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- Belledune Library (Paula):
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- Veteran's Memorial Arena:
522-2183

- Belledune Rec. & Cultural Centre:
522-3709

Information on rental of the Centre
Please contact Nicole at 522-3710.

COUNCIL MEETINGS:**Committee of the Whole Meeting:**Monday, March 14th 2016 at 7:00pm

Belledune Council Chambers

Regular Meeting:Monday, March 21st 2016 at 7:00pm

Belledune Council Chambers

FROM THE DESK OF THE C.A.O:

I've been thinking lately, as we come closer to filling the full time fire chief's position, about the role of women in our fire department. When I was interviewing people for the position a few of the applicants asked "why don't you have any women as part of your fire brigade ". One even followed with "if your numbers are dropping in the department and your population is declining, how can you rule out half the population as potential candidates?"

I didn't really have a great answer except that historically fire departments were a bit of a male dominated profession and perhaps we have not been loud enough to encourage women to become involved. I hope to change that and this little blurb is a first step towards that goal.

So, firstly we do need more fire fighters especially in Jacquet River. So if you are a man please step forward. In the meantime I would like to encourage women to give some thought to joining our team of guardians of our community. We supply training, money for fire calls and for trainings. You'll meet a great group of guys who are there when we need them the most. Our equipment is top notch and you will learn things you never thought you would .Most importantly you will be helping to look after your neighbours and yourselves.

Someone once said "volunteering is the rent we all pay to have the kind of community we all want to live in ".

So if you have been thinking about a challenge or giving back, now is the time to do something about that. Give me a call at any time if you want to know more. Make a difference in your community and be proud of doing so. 522-3703.

David Hughes, M.P.A
Chief Administrative Officer

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND WASTE DISPOSAL – Please note the following changes:

- Garbage/Recycling normally collected on Friday, March 25/16 will be collected on Thursday, March 24/16 due to the Good Friday Holiday.
- Garbage/Recycling normally collected on Monday, March 28/16 will be collected on Tuesday, March 29/16 due to the Easter Monday Holiday.
- The Large or Special Collections will commence once again in May, (a flyer will be sent in the mail in May) on the last Tuesday of the month, however the month of November has been eliminated. Therefore the large/special collections will run from May to October.
- Tires will no longer be collected by the Village of Belledune.

Belledune Days Meeting

Please join us for the Belledune Days Meeting to be held **Monday, March 7 at 6:30pm at the Belledune Recreation Centre** in Belledune. We want to get more info on the planning of your events. Thanking you in advance.



BELLEDUNE LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursdays
5:00pm – 8:00pm

2016 “Kid’s Valentine Dance” was a great time!!!



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ARENA



Public Skating:

Sundays 6:00pm – 7:00pm
\$2.00/person

Belledune Figure Skating Club:

For Information call Cindy Doucet at 522-5410

Ice Rentals or to book a Birthday party:

Call Nicole Carrier at 522-3710 or 522-8732 or email bell002@nbnet.nb.ca

**** Ice time available****

"BELLEDUNE ICE SHOW"

Tuesday, April 5th/2016

Time: 5:45 pm

Adults Admission: \$5.00

Students: \$3.00

Under 2 years: Free

50/50 Draw – for more info contact Cindy Doucet at 522-5410



CANTEEN SERVICES

The canteen at the arena has reopened!! For the time being, the hours are posted at the front entrance of the arena every week. We will take phone orders at 522-2183.

On the menu so far are burgers, hotdogs, sausages, fries, poutine, drink, and snacks. We hope to expand this shortly.

Royal Canadian Legion Durham #77

FUNDRAISER

The Royal Canadian Legion Durham #77 will host a fundraiser with all proceeds going to St. Gabriel's Parish. The event will have the Church Choir along with solo performances from members of the choir. There will be NO CHARGE to enter; however, a donation will be accepted. Your donation will determine how many tickets you will receive for the list of door prizes available. A 50/50 draw will also be held. A light lunch will be served at no charge. A list of prizes will be available soon. More information will follow as the date approaches.



Date: April 10, 2016

Time: 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Place: Royal Canadian Legion Durham #77

For more information, contact organizers:

President, Cliff Joncas: 507-0054

Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Bourque: 237-9195

Legion Winter Carnival Annual Memorial Supper

Saturday March 5th/2016 at 5:00pm

BBQ Chicken hot meal - \$12.00 per ticket – only 100 tickets to be sold (on sale now)

Also

Luminaries are also \$5 in honor of our loved ones, must be ordered prior to the event

By contacting Norma Doucet



~~ CARD PARTY ~~

St. John the Evangelist Church meets every Monday night at 7:00pm for a game of Auction. If you would like to attend, please use the back entrance of the church.

NURSE PRACTITIONER

Lynn Bujold – now available to the general public at Jacquet River Health Center
Monday thru Thursday
By appointment only
Available to all clients with or without a family physician.

World Day of Prayer

The world day of Prayer Service will take place on Sunday March 6th/2016 at 2:00pm at Saint Gabriel Church in Jacquet River

This year's celebration has been prepared by the
"Women of Cuba" and its theme is "Receive children, Receive me".
Everyone is invited to this ecumenical service. A light lunch will be served.

DUSTY SNEAKERS

*Every Tuesday & Thursdays at the Jacquet River School Gymnasium
9:30am – 10:15am
Don't forget your water bottle & sign in at office.*

KID'S SPRING FLING DANCE

DATE: FRIDAY APRIL 1ST/2016
TIME: 6:30pm – 9:00pm
WHERE: BELLEDUNE RECREATIONAL CENTER
MUSIC: by DJ JOE

ENJOY THE MONTH!!!



Birthdays/Memorials/Milestones/Celebrations

- Happy “Belated” Birthday Wishes going out to Christina LaPointe on February 28th Love, Mom, Richard, Johnathan & Jaidon
- On February 21st Brayden turned the big 5!!! Love from, Nana, Papa, Uncle John & Jaidon
 - Happy Birthday to Myles Doyle who celebrated on February 15th! Love your daughter Sandra, Son in Law Richard, Christina, and Johnathan & Jaidon.

- Happy Birthday going out to Denver Louis the big “7” on March 4th Lots of Love, Mom, Dad, Morgan, Gamma & Gampa!!!
- Happy Birthday to Aurele Daigle celebrating on March 10th, Love Amanda, Jacqueline, Jason, Denver & Morgan
 - Big Birthday Wishes!! To Amanda Louis on March 16th!!!
 - Happy Birthday to Ronald Guitard on March 5th/2016
- Happy “30th” Birthday Curtis Daigle on March 6th, Love Mom, Dad, Trevor & Stephanie
 - Birthday wishes to Theresa Landry on March 6th/2016
 - Happy Birthday to Albaine Luc on March 16th/2016
 - Happy Birthday to Marie Grant celebrating March 31st/2016

“Thank you” to Lynn Gallagher & kids for her great donation of children’s books to the BELLEDUNE LIBRARY.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

BELLEDUNE

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION CLINICS

The Village of Belledune will offer Income Tax Clinics to low income persons and Senior citizens that qualify to have their income tax returns filled out and e-filed for free.

This program is aimed at helping:

- Aboriginal peoples, Social assistance recipients, Newcomers to Canada, Persons with disabilities, Seniors, Students

We will be hosting the following types of Tax Clinics

- **WALK-IN; FIRST COME – FIRST SERVED** – Belledune Municipal Building, 2330 Main St.

Clinics will start in **March**.

Thursday – March 10 & 24, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday – April 7, 21 & 28, 2016 - 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **BY APPOINTMENT, DROP-OFF & PICK-UP AND SERVICE TO SHUT-INS.**

We have volunteers that are willing and able to prepare and file your income tax.

You can contact:

Heather Frenette 237-2851 or 545-8000

Brenda Cormier 522-3707 or 237-2218

Nicole Carrier 522-3710 or 522-1117



Message from Bathurst/Belledune RCMP – RSC3 – 2016-01-25

The Bathurst/Belledune RCMP would like to advise the community of the following:

Attempted Robbery at Foodland. On January 20th, 2016, at approximately 6 pm, a masked man brandishing a knife entered the Foodland in Belledune with intent to commit a robbery. The man spoke clear English and demanded money from the cashier. The employees all grouped together at the rear of the store, which lead the suspect to eventually leave the store. The suspect did not steal anything and no one was harmed. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please call the RCMP at 1-888-506-RCMP (7267) or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Any information would help on this on-going investigation.

Snowmobile Safety – The trails are now open fun filled days of snowmobiling. Always ensure to dress appropriately and avoid going out alone. Remember that you are out there to have fun, so keep speeds at a respectable level and do not take the control of your sleds when you have consumed alcohol. Unfortunately there has been one fatality in our area already; don't become a statistic. Thus by following simple safety steps, everyone can have a great day on the trails and avoid a disaster.

RCMP to challenge students at Jacquet River School at a volleyball game. The RCMP and teachers at Jacquet River School are in the early stages of preparations for a fundraising volleyball game which will take place at the Jacquet River School. The game will oppose the students to police officers. All proceeds of the event will go back to Jacquet River School for the student fund. Stay tuned for further details.

RCMP to challenge students at Jacquet River School at a volleyball game.

The RCMP and teachers at Jacquet River School have finalized a benefit volleyball game which will oppose the students against police officers. The game will take place at the Jacquet River School on Wednesday March 23rd, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. All proceeds of the event will go back to Jacquet River School for the student council fund. All parents, family and friends are welcome. We will be charging \$2 at the door or any financial donation you may want to give. Hope to see you there for this fun filled afternoon of volleyball and good times.

Port of Belledune – Reporting Suspicious Activities

The RCMP reminds residents that the Port of Belledune regularly receives international ships from around the world. At times some criminals attempt to bring illegal items such as drugs and other contraband aboard the ships. Often the ship crews are not even aware that there are illegal things on

their ships. This happens extremely rarely however we would like to remind residents that if they see any kind of suspicious vehicle with out of province license plates, suspicious boats or any activity to call us immediately.

Water Safety

as the warmer weather approaches, please ensure to practice water safety. We cannot stress enough the dangers of venturing out on the ice for some fishing when the weather gets warmer. If you think it's risky, that means it probably is.....so don't go.

If you require assistance that is urgent dial 911, if not urgent or just have a question call us any time at 1-888-506-RCMP (7267).

Sgt. Benoit Jolette
506-548-7771

72 HOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

GET AN EMERGENCY KIT

In an emergency, you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

You may have some of these items already, such as food, water and a battery-operated or crank flashlight. The key is to make sure they are organized and easy to find. Would you be able to find your flashlight in the dark?

Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is. Keep it in a backpack, duffle bag or suitcase with wheels, in an easy-to-reach, accessible place such as your front hall closet. If you have many people in your household, your emergency kit could get heavy. It's a good idea to separate some of these supplies in backpacks. That way, your kit will be more portable and each person can personalize his/her own grab-and-go emergency kit.

What do you put in your emergency kit?

- A basic emergency kit should contain the following:
- Water – at least two litres of water per person per day for a minimum of 72 hours; include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order.
- Food – that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried food (replace food and water once a year and be mindful of expiry dates).
- Manual can opener
- Crank, solar or battery-powered flashlights and radio. Check and replace batteries once a year.
- First aid kit.

- Extra keys to your vehicle(s) and home.
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information.
- If applicable, other items such as prescription medications, infant formula, pet food, and equipment for people with special needs (personalize accordingly).

Recommended additional items

- Two additional litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning.
- Candles and matches or lighter (keep candles in deep, sturdy containers and do not burn unattended).
- Change of clothing and footwear for each household member.
- Sleeping bags/warm blankets for each household member.
- Toiletries.
- Hand sanitizer.
- Utensils.
- Garbage bags.
- Household chlorine bleach or water purifying tablets (to make water potable).
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, work gloves, dust mask, pocket knife).
- A whistle (in case you need to attract attention).
- Duct tape (to tape up windows, doors, air vents, etc.).

Quote of the month:

Vision without Action is a daydream,
Action without Vision is a nightmare. – Japanese Proverb

For Newsletter submissions, comments or suggestions: Please call or email Paula at the Belledune Library 522-3701. Leave a message and your phone number. Or email: belledunelibrary@nb.aibn.com. The Belledune Messenger will be published at the beginning of every month; please have submissions in by the 25th of each month. Due to limited space, some information will be edited for length.