

# THE CENTRE POST

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## *Delft Haus* by Gail Salmon



Quaint and romantic is how I would describe Delft Haus. The house is a beautifully decorated Victorian gingerbread, dressed in white icing, complete with ornamental spindles and an extended porch. In its day, it was in the hub of Centreville life; you can imagine horse and wagons driving on the road. The house has a colourful history and was built around 1890 by the family of Minnie Sheffield, a longtime resident of the area. The bed and breakfast originated with Martje Saunders, who renovated and lovingly decorated the rooms complete with drapes and furnishings that match the era. Dan and Leslie Richards from Ottawa purchased the B & B and ran it for three years.

Today, the Delft Haus Bed and Breakfast is owned and operated by Ray and Deborah Ridley, who purchased it in March, 2006. They moved from the small seaside town of Margate in England, and moving to Centreville provided them with the charisma of quaint surroundings with the Bay of Fundy close by. They renovated the loft (attic) to provide additional personal space and privacy for themselves and their guests. Delft Haus is a four-and-a-half star Canada Select B & B, which is often full during peak periods. Guests come from all over Canada, the United States and Europe, and even Bruce Guthro and his staff enjoyed their stay! Delft Haus is open year round and many of the guests are repeat customers. There are four lettings (rooms) adorned with poster beds, lace, washstands and wingback chairs, and including all the modern conveniences. Mornings are filled with the smell of fresh coffee, bacon, eggs, waffles, fresh bread and other scrumptious breakfast goodies. Guests are encouraged to walk around the grounds and admire the beautiful gardens (compliments of Ray) and wonderful century-old trees. (Ray also owns and runs the Scuff and Buff shoe repair service behind Sanford's garage.)



With Deborah's love of cooking and her family background, Goodchild's Tea Room came to fruition in 2009. The name, Goodchild, is in memory of her grandfather, who was a chef. The tea room is open from April 3<sup>rd</sup> until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Treat yourself by visiting the tea room and enjoying the soups, salads and Panini. The décor and tea sets showcase the classic Victorian style, especially when you can delight in their "tea for two" afternoon special. Let your taste buds experience the quiche, organic coffees, organic teas, and finish with desserts or their classic ice cream sundaes. The veranda and picnic tables provide seating for sunny summer days. The mature trees stand stately and the gardens will entice you to walk around. As the days lengthen and the emergence of spring is at hand, take a moment to visit this local treasure.

**The Centre Post** is published four times a year: September, December, March and June.

The deadline for news items, etc., is the 1st day of these months, with the newsletter at the outlets by the 21st. It is always good to get your information in before the deadline.

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Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?



### Battery Recycling in Centreville

Used batteries can be dropped off at the Centreville Community Hall on Thursdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, as well as at the monthly Big Breakfast.

All batteries can be turned in **except** car batteries.

### Associate Editor's Note

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of the Centre Post. I certainly had a lot of material to work with. I had a lot of fun working with my new Publisher program and hope you enjoy reading the issue.

By the time this issue comes out it will be Spring, which will hopefully bring warmer weather and sunny skies!

Elisha Harper

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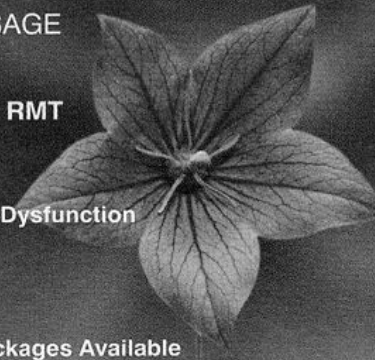
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April 3	Goodchild's Tea Room re-opens
April 6	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Sunday
April 18	Park Association Meeting
April 20,21	Clothing Give Away, Baptist Church
April 21	Blossom of Hope Fundraiser, Blueberry Acres
April 21	GNC's Big Breakfast, Centreville Hall
April 26	CDCDA Meeting, Centreville Hall
April 27	Schizophrenia Society Event, Kentville Fire Hall
April 28	Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser, Old Orchard Inn
May 5	Annual Dinner, Centreville Hall
May 11,12	Quilt & Rug Hooking Show, Baptist Church
May 12	Jim Morton, Centreville Hall 2:00pm
May 13	Mother's Day
May 16	Park Association Meeting
May 19	GNC's Big Breakfast, Centreville Hall
May 24	CDCDA Annual Meeting, Centreville Hall



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## Norman Rockwell and Centreville

By Jim Morton, MLA Kings North

Probably many of you know Norman Rockwell's famous town hall illustration. It shows a man standing tall in a room of fellow citizens, making a point about life in his community. Many of you have been living that experience during recent weeks and I've had the privilege of seeing democracy in action as you debate the future of Centreville.

First, the Public Information Meeting on the proposed mini-home park development drew so much interest that a planned single session spilled into second evening. The Hall just couldn't accommodate everyone. I watched as citizen after citizen stood in opposition to the proposal, passionately describing what matters about Centreville. And democracy hasn't been limited to those two meetings. An organized canvass gathered hundreds of petitions and many of you called or wrote your Municipal Councillor or to me as your MLA. Others have dropped into the office to discuss the development proposal and I can only imagine the conversations at the post office, the KwikWay and at kitchen tables.

A week or so later more than 40 of you were back at the Hall to debate a proposed Parks and Recreation Rate designed to support the work of the Centreville and District Parks and Recreation Association. I was invited to help count the ballots (29 citizens supported setting a \$20 rate; nine opposed it), but I can vouch for those who weren't in the room that the presentation of the proposal, the questions, the challenges, the clarifications and the secret ballot were wonderful examples of how democracy works.

Centreville also made the news when software company Livelenz, one of its exciting up-and-coming businesses, received a \$1 million

investment from Innovacorp, an agency of the provincial government. The investment announcement at the Subway restaurant in Coldbrook, one of Livelenz's 5,000 customers (spread across eight countries), gave me the opportunity to present founders Joel Doherty and Daryl Fraser with a Certificate of Congratulations on being named the 2011 'Outstanding Innovator of the Year' by the Eastern Kings Chamber of Commerce. Livelenz is the kind of innovative, competitive business that will drive our new economy. And its headquarters is right here in Centreville.

Sometimes citizens don't wait for public meetings to recommend action on our economic welfare. A few weeks ago I sat at a Centreville kitchen table to discuss, among several topics, practical ways to improve tourism and the importance of adding value to forest products. I can't tell you how much I appreciate that kind of thoughtful investment in the welfare of our community.

Finally, I've got my own plans for encouraging democracy. Over the next few months I'll be holding a series of Community Meetings throughout Kings North, designed to gather your ideas, questions, concerns and suggestions. One of these will be at the Centreville Hall (Saturday, May, 12, 2012 at 2:00 pm). Everyone's voice is needed. I hope you'll mark your calendars and that you'll help spread the word. I hope you'll come out to share your ideas.

As far as I know Norman Rockwell never visited Centreville, but had he dropped into the ratepayers meeting in mid-February he would have felt right at home.

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## Land Re-zoning Application, Centreville

Public Information Meetings were held January 30 and 31, 2012, regarding an application to rezone land on 959 Sherman Belcher Road and two adjacent properties from R1 and R2 to Residential Manufactured Housing (RM), which would permit mini and mobile homes. In total, about 250 residents were in attendance. The response of the community members who were present and/or represented was one of resounding rejection of the applicant's proposal, with no positive comments voiced. The majority of speakers cited one or more of the following reasons:

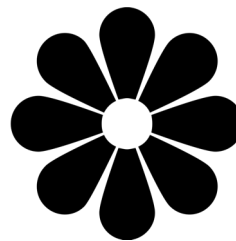
- Fear of devaluation of existing homes and properties in the community;
- Loss of community input and control into future development of the property in question should the zoning be changed to Residential Manufactured Housing (RM); once rezoned, the land could be developed in a manner other than that proposed;
- Perceived discrepancies between the proposed lot size and development density versus the actual size of the property in question;
- Increases in traffic and demands on community resources such as water and sewer: it was felt by some that tax revenue from such a development would be insufficient to cover the costs incurred, hence the burden would fall on existing residential taxpayers;
- Lack of benefit to the many local contractors and tradespeople, as all homes in the development would be built in New Brunswick;
- The existing availability of affordable conventional housing in the community;

- The focus on a specific demographic, i.e., those over the age of 50 years, and the demand for such;
- Failure of a mini-home park to reflect the existing image of the community: many would like to see the area in question developed, but under the current zoning, e.g., semi-detached and single unit dwellings;
- The desirability of encouraging young families to move into the area to use existing parks and schools rather than turning Centreville into a retirement community;
- Land-lease mobile homes devalue over time, as opposed to permanent homes which increase in value;
- Lack of demand for mini-homes in the community;
- A lack of familiarity and/or history with the applicant and any of his existing developments.

Residents are reminded that it not the applicant who will decide if the proposal is approved, but rather their elected representatives on the Municipal Council. Following is an outline of the Land Use Bylaw review process as prepared by Ian Watson, County Planner. Concerned citizens are urged to get involved and have their voices heard.

**Note: The CAAC/CDCDA will notify residents of meeting dates and locations by placing posters in local businesses, messages on the Community Event Sign, and postings on the Centreville Web Site.**

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## Land Use Bylaw Amendment Process

The following is the typical review process for a map amendment to the Land Use Bylaw (a rezoning) in the Municipality of the County of Kings. Items with stars (\*\*) are the primary steps for public comment and involvement.

**Application:** Staff receives a completed application form and required information.

**\*\* Public Information Meeting (PIM):** If the proposed rezoning is larger than 1 acre in size, a Public Information Meeting is held. Neighbours within 500' of the property are notified by mail and an advertisement is placed in the local newspaper at least one week before the meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for the applicant to present their proposal to the community, and for the community to ask questions and pose early comments or concerns.

**Staff Review:** Planning staff review the proposal for consistency with the goals, objectives, and policies set out in the Municipal Planning Strategy. This includes a review of potential impacts to traffic, the environment, services (incl. sewer and water), and the finances of the Municipality.

**Area Advisory Committee (AAC):** If the community has an AAC, (Centreville does) they review the staff report at their meeting. The AAC makes a recommendation to the Planning Advisory Committee.

**Planning Advisory Committee (PAC):** The PAC examines the staff report, considers the recommendation from the AAC, and then makes a recommendation to Council.

**First Reading:** The proposal is presented to Council for the first time. Council considers the recommendation of the PAC and then makes a decision to either deny the application, or to

forward it on to a Public Hearing and Second Reading.

**\*\* Public Hearing:** The Public Hearing is an opportunity for members of the public to address Council directly on a proposed rezoning. Neighbours within 500' of the property are notified by mail and an advertisement is placed in the local newspaper at least two weeks before the Public Hearing.

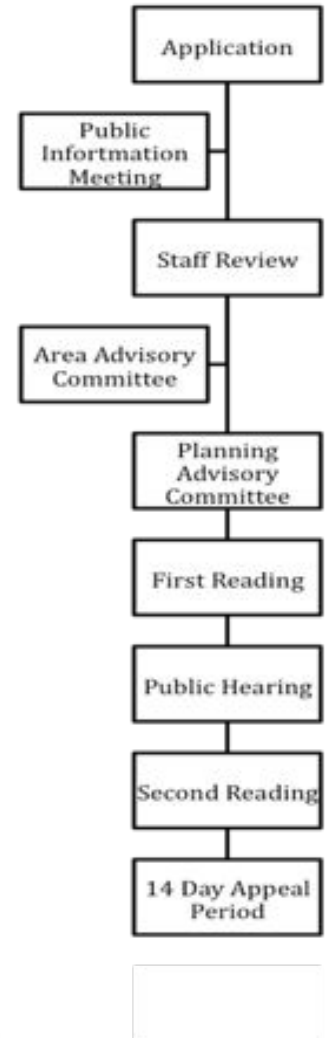
**Second Reading:** Council makes a final consideration of the proposal and votes to approve or deny it. Only Councillors who attended the Public Hearing are permitted to vote.

**14 Day Appeal Period:** Aggrieved parties who feel Council's decision on an application was inconsistent with the goals, objectives, and policies set out in the Municipal Planning Strategy have 14 days to make an appeal to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board.

### Public Involvement

The main venues for public involvement in an application are the Public Information Meeting and the Public Hearing. However, all meetings (AAC, PAC, Council) are open for public viewing. There is an opportunity for brief (2 minutes per person) comment from the public at PAC and Council, but it occurs at the end of the meeting after consideration of any applications. Members of the public are also invited to bring any potential issues to the attention of Planning staff at: (902) 690-6139, or e-mail to [planning@county.kings.ns.ca](mailto:planning@county.kings.ns.ca).

Ian Watson, Planner,  
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# Story from the Family Farm

by Mack Frail



Many of the family names that were once prominent in Centreville are no longer familiar in the community. Kinsman was an early settler name, and the first of the New England Planter families who settled in Centreville. Two brothers with that name settled in Centreville in the 1760s and owned a large section of the community.

Abraham Marsters was a British Empire Loyalist who settled in Centreville. The name was changed to 'Masters', and they became prominent residents of the community. The original Marsters' home was dismantled and shipped to Nova Scotia from Massachusetts, and then reassembled in Centreville. The original homes of Nathaniel Kinsman and Abraham Marsters are the oldest houses in Centreville.

Stephen North was an early settler in Centreville. He began the wagon manufacturing business that was later owned and operated by the Woodworth family.

Caldwell was among the names of those who settled in Centreville during the mid-1800s. John Caldwell lived in Centreville and was the High Sheriff of Kings County from 1853 until 1880. The Caldwell families in Centreville changed their name to 'Coldwell'. Caldwells owned and operated an early store in Centreville. Early merchant businesses in Centreville also included the names Masters, Arnold, Bowles, Crookshank, Baltzer, and Thorpe.

The area in Centreville that is east on Banes Road and continues into Sheffield Mills was a separate community known as 'Atlanta'. After the School Act in 1864, when the community school districts were established, Atlanta became a part of Centreville. Eaton and Murphy are two of the older Atlanta names..


Some of the early settler names I have not mentioned that were familiar in Centreville are Lowden, Wheaton, Cogswell, Martin, Newcomb, Cavanaugh, Cunningham, Sarsfield, Rockwell, Roscoe, Pineo, Ward, Manson, and Lyons.

Wishart is a Scottish name, and was one of Centreville's early settler names. The Reverend William Thomas Wishart was born in Scotland on June 9, 1809. He married Isabella Alice Morton, a descendant of a prosperous and influential family in Halifax, on September 19, 1839. Her father was John Morton, a member of the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia. Shortly after they were married, Rev. William and Isabella Wishart purchased a large property in Centreville. A simple description of the location of the original Wishart property is that they owned the land southeast of Lydiard Road that extended to Saxon Street. Sherman Belcher Road was the northeast boundary, with the property extending southwest (between its boundaries of Lydiard and Saxon) beyond Highway 359 to the old abandoned railway.

Lydiard was an early Centreville settler name, and was part of the Wishart family. George Edward Lydiard was born in Halifax and married Lydia Morton, a sister to Isabella (Morton) Wishart. Rev. William Wishart died in Centreville at an early age, and George Lydiard and his wife Lydia moved in with Lydia's widowed sister, Isabella Wishart, for a couple of years to help manage the Centreville farm. It was George and Lydia's son Harry Cogswell Lydiard, born on January 4, 1848, who remained on the family farm with his Aunt Isabella. Isabella Wishart was responsible for maintaining a lovely garden near her home. On September 18, 1877, Isabella opened a section of their family farm that included her lovely garden area as a park for the enjoyment of the public. It was referred to as the 'Centreville Park.'

Harry Lydiard bred, raised, and trained racehorses on their family farm. He would take his horse 'Border', with sulky and bags of feed, to the United States - arriving covered with dust and appearing generally untidy. When he entered the race many wondered what the 'old hayseed' was doing there. It was after the race, which he often won, that they realized why he came. Harry Lydiard died on Labour Day, September 6, 1926, at the age of seventy-eight years.

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He died doing what he liked best - racing his trotter horse. The following is part of a newspaper article, which I quote to describe the horse race in Aylesford where he died while racing his trotter horse, 'Briar Mac'.

"It was 'Briar Mac' with Harry Lydiard on the reins when suddenly his hands went up, and he fell to the ground. Briar Mac hesitated momentarily and then, as if driven by an invisible driver, continued with beautiful strides to gain on all the other horses. It was the lead horse 'Aubrey the Great' that won by a length over 'Briar Mac'."

Harry and Laura Lydiard's son Percy was born in 1874. Percy Lydiard inherited the original family farm that was first settled by his great-aunt and uncle, Rev. William and Isabella Wishart. Percy remained on his farm in Centreville, and during his life he was a kind and generous gentleman. He died in 1948 and, by the description of the benefactors of his will, he was generous with the disposal of that which he owned. His generous gift to the community of Centreville was a bequest of twenty-two acres of natural forest area, to be maintained as a nature park for the enjoyment of the community.

Roscoe A. Fillmore and his wife Margaret are included among those people who contributed generously to the community, an example of which was their gift of two and one-half acres adjacent to the Lydiard Park to be used by the youth of Centreville as a ball field and for other such sports.

The building of the old Hall School, the church, and the closed-in skating rink are some of the projects that were supported and funded by the residents of Centreville. Charlie and Mable MacDonald are among those who donated generously to the community. Space allows me to mention only a few of the people who have given considerably large gifts to the community of Centreville: there are many more whose contributions are just as important.

Dear Readers,

Rather than reinventing the wheel for my contribution to the March edition of the Post, I have decided to share with you several important updates that will have a major effect on land development across our province. The first part of this article deals with the new Nova Scotia government policy on wetlands. This is very exciting news for anyone who cares about environmental issues that have an impact on our daily lives. Wetlands make a significant contribution to the clean water we drink, carbon sequestration and habitat for wildlife.

Finally, as a National Director for Ducks Unlimited Canada, I am so proud of the work that is done by our "Team Atlantic!" Krista Elliott and Colette Cheverie have worked very hard to create better communications with DU volunteers, landowners and the general public.

For further information, visit our website [www.ducks.ca](http://www.ducks.ca) or if you have a question, don't hesitate to contact me by phone, 679.6691 or email [gc\\_jones@yahoo.ca](mailto:gc_jones@yahoo.ca)

UPDATE from our local DU Dinner: the Valley Chapter (est.1983) will hold its annual fundraising dinner at the Old Orchard Inn on Saturday, April 28th. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6:30, with raffles and auctions to follow. Come spend an evening of fun and help save our wetlands!

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## Clarification of Municipal Planning Process

Hello Mr. Sweeney and Councillor Killam,

Re: Proposed mini-home park in Centreville,



I am emailing you to clarify comments made by the applicant, Tony Fisher, regarding his interactions with Municipal staff. I want you to know that Municipal Staff have in no way advised or pushed Mr. Fisher to propose a mini-home park in Centreville. This is simply not our job. The idea for any development proposal originates with the developer. When approached for feedback on a proposal, our role is then to provide information about Municipal regulations.

In this case, prior to submitting an LUB amendment application, Mr. Fisher did discuss his proposal with Municipal and Provincial departments in terms of technical construction issues, such as sewer capacity, road designs and building setback requirements. When Mr. Fisher indicated that he wished to develop a mini-home park, Municipal staff informed him that a change in zoning would be needed and explained the process for making an application to Council. Inquiries, such as these, are private until such time that a planning application is submitted. I also want to emphasize that Municipal staff have not yet conducted the planning review for this proposal that will examine a variety of planning issues, such as water and sewer availability and consistency with the goals contained in the Municipal Planning Strategy and Centreville Secondary Planning Strategy.

I trust the above explanation is helpful. Please contact me with any questions.

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(www.valleyfamilyfun.ca)

Have you ever wondered what to do with your family on any given weekend, or how to spend a rainy day? Wish there was one consolidated place that housed information relevant for families living in the Annapolis Valley?

www.valleyfamilyfun.ca is a new resource created by Laura Churchill Duke that houses information relevant to families. Included is everything from an events calendar showing happenings for each day, ideas for March Break and rainy days, links to recreational and artistic endeavours, to lists of resources and support systems for families in the Annapolis Valley.

In addition to the website, emails will be sent out from time to time that update subscribers about specific events happening in the area or new information. To subscribe email valleyfamilyfun@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook under Valley Family Fun and join the group to be part of the discussions and information sharing network.

For more information, to subscribe, or to suggest ideas for the website, visit www.valleyfamilyfun.ca or email valleyfamilyfun@gmail.com.

A mushroom walks into a bar and says to the bartender, "Hey, could I get a beer please?"  
The bartender looks at him and says, "No, we don't serve food here."  
The mushroom says, "Why not, I'm a Fungi!"



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# News From the Municipality

To the Editor,

Feb. 26/12

From all the issues that have arisen within our municipality, one great thing that keeps emerging. It is democracy in action and your engagement as residents of our communities. The next step is to ensure your elected representatives are listening.

1. Recently, Centreville residents let Kings County Council and staff know how they want their community to develop and look like in the future. With over three hundred property owners attending two meetings to voice their concerns and questions regarding a proposed mini-home park, it was very clear as to the direction they want councilors and staff to go with this particular application. As with any application to the County that would affect a community in either a positive or negative way, public meetings always give both the applicant and the community a chance to express their points of view. Both meetings were chaired well by Mike Sweeney and, from a Chair's position, meetings with strong emotion and large participation can be challenging. Thank you all for participating in this democratic process.

2. In other parts of my district, Meadowview residents have held meetings with our engineering staff and myself to express their concerns over potential future flooding. They have had to endure major flooding over the years, with water in some of the homes filling basements to the first floors of their homes. Kings County has funded a flooding study for the area and are presently working on recommendations as to how best to deal with this on-going problem. As one woman from Meadowview expressed, "With every spring melt and heavy rains I hardly sleep at night in fear the Cornwallis River will rise again and destroy my home." This will continue to be a major concern, with rising ocean levels created by global warming. The Cornwallis River is affected by both spring melting and the high-tide waters of the Bay of Fundy pushing up into the Wolfville, Port Williams, New Minas and Kentville/Meadowview corridor.

3. Halls Harbour residents continue to be concerned as to the future of the harbour with respect to the stronger storms and rising tides. Organizations and residents within the area continue to work with different levels of government to ensure our wharf infrastructure is kept in good shape for the fishermen, other business operators, residents and the tourism industry.

4. Council and staff are working on a "dry hydrant policy" that will allow funding for Fire Departments located in rural areas such as Halls Harbour to establish water supplies to fight structure and forest fires in these areas.

5. Kings County Council and staff adopted a Large Wind Turbine Policy last year intended to allow wind farm developers to make applications for wind energy projects. Potential sites that developers are now targeting are located in the Gaspereaux/Greenfield area and Canaan/ White Rock area. Residents from these communities have come forward in opposition to the location of these large 390 foot turbines. In our policy, the minimum distance allowed between residents and these turbines is 700 meters. The residents of these communities are not against wind energy, but rather the proximity to their homes. Researchers and scientists have raised very important questions and provided updated information surrounding the negative affects of large wind turbines on: human health; animals and birds; devaluation of properties; issues with decommissioning; affects on landscapes; tourism; and immigration to Kings County. There have been several community meetings and presentations to Council asking us to review the policy we established. We are actively doing that and, once again because of democracy in action, you the residents of Kings County have spoken out in an attempt to protect and make positive recommendations for your homes and communities.

6. The other larger and more detailed initiative over the next three years will involve communities, villages, towns and businesses is the 2050 Visionary Project, which will help guide Kings County into the future. Any input from residents within Kings County is greatly encouraged. We are also reviewing all of our policies and land use by-laws in order to streamline and get rid of policies that are outdated and redundant.

There are many other issues going on throughout Kings County along with the day to day business. Council is a full time job and, for me, it is a privilege to represent you in District 3. As this is an election year, I have decided to offer for another term in the October Municipal Election if you will have me. I ask for and will appreciate any support and feedback on this decision.

Thank you, Councilor Dick Killam

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**The Centreville '50'-Plus  
Association  
'Friends Enjoying Friends'**

by Darrell Spurr

As we start our third year, the club continues to attract a large group of area seniors. Membership has grown steadily, and as of now we have 35-40 in attendance each week. Members enjoy a variety of card and board games (bridge, cribbage, 45's, Skip-Bo, Aggravation, etc.). On special occasions we enjoy music supplied by our talented 'Newfie' members. On the third Wednesday of each month we supply a cake and celebrate birthdays for the month, and every week we have a free-will offering and a 50/50 draw.

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## Centreville's Third Annual Quilt & Rug Hooking Show

Centreville's Third Annual Quilt & Rug Hooking Show sponsored by the Evening Workers Auxiliary will be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-8:00 pm and Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 4:00 pm at Centreville Baptist Church on Murray Drive.

Quilt & Rug Registration and delivery is on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 9:00 am – 8:00 pm. to enable setup on Thursday.

Come see the colorful displays of quilts, hooked rugs as well as the 2012 challenge entries. Vote for your favorite entry. This year the challenge is "In a Country Garden". There will be a special display by the Port Williams Quilt Guild to mark their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Selected homemade/handmade items including baking, quilts and rugs will be for sale. There will be demonstrations, door prizes and a silent auction.

Admission to the show is a free will donation.

Stay and enjoy lunch on Friday & Saturday -also a light supper on Friday. The cost is \$8.00 per meal.

Registration forms are available on line at [centrevillebaptist.ca](http://centrevillebaptist.ca)

For further information call Ann at 678-4472 or Sharon at 678-2836.

For Challenge information call Susan at 542-0028.

We hope to see you and your friends , viewing, visiting and voting at the show.

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The above picture shows only a sampling of the quilts that were on display at the very successful Quilt & Rug Hooking Show held at the Centreville Baptist Church on May 6-7, 2011.

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## Park Association News

by Betty Harper

After many area recreation rate-planning meetings and discussions, the Centreville Park and Recreation Association felt we were ready to present our case to the ratepayers of Centreville. We had a great deal of help from Wendy Salsman at the Municipal office. She was always available to answer our questions, and attended one of our meetings last fall as well as our community meeting.

We posted notices at six locations in Centreville on January 30, 2012, and purchased two ads in *The Advertiser* (January 31 and February 7 issues) as required in the application process set out by the County.

We held a public meeting on February 15, 2012, for all the ratepayers in Centreville who lived within the boundaries that we as a committee had set out in our notices. This included the Centreville Growth Centre: Hwy 359 Civic Numbers 1676-2400, Hwy 221 Civic Numbers 7574-8235, Bain's Road Civic Numbers 58-511, Sherman Belcher to Civic Number 1281, and all side roads/streets within these parameters.

At the public meeting chaired by Darrell Spurr, a brief history of the park was given, our proposal (\$20.00 per dwelling for the approximately 500 dwellings), and our budget were presented. We, as the Park Association, fielded many questions from those present. We hope we were able to answer most of them satisfactorily. The vote was done by secret ballot. After our special guests Dick Killam (County Councillor), Jim Morton (MLA), and Wendy Salsman (County Of Kings) counted the ballots the Centreville Park Association was pleased that the result was 29 for and nine against.

This meant that we had to put the finishing touches on our application and submit it to County Council before March 1, 2012. The entire package was delivered to the County on February 24, 2012. We are now waiting for the County's decision on June 1, 2012, and then - if approved - they will advance half of our monies by month's end.

The Centreville and District Park and Recreation Association would like to thank all those people who took the time to come to our meeting and vote. We really appreciated the support given to us. We thank those people who put their names on our volunteer list as well.


Now we will have some much-needed funds to improve the park and assist with the upkeep of the building, the playing fields, the parking lots - and the list goes on and on. Our group is very small and consists of mostly seniors, so this rate will help our finances and we will not feel as overwhelmed by fundraising efforts as we have in the past.

Our next meeting will be held on March 21, 2012, at the Hall at 7:30: everyone is welcome to attend. We plan to invite the County Dog Bylaw Officer to one of our monthly meetings (possibly the April meeting) to address the issues we have been having regarding dogs and off-leash laws.

**A reminder: Please save your recyclables for the park.** Call Betty (678-0041) for pick up, or drop them off at New Minas Recycling and ask to have them credited to the Centreville Park account.

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# Club pays homage to value of neighborliness

by John DeCoste

The basic premise of the Centreville Good Neighbour Club - that of a "non-political, non-denominational, non-racial organization for school and community projects" - has not changed a whole lot since the club was founded 56 years ago.

On Jan. 8, 1947, a meeting was held at the home of Lois Manson to "formalize" the ongoing efforts of a group of local ladies who had worked faithfully during the war years in aid of worthwhile causes like the Red Cross and the old IHFM hospital.

There were eight charter members, but it wasn't long before the membership had swelled to more than 20. At one point in its history, there were close to 50 members. Mrs. Eva Wood was the first president, and Blanche Kiddon gave the club its name.

On Saturday, May 24, the club hosted an 'open house' to mark the golden anniversary. Among those in attendance was Manson, the only charter member among the current membership, who remains as active as her years and health will allow.

Two other charter members are still living, though they no longer live in Centreville and are no longer active - one, Ruby (Pineo) Farnsworth, was also present for the open house.

"Just getting together and doing good things for the community" is Manson's memory of the group's original intention. Farnsworth noted that there was deliberately "no religion or politics in the club" to get in the way of its work. Dora Walker, now of New Minas, was another early member. "It was our right out," she recalled. "We used to have a lot of good times."

Among the 'good things' the club members accomplished were making 'cancer dressings' for the Red Cross and the local hospital, knitting and mending, canvassing for local charities and generally helping out those in need in the community.

Manson recalled one occasion when a local couple lost their home to fire. "The mother had just had a new baby, so we got together and made clothes for the baby," she said. "Everybody worked together on something like that."

Pantry sales, bake sales and "old-fashioned concerts" were organized as fundraisers, as well as an annual "charity appeal." A 'fuel supper' was held on an annual basis, with proceeds going to heat the hall during the winter months so "other community groups could use it for free."

Manson recalled that after the club got organized, the first meetings were held in "the old AA hall" near the intersection of the Billtown and Centreville road. After the local school closed, the club helped to buy it and remodel it into a community centre, where meetings have been held since.

The open house, which included a table of old photos, clippings and other memorabilia of the club's history, attracted a large number of current and former members, as well as others from the community.

According to current president Minnie Sheffield, the Good Neighbour Club currently has "around 24 members" plus "a couple of more who aren't active anymore." However, as one visitor to the open house noted, "the ladies do the work," but in one way or another, "the whole community contributes."



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—Lois Manson, seated, Ruby (Pineo) Farnsworth, left, and Minnie Sheffield celebrate. (DeCoste)



REMEMBERING THE PAST - Visitors to the Centreville Good Neighbour Club's 56th anniversary open house on May 24 had the chance to relive old times at a table of club memorabilia. Left to right: former club member Dora Walker, now of New Minas; current member Hilda Rense; and Dorelyna Stark, whose mother and grandmother were both club members. (DeCoste)



56 YEARS AGO - In 1946, the Centreville Good Neighbour Club was 36 members strong. At one point in its history, the club had as many as 50. Today, around 25 ladies still meet regularly to carry on the club's 56-year-old tradition of good deeds for the local community. (DeCoste)

## Annual Dinner

Sponsored by the Centreville District Community Development Association

Will be held on

Saturday May 5, 2012  
from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
at the Centreville Hall.

Price \$12.00.

Contact Doug at 678-7166 or Peggy  
678-5522 for further information.

Why is the time of day with the  
slowest traffic called rush hour?

## Good Neighbour Club News

by Susan Wood



On February 18, 2012, the Good Neighbour Club served 263 people on the sixth anniversary of their Big Breakfast.

On Feb 18, 2006, we were all excited about having a big breakfast, thinking we would probably have only 40 people. Well, surprised we were - we served approximately 117. We can laugh today about trying to find enough food to feed that many. We were cooking potatoes and cooling them anyway we could, running to the houses of everybody who had frozen hash browns in their freezers, and running to Foote's for eggs and milk. Myra thought it would be nice to have a little colour on the plates, so she cut up oranges - which never did get to the plates, as who had time? As you can see today, the hall is certainly showing results from the 54 breakfasts: breakfasts that have been well supported by our community through donations and helping hands. See you at our next breakfast on March 17, 2012.

The winner of the rug draw was Natasha Mitchell, and Nadine Boutillier won the print.

In addition to fundraising for improvements to the hall, the Good Neighbour Club helps out various local organizations through financial donations. We also do catering for various occasions. If you would like to have us cater your event, please contact Sharon Manzer at 678-2836.





## Our Annual Blossom of Hope Fundraiser

2012 marks the seventh year that we invite you to join us for our annual MS and Alzheimer brunch fundraiser being held at Between the Bushes Restaurant, Sheffield Mills. This year the event takes place on Saturday, April 21st, just before our BTB season opening on Tuesday, May 1st. There will be a door prize and a 50/50 draw for each seating!

The menu includes Jimmy Lamb's Ham, Meadowbrook Farm's Bacon, Village Meat Market Sausage, Frittata, French Toast with Blueberry Acres' Blueberry Sauce, Fruit & Vegetable Trays, Curried Vegetable Salad, and BTB's Blueberry Apple Crisp for dessert. Beverages include Apple Juice, Tea and Just Us! Coffee.

Seating times are 10 am, 11:30 am, and 1:15 pm.

Ticket prices: Age 3 & under – FREE, Age 4 to 12 years - \$8.00, Age 13 and up - \$20.00 All proceeds are divided equally between the MS and the Alzheimer Societies.

Reservations are recommended. Call our business office at 582-1445 ext 0, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for reservations or for more information.

Your continued support of this event will ensure another successful effort to raise much needed funds for these two worthy organizations.

## Recipes from Between the Bushes Restaurant



Submitted by Margie Brown  
The Nova Agri Group of Companies

### Blueberry Potato Muffins

2 1/2 cups Country Magic potatoes, cooked  
3/4 cup milk  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/4 cup margarine  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
2 eggs  
2 tsp vanilla  
3 cups all purpose flour  
4 tsp baking powder  
2 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp salt  
1 1/2 cups Blueberry Acres blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line 24 muffin cups with paper liners. Puree cooked potatoes with milk. In a stand mixer, cream together the potato mixture, shortening, margarine, sugar, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Stir the dry ingredients into the wet, just enough to blend. Fold in the blueberries. Scoop into muffin tins and sprinkle the tops with sugar. Bake for 25 - 30 minutes or until golden brown, and a tester comes out clean. These muffins freeze wonderfully and defrost in about 30 seconds.





# In Our Community

## Groups

### Good Neighbour Club

The Good Neighbour Club (GNC) meets at the Centreville Hall at 7:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except June, July and August). All Centreville women are welcome to attend and join the Club.

### '50-Plus' Fun Group

The '50 Plus' Fun Group meets at the Centreville Hall every Wednesday, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. New members are welcome.

**Sheffield Mills & District Women's Institute** - third Monday, 2 pm.

### Pins and Needles



Anyone is welcome to join us at the Community Hall on Thursdays. Bring along a craft you are currently working on and a paper bag lunch, and stay for the day. Tea and coffee are available. We also get together once a month to work on 'comfort quilts'. These are made with donated fabric and are sewn and tied, then given to organizations to provide comfort to those in need.

For further information call Ada MacDuff at 678-4483.

### TOPS

TOPS meets at the Centreville Baptist Church, Murray Drive, on Monday evenings. Weigh-in is from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, followed by a short meeting. We are open to new members at the cost of \$32.00 yearly, which includes a magazine from headquarters with "Eating Sensibly" ideas and recipes. You can drop by for one free night. For more information contact Leader Esther Peterson at 538-9051 or Madeline Sheffield at 678-7584.

### Al-Anon

Are you affected by someone else's addictions? If so, Al-Anon is for you. Al-Anon is a support group for families and friends whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, drugs, etc. Our meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Baptist Church here in Centreville. For more information, please contact Beverley at 678-4798.

## Associations

### Centreville Park Association

The Centreville Park Association meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Centreville Hall. Anyone interested in becoming involved or wishing to share ideas or concerns is welcome to attend. Centreville community members are those who will make the park a success.

*Next meeting - April 18, 2011.*

### Centreville District Community Development Association (CDCDA)

### Board of Directors' Meetings

**Where:** Centreville Hall

**When:** Fourth Thursday of the month

**Time:** 7:00 pm

*Exceptions: July, August and September by notification*

All meetings are open to the public — come out and support your community's development!

*Next meeting: April 26, 2012*

**Annual General Meeting  
Centreville Hall  
Everyone Welcome  
May 24, 2012**

**GNC's BIG BREAKFAST** is held on the third Saturday of the month, 7:00 -10:30 am, *except in July, August, and December*. Choices include eggs, bacon, sausages, baked beans, hash browns, toast, tea, coffee, and juice.

*Free-will Offering*

*Next breakfast is on April 21/12*

Are zebras black with white stripes  
or white with black stripes?

## On the web ...

### Pictures of Centreville District and Surrounding Area

Did you know that the Centreville website has an e-mail address where you can send pictures? If you have pictures you want to share with others, you can send them to :

centrevillepictures@centreville-kings-county.com

Pictures of interest could be historical, nature, business, or people - anything that you think others would be interested in seeing. Pictures received will be posted on the Centreville website:

[www.centreville-kings-county.com](http://www.centreville-kings-county.com)

*How about sending in some of your storm pictures?*



### Centreville 'Events' Website

Do you have an up-coming event? Do you want it seen on the Centreville Website, [www.centreville-kings-county.com](http://www.centreville-kings-county.com)? If so, send the information to:

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To view courses offered through ALL, Acadia University calendars will be available at the Centreville Post Office or from our website.



For more information or to register, call 585-1434 or 1-800-565-6568, or e-mail [all@acadiau.ca](mailto:all@acadiau.ca)

### Brown Baggers Program

The ALL Brown Baggers Program is intended to fill our need for discussion of some of the important, and perhaps not-so-important, developments in our world. This is a truly informal time, when we can meet some new people who are interesting, and who love learning every day. And, we actually do eat lunch during the presentation.

The baggers meet every Thursday at noon in the beautiful Sheldon L. Fountain Learning Commons located right in the middle of the Acadia University campus. *Please mark your calendar: every Thursday at noon.* We will advise you by e-mail of upcoming programs.

Comments and questions: [mike@seataalk.info](mailto:mike@seataalk.info)

<http://all.acadiau.ca>