
MLRA NEWS

Issue 8

Information for Residents of McDonald Lake Subdivision, Hatchet Lake NS

March 2008

YOU CAN'T MISS US NOW!!

On Monday, Dec. 10th, Councilor Reg Rankin joined several families of our subdivision to celebrate the unveiling of our new McDonald Lake Subdivision sign. The children had a great time ripping the wrapping paper off. Special "thanks" to Leslie Wilson, Vicki Morton, Ray Bowie, Novalee Hamlyn, Melissa Verge and Jamie Rae Bowie for doing a lot of work on this project and "thank you" to all the members who supported this project. In the Spring, the MLRA plans to complete this project by landscaping the area around the sign..stay tuned on how you can get involved.

ROAD CONDITIONS AND PAVING

With all of the fabulous snow and frost, combined with the beautiful January thaw days we've had, our subdivision roads are reaching their annual peak of disrepair. The following update was received by the association with regard to our paving:

"HRM submitted the list of 15 streets for paving under the 2008 Aid to Municipality. The streets were selected using HRM approved priority system, and included are Fiddle Parkway, Forest Glade Drive, Sunset Court and Eagleview Terrace. [It is uncertain] at this time if all 15 streets will be paved, the Province will notify HRM in writing as to what streets fit within the budget. It is too late to include Prospect River Court in this list, if successfully surveyed it would be added [to the general waitlist]. If the streets within McDonald Lake subdivision are not paved in 2008, Prospect River Court would be added to the area."

PARK IT!

Parkland Development Planning has begun!

MLRA is working on developing the parkland plot on Prospect River Court into a natural play space for residents of all ages. The first planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 3rd at 6:30pm Brookside Junior High. The early timeframe should allow our younger citizens to participate, and have their opinions considered. All McDonald Lake residents are welcomed to attend and bring suggestions for what this space should provide. Help design a space that is creative, natural, and useful for all ages. Community groups, elected officials, and HRM planning staff will also be participating. If you would like to be part of a sub-committee for this project, please contact Camille Vokey at 852-2870 or camillevokey@eastlink.ca

The McDonald Lake Residents Association would like to welcome all those who have recently moved into the subdivision. We would love to hear from you, and are happy to provide information about the association. We invite new and existing residents to become members for a small annual fee of \$5.00. For information, please contact Michelle at 852-2174, or by email proteroem@hotmail.com for more information. Minutes from previous meetings and more information is available on our website: www.summitconferencetools.com/mlra

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008. DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Help keep our neighborhood safe by being a Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteer. For more information, visit www.prospectcop.ca or call 852-1295 or 852-2141.

School Pull-off Update:

Ray Bowie has been coordinating this project together with municipal and provincial partners. The contractor has been chosen, and work will begin shortly, pending the contractor's schedule.

3rd Annual Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling on Thursday, December 13 was well-attended. Approximately 30 people attended the event and the children had a lot of Christmas spirit, singing their hearts out. We even managed to bring Santa out of the North Pole a few weeks early, and hot chocolate and cookies were enjoyed at the Vokey home on Fiddle Parkway. Thanks to Camille, Dave and their family for their hospitality. We'll try for 40 next year!!

Congratulations to Prospect Bulls Bantam and Mini Girls basketball teams on being designated Host Teams for the upcoming Provincial Championships. The games will be held the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April. Best of luck to all of our local teams as they prepare for the provincial tournament. McDonald Lake residents Julia and Kristina Comuzzi and Allison Jollimore, together with their parents and coaches, hope you will support their efforts this spring, and come out to support the teams!

Adopt A Family a Terrific Success

Once again this year, in conjunction with the Christmas Boxes program at St Timothy's Church, we supported a local family in need. The MLRA, via St Timothy's, received a thank you letter from the family:

"Some people have away of coming in with kindness and leaving smiles behind...We greatly appreciate your generous gifts as we face illness with dignity. Illness is a burden, but your actions have really lightened the load. For that we especially thank you all...We won't forget your kindness, your thoughtfulness is a work of heart."

Thanks to all donors for your support, and to Jamie-Rae Bowie and Melissa Verge for coordinating this event.

PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER
Saturday, June 7, 2008 9am-12 pm
Prospect Road Elementary School
We're looking for donations of plants from your garden. Contact Amanda Layton-Malone at 850-2469 or nstinydogs@eastlink.ca

We have received several complaints about owners allowing dogs to run off leash onto other properties, without cleaning up after them. Help your pets enjoy the spring air in a responsible manner. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- Swim Night: Capt. William Spry Wave Pool Date to be Announced – Stay tuned!
- COMMUNITY CLEAN –UP ...Saturday, April 26/08. Rain or shine.
- Plant Sale...Fundraiser...Saturday June 7, 2008
- NICHOLS LAKE TRAIL UPGRADE ...funding has been requested to continue our trail improvements. Keep those shovels at the ready!
- DivorceCare program, Thursday nights at St Timothy's Church. Open to the community. Contact 852-4580 for details.

The Prospect Rd & Area Recreation Association encourages community groups who want to undertake a recreation project in the communities from Goodwood to West Dover to apply for funding from the 2008 Recreation Area Tax Rate Funds by filling in and submitting the Funding Application. If you would like more information please call Rec. Association Chair, Kelly Morrissey at 430-3600