



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

October 2007

FALL CONTEST



The Farm Market in Milton is holding a contest for pumpkin people and scarecrows. Get your family together to make one! Bring your creations to the Farm Market by Sunday October 21st. Call Frona at the Farm Market at 892-3400, for more details! \$75 in cash prizes, donated by the Community of Miltonvale Park and the Farm Market,



will be awarded. Celebrity judges Bruce Rainnie and Boomer Gallant will pick the winners on Fri. Oct. 26.

Canada Day Tree Planting



The Canadian Forces declared 2007 as “**The Year of the Military Family**”. This summer, Council decided to plant a red oak tree at the Community Park in honour of Canadian Military Families. Gordon and Linda Crabbe, whose son Owen was in Afghanistan last winter, are shown planting the tree during the community Canada Day celebrations. Shane Arbing, their neighbour on the Crabbe Road, recently returned home safely, from serving in Afghanistan.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council usually meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Winsloe Lions Hall. Next meeting – October 23, 2007. **Residents are encouraged to attend.** Minutes, once approved, are posted on the website.

Community Council Who’s Who

Council Members

- Don Aitken** - Chair of Council, Chair of Water & Sewer & ex-officio member of all committees
- Brian Andrew** - Vice Chair of Council, Finance Ctte.
- Gail Ling** - Finance Chair, Personnel Committee
- Sheila MacKinnon** - Parks and Recreation Chair, Planning Board, Personnel Committees
- Joe Murphy** - Planning Board member
- Betty Pryor** - Planning Board Chair, Water & Sewer
- George Piercey** - Water & Sewer Committee

Staff

- Administrator – Shari MacDonald**
Office Hours: Tuesdays 4:30-6:30 and Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., and by chance or appointment.
- Development Officer – Alfie Wakelin**
Office Hours: Mondays 8:00 -1:00 p.m. April – early Nov. Please call 368-3090, as Alfie is sometimes out of the office, visiting properties.

Council Volunteers

- Municipal EMO Coordinator – Gary Robbins**
- Planning Board** – Resident members:
Kim Jay and **Charles MacKenzie**
- Parks & Recreation Committee - Joannie MacKinnon**



KEEP INFORMED!

To sign up for occasional email updates about community happenings and council events – email “subscribe” to admin@miltonvalepark.com.

COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Council Office – 368-3090 fax 368-1152
 Lower Level, Winsloe Lions Hall, 14 Campbell Rd
 PO Box 38 Winsloe PE C1E 1Z2
 Administrator – admin@miltonvalepark.com
 Dev’t. Officer – develop@miltonvalepark.com
 Website – www.miltonvalepark.com
 Drop off Mailbox – now installed at the Lions Hall!

Child Bursary Program



The Council has a Child Bursary Program. All parents/guardians of children who live in the Community of Miltonvale Park can receive up to \$50 per child, per year, to reimburse costs incurred for their child(ren)'s extra-curricular cultural or sporting activities, camps, or lessons.

A receipt (or acceptable copy) must be included with the application form which is available from the office or from the "Document" page at www.miltonvalepark.com. Deadline for receipt of applications is December 10.



Donations from Council –



The Community Council was pleased to financially support **Elizabeth Lund**, as her team attended the Eastern Canadian Bantam Girls Softball this summer in Quebec. If you are representing the area or province in an out-of-province competition,

workshop or event, or other worthwhile endeavor, submit a letter to Council requesting support, at least 5 weeks before to the event.

Donations to Miltonvale Park

Donations to the community, of cash or other gifts, are tax-deductible. These donations can be directed towards Council-supported projects – such as the Community Park, the Community Hall or Canada Day.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM



Students Jessica MacKinnon and Danielle Stewart spent a successful summer at the Community Park, supervising the children who dropped into to play, and looking after the park shelter. They report that, on average, 5-13 youth were there daily and 36 children and

parents attended their "Pot Luck Picnic" at the end of the Summer. Having two students hired (through Canada Summer Jobs and Jobs for Youth programs) enabled the shelter to be open from 9 a.m.-dusk Monday-Friday and 9-5 on Saturdays. Thanks are extended to Jessica and Danielle for a great summer!



Church Supper

The St. John's Anglican Church is planning a supper for Saturday, November 17, 2007. Call 368-2844 or 368-2011 to reserve tickets or get more information.

EMERGENCY MEASURES

Before the day of modern conveniences, such as electricity, oil heat and cars, communities were generally self-sufficient when natural disasters struck their towns. Today, modern technologies have not only made us far more vulnerable, but have also increased our chance of encountering a disaster. Everyday, communities face potential man-made or natural disasters. We are exposed to hazardous materials traveling on the roads or to industrial or engineering installations that could endanger the surrounding area if they malfunction. Environmentally, Canada has been exposed to ever changing weather extremes, earthquakes, major floods, ice storms and hurricanes. All of these potential hazards make Emergency Planning so vital.

Over the past several years, Gary has developed plans for the community. To help update these plans – could you please contact Gary at 566-2401 or the office at 368-3090 if you have special equipment (e.g. construction equip./ tractors/ generators/ chainsaws) or knowledge (medical training) that might be useful in the event of an emergency, or if there is special information that the Community should know about your property (eg. dangerous chemicals). The community is also making a list of people who may need extra assistance in the event of an emergency. If you would like to be on that list (perhaps you are older, or have no family nearby to check on you, no backup heat, mobility or health problems, etc.), call the office at 368-3090 and leave your name, phone number and address.

If you have any questions concerning the Community of Miltonvale Park Municipal Emergency Measures Plan please feel free to contact the Emergency Measures Coordinator Gary Robbins at 566-2401

In any emergency – **YOU** have the first level of responsibility. **YOU** should ensure that your household is prepared and has a **basic emergency kit****.

Use an easy-to-find and easy- to-carry bag or knapsack in case you need to evacuate your home. In an emergency, the community has reserved the gym at Bluefield High as a possible evacuation centre. Include the following:

♦ **Water** – 2 L/person/day (small bottles are easier) **Food** that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (replace food & water once a year); **Manual can opener, Flashlight and batteries, Candles and matches or lighter, Battery-powered or wind-up radio** (and extra batteries), **First aid kit, Special needs items** – prescription medications, infant formula or equipment for people with disabilities, **Extra keys** – for your car and house. **Cash** – include smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travelers cheques are also useful) and change for payphones. **Emergency plan** – include a copy of it and ensure it contains in-town and out-of-town contact information.

◆ Make a **car kit** with food, water, blanket, extra clothing and shoes, candle in a deep can and matches, first aid kit with seatbelt cutter, warning light or flares, small shovel, scraper, snowbrush, and a list of contact numbers. Great idea, especially when winter is coming!



****An emergency kit makes a great gift idea for the people you love!**

Visit www.getprepared.ca for more information.

OFFICIAL PLAN AND BYLAWS UPDATE

The Community of Miltonvale Park has received funding from the Capacity Building Fund for the development of an **Official Plan and By-Laws**. This funding is made possible through the New Deal for Cities and Communities agreement between the Federal and Provincial Governments. After two calls for proposals, council has chosen an Island based planner to lead the community through the planning process.

The **Official Plan** for a community is a written set of objectives and policies approved by the Council concerning the nature, extent, and pattern of growth within the community for the future. The Community's **objectives** set out in the plan are broad statements, while the **policies** deal with specific topics and issues. The **plan action** is a set of guidelines or statements indicating the direction in which action will be taken for dealing with growth and change in the community; or, in some cases, how the status quo will be maintained. The Official Plan provides the basis for the zoning and subdivision control bylaws which will implement policies dealing with land use and development. The Official Plan also provides the direction for public work, social, environmental and fiscal programs and strategies aimed at helping the community meet its goals and objectives.

The **Bylaws** refer to the specific rules and regulations regarding land use, development and subdivision that are made to support the official plan.

There will be community consultations with targeted groups within the community, such as developers, farmers, seniors, youth, WI members, etc. Findings will be circulated in the next community newsletter, and then public meetings will be held for public debate and input. A draft official plan and bylaws will be drawn up and presented to Council and the Planning Board, and then once accepted, it will again be presented at a public meeting, and revised, presented at a final public meeting, adopted by Council and then submitted to the Minister of Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour for approval.

WEBSITE

Keep tuned to www.miltonvalepark.com and check out what is happening in the community. Make It Simple Media is currently re-designing the website.



Check the website to find meeting minutes and agendas, upcoming events, policies and regulations, a list of subdivision and development permits issued and to get forms to apply for permits or for the child bursary. If your community group is holding an event that we can help publicize on the website, contact the office at admin@miltonvalepark.com or 368-3090.

NOT CONNECTED to the INTERNET??

No problem! Call or drop into the office and we will be happy to get you copies of information referred to in this newsletter, or any forms you need! ☺

DID YOU GET A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT??

The Zoning and Subdivision Bylaw (on website – “Documents” page) regulates the location, size and use of buildings and subdivision of land.

A Development Permit is needed to

- construct a new building,
- locate or change the location of any building or structure on a lot,
- locate a mobile home on a lot,
- make any structural alterations that will change the exterior dimensions of any building, including decks.
- build a swimming pool,
- change the use of any building or land
- intensify any non-conforming use,
- construct a fence greater than six feet,
- or erect a satellite dish.



Permit fees will be **doubled** for construction that has started without the necessary permits from the community. A complete listing of fees is on the website – but for general construction, fees are \$0.10/sq ft (min \$25, max \$1000, or max \$200 for agricultural buildings) and permits for a deck cost \$15.

Check out the website or call Alfie at 368-3090, or visit the office on Monday mornings, until early November. Alfie will work on an as-needed basis over the Winter, so contact the office to arrange a time to meet, if you need a permit!

The Community of Miltonvale Park was incorporated in 1974, has a population of 1163 (2006 census) and covers 35.72 square kilometers, over the former school districts of North Milton, South Milton, Springvale and it also includes Sleepy Hollow.



Permits Issued in 2007

New provincial legislation will require that development permits issued by the community be published. The province is developing a website for this purpose, but Miltonvale Park also posts permits on our website and at the Council Office. These notices are to aid the public if an appeal is warranted. If you have a concern about these permits or any building in the community, contact Alfie Wakelin at the office – 368-3090 or develop@miltonvalepark.com.

- 2007-01 - Barrie MacWilliams** 17539 Rte 2 non-commercial storage/garage on Feb. 7, 2007.
- 2007-02 - Seymour Hurry** - Sleepy Hollow Rd single family dwelling (SFD) on May 7, 2007.
- 2007-03 - Pauline Smith** - Rustico Rd between #983 & #1045 - single family dwelling - April 30, 2007.
- 2007-04 - PD Construction** - Rte 248 & Rte 2, temporarily locate a 22'x40' building on May 14, 2007.
- 2007-05 - Brian Andrew** --17208 Malpeque Rd for a 16'x24' storage building on May 28, 2007.
- 2007-06 - David and Robert Hooper** - 17240 Malpeque Rd, addition of a porch to a SFD, May 28/07
- 2007-07 - David/Robert Hooper** - 424 Rustico Road - addition to a calf barn on June 18/07.
- 2007-08 - Allan Booth** - North Yorke River Road Single Family dwelling on June 11/07.
- 2007-09 - Les Poole** 17021 Rte 2 "baby barn" storage building on June 11, 2007
- 2007-10 - Merle Chappell** - 990 Loyalist Road - 14'x16' storage building on June 25, 2007.
- 2007-11 - Fred Smith** - 1049 Rustico Road - 32x36' addition to an auto repair shop on July 9, 2007.
- 2007-12 - Allison MacDonald** - 17213 Rte 2 - baby barn storage building on July 23, 2007.
- 2007-13 - Jeff MacRae** 25 Arnold's Lane- private shop/storage accessory building on Aug 27, 2007.

SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED

- Gordon Carter** subdivided 1 residential lot for Paul Carter - Rustico Rd. Approved - 10-Jan-07
- Therin Neill** subdivided 1 residential lot for Therin Neill - Rustico Rd. – Approved - 23-Apr-07
- Seymour Hurry** subdivided 1 residential lot for Seymour Hurry - Sleepy Hollow Rd - 07-May-07

Got a Community Event to Announce?



Send information to the office at admin@miltonvalepark.com to have it posted on the website (Free!) or call George Piercey at 368-2903 to rent the sign on the Milton Community Hall.

Have an ISSUE, IDEA or CONCERN??

Contact the office at admin@miltonvalepark.com or 368-3090. Agendas are finalized one week before regular meetings, so information (in writing) should be at the office before the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Septic Systems

Most of the homes in Miltonvale Park, except those in Meadowvale Park, have on-site wastewater treatment and disposal. Proper maintenance of your septic system is very important.



• Location, Location, Location

To properly maintain your septic system, you should know the location of both the septic tank and the drainfield.

If you don't know where they are, contact the Department of Community, Cultural Affairs and Labour (368-5280) for a copy of your sewage disposal permit. This will tell you the approximate location of the system and the size of the tank.

When you get your septic tank pumped, measure and record the distance from the house to the access port on the tank. This will help you find it again.

It's also helpful to make a rough sketch of your home, septic system and other important features (such as your driveway.) We have folders available at the Council office to help you record this, and other home maintenance, info.

• Background Checks

Keep a record of any maintenance work done on your septic system.

If the house has just been built, ask the septic system contractor to provide you an "as built" diagram that may show details not on the permit.

If you are buying an existing home, there are a few important questions you should ask the seller:

- What does the system consist of?
- How old is the septic system?
- When was the tank last pumped?
- How often has it been pumped?
- Have there been signs of possible failure?
- Have there been additions to the house that would necessitate increasing the size of the system?

Signs of possible septic system problems:

- Sewage backing up into toilets, tubs or sinks.
- Slowly draining fixtures, particularly after rain.
- The smell of raw sewage and extremely soggy soil over the drainfield.
- Sewage discharged over the ground or in nearby ditches or woods.
- Water test results indicating the presence of biological contamination or organic chemical contamination in the groundwater under the system.

To ensure your system lasts for a reasonable time:

- One of the most important things is **to have the tank pumped every couple of years** removing the solids which could spill over into the disposal field, clogging the drainage pipe and soil. Septic companies may offer a reduced rate if several neighbours arrange pumping at the same time.
- Do not overload the system with water. Keep water consumption to a minimum and repair leaky faucets or toilet tanks.

•Do not plant trees over or near a disposal field. Some varieties such as weeping willow will grow roots into the drainage pipe which will damage and clog it.

•Do **NOT** put the following in the septic system:

- cooking grease, oils, or fat; (Place them in a container and put in the household garbage)

- pesticides, paints, paint thinners, solvents, disinfectants, household chemicals (These toxic substances threaten the ground water quality. They may also kill the micro-organisms that help purify the sewage. They should be dropped off at an approved depot for disposal).



- rags, cloth, wood
- paper towels, newspapers, wrapping paper

Normal amounts of detergents, soaps, bleaches, etc. used in an average household should not interfere with its operation.

Keep vehicles and heavy equipment off the disposal field.

Runoff drains, foundation drains, and sump pumps should not be piped into the septic tank or absorption area. Such a large volume of water could overload the system.

Almost all the water that enters the house eventually becomes waste and requires disposal. Try to use less water to lessen the load on the septic system.

Typical Family Water Use



- Toilet – 45%
- Bathing and personal use – 28%
- Laundry & Dishes – 23%
- Drinking & Cooking – 4%

Green Municipal Funds Application -

The second part of the application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities was submitted in August 2007, for \$60,000 funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to investigate the current situation and options for water and sewer servicing for the community. If successful, the community would pay 50% of the costs of the study, or \$30,000. The decision from the GMF is expected in March 2008.

Fall Clean Up

Metal - Monday, November 5

Compost - Monday, November 12

Waste - Monday, November 19



Multiple items (like twigs, tent poles) must be bundled and tied. Items must be less than 75 lbs each, and 4 ft or less in length, width & height.

Do not use solid coloured or blue bags.

Keep the categories (metal, compost, waste) separate at curbside.

Some items are **NEVER** collected curbside – The following can be taken **FREE** of charge to a Waste Watch Drop off Centre: Household Hazardous Waste (**HHW**), appliances containing freon, large household furniture (sofas, mattresses, box springs), large appliances, (stoves, fridges, freezers), tires (off rims). A **disposal charge** may apply for propane tanks, items from businesses and hobby farms, items that don't meet other guidelines, or construction, demolition, or renovation material.

The **WasteWatch Drop off Centre** is located at 7 Superior Cres. at Mt. Edward Rd & Perimeter Highway in Charlottetown. The hours of operation - **Monday to Friday** 7:00am to 5:30pm and **Saturday** 7:00am to 2:00pm*.

HHW is accepted only on **Tuesdays** 7:00am to 4:30pm and **Saturdays** 7:00am to 2:00pm*

Tel: 368-3848 *subject to change

FYI – Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs are HHW (Household Hazardous Waste).



APM CENTRE

The Community of Miltonvale Park is one of the thirteen communities that owns the APM Centre. Many of the Aerobic/Fitness programs have already begun for the Fall season



Public Skates:

Family Skates -Sundays 1:20-2:20 p.m. (\$2 Adults, \$1 Student, \$.75 preschool and \$5 family)

Adult Skates begin Oct 22 (Mondays 12:00 -1:00 p.m., Wednesday Evenings 9:10-10:00 p.m., and Thursdays 9-10:30 a.m.) \$2

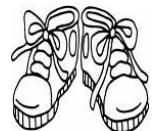
Pre-School Skates, begin Oct 22 – Mondays 1:00-2:00 p.m and Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$.75 each

Shinny Hockey Begins Oct 26th - Wednesdays 12:00 -1:00 p.m. \$5, full gear, goalies free

Can Skate and Star Skate – Began Oct 9th. Call Ken Lannan at 566-3231



Free Walking Track Hours – All residents of the 13 communities have free use of the walking track on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:00 -8:00 p.m.** until May 31, 2008, sponsored by the Town of Cornwall.



During other times, the Day pass for the track/gym is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students and those 55+. The walking track is closed Sundays from 10 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

Various **memberships** are available and range from 1 month Track/Gym for \$16 for Adults (\$13.50 for 55+ and students) to yearly family memberships for Fitness/

Aerobics/Gym/Track for \$588. All new members get a free Trial Week for use of all the Fitness facilities.

Call 628-8513 or check at the canteen for details.

Special Events & General Use –call 628-8513

Open Gym Time – All times when the gym is not booked, it is open for general use. Check out the lobby bulletin board or events line for schedule.

Cornwall Rec.Department Programs offered at the APM Centre are open to residents of Miltonvale Park.

Little Jocks – (Ages 4-6) runs from Nov 5-Dec 17.

Monday nights 6:30-7:30 cost \$25, 628-6260.

Cornwall and Area 50+ Club – Activities (Auction 45s, cribbage, bridge....) begin at 1:30 on Tues Oct 16. Call Ernie at 566-2467.

Drivers Education – Walter Bradley 961-2392

APM Hours of Operation – until Oct 20, 2007 – M-F 6:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m., Sat 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sundays 1-10:00 p.m.

October 21- March 8, 2008 M-F – 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Sat. 8a.m.-9:30 p.m., Sun 8 a.m -10:30 p.m.

Special holiday hours may pertain to Remembrance Day. Closed at 2:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, and at 5:00 New Year's Eve and for Christmas, Boxing and New Years Day.

Meeting rooms are available for 10-400 people. 628-8513 ext 221. Information line 628-8513 Ext 225.

Download the Fall Program brochure from

www.miltonvalepark.com .

HELP US HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES

– The Community wants to include local businesses on our website – please email a short description, hours, and contact information of your business to admin@miltonvalepark.com. Let's support our neighbours!

Remembrance Day

Take some time on Sunday, November 11, 2007 to honour the veterans who have served our country.



IZZY DOLLS

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, and socializing, you are invited to join the members of the North Milton WI at Jill Garson's home at 1128 Rustico Rd at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2007 to make small dolls for soldiers to distribute to children overseas. Bring along scraps of yarn and crochet hooks (#3 and 4.5-5) or knitting needles (3mm or size 12), if possible. More information is at www.isfeldbc.com . Call Shari at 566-2738 if you have questions.

Financial Update

	Budget 2007	Actual to Aug 31/07
REVENUE		
Equalization Municipal Support Grant	4,000.00	1,957.05
Infrastructure	58,575.00	2,047.88
Canada Day Grant	250.00	250.00
Community Park Student Grant	2,000.00	1,996.80
Taxation	129,412.00	37,425.00
Interest	7,500.00	2,476.10
Development Fees	3,000.00	1,989.90
Land rent revenue	2,200.00	225.00
GST rebate	8,000.00	11,546.33
Other Income	100.00	250.00
TOTAL REVENUE	215,037.00	60,164.06
EXPENSES		
Councillor Remuneration	7,000.00	3,827.39
Chair & Council Meeting Expenses	250.00	38.34
Administrator Wages and MERCs	12,050.00	8,242.99
Advertising	750.00	589.35
Interest and bank charges	500.00	228.20
Insurance	4,629.00	4,629.00
Office Expenses	1,750.00	1,116.14
Printing	300.00	112.89
Telephone Internet	2,000.00	1,383.38
Training	1,500.00	294.03
Admin Travel	300.00	215.55
PEI Govt Prop Tax Admin Fee	4,897.00	0.00
Meetings	800.00	400.53
Grants to organizations/individuals	500.00	45.00
Website	2,000.00	663.68
Insurance (Park Shelter)	530.00	530.00
Electricity	3,000.00	1,567.17
Community Park Maint	4,000.00	1,706.99
Sewer	325.00	0.00
Community Park Taxes	400.00	331.26
Community Hall	1,500.00	250.00
13 Communities Incorporated	11,011.00	0.00
Rent (Office)	4,300.00	2,550.00
Community Shelter	20,000.00	4,410.11
Fire protection	39,016.00	39,016.46
Planning Board	1,000.00	207.35
Supplies	1,000.00	119.81
Research – Project	50,000.00	0.00
Development Officer	5,600.00	2,700.00
Emergency Measures	2,000.00	275.00
Community Beautification	1,500.00	249.00
Community Days - Canada Day	1,500.00	1,165.26
Community Promotion - Newsletter	1,000.00	143.40
Accounting Fees	5,500.00	1,495.45
Federation of Can. Municipalities	207.00	207.46
Federation of PEI Municipalities	1,574.00	1,574.39
Legal Services	3,500.00	0.00
Water & Sewer Admin-Ctte	650.00	125.00
Engineering Services	5,000.00	0.00
Community Park Student Wages	3,500.00	5,786.80
Bursaries	2,750.00	892.40
Recreation Programs	600.00	105.40
Park Admin. & Shelter Supplies	2,000.00	1,272.47
Park & Playground Dev't	1,500.00	805.75
Other Park	500.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	214,189.00	89,273.40
NET INCOME	848.00	(29,109.34)