

THE MESSENGER - DECEMBER 2008



Items from the Municipality

Municipal News

Regular, Special and Committee of Whole Council meetings are open to the Public except for those Committee of Whole Council Meeting which have to be Closed for Confidentiality Purposes.

Visit our website - www.belledune.com

Municipal Information:

P.O. Box 1006, 2330 Main St., Belledune, NB
E8G 2X9 Phone: 522-3700 Fax: 522-3704
e-mail: bell001@nbnet.nb.ca or bell002@nbnet.nb.ca

Village of Belledune Council Meeting Schedule:

- Monday, Dec. 1/08 Regular Meeting
- Monday, Dec. 8/08 Regular Meeting

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday to Friday, 8:00am – 4:00pm. (Closed from 12:00noon – 1:00pm).

The Municipal Office will be closed on December 24/08 at 12:00noon – January 2/09.

Garbage Schedule for the Christmas Holidays

Garbage usually picked up on Thursday, Dec. 25/08 will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 24/08.

Garbage usually picked up on Friday, Dec. 26/08 will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 29/08.

Garbage usually picked up on Thursday, Jan. 1/09 will be picked up on Friday, Jan. 2/09.

Remember to always have your garbage out by 8:00am.

PLEASE NOTE: When writing letters to the Mayor and Council please include your complete return address or include a telephone number where you can be reached. This information is necessary in order to respond to your concerns.

Event Advertised on Website: If anyone is interested in having an event advertised on our web site may do so by e-mailing us at bell001@nbnet.nb.ca with a **brief** description of what the event is, date, time and location.

- To rent the Belledune Recreation & Cultural Centre call 522-3700.

Belledune's Community Conservation Initiative

As part of the Village of Belledune's Community Conservation Plan we are offering the following...

** CFL (compact fluorescent light) Give Away!

In partnership with Efficiency NB, the Village is offering an exchange of light bulbs. Bring an old incandescent light bulb from your home to the Municipal Office (2330 Main St.) and receive a new CFL bulb for free. One light bulb per household only! The Municipal Office is open from 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday through Friday (the office is closed from 12:00noon – 1:00pm for lunch)

** Home Energy Audits!

In conjunction with EnerPlan the Village is offering a \$25.00 coupon towards the cost of a Home Energy Audit for residence within the Village of Belledune boundaries. A home energy audit is a way to evaluate your home to see how much energy/air it loses. A report is provided to the homeowner regarding what type of work should be completed to the home to save energy/air lose. The Request Forms to have an audit done on your home are at the Municipal Office. A form can be picked up between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm from Monday through Friday (the office is closed from 12:00noon to 1:00pm for lunch). Once the Request Form is completed it must be returned to the Municipal Office and the staff will send the form to EnerPlan. A consultant from EnerPlan will contact the homeowner to set up a date and time for the audit to be performed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Municipal Office at 522-3700.

If you would like to find out more information on Efficiency NB or EnerPlan check out their websites.

Efficiency NB – www.efficiencynb.ca

EnerPlan – www.enerplan.com



Energy Efficiency Tip (December, 2008)

This month's energy efficiency tip...

LED CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

Make your holiday displays smart and fashionable with LED decorative light strings — they are safer, last up to 10 times longer, and use up to 90% less energy than regular incandescent holiday lights.

Did you know...

The amount of electricity consumed by just one 7-Watt incandescent bulb could power 140 LED bulbs — enough to light two 24-foot (7.3-metre) strings.

This energy efficiency tip has been brought to you by Efficiency NB, proud partner of Belledune's Community Conservation Initiative.



➤ Congratulatory Messages:

The Village of Belledune has a Congratulatory Message Program to Commemorate Milestone Occasions. If there is a resident of the municipality who is celebrating a Birthday 80 years or Over or an Anniversary 50 years or Over. (Proof of Age or Wedding Anniversary date is required.) Request forms can be picked up at the Municipal office. Please allow a couple of weeks notice prior to the celebration to prepare the Congratulatory Message.

◆ Belledune District Planning Commission:

A Building Permit and/or a Development Permit is required to build, renovate, alter, demolish, relocate, replace or install a building or a structure whatever the dimension. Any changes in land use also require a permit. **Please contact the Planning Commission at 542-2688 prior to doing any work to your home or property.**

◆ Recycling Program in Belledune:

The website address is <http://www.gogreengo.ca>. Toll free number 1-888-820-5133. The Recycling Bin is located at 2330 Main St. (Municipal Office Parking Lot)

◆ Belledune Public Library (2404 Main St.):

"Hours of Operation"

Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:00pm – 7:30pm & Fridays, 2:00pm-5:30pm. Telephone Number 522-3701.

◆ RCMP—Contact information

*For emergency services of a life threatening nature –Call 911

*For non emergency services –Call 1-800-665-6663

New non emergency number – 1-888-506-7267

*For the Belledune RCMP station. Call 237-3030

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-4:30 pm (closed 12 Noon-1:00p.m.)

• Office of Mr. Roland Haché, MLA

Contact Information

Reception: 542-2424 Fax: 542-2425

E-mail: roland.hache@gnb.ca

Address: Constituency Office - Nigadoo-Chaleur
702 rue de la Mer
Petit-Rocher, New Brunswick
E8J 1E5

• Department of Environment Contact:

Emergencies (including dust fallout)

During Business Hours (506) 547-2092

After Hours 1-800-565-1633

Other – Paul Fournier, Director, Bathurst Region
(506) 547-2092 or [Paul.Fournier@gnb.ca](mailto:paul.fournier@gnb.ca)

Veterans Memorial Centre Arena:

• For Ice Rentals:

To Rent the ice at the Arena please call 522-3700 (Municipal Office), if we are not in please leave a message and we will get back to you.

• Public Skating and Pick-up Hockey:

Public Skating – Mondays from 3:00 – 4:00pm, Tuesdays from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesdays from 2:00 – 4:00pm, and Sundays from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

Pick-up Hockey – Thursdays from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

• Canteen Hours – also available for Take Out

Services:

Sundays from 9:00am – 7:00pm

Wednesdays from 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursdays from 5:00pm – 9:00pm

Fridays from 4:00pm – 8:00pm

For Take-Out Orders call Diane at 522-2183

Menu:

Fries...2.00

Pogo's...1.75

Hot Dog...1.50

Onion Rings...2.25

Poutine...3.25

Clam Cup...2.75



Chesseburger...3.25
Hamburger...3.00
Chicken Tenders...4.50

• **Curling Information:**

Mr. Bob Landry will be in charge of the Curling League this season. Curling will be on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. For more information on the Curling please call Mr. Landry at 522-5928.

• **Belledune Figure Skating Club:**

Our 10/49 will begin on Dec. 3, 2008. GOOD LUCK and we thank you for your support.
Dec. 19/08 our club will have our Christmas Skating Party.

On December 20/08 Belledune will host a test day. Skaters from our region-Belledune, Dalhousie and Campbellton will be tested in various skating solos, skills and dances. Good luck to all skaters!!!

The Belledune Figure Skating Club would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

• **Girls and Boys under the age of 14...**

Girls and boys under the age of 14 not playing organized hockey are welcome to play free of charge on Friday nights at the Veteran's Memorial Centre Arena from 9:30pm – 10:30pm. Some equipment is required. For more information please contact Nick at 237-2087.

♦ **Kids Hockey**

There will be shinny hockey for Kids 14 years and under each Sunday at 4:45pm – 5:45pm. Everyone must wear full hockey gear, come out and have some fun. Free of charge For more information contact Dennis Killoran at 237-3953.

♦ **Ladies Hockey**

Anyone interested in joining Ladies Hockey please contact Linda 237-5378 or Cindy 237-5858



"BIRTHDAY CORNER"

SPONSORED BY PIZZA DELIGHT

• **Please Note:** Anyone wishing to enter a name in the "Birthday Corner" must submit a phone number where the winning person can be contacted.

Winner of the Birthday Corner:

➤ November 2008 - **Lana Carrier** (Winner receives a 12in pizza)

At Pizza Delight: If you go into Pizza Delight on your birthday (and show ID) you will get a free meal off of the lunch menu.

Happy Belated Birthday To...

➤ **Donald Black** from Helen & Betty "Nov. 20/08"
➤ **Robby Morais** love from Amy, Melody, Spencer, Annie, and Kenny *** from Nicole, Tim and Brandon "Nov. 25/08"

Happy Birthday To...

➤ **Liam Meade** love from Dad, Sandy, Samantha, Tim and Uncle Pat "Dec. 1/08 – 13 yrs. old" finally a teen...like the rest in your class.
➤ **Melody Morais** love from Mom, Dad, Spencer, Grammy, Poppy, Nicole, Tim, Brandon & Odie "Dec. 6/08 – 6 yrs. old"
➤ **Kevin Furlotte (Daddy)** love from Kiersten, Andrea and Jennifer "Dec. 6/08"
➤ **Gary Guitard** love from Mom and Harold – "Dec. 09/08"
➤ **Dorothy Carmichael** from Rose, Sophie (the Golden Girls) "Dec. 11/08"
➤ **Rickey Furlotte** love from Marissa "Dec. 11/08"
➤ **Brenda Harvey** of Nash Creek lots of love from Danny, Marlene, Mandy & Johnny, Melissa & Dino and Marley-Rae "Dec. 11/08"
➤ **Kim Doyle** with love from your sister Sylvia – "Dec. 12/08"
➤ **James Dempsey** Happy 60th Birthday, from Don and the family "Dec. 12/08"
➤ **To our Angel in Heaven (Ada Frenette)** we miss you, love from Ada's girls "Dec. 12/08"
➤ **Linda Daigle** - friends always, Jo-Anne, Cathy & Brenda "Dec. 14/08"
➤ **Caleb Landry** love from Dennis, Lise & Logan "Dec. 16/08 – 7 yrs. old"
➤ **Reggie Lapointe** love from the family "Dec. 16/08"
➤ **Danny Harvey** lots of love from Marlene, Mandy & Johnny, Melissa & Dino and Marley-Rae and all the family! Dec. 20/08"
➤ **"Happy Birthday Frankie Bones"** love Marley-Rae "Dec. 20/08"
➤ **Helen Legacy** love from the family "Dec. 21/08 – Happy 85th"
➤ **Adam Hickey** from Tauntie, Uncle Robert, Chris, Todd & Chris "Dec. 22/08 – 23 yrs. old"
➤ **Leona Wasylenko** love from your family in NB "Dec. 22/08"
➤ **Hazel (Nannie) Lavigne** love from The Family – "Dec. 31/08"xoxo

Happy Anniversary to:

➤ **Eddie & Eunice Russell** - Happy 50th love from all the Family – "Nov. 29/08"xoxo
➤ **Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Murray & Emmaline Harvey** of Nash Creek on Dec. 26/08, lots of love from Danny & Marlene, Mandy & Johnny, Melissa & Dino and last but not least Marley-Rae.

➤ **Tommy & Janice Landry** - love Dennis, Lise & Logan "Dec. 26/08 – 36 yrs."

Congratulations To...

➤ **Ian Lapointe and Sara DeGrace** on their engagement, love from Mom, Dad, Amy, Robby, Melody and Spencer.
➤ **Danny and Marlene Harvey** would like to announce the recent engagement of their daughter Melissa to Dino Simone of Bathurst. **Congratulations Melissa & Dino!**

Open House:

There will be an open house on Saturday, Dec. 6/08 from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the Belledune Recreation & Cultural Centre to celebrate the 85th Birthday of Mrs. Helen Legacy. All are welcome to drop in and have a lunch and visit with Mrs. Legacy.



Various Other Items of Interest:

• **Seniors & Jr. Seniors Christmas Dance/Party:**

There will be a Christmas Dance/Party for Seniors and Junior Seniors on Saturday, Nov. 29/08 from 8:00pm – 12:00midnight. Music by "The Trailer Park Boys". A light lunch will be served. Prizes will be drawn. The Village Bus will be available within the Village limits. Call Flo at 522-5668.

• **Christmas in the Park:**

Christmas in the Park will be on Saturday, Dec. 13/08 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. There will be sleigh rides, take your picture with Santa, make your own Smores, craft tables & ticket baskets, a Memorial Trees, Walk through our Christmas Village, Lighting of the Park. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the Christmas Season.

Dustv Sneakers classes are every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:45am at the Jacquet River School gym. No charge. We welcome new members. Adults of all ages are welcome. Bring sneakers and water. Come and check us out.

♦ **Baptism Preparation Course:**

Anyone wishing to have his or her baby baptized please contact Pauline Guitard at 522-2003 or Mary Young at 237-2016 for the Baptism Preparation Course. The Baptism Preparation Course will be offered the 1st Sunday of every month at 1:00pm at the St. John the Evangelist Church. We encourage those parents who are expecting to take the course prior to the baby's arrival.

• **Veterinary Clinic:**

Dr. Themens will be at the Veterans Memorial Centre – Belledune Arena (2402 Main St.) in Belledune on **Monday, December 1/08.** The hours will be from 10:00am – 12 noon.

• **Royal Canadian Legion Durham-Jacquet River Branch #077:** Hours of Operation: (237-2983)

-Bar Hours:

Fridays, 7:00pm – 11:30pm
Saturdays, 8:30pm – 12:30am (should there be a legion party upstairs on Saturday night, the downstairs bar will be closed)
Sundays, 2:00pm – 5:00pm
-Open for Coffee – Mondays to Saturdays 7:30-am – 11:00am. Everyone is Welcome!!!
-Regular Monthly Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the month - 7:30pm

-Legion Breakfast from 8:30am – 10:00am every Thursday. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Breakfasts will be served up until Thursday, Dec.18/08 and will continue in the Spring of 2009. The Legion and Ladies Auxiliary wish to thank everyone for their support and would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the Spring.

-Card Parties: Every Friday evening at 7:30pm.

-Anniversaries or Birthday Celebrations! (Rental Fee \$50 plus \$50 damage deposit). To rent the Legion please contact James Dempsey at 237-2035.

- New Year's Eve Dance – There will be a New Year's Eve Dance on Wednesday, December 31/08 with Music by Barry Mazerolle. Tickets are \$15/person and can be purchased from Don or James, please call 237-2035. A lunch will be served.

Ladies Auxiliary

-Bingo – Wednesday nights – 7:00pm. Bring a friend.

-Meetings – Second Tuesday of each month, 7:30pm.

• **Belledune Seniors Complex:**

There is one (1) vacant apartment available immediately. For more information, contact Paula McDonnell at 237-3003. The apartment is for seniors only. **Please note that board members are needed to oversee the daily operations of the Belleview Seniors Complex in Belledune. Anyone interested, please call Sharon Goheen at 783-4047.**

• **Belledune Power Club:**

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Belledune Power Club **must contact Danny Harvey** at 237-2382.

• **Xstrata Zinc – Community Concern Process**

Xstrata Zinc – Brunswick Smelter has developed and implemented a process to ensure that all reported concerns

from any external stakeholders are properly documented and responded to in a timely manner.

This process includes all concerns originating from the Local Community, as they are considered stakeholders of Brunswick Smelter.

The process requires the concern to be reported to the Smelter directly, by using the 522-7015 number. This phone will be answered 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, by Security Personnel. Security Personnel will initiate a report, and forward that report to the appropriate personnel. The appropriate personnel will then review the concern, and respond to the originator with details of the situation.

Members of the Community are encouraged to report any concerns by phone at 522-7015.

• **Advertising Flyers - Delivery Service**

Belledune residents: If you receive your flyers in a clear bag and have concerns or issues with the delivery or wish to cancel delivery - you should contact Info Sac at 740 Thorton Ave., Bathurst, N.B. E2A 2W8, Attention Aline Lanteigne or call 546-9685. If you receive your flyers in a blue bag and have concerns or issues with the delivery or wish to cancel delivery - you should contact NB Distributors at P.O. Box 1001, 939 Main Street, Moncton, N.B. E1C 8P3, or call (506) 546-2543 (355 King St. Bathurst)

Street Light Outage:

Any resident that notices a street light outage may contact NB Power directly at **1-800-663-6272**. **When calling NB Power you MUST provide them with the number that is on the pole in order for them to fix the light...**

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- **SPCA == 684-4396**
EMERGENCY 557-9790
 - **MOOSE HOT LINE == 522-3777**
 - **Nigadoo Water Sheds = 542-2430**
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News from the Schools:

• **Jacquet River School News:**
Thank You...

First to the Village for allowing us the manpower and equipment needed. Could not have happened without you. Wanting to extend a huge thank-you to the following business to generously donated for the Jaquet River School Fall Craft Fair - Foodland , Claude Carrier's Towing , Legion, Winton's Building Supplies , McNair's Garage, Shirley's Variety, Irving Gas Bar , Guardian Restigouche Pharmacy, Smearer's Sales and Service, and Loonieland .



Thank-you to all who helped support this very worthy event including the numerous Crafters and artist and talents of both this and surrounding communities. Great success!! Proceeds all went to the school.
Mary Kim Burns (chairperson for this School Event)

• **Belledune School News:**

Correction from November's Messenger – It was Robert and Theresa Dempsey who donated the pumpkins and not Roger and Theresa Dempsey...

Belledune School staff and students would like to thank local Legion members for their support to our student body by joining us on November 7th for our Remembrance Day Ceremony: Allan Roy, Vincent Duplessis, Earl Hickey, Laurent Caron, Allison Blake, Raymond Shannon, Father David Ferguson, Murray Furlotte, Wade Shannon, Irvin Hickey, Reggie Furlotte, Don Dempsey, James Dempsey, Omer Mallet, Hazel Mallet and Gordon Pitre. A light lunch was provided following the Ceremony.

Belledune School Christmas Concert "The Littlest Reindeer will be on Wednesday, December 17th, 2008 at 6:00pm. Come and enjoy this production and a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets: Adults and Students - \$7.00 and Pre-school children - \$2.50. Tickets must be bought in advance (no reservations) and are available at the school.

Belledune School "Student of the Month" for November is Victoria Talbot, Kindergarten. Congratulations Victoria! The student of the month is awarded to the student who consistently demonstrates "Respect, Achievement and Success".

• **Opportunity Knocks!!**

Again this year, the New Brunswick Community College will offer at no cost to the residents of Restigouche East the **Preparation for GED (High School Equivalency)** at the Lorne School. Classes operate daily Monday to Friday. Class schedules are flexible to meet participants' individual needs. For more information contact Frank Culligan at 522-5411 (home) or 237-3277 (school).

• **Multi-Trade Exploration:**

Did you know that certain occupations and trades are in demand in Restigouche? Multi-Trade Exploration could be for you! For more information call 506-759-7272 or visit www.multitradeexploration.ca.

Message from the Fire Department:

When red lights and sirens are on please do not overtake fire or emergency vehicles when they are on route to an emergency call. Also, do not block entrances to emergency sites.

My Christmas wish to you

We all have jobs, we all have anxiety, we all have stress and we are all human. But what we all have not been doing is accepting that this is life and that this is normal. We all feel the burden of: money, bills, future, and past debts. But we are not alone in this. We all miss a friend; we all need to make a new friend. But we are not alone in this. Every one feels these things time to time or for some even daily.

My Christmas wish to you and to everyone is to take the time to realize all that you have, not just how hard it was to take you there. Living is learning and hard times are what make us who we are. Trying to constantly please other people is a hard thing to ever accomplish but trying to please yourself is even harder. I found a Chinese proverb today that stood out to me and made me think about how easy it is to get caught up in "life" as we call it. But when I die I don't want anyone to say "She was a good worker or she was great at spreadsheets" I want them to say that "She loved life, she loved her family and always shared her feelings and lived a deep and meaningful life" At the end of the day we all need to "leave it at the office" just as we are taught to work with the "leave your problems at the door" policies. Which we all know is far from always possible. All this being said I hope that we all can take deep breaths from time to time and reflect on our lives. Good, sad or even bad memories. Our lives are what we live for, not our jobs.

Sincerely,
-Melissa M Harvey

Here is the Chinese Proverb:

Tension is who you think you should be. Relaxation is who you are.

Home for Christmas

I go home for Christmas
In memory every year
To the home of my early childhood
And visit my parents dear.

The smell of home made baking
Comes from the wood stove bright
A hint of Dads cigar smoke
Curls round the old oil light.

It's a magic waiting time
With three stockings in a row
As my brothers and I sit together
And hear the winds blow.

There's talk of a jolly old man
And a taste of moms fresh bread
Then a story of the Christ Child
Before we go to bed.

I'll carry those precious memories
And live them every year
When Christmas bells are ringing
I'll visit my parents dear.

By Clara

Please submit your information for the **January 2009 Messenger** by **December 22, 2008 no later than 8:00am**. Call the office at 522-3700, fax at 522-3704, email at bell002@nbnet.nb.ca, or drop off your information.

Quote of the Month:

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Norman Vincent Peale

**HAVE A VERY MERRY
CHRISMTAS AND A HAPPY AND
PROSPERIOUS NEW YEAR!!!**



**REMEMBER DON'T DRINK AND
DRIVE...**

• **New Year's Gala – Village of Belledune**
40th Anniversary Finale

There will be a New Year's Gala at the Belledune Recreation & Cultural Centre on Wednesday, December 31, 2008 from 9:00pm – 2:00am
Music by: George Snyder & High Lead
Midnight Buffet By: Rose-Marie Smearer
CASH BAR
Admission: \$20.00 per person
(Advance Tickets Only – No Reserved Tickets – First Come, First Serve) No Refunds - Tickets will be on Sale from Monday, December 1/08 to Tuesday, December 23/08 at the Belledune Municipal Office (8:00am – 4:00pm).
Semi Formal / Formal Affair (no jeans) – 19 Years of Age & Over.

Come Celebrate the Finale of the 40th Anniversary



