
MLRA NEWS

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Community Events a Great Success!

Submitted by Ann Secord

What a terrific day for a community gathering! The weather couldn't have cooperated more, and the families who came out to meet the committee members braved the heat like troopers. The MLRA was delighted with the turn out of community members and their families who attended the first annual BBQ on June 26. The BBQ was intended to set the tone of community spirit and support, and a chance for us to demonstrate the effectiveness of an organized team with a very healthy agenda of tasks with you in mind. Special thanks to all who helped to make the day a success!

The Clean-up on July 9 saw 22 people participate in our own 'neighbourhood beautification project.' Thanks to the Beechville Depot for Dept of Transportation for their assistance in picking up the trash, and to Clean Nova Scotia for providing gloves and bags. Special thanks to the Poirriers for hosting our BBQ lunch after. When the community comes together, great things can happen!

More community news...see back page!

Welcome to the neighborhood:

Brent & Melony Garrison (23 Fiddle Parkway)



Birth Announcements:

Congratulations to Adrienne & Jeff Nearing on the birth of their little girl Isla on September 29th.



To Selena & David Glover on the birth of their little boy Andrew on October 20th.

COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER PLANNED

Submitted By Sonya Locke

Residents of this area have expressed interest in wanting a new sign at the entrance of this subdivision as one of the top priorities. In that respect, fundraising is necessary to raise money for this initiative. We have decided to start with developing a cookbook. Enclosed are three recipe sheets. Feel free to photocopy more if you wish.

We thought it would be fun to do something a little different, so we are considering an all seasons cookbook with recipes for Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer. Examples include back to school lunches, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and BBQ recipes, to name a few. Indicate on each sheet which season your recipe falls under. If you have a favourite recipe that doesn't fall into either category please feel free to include it.

Note the highlighted section at the bottom of the sheet. It asks how many cookbooks you would like to order. This is not a commitment on your part. However it allows us to determine, first and foremost whether or not this project is feasible, and secondly to determine approximately how many books we would need to order. So please complete this section. These books would be great gifts for family and friends.

We will come around on November 10 to collect all of the forms. If this date is not good for you they can be dropped off to Sonya Locke at 93 Park Court or phone 852 - 3570 for pick up. If all goes well, the cookbooks should be available around late February.

The following individuals have volunteered to sit on the Steering Committee for the proposed Recreation Centre:

Lisa Mullin	Dave MacDonald
Kevin Bezanson	Don Horne
Julia Watt	Barb Allen
Lindsay Rice	Rhonda Dea
Susan Batchilder	Sylvia Carlton

Commentary:

As no other commentary articles were submitted by deadline, MLRA News submits this follow-up to last issue's commentary, following questions about what are specific by-laws regarding responsibility of pet owners:

The Wag 'in Tail

As we may have noticed the McDonald Lake subdivision is highly populated with pets, mainly dogs. Dogs are always a part of a community, but to be good neighbors they need to be controlled. What does this mean? It means, as pet owners, we need to follow the HRM dog by-laws set aside to ensure that pet owners are and their pets are respecting other people living in our subdivision. Unfortunately, the MLRA have had a number of complaints regarding dogs causes problems in the neighborhood. HRM bylaws state:

Every owner of a dog which dog:

- (a) at any time runs at large;
- (b) at any time without provocation has attacked or injured any person or animal or damaged any property;
- (c) is fierce and dangerous to persons animals;
- (d) persistently disturbs the quiet of any neighborhood by barking, howling or in any other manner; or
- (e) damages public or private property;

shall be guilty of an offence under this by-law.

Every owner of a fierce or dangerous dog who permits, suffers allows the dog to be on any streets or in any public place or any other place that is not owned or controlled by that person without first ensuring that the dog is muzzled and physically restrained to prevent it from biting another animal or person, is guilty of an offence under this by-law.

The owner of any dog which runs at large is guilty of an offense even if the dog is not impounded.

Every owner of unspayed female dog shall keep the said dog confined inside a dog proof enclosure while it is in heat.

If a dog, other than a dog that is trained to assist and is assisting a person with a disability, defecates on any public or private property other than the property of their owner, the omission by the owner of the dog to cause such defecation to be removed immediately shall be an offence.

Submissions to the 'Commentary' section of our newsletter are welcomed! Share your thoughts on an aspect of our community that has special meaning for you. Commentaries must be fair, balanced reflections and will not be published if they are mean-spirited, accusatory or libelous. They must be signed, although you may request your byline be withheld. Only submissions from MLRA members will be published in this section. Submissions from non-members regarding relevant issues may be included in other sections of the newsletter. Please submit via email to: shirl261@yahoo.ca

The MLRA board will be meeting the 2nd Monday of every month (Sept – June or as needed). In addition, the Association will meet every three months at a general meeting or community event. Our next board meeting will take place in November. An agenda will be circulated to members before the meeting. If you are not a member and would like to have an item added to the agenda, please forward your item to any board member who will make sure it is included. Board Meetings are open to all Macdonald Lake residents, but we ask you RSVP so we can ensure we have space for all who wish to attend. Members of the board will be present at community events.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The MacDonald Lake Resident Association has two vacant position on the Board of Directors, for Vice-Chair and Member-at-Large.

To nominate or volunteer, please contact Peter Jollimore, Chair, at 850-2396 or Camille Vokey, Communications Officer at 852-2870 Meet once per month if needed, Community Events every season. Bring your knowledge and experience to the table!

Active Living in Our Community



Active Children, Healthy Lifestyles

An early-morning basketball program has begun at Prospect Road Elementary with great enthusiasm. More than 30 children grades 1-3 have registered, requiring an additional morning to be established. Parent volunteers are always welcomed.

An expanded program is planned for January; ideas or suggestions for physical activity can be relayed to Peter Jollimore via email at

The Prospect Road and Area Recreation Association meets every first Monday of the month (except July and August) at the Prospect Elementary School at 7:00pm. Representatives from community groups and organizations are welcomed.

Paving Update

UPDATE ON THE PAVING OF ROADS IN THE MACDONALD LAKE SUBDIVISION

The initiative to pave roads is continuing to progress. The Survey for Forest Glade Drive is complete. The breakdown is:

24 Possible Respondents

13 Answered YES (54.2%);

2 Answered NO (12.5%);

2 indicated they returned petition separately (8.3%) - these have been received by HRM;

1 No answer (4%); and

5 Empty lots (21%).

The results will still have to be accepted, but it looks good for forest Glade Dr. Once the results are accepted for Forest Glade Dr. (proving that the resident initiated survey is acceptable) we will finish the survey of the rest of the subdivision. Already, almost half of the subdivision has been surveyed to date. Rumours have spread that recent funding the Province has received will hasten the paving of new roads, specifically ours. The Province has put no new money into County roads that are now part of the HRM. As of 20 Oct there is no change to the 7 yr waiting list for roads.

- Dave Poirrier, Director at Large

Deck your Doors

And windows, and lawns, and sheds, and rooftops, andyou get the picture!



Join the MLRA in celebrating the season in style!

The first annual Holiday Home Decorating Challenge will take place in December. Dress up your house and yard for the holidays ..for this challenge, only the outside will count!

Children will decide who has best captured the holiday spirit in mid-December.

Register to participate by bringing a food bank donation to Camille Vokey (Fiddle Parkway) or Shirley Jollimore (16 Sunset Court) before November 30. Ballots will be attached to the December issue of this newsletter. Bragging rights and a holiday decoration to the favorite!