shepherds to guide the sheep through the village
- ~ Mary and Joseph with the animals in the stable
- ~ Children's activity ~ Free Pony Rides
- ~ An Inn for a warm drink

**ALL VISITORS WELCOME**

**JOIN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC**

**AND TOUR THE RE-CREATED**

**OLD CITY OF BETHLEHEM!**

**7 AREA CHURCHES INVOLVED**

## Wesley Saint Matthew's United Church

There will be a White Gift Service and mitten tree to support the food bank and schools of the area, as well as Brunswick Street Mission on Sunday, December 8th at 11am.

Nancy Mundle

## Northumberland Tennis and Pickleball Association (NTPA)

Dianne Burnham



The summer/fall season was very successful and eventful for both tennis & pickleball in Pugwash. The 7th annual tennis tournament was held on Aug 25<sup>th</sup> with 20 players to close out a fun and active tennis season.

Pickleball continued through the fall and will probably continue through the winter, with 20-30 players, ages ranging from 7-82, playing at PDHS every Sunday and Tuesday evenings. The addition of pickleball lines to the outside courts now allow for extended play for all residents and cottagers of all ages.



Some of the participants of the First Annual Pugwash Pickleball Tournament. Photo: Sean Whalen

NTPA hosted our first pickleball "fall classic" tournament, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, with over 70 adult players participating from all over the surrounding area. A huge success thanks to our pickleball representatives, Rod Young, Wayne Reid and Bob Nogler and all the great volunteer help!

We are looking forward to 2020 with plans for NTPA to work with the Village to start the process of applying for grants to secure funds for resurfacing the existing courts. A joint committee between Village Commissioners and NTPA representatives has been established and work has begun. Our goal is to help the Village establish safe and quality facilities for everyone to enjoy.

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## New NCCC Memberships include International Students



Northumberland Community Curling Club is well into the 2019 – 2020 season. The Opening Funspiel took place on Nov. 15 – 16 with 14 teams participating. Bragging rights for top placement went to Murray MacKay's team with mate position shared by Beryl MacLean and Lorna McCallum, second was Larry McDonald and lead Doug Hunt. Randy Weatherby came second overall with team mates JoAnne Craib, Murray Jones and Mary Jamieson. Third place went to Clarence Felderhof with team mates Barb Oke, Jennifer Jamieson and Hughie Hunter. Already curlers are looking forward to the Turkey Spiel scheduled for Dec. 13 – 14 when players vie for their Christmas turkey.

Regular curling began on Monday Oct 30. As in the past four years, Monday has been reserved for Learn To Curl. Experienced NCCC curlers give an eight week course to new and interested future curlers. This year five people have showed up

for the sessions and some of these are already playing in the Morning Men's and Morning Women's allotted times.

NCCC takes pride in its excellent ice which is the result of the dedicated work of three teams of volunteer ice makers. This fall, four of our ice makers, Rob Nowlan, Hugh Allen, Murray Jones and Norval Benjamin, went to Berwick, NS to take a 3 day, level 1 course on ice making, reinforcing what they have been practising at NCCC.

The club has 126 members and associates. Membership usually increases as the Learn To Curl finish their course and decide to join. We are still running programs for Juniors, Little Rocks and the Sunset Community. In addition there are 8 teams playing in the Sunday Commercial League. NCCC rocks!

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.

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

**Roger Mundle** (902 243 2042) is the Commission Vice Chair. Roger lives on Water Street and is retired after delivering furnace oil to the area for 28 years.

**Bill Martin** (902 614 3000 or bill@billmartin.ca) lives on Church Street. Bill is a retired Baptist pastor and is the Pugwash Volunteer Fire Department Chaplain.

**Charles Gould** (902 243 3493) lives on Durham Street. Charley is retired from NS Department of Natural Resources. **Kathy Redmond** - (902 243 2606) is past chair of the Village Commission. Kathy lives on Prince Albert Street and was also a County Councilor for 12 years.

### 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 [villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com](mailto:villagecommission@pugwashvillage.com)



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### Next Regular Commission Meetings

**December 9th**  
**January 13th**

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

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### 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, stocking stuffers and souvenirs from the Village of Pugwash - World Famous for Peace



Front licence plate \$10



Gathering of the Clans hat \$15



Pens \$5



Lapel pin \$2



Gathering of the Clans shirt \$20

Prices may vary as new stock is delivered

### Did you know?

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

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



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