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Community Connections

Spring/Summer 2015



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Rothesay Common Upgrade Project

Improvements to the Rothesay Common were included in the Recreation Master Plan adopted in 2009. Planning for the project has taken some period of time and involved obtaining the approval of the Heritage Preservation Board for the project (a certificate of appropriateness was issued in November 2013) and the approval in the New Brunswick Legislature of a Private Member's Bill to modify the restrictive covenants on the property.

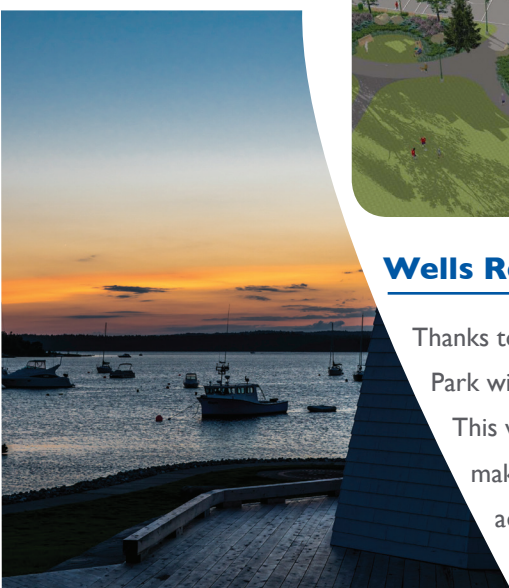
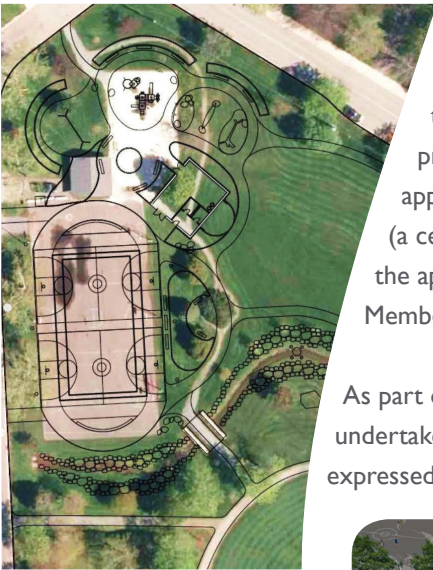
As part of the preparation of the development plan for the Common, a variety of activities were undertaken including two open houses and an opportunity for the public to comment. Some concerns were expressed and the project modified in response to these where considered feasible.



The final concept plan (pictured far left) includes a new accessible building and playground, outdoor ice surface, drainage work and landscaping. The estimated completion time for the work is November. Please check out the Rothesay web site at www.rothesay.ca for project updates.

Wells Recreation Park

Thanks to support from the Government of New Brunswick and Rothesay, the Wells Recreation Park will see the construction of a new sports field, multi-purpose trail and dog park this summer. This will add to the soccer field, tennis and basketball courts, playground and recreation building, making the Wells Park a true multi-recreation facility. Plans are already underway to add additional all season trails within the park with the hope of providing groomed ski trails for the winter of 2016.



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Rothsay Garbage/Compost Truck Tracker

In addition to the new Snow Plow Tracker (seasonal) site that was launched on our website this past winter, Rothsay now offers a Garbage and Compost Truck Tracker (year round) for residents. The Tracker will be useful to residents to obtain rough estimates of when the truck will be collecting in their area.

This site is designed to give the public the ability to check on the current locations of the trucks as well as provide a history of the routes that the trucks have driven during the previous 2, 4, 12 and 24 hour timespans. The site also offers the option to zoom into a specific street for a closer view of the Garbage / Compost trucks.

Please visit <http://www.rothesay.ca/operations/garbage-compost-truck-tracker/> to check out the Garbage/Compost Truck Tracking Tool.



Spring Cleanup Week

Solid Waste Pick-Up - May 25, 2015

- Items must be tied in manageable bundles, weighing no more than 40lbs
- Junked car parts or batteries, tires, appliances, paints/solvents, hazardous waste, containers from hazardous products and other similar items will NOT be accepted

Organic Pick-Up - June 1, 2015

- Leaves, grass clipping & bundled twigs no longer than 4ft and weighing no more than 40lbs
- Residents are encouraged to use decomposable bags, non-waxed cartons, or garbage cans that can be easily emptied into the trucks
- Please DO NOT use your compost cart for this pick-up

All items must be placed curbside by 7am regardless of your scheduled pick-up day. For more information please visit www.rothesay.ca.



Remember to license your Dog or Cat. You can get a tag for your pet from the Town Hall (Rothsay Animal Control Bylaw 1-12)

- It's **free** and you only need to provide proof of vaccination
- The tag is valid for the lifetime of the animal or until there is a change in ownership

Did You Know?

After this long winter with record breaking snowfall amounts, we certainly welcome the spring and summer seasons, along with the warmer weather they bring. With the warmer weather comes a multitude of possibilities in regards to outdoor activities. Getting outside and being active plays an important role in your daily life.

The Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (CSEP) recommends at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity aerobic physical activity per week for adults aged 18-64. Following these guidelines each week can help reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis and can improve fitness, strength and mental health.

Our beautiful Town has so many outdoor spaces to explore this time of year - be sure to take advantage of the warm weather and get outside and keep active and healthy! We would like to thank the residents for helping to make Rothsay such a warm and welcoming community!

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Through the Lens Photo Contest 2015

Located on the beautiful Kennebecasis River, Rothesay is a picturesque community rich in history and well known for its people and quality of life. Rothesay boasts parks, beach sites, wharves, playgrounds, hiking trails, biking lanes and many other recreation sites throughout the Town.

We would like to showcase the beauty of Rothesay by gathering photos captured by community members. Through the Lens of Rothesay residents, this photo contest will allow us to demonstrate that Rothesay is a great place to live!

You can submit up to 5 photos for the contest prior to the submission deadline of **Aug 24**. Submitted photos will be uploaded to the Rothesay Facebook page on **Aug 26**. Voting will begin on **Wednesday, Aug 26** and close on **Wednesday, Sept 2**. You can vote by "liking" your favourite photo on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RothesayNB. The contest winner will be determined by the most number of likes on the Rothesay Facebook Page.

Check out last year's winning photo (pictured above) of Renforth Rotary Park captured by Jeremy Slayter! Other photo submissions from the 2014 contest have been showcased throughout the newsletter.

Visit www.rothesay.ca for full details on the Rothesay Photo Contest

Kennebecasis Public Library

Where they have what you need to build a house, bake a cake, learn about computers, travel to distant lands, blast to the moon, or solve a murder.

Stay up-to-date on all that is taking place at your local library.

Visit their Facebook page to find all the details on the fun, enriching programs and events happening now.

JULY 1 - Canada Day Celebrations

Come out and celebrate our Nation's 148th Birthday

ROTHESAY - Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Activities begin at noon and events include a flag-raising and cake-cutting ceremony on the Rothesay Common*

After the ceremony enjoy:

- Live Entertainment! • Popcorn & Cotton Candy!
- Face Painting! • New Giant Inflatables & Kids Games!
- A BBQ by Rothesay Staff!

*Rain location will be the Rothesay Arena

Saint John Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday, August 29, 2015

at the Renforth Wharf.

The Saint John Dragon Boat Festival is an exciting fundraising event that combines the thrill of team dragon boat racing with a unique cultural festival.

For more details visit:

www.sjdragonboat.ca

Did you know P.R.O. Kids & Canadian Tire Jumpstart are two programs that are available to Rothesay children & youth who, due to financial limitations, would otherwise be unable to participate in art, culture, recreation or sporting activities. For more info call 642-7529 or e-mail prokids@saintjohn.ca



Playground Programs

We have 3 different locations for our playground programs this summer for children ages 5-12: Wells Recreation Site, K-Park Elementary School, and Rothesay Park School. The morning sessions run 9am-12pm and the afternoon sessions are from 1pm-4pm. Don't miss out on a summer filled with Games, Crafts, Theme Days, Day Trips & MORE!

Register at Town Hall **after May 4** - \$4.00 per 3 hours session (tax included) 5, 10, 20 session cards are available.

Day Camps

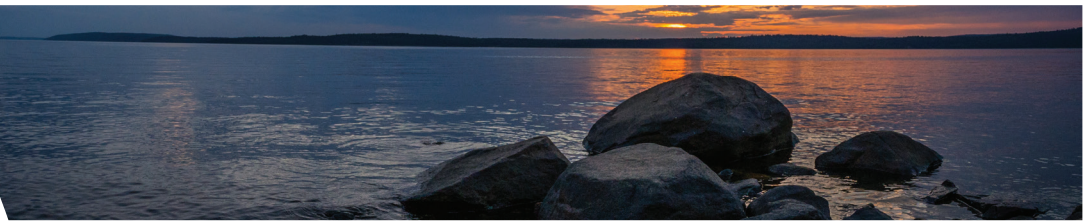
This summer Rothesay and the YMCA are partnering again to bring new and exciting Day Camp Programs to the Bill McGuire Centre. For more information or to register visit the YMCA of Greater Saint John website www.saintjohnny.com or call 693-9622.

Swimming Lessons

Renforth & K-Park Beaches will open on June 22. K-Park beach is lifeguarded Monday to Friday 11am-5pm and Renforth beach is lifeguarded Monday to Sunday 11am-5pm. Canadian Red Cross Swim Kids Programs will be offered at both beaches. Early Bird Registration will take place at the Bill McGuire Centre June 22-27 11am-1pm. The cost is **\$30.00 per** two-week sessions (Mon-Fri). Classes run in 30 minute intervals from 10-11am. Times will depend on registration. For more info visit www.rothesay.ca.



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Concert in the Common 2015 Series (Each Concert begins @ 7:00pm)

July 2 - Find The Others
July 9 - Jimmy Lingley
July 15 - Scotty & The Stars
July 16 - Thom Swift
July 23 - Chris Cummings
July 30 - Tom Easley
Aug 6 - Mike Biggar
Aug 12 - St. Mary's Band*
Aug 13 - Brent Mason
Aug 20 - Jason Haywood Trio
Aug 27 - WeBe3
Sept 3 - Annie & the Blue Skies

Rain location: Rothesay Park School
 *Located at Renforth Park

2015 Capital Projects

The 2015 construction season will see a variety of projects undertaken throughout the Town, including construction of a storm water detention pond near Oakville Acres (currently underway). There are a number of roadways being resurfaced, including Anna Avenue, French Village Road, Alexander Avenue, Burnett Terrace, Domville Lane, Neil Street, Wiljac Street, Florence Drive, Raymond Road and Wanda Crescent. In addition to the resurfacing, new crosswalks will be installed at the Riverside Golf Club bus stop and Gondola Point Road at Church Avenue, along with a sidewalk and storm drainage added on Eriskay Drive and Iona Avenue. New waterlines will also be added on Gondola Point Road and James Renforth Drive. Your patience and understanding is appreciated while this construction work is underway.

Emergency Preparedness Week (May 3-9)

Are you prepared? Register for
 emergency alerts at
www.rothesay.ca

emergencyALERT



is YOUR family prepared?
www.getprepared.ca

Campfire & BBQ Safety Tips

Brought to you by the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department



With the spring and summer weather arriving, it will soon be nice enough out for a campfire in your backyard. Before you burn, be sure to call us at 848-6601. In addition to being asked for your name, address and phone number, you'll also be reminded of some general guidelines on having a campfire, including the size and what you're allowed to burn (clean, untreated wood).

It's also BBQ season so remember these safety tips when using your BBQ at home:

- Inspect and clean your gas barbecue before using it for the first time each season
- Replace the fittings, flex hose or burners if they are worn or rusted
- Check the tubes between the gas valve and the burner
- Check for leaks using a 50% liquid soap & 50% water solution on all connections & valves
- Keep children away from the cylinder and grill
- Only use your gas barbecue outdoors in an open well-ventilated area at least 10ft from windows and doors
- Never leave the barbecue unattended while cooking & ensure all valves are off when finished cooking

Later this summer, we will be introducing "HomeSafe", our voluntary home inspection program. This program will allow our firefighters to visit your home and give you specific guidance on some of your home fire safety questions.

Did you know Rothesay is on Facebook and Twitter?

Stay connected - like us on
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 Twitter.



Scan this
 barcode with
 your smartphone
 to take you to
 our website.

Driving Tips & Regulations

Brought to you by the Kennebecasis Regional Police



In June 2011, the NB Government passed the Distracted Driving Law for all licensed drivers. Distracted driving is the diversion of attention from driving, as a result of the driver focusing on a non-driving object or activity.

According to the NB Public Safety website the following are examples of what is illegal:

- **Telephone calls:** You cannot make or take calls when driving unless your telephone is hands-free or single-touch. If there is an emergency, you can call 911
- **Texting:** You are not allowed - EVER
- **Portable GPS:** You can look at your GPS screen, but you cannot program or handle it
- **MP3 or other entertainment devices:** You can handle built-in devices. If you have a portable device plugged in while you drive, you can listen, but you cannot touch
- **Display screen:** If it is built into your vehicle, it is fine. Otherwise, you cannot have it in your view

Program your GPS, adjust your seat, climate controls and other devices before you leave. If you are travelling with someone else and your phone rings, ask them to take the call for you. Pull over in a safe place if you must care for children, make a call or have something to eat or drink. If you feel sleepy, find a safe place to pull over and rest.