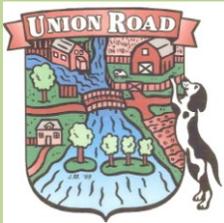


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What's New from Your Community Council?

☞ Newsletter Advertising

If you have a business that you would like to showcase, we would be happy to include your ad in our next issue. The advertising rates for businesses are:

1/8 page - \$25.00

1/4 page - \$50.00

1/2 page - \$75.00

Full page - \$100.00

Our advertising rates help to defray the cost of printing the newsletters.

☞ Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for new articles, suggestions and even photos for each issue of our newsletter. If you have something that you think would be of interest to the residents of Union Road, please send an e-mail us. Our newsletter is published in June and December each year.

☞ **Mark your calendars for the 2016 Annual Picnic!** This year the picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Brackley Commons.** This is a great time for families to get to know folks from Union Road. There will be lots of food, games, activities and prizes. Rain or shine, hope to see you there!

☞ New Councillor

At the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on March 9, 2016, Tim LeLacheur was unanimously elected to Council. Tim filled a long standing vacant seat on Council. Welcome aboard Tim!

☞ 2016 Tax Rate

The 2016 Tax Rate was set by Council at the Annual General Meeting on March 9, 2016. There was no rate change from 2015.

☞ Council Meeting Dates

All regular Council meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month commencing @ 8:00 p.m. at the Brackley Commons except for the months of July & August. The following is the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2014:

June 8, 2016
September 14, 2016
October 12, 2016
November 9, 2016
December 14, 2016

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED & WELCOME TO ATTEND

☞ Recreation Subsidy Policy

Council made some changes to the Recreation Policy. Most notably, the subsidy has been increased from \$60.00 per year, per child to \$100.00 per year, per child. The other change being what programs are now eligible for the Recreation Subsidy. Eligible programs under the policy are:

Programs eligible for subsidy are only those sports recognized as members of Sports P.E.I., or any other activity or program requiring a registration fee and which involves a cardiovascular element.

Recreation Subsidy Applications can be downloaded from our website.

COMMUNITY OF UNION ROAD WORKING ON REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLAN

With the recent fires on the minds of many following the massive Fort McMurray wildfires, it is important for small communities such as ours to have local partnerships in place to assist us in the event of a massive emergency situation. That is why the Communities of Union Road, Pleasant Grove and North Shore are working collaboratively together to develop a Joint Emergency Measures Plan in the event an emergency occurs in any of these communities, whether it be weather related, fire or another type of emergency. We are seeking your assistance to help us develop a resource list/volunteer list by providing the following information:

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Resource Gathering

Can you volunteer or assist in any of these areas (check off all that apply):

- Law enforcement
- Fire Protection

- Transportation
 - Snowmobile to use
 - Snow Plow to use
 - Heavy equipment

- Water/Wastewater Service
- Communications i.e. amateur radio
- Human Resources Management
- Public Information/Media Relations
- Finance & Administration
- Social Services i.e. food, shelter, clothing etc.
- Generator
- Medical Training

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Civic/MailingAddress: _____

People at Risk

Are you at risk or do you know of someone who is at risk during an emergency situation?

Type of condition? _____ (i.e. Mobility, Senior alone, Health, etc.)

Name: _____ Phone _____

Civic Address: _____ Email: _____

Does this person have a relative to contact in the event of emergency?

Please provide their contact information:

Septic System Care

- Pump your tank every 3 - 5 years.
- **DO NOT** put even small amounts of paints, solvents, thinners, nail polish remover and other common household compounds down the drain, as that can kill the helpful bacteria that break down the organic matter in the wastewater.
- Household disinfectants such as laundry bleach or toilet bowl cleaner can be used in moderation; however, overuse of disinfectants can kill the bacteria in a septic tank.
Septic tank "cleaners", "starters" or "enhancers" are typically of little value and are not recommended.



- Avoid putting anything into the septic system that doesn't break down naturally or anything that takes a long time to break down. Materials such as oils, grease, and fat, disposable diapers, tampons and their holders, paper towels, facial tissues, cat box litter, plastics, cigarette filters, coffee grounds, egg shells, and other kitchen wastes, should **NEVER**, be put into the septic system.



Union Road residents David Sims and Orysia Dawydiak are about to step into the forest along the Dunk River

Enjoying our Fair Isle and Staying Healthy by Taking a Hike

One year ago we featured an article about walking the trails at Winter River. We hope you were inspired to visit this nearby gem of Prince Edward Island. Walking remains one of the healthiest forms of exercise. Hiking is affordable and enjoyable as a family outing, and PEI offers truly wonderful hiking areas. This year, we feature a hiking trail slightly further from Union Road, but equally rewarding to visit, the Breadalbane Nature Trail along the Dunk River.

For specifics on location and parking suggestions, please visit <http://www.islandtrails.ca>. When you click on the Breadalbane Nature Trail selection you will see a variety of downloadable pdfs that describe various access points and an emergency locator message. Located in the Community of Breadalbane, This trail is about 6.5 km in length, composed of 2 loops with several possible starting points. You could even ride your bicycles along the Confederation Trail to get to it if you wanted, though you would need to fasten your bikes to trees while hiking, as the

trail is not designed for cycling. Belted kingfishers are among the birds not commonly seen in Union Road that you may observe along this trail. Frogs, salamanders, spotted newts and even muskrats may be discovered by keen eyes. At the eastern end of the trail there is a beaver lodge. Pay attention and you will find it. This trail is not level or flat. It is definitely not for wheelchairs or people with compromised walking abilities. Be prepared to take on some ups and downs, as well as rooty and perhaps muddy bits. It is, however, a lovely respite from human society, offering a taste of natural PEI, with all the sounds and sights that nature offers. To walk for kilometers enjoying the burbling of the upper Dunk River is a blessing. On the other hand, the trail is well marked, and river crossings are on good quality bridges.

Early summer is alas the time of year for black flies and mosquitoes. Bug spray at this time of year is essential. However, the trail is open all year around, so whether it's your dislike of mossies or personal schedule holding you back at this time of year, there are still other times of the year when you can enjoy this nature trail. Snowshoers do an excellent job of flattening deep snow for the benefit of hikers in the winter. At any time of year, getting outside, walking, working your cardiovascular system, and having fun are essential if we are to truly enjoy life. Don't create excuses, plan a hike. How about today?

It's the month of June and it is also June bug season. Here's what you need to know:

Nobody can figure out why they're hanging around your porch lights - Scientists have no explanation for the June bug's manic attraction to electric lights. Researchers do know this: late May and early June is mating season. The June bugs have just weeks to reproduce. Then they die.

June bugs spend most of their lives underground - The white, grub-like larva of the June bug lives in soil for up to three years. They love nice green lawns, especially yours. Thousands of those grubs are gnawing on the roots of your grass right now.



That floundering June bug is somebody's dinner - June bugs that crash to the ground become an important source of food for birds and mammals. That includes crows, blue jays, skunks and raccoons.

June bugs are beetles - June bugs are members of the vast and diverse group of insects we call beetles. Beetles have been around 230 million years. That's, like, older than the dinosaurs.



Have a wonderful summer everyone. Stay safe and enjoy!

Don't forget the Fall Picnic on Sunday, September 11, 2016 @ 3:30 p.m.!

Watch for our next newsletter in early December 2016.