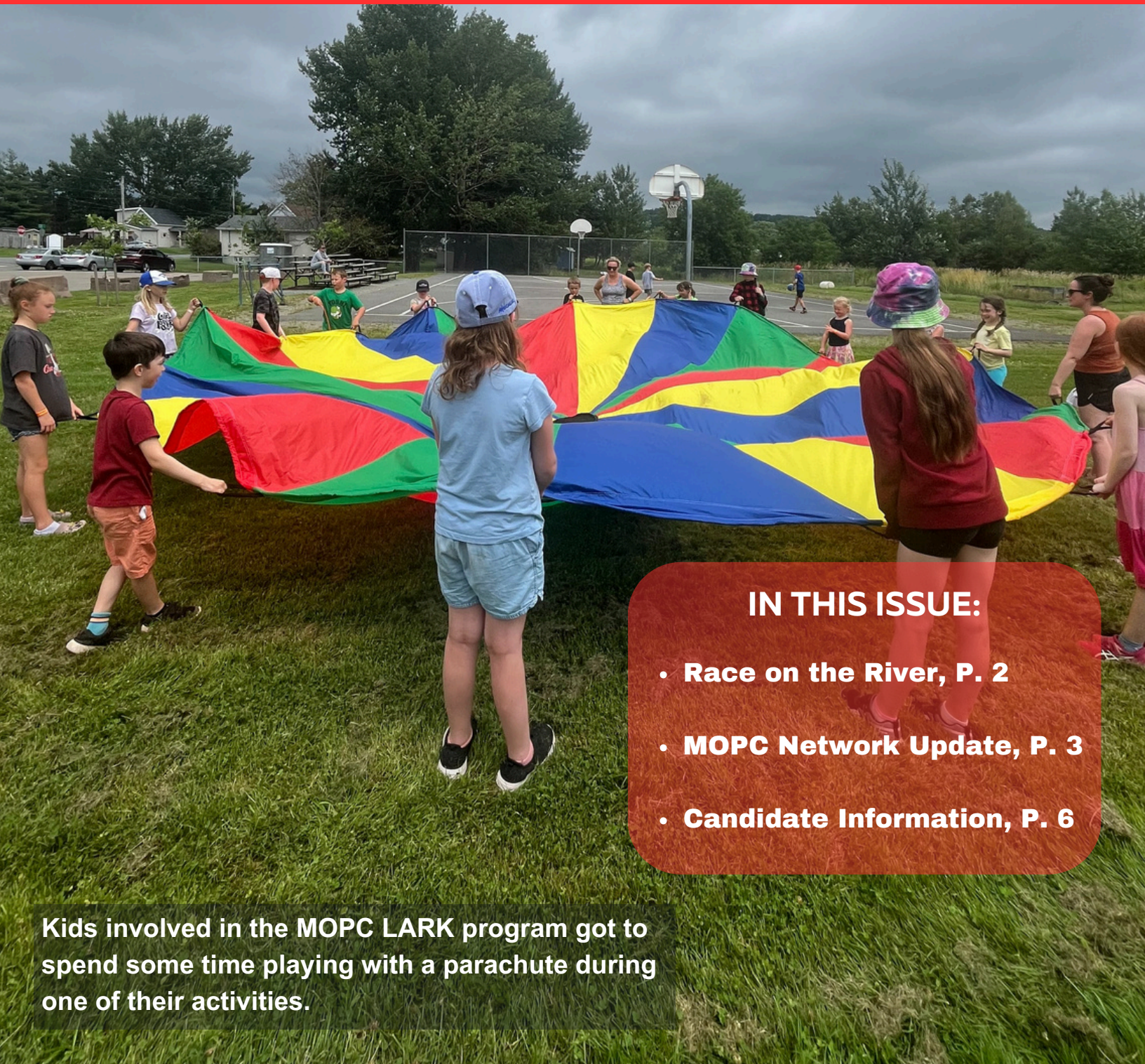


The MOPC Spotlight

E-newsletter



August 2024



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Kids involved in the MOPC LARK program got to spend some time playing with a parachute during one of their activities.



Race on the River raises money for great causes

Our summers in Pictou County are filled with many exciting events for our residents and visitors alike. One that I would like to draw special attention to is the Race on the River, the Dragon Boat races held on the East River Road in New Glasgow.

First, for the great causes that this event raises money for fighting both breast cancer and prostate cancer, two cancers that take too many of our citizens from us, far too soon. Also for Special Olympics, allowing many to take part in high level sport competitions that, perhaps would not otherwise have that opportunity.

Secondly, I want to pay tribute to the huge number of volunteers that it takes year after year to make such a huge undertaking as this happen. These volunteers are truly dedicated when they soldier all year long despite a real hot race day.

A special mention is owed to Shirley Murray, this year's "Volunteer of the Year" announced on the Opening Night Ceremony for this year's Dragon Boat Festival. Shirley has been a leader and cheerleaders since day one, over 31 years ago. Thank you Shirley from all residents of our rural municipality.

And Finally, I was excited and pleased to take part as a paddler this year with Team Reefknot, sponsored by the Pictou County Prostate Support Group. My first time ever, I was grateful for all the support that I felt from my teammates and others. Nothing is as easy as it looks! Another one off my bucket list. Please enjoy the rest of the summer and stay safe.



Warden Robert Parker took part in the annual Race on the River.

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46 Municipal Drive
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Call Us

902-485-4311
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Update from MOPC Network

Did you know that MOPC Network is now available to over 5,500 homes in the Municipality of Pictou County?

If you haven't yet taken advantage of our services, now is the perfect time to get connected. Register online at MOPCNetwork.ca to check your eligibility and sign up today. Our installation process is simple and customer-friendly, with no additional cost to you.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website, MOPCNetwork.ca. Designed to enhance your experience, the site helps you easily determine whether our high-speed fibre or reliable wireless service is best for you. Explore detailed comparisons, check your eligibility, and make an informed decision about the best internet solution for your home.

In addition, we have added an additional 500 homes to our MOPC FibreFirst network, including areas such as R Grant Rd, Scotchill Rd, River John Rd, Toney River Rd and many lateral roads off of the Sunrise Trail in both Toney River and Seafoam areas.

We are proud to be part of the Pictou County community and strive to make MOPC Network your top choice for internet connectivity. We will keep you updated as we continue to expand our services and work towards making Pictou County the most connected county in Canada.



Experience the Future with MOPC Network
Affordable, Reliable, and Fast Internet
available in your area!



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Don't miss out! Check your eligibility and order today

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Tea time

Warden Robert Parker and Councillor Mary Elliott attended the Wardens Tea at the River John Fire Hall on July 25.

Thanks to the River John Festival Days for hosting this special event and to everyone in the community who came out.

This year is River John's 239th Birthday!



Milestone Moment

Family and friends gathered for a 103rd birthday celebration for Mabel Zinck, July 25th at St. George's Presbyterian Church Hall in River John.

Councillor Mary Elliott presented Mabel with a certificate from the Municipality of Pictou County in honour of this milestone.

Happy Birthday, Mabel!





Register your dog

The MOPC encourages all dog owners to register their dogs so they can be easily identified if they are found off their property.

MOPC Tags are \$10 for spayed and neutered dogs, and it is a lifetime tag. Non-spayed and non-neutered tags are \$35.

You can purchase your dog tag at the MOPC Administration Building at 46 Municipal Drive, Pictou or download a form at www.munpict.ca and mail it with a cheque to:
P.O. Box 910, Pictou, NS
BOK 1H0.



2024 Municipal Elections



Coming on Oct. 19, 2024
www.electionspictoucounty.ca

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

If you are interested in running for office in the Municipality of Pictou County, Town of New Glasgow, Town of Stellarton, Town of Westville, Town of Trenton or Town of Pictou, please contact Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald by email at returningofficer@munpict.ca or by phone at (902) 485-2253.

To run for a municipal position, you must be:

- a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of nomination
- a Canadian citizen
- a resident of the municipality since at least March 9, 2024.

Nomination dates

Nomination days will begin by appointment on Aug. 29 through Sept. 9. Returning Officer Josephine MacDonald will be in each of the municipalities over that time period, but those looking to become a candidate from any of the six municipalities can visit her in any of the locations. To make an appointment call (902) 485-2253.

Nomination by appointment schedule

- Aug. 29 Municipality of Pictou County
- Aug. 30 Town of Westville
- Sept. 3 Town of Stellarton
- Sept. 4 Town of Trenton
- Sept. 5 Town of Pictou
- Sept. 6 Town of New Glasgow
- Sept. 7 Municipality of Pictou County

Nomination Day, which is the final day to register as a candidate, will be Sept. 10, which will be held at the Returning Office on the second floor of the MOPC Administrative Building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou. Those seeking nomination that day will be seen on a first come, first serve basis.

RETURNING OFFICER JOSEPHINE MACDONALD
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SCHEDULE
OF

2024

EVENTS

THORBURN, NS

Pre-weekend Events:

Prize Bingo, Sunday, Aug 11th, 1pm @ The School

Pickleball Tournament, Wednesday, Aug 14th, Ongoing @ Rink

THURS
Aug 15

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT.....ONGOING @RINK
BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.....ONGOING @ SCHOOL
FIREFIGHTERS COMPETITION..... 6 @ SCHOOL FIELD

FRI
Aug 16

BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.....ONGOING @ SCHOOL
SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT.....ONGOING @ BALLFIELD
EVENING ALL-AGES CONCERT.....6-10 @ MUSIC MOUNTAIN

SAT
Aug 17

SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT.....ONGOING @ BALLFIELD
PANCAKE BREAKFAST.....8-11 @ IOOF HALL
SANDY RHYNO CAR SHOW.....10-4 @ SCHOOL FIELD
CHILDREN'S PARADE.....10 @ RINK
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL.....11-2 @ RINK
CORN BOIL & FOOD VENDORS.....ONGOING @ RINK
HORSE PULLS.....12 @ RINK
19+DANCE.....8PM-1AM @ RINK

SUN
Aug 18

SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT.....ONGOING @ BALLFIELD
FUN RUN.....8:30-10 START @ SCHOOL
CHURCH SERVICE.....11 @ UNION PRESBYTERIAN
PARADE.....1PM @ IOOF HALL, HIGH ROW, RINK
CRAFT & VENDOR MARKET.....1:30-4 @ RINK
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT.....2-4 @ RINK
PAGEANT & CROWNING.....6 @ RINK
EVENING CONCERT.....7-10 @ SCHOOL FIELD
FIREWORKS.....10 @ SCHOOL FIELD

Tick Safety

Make sure you, your family and pets are protected against tick bites.

There are several kinds of ticks that can be found across Nova Scotia, but only the blacklegged tick carries the bacteria that causes Lyme Disease.

Ticks are commonly found in tall grass, bushes, wooded areas, urban parks and gardens. There are simple precautions you can take while spending time outdoors.



Left to right: Female black legged tick, groundhog tick, dog tick



Top to bottom: engorged female dog tick, engorged female black legged tick

- Wear light-coloured long-sleeved shirts and pants, and light-coloured socks with enclosed shoes (this makes ticks more visible)
- Tuck in your shirt and pull your socks up over pant legs
- Spray clothing and exposed skin with an insect repellent containing DEET or Icaridin (make sure you follow directions on the label)
- Check your clothing and body carefully for ticks after working or playing outside. Pay special attention to armpits, the back of the knees, and the groin or pelvic region
- Keep grass cut and remove leaves from your yard
- Put outdoor clothes in a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any remaining ticks
- Always check yourself, your children, and pets for ticks after spending time outside

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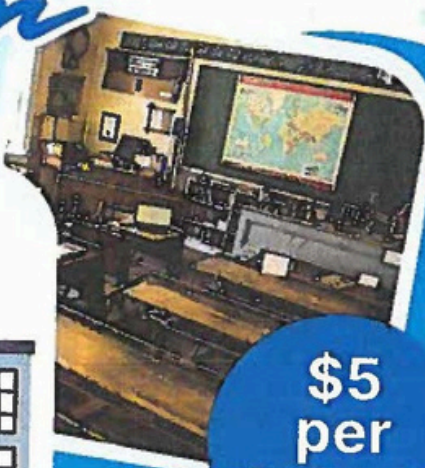
Be Tick Aware

To learn more about ticks and tick safety, visit:
<https://novascotia.ca/ticksafety/>

Hillside School Reunion



**August 17th
2-9PM**



**\$5
per
person**

**HILLSIDE COMMUNITY
HALL**

Entertainment and refreshments provided.
For more information contact **Ed Anderson (902) 301-7013** or
Peter Boyles (902) 759-7976



GO PLAY FUND

WHAT IS THE GO PLAY FUND?

The Go Play Fund was created to make recreation more affordable! If you need financial assistance to participate in a recreation program then you are eligible for the Go Play Fund!

WHY PLAY?



There are endless benefits of play! Play can increase your sense of belonging in your community, improve your physical and mental health, and increase your overall sense of wellbeing. At Pictou County Recreation we believe that everyone should get the chance to play EVERYDAY!

WANT TO HELP? DONATE!

The success of the Go Play Fund depends on you! If you are able to donate to help someone in your our community access recreation you can visit the MOPC building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou, or mail a cheque to the address below. Tax receipts are available!



**PICTOU COUNTY RECREATION
GO PLAY FUND
P.O. BOX 910
PICTOU, NS
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AM I ELIGIBLE?

Whether you are 1 or 100, the Go Play Fund is for you! If you are not eligible for other funding, we want to make it easier for you to GO PLAY!



HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications are available at munpict.ca, and at the MOPC building at 46 Municipal Drive in Pictou or by scanning the QR code here:



More Questions? Email clare.steele@munpict.ca



MACDONALD'S COVE SWIMMING LESSONS

AUGUST 12TH-AUGUST 23RD, 2024

\$10/CHILD OR \$25/FAMILY
AGES 5 AND UP!

REGISTER TODAY!

SCAN QR CODE OR CONTACT
PICTOU COUNTY RECREATION

902-259-3943

MOPC.SWIMI@MUNPICT.CA



SALEM AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

Wednesday, August 14
10am to 2pm

SALEM PARK
109 SALEM LOOP ROAD

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- giant lawn games •
- BBQ •
- Crafts •
- Activities w/ Pictou County
Recreation Leaders •



SALEM AND AREA RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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