PROFESSIONAL REPORT

First, there were 6, then 7 and now 8. Eight thousand copies of Around The Block! Welcome to issue 5 of your community newspaper.

As you know, the focus of our community newspaper is on our 5 priority neighbourhoods. At our last volunteer meeting we talked about how we can have fun this summer on a limited budget. During these hard economic times a tight budget not only affects our priority neighbourhoods but all Canadians. So we asked, how can we have Summer Fun on a Budget? As you read the list from area residents you will see some of the unique ideas they came up with, while still taking advantage of all the things that are available in Saint John for FREE.

You will see in this issue that several communities: Waterloo-Village, Crescent Valley and Old North End have held community cleanups and as you read this they the Lower West Side and Lower South End communities have theirs planned. Even individual residents have taken time to do their part. Around The Block encourages all residents to take time to pick up litter and feel the pride from taking part in these community cleanups.

On May 28, 2009 the City of Saint John presented the following groups with monies from the Neighbourhood Development Stimulation Grants.

1. Vibrant Communities received $22,335 for the Neighbourhood Assistants and $11,250 for Around the Block;
2. The Resource Centre for Youth received $12,000;
3. Westside P.A.C.T. received $14,600;
4. The Quality Story Tent received $8,000;
5. All of the participants in the cheque presentation;
6. ONE Change received $25,000;
7. The Crescent Valley Resource Centre received $25,000; and
8. PULSE received $12,815.

We held our second writing workshop with journalism instructor Mark Leger and the third workshop will be held on June 24th, 9:30 am at the Community Health Centre. This workshop will be on writing a story and is open to all residents.

I want to thank all the neighbourhood assistants, volunteers, community partners and proofreaders who contributed to this issue. I know I have said it before but the paper would not happen without all these individuals. Thank you, Saint John, for the interest you have shown in our paper!
**Summer Fun on a Budget**

by Penni Eisenhauer, Neighbourhood Assistant

1. Kick Off to Summer “Street Dance” - June 26th at 6:30pm, in the Lorne School Yard. For more information contact Tammy Calvin at 608-5844 or ONE Change at 635-2035.

2. Are you a youth and want to get involved? Check out the ‘Summer Programs that have purpose’ offered through the Old North End Community Center and volunteer in your community. The focus is youth doing positive activities which contribute to the Old North End neighborhood. For more information contact Greg or Cameron @ 658-2980.

3. Youth can get involved in various youth programs offered for free at the Main St. Baptist Church. For more information contact 642-8060.

4. Interested in learning more about computers? The Community Adult Learning Network (Cal-net) located at ONE Change is offering free computer courses. Contact ONE Change at 635-2035.

5. Any youth aged 12-17 years is welcome to take part in the ONE Change Free Daily Summer Program from July/August 2009 thanks to Environmental Trust Fund and Saint John Community Arts Funding Program. Please contact Gina @ ONE Change 635-2035. ONE Change also offers various youth programs during the fall. Youth can get involved right now with Teen Fit offered every Thursday from 7-9pm at NECC.

**A Story of Two Teenage Youths**

by Penni Eisenhauer, Neighbourhood Assistant

Contributions from Sharah Hill and Amber Capson

Two youths who love being involved in programs offered at the ONE Change and North End Community Centre (NECC) are Sarah Hill and Amber Capson. Sarah is fifteen years old, lives in east Saint John, and is a grade nine student at Saint Macs. Her favorite things to do are playing sports at NECC and being involved with the Teen/Youth programs offered at ONE Change. Amber is also fifteen years old, lives in Rothesay, and is a grade nine student at Rothesay High School. Her favorite hobbies are being a part of the groups at ONE Change and ‘hanging out’ at NECC. Both teens are involved in the ONE Change Youth Council and the role of the council is to act as a positive, influential and energetic voice raising awareness of youth issues and providing positive youth action within the North End. The youth decide what they want to do in the community to help out. The youth participate in such things as program planning, celebration committee involvement, and organizing events in the community.

Some of the many projects the youths have been involved in were cleaning garbage out of empty lots to re-vitalize them, putting recycling bins in different areas of the North End to keep up with the litter problem; and painting trash cans to re-use. This year the two youth plan to get involved in ONE Change’s Mom in Motion Program as child care providers and hope to help out the seniors involved in the ONE Change Golden Oldies Group with such things as lawn care, garbage, groceries and cleaning snow in the winter. For the summer both youth plan to be involved in the ONE Teen Summer Program thanks to the Environmental Trust Fund and Saint John Community Arts Funding Program. The program runs during the months of July/August 2009 and is free to any youth between the ages of 12-17 years. The program is full days running five days a week for eight weeks and it consists of three community work/beautification days, one educational day, and one reward/fun day. For further information please contact Gina @ ONE Change 635-2035.

**The Golden Oldies**

by Joan McInnis

In September 2008, three women of varying ages formed a seniors’ group in our neighbourhood, and went with it. With full support from the board of ONE Change, we had an open house to find any people who might be interested in a seniors’ group. At the open house we had eleven people sign up and two weeks later those same eleven people showed up for our first meeting. We varied in age from 55 to 86 years old, which meant a lot of different opinions and thoughts on many subjects.

We meet every second Monday from 2 to 4 pm at the ONE Change building on Victoria Street. At this time we have eight active members and we are very busy. There is always tea and coffee and some kind of snack and most of the time we just sit and discuss a wide range of subjects. We have also done crafts, played games and have been on a few outings. We have become good friends and enjoy each other’s company wholeheartedly.

Since March 2008 the group has been looking into options for a Day Trip, played trivia games, and are planning a housewarming party for a young lady trying to better her life and who is in ONE Change’s ONE Life Program.

I hope you will all see that we, the Golden Oldies, come with big hearts that not only work with each other but strive to work with everyone in the community. One of the group’s latest projects is finding a way for the ONE Change teens to be able to assist the elderly in our neighbourhood. The group’s goal is to build a strong working relationship between the teens and the elderly.

Anyone looking for more information about the Golden Oldies Senior’s Group feel free to contact either Joan McInnis at 634-7206 or Linda Negus at 693-7696. Anyone over 55 years of age is welcome.

**Think You’ve Got a Case of Spring Fever?**

It could actually be high blood pressure, come to our health clinic just to be sure.

Screening Clinic Blood Pressure Cholesterol Glucose (Sugars)

When? May 29, June 12 and June 26 at 11am.

Where? The Main Street Baptist Church.

Hope to see you there!!! If possible, please bring your Medicare card.

Any questions, please call Tara at ONE Change at 635-2035.

**Old North End Clean-Up**

by Gerry Leavitt

A clean-up in the Old North End was held May 16, 2009. Youth and neighbours helped out and after the clean-up every body that was involved had a barbeque with soda. They all were happy and had a good time with the staff of ONE Change.
Summer Fun on a Budget
by Jennifer Edison, Dawn LeBlanc, Kelly Nice, and Tammy Garnett

- Have a picnic in Queen Square. There are some beautiful shade trees, and squirrels in this area. Have a picnic in your backyard and hook up the hose to run through, or have a water balloon fight and cool off! If it rains, make an indoor picnic. Children will enjoy the novelty of having a tablecloth spread on the floor.
- On another rainy day, invite some friends over for a movie marathon. Pop your own corn and get out those board games you haven’t used in awhile.
- Visit the South End Playground. Play on the swings, slide, or skateboard. There are tennis courts, too.
- Visit the Museum at Market Square. They have several free admission days. Some upcoming ones are Aboriginal Day - June 21, N.B. Day - August 3, and Acadian Day - August 15.
- Drop into the Library during regular hours and have fun with activity sheets and crafts. Summer hours start June 15, and are Mon. to Wed., 9 am to 5 pm and Thurs. & Fri., 9 am to 9 pm.
- Visit Harbour Passage. Go for a nice walk, or roller blade or even bike on the passage. Bring some snacks for a picnic.
- Canada Day Celebrations on July 1 at Market Square have activities for kids, crafts, face painting, entertainment and of course cake and fireworks. There are lots of concerts and activities scheduled for the Boardwalk at Market Square during July and August.
- Take in a local ball game at one of our South End Fields.
- Camp in your backyard. But, most of all have fun!

Only a Penny?
by Dawn LeBlanc

As one of their community projects, the South End Day Care held a penny drive. Once the penny jar was full, the children counted them in piles of ten and the teachers rolled them.

They then made a trip to the bank and washed their hands before meals and after visiting the washroom, and programming that helps them develop to their best potential, physically, intellectually, and socially. They learn life skills, such as

Youth Engagement in the South End
by Kate Blackman

Beginning at the end of school, PULSE and the Youth Engagement Project will host a summer program for youth age 13 to 18. The program will run on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays out of the PULSE building on Wentworth Street.

Tuesdays and Thursdays will be dedicated to community improvement projects, ranging from graffiti removal to decorating the PULSE building. Fridays will be used as reward days for hard work earlier in the week, with fun activities planned! This program will give youth an opportunity to be involved in their neighbourhood and make positive changes (as well as spend some time by the beach or on special trips). Don’t miss out!

For youth who are interested in participating, please contact Kate Blackman for more information or to sign up at katebyep@gmail.com. If you have a project for youth in the Lower South End, please contact PULSE and let us know at info@pulsesj.com.

Lower South End Graffiti Eradication Program
by Cst. Jeremy Edwards

PULSE (People United in the Lower South End), Irving, Saint John the Baptist School and Community Policing have formed a partnership to eradicate graffiti in the Lower South End. Students from the grade 8 class from Saint John the Baptist School have volunteered to assist with graffiti removal in the area. Irving has purchased some graffiti removal products for dealing with tags on brick and stone and sensitive surfaces. Colin McDonald, board member of PULSE, and Cst. Jeremy Edwards from Community Policing have coordinated a cleanup for Thursday, June 4, 2009, starting at 12:30 pm. Various locations have been identified already. During the summer, Youth Engagement Coordinator, Kate Blackman will work with Cst. Edwards and PULSE with a group of young volunteers to continue the program.

Fighting Graffiti with the three R’s: Record – Take a picture of the damage. Report – Call Police at 648-3333 and make a report, and Remove - Having graffiti removed within 24hrs is the best way to prevent future graffiti. It is true that your property may get tagged again; however, do not give up the battle. Taggers will not waste their time on your property if they realize someone is watching and cares about it. If you would like to know more please contact Cst. Jeremy Edwards at 648-3700.

CQS Child Development Centre
by Alma Beck

Centenary-Queen Square Child Development Centre opened in the South End in 1982, and has been providing a safe, nurturing environment for young children since then. The Centre accepts all children and has a special concern for those who come from economically and/or socially disadvantaged circumstances, including children experiencing developmental delays. Many of its families receive day care subsidies from the province.

At the Centre, the children are provided with nutritious, home-cooked meals, and programming that helps them develop to their best potential, physically, intellectually, and socially. They learn life skills, such as washing their hands before meals and after visiting the washroom, and participate in activities that help them get ready for school.

One local mom was having a difficult time finding a day care program that would accept her son who had Down syndrome. She called CQS Child Development Centre, where he was immediately accepted, and he thrived there for the next two and a half years until he left for school.

The South End, like other neighbourhoods, has sometimes been tagged with an unfair reputation. One mom from outside the neighbourhood had heard about the Child Development Centre’s excellent reputation, but was quite nervous about leaving her little one in the South End. She decided to give it a try anyway, and now reports that she can’t think of a better, safer, place for her child to stay.

Bicycle Registry

PULSE and Community Policing have created a bicycle registry for the Lower South End. There are hundreds of bicycles that the Police recover each year and are not able to return to their rightful owners. If your bicycle is registered it will increase your chances of getting your bike back if police recover it in the event that it was lost or stolen. Please contact Cst. Jeremy Edwards at 648-3700 to make arrangements or stop by the PULSE office at 251 Wentworth Street.

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Summer Fun on a Budget
by Crescent Valley Newspaper Committee

- Pack some water and a good snack and walk to Rockwood Park and discover the trails. Or bring your fishing gear and go fishing.
- Walk along Harbour Passage and enjoy the breeze blowing off the water.
- Visit yard sales around the community.
- Visit the Splash Pad in Flemming Court once it's finished.
- Join in the Crescent Valley Idol and Mr & Miss Crescent Valley competition.
- Help someone in a community garden or start a garden yourself.

Crescent Valley Clean-Up
by Debbie McLeod

It's that time of year when the snow has finally melted after a hard, long winter and we see what old man winter has left behind for us to clean up! The Tenants Associations are busy preparing for clean up days in their communities. As this is an annual event the tenants look forward to the opportunity to work together and clean up their communities. This year each group has partnered with ACAP, Community Schools, Community Policing and Community Businesses to help make this day a success. Getting the whole community involved in the clean-up makes it a positive experience for everyone.

Saving Gizmo
by Shelly Rogers, Shelter Manager

They arrived at the shelter one day without a mother; four kittens, about four weeks of age. With their immune systems not yet fully developed and too young to adopt out, the kittens' futures seemed uncertain. Daily the staff gave the kittens love and care. When one of the kittens began to develop a cold, the urgency to find her a home grew with every passing day. And then Lana walked through the shelter door, offering Gizmo, as he came to be named, the golden opportunity for the kind of life that every animal deserves. She knew he was sick. It didn’t matter to her. She was already devoted to him. She knew that he would require special attention at his tender age. Lana adopted Gizmo and took him home to be a member of her family.

Unbeknownst to the shelter staff, Lana had begun to knit catnip mice and make catnip feather knots, and with the permission of her veterinary clinic, was selling them with proceeds to come to the Animal Rescue Clinic, was selling them with proceeds to come to the Animal Rescue.

Weeks passed, and then one day an email arrived with pictures. Gizmo was healthy, happy, and an unusual pal and playmate to Lana’s ten-year-old pet rabbit, Harley. Gizmo and Harley had become fast friends.

Every animal had been provided with Christmas treats by this one selfless and entrepreneurial woman. Cats and dogs can’t tell the difference between Christmas Eve and any other evening, but every single day we strive to increase the partnership of ACAP and the opportunities to work together and clean up their communities. This year each group has partnered with ACAP, Community Schools, Community Policing and Community Businesses to help make this day a success. Getting the whole community involved in the clean-up makes it a positive experience for everyone.

Meet Lisa Morris
by Ann Barrett

The Board of Directors is very pleased to introduce to the community our new Community Development Coordinator (CDC) Lisa Morris. Many residents of Crescent Valley already know or recognize Lisa as she has been living there for five years and has been very active with the summer sports program. Last fall, she took on the rewarding but challenging work as one of the Neighborhood Assistants through the SJ Vibrant Communities program. Lisa also took the opportunity to increase her knowledge and skills by participating in several workshops including Learn & Go. With each new experience, Lisa got to know the community better, gained invaluable skills and grew in self-confidence. Lisa has amazing energy, great ideas and a desire to see other CV residents get involved. Please come to the centre to meet with Lisa. She can tell you about the programs, services and volunteer positions that you can take part in.

Pollution Causing the World to End?!
by Julia Osborne

We need to stop the pollution because it’s causing the world to end and fish are dying. In 2012 on December 21, the world we love is going to be gone! If you would like to help me stop the end of the Earth, please call me 693-8513 at the Crescent Valley Resource Centre. You can help the Earth too by picking up garbage and putting it in the recycling cans!
Summer Fun on a Budget
by Lacey O'Toole

The Carleton Community Centre (CCC) is hosting a free Children’s Fun Day on July 4th from 10am to 2pm. There will be face painting, games, magic shows, wagon rides, a free BBQ and more!

The free summer recreation program for kids aged 6-12 is starting up again on June 22nd at the CCC. Spend the summer playing games, making crafts, and going on weekly field trips with other kids from the neighbourhood. The teen program also starts at this time. Please call 658-2920 for more details.

Playing sports with your friends is a great way to stay active and have fun over the summer. The ball hockey and volleyball courts located beside the CCC are open most evenings for anyone to use. For more info call 658-2920.

Get outdoors and come on down and visit the beautiful Irving Nature Park. There are numerous unique trails that can be hiked such as the Squirrel and Frog Trail, or you could venture out onto the Marsh Boardwalk. Bring the whole family and have a barbecue or picnic within the park and stop by the Observation Deck to admire the scenery and possibly witness a seal sunbathing on the Seal Rocks.

Do you like to bowl and be outdoors? If yes, then drop by the Seaside Lawn Bowling Club where you can combine the love of fresh air with the love of the game! Also, while you are there you can make your way around the park and behold the incredible views of the Bay of Fundy.

If you have a flair for history then you should stop by the National Historic Site, the Carleton Martello Tower. The tower was built in 1812 and has served several functions throughout the years in various wars. So come on in and marvel at the restored powder magazine, the barracks floor and the various exhibits contained within this amazing structure.

West Side P.A.C.T. Updates
by Mike Peters

Over the summer, UNB Students Mike Peters, Lacey O'Toole, and Pat Montague will be working with the West Side P.A.C.T. to organize many programs, events, and services for people of all ages. Here are just a few of them:

- We are offering a free weekly Summer Reading Club for kids aged 5-12 at the Carleton Kirk United Church. We will have access to a gym and will include fun activities, games, and crafts.
- A Hearts in Motion Walking Club is now underway. It is open to everyone and it is a great way to stay healthy, have fun, and meet new people. Group walks are held 1-3 times a week for about 20-30 minutes.
- The Food Purchase Program is now available to Lower West families. For a monthly fee of either $10, $15, or $20, members will receive a great variety of fresh fruits and vegetables. For more information, please call us at the P.A.C.T. office or visit the Community Health Centre at St. Joseph’s Hospital.
- The Clothes Closet program will be offering their services out of our community building located on 200 Ludlow Street. Please contact us for more information.

These are just a few of the projects/programs that will be happening in the community. For more free summer fun in our neighbourhood, stay tuned for: a Canada Day Celebration at the West Side P.A.C.T. community office; a Bike Rodeo in mid July at the Carleton Community Centre; and a New Brunswick Day party in Queen Square West.

For questions on any of the above events, please give us a call at 693-8735 or email us at westsidep.a.c.t@nb.aibn.com. Also, feel free to pay us a visit at 200 Ludlow Street or go to our new website www.westside-pact.co.nr.

St. George’s Church Events, 100 Watson Street
June 14th - 2pm - Musical Afternoon with Christopher Lane, Claire Driscoll and Terri-Lynn Russell
June 27th - West Side Family Day at the Carleton Community Centre, Breakfast sponsored by St. George’s Church

WEST PLAYGROUND INFO

by Chuck Edison

The following playgrounds will be supervised, with two playground leaders beginning June 22nd to August 14th: Carleton Community Centre, Beaconsfield, St. Rose, Seawood and Lorneville Community Centre. Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. This program is offered by the City of Saint John and is free. Also the Carleton Community Centre will play host to Carleton Community Centre Children’s Fun Day which will take place at the centre on June 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will consist of wagon rides, a magic show, a barbecue, music, games, face painting and much more.

Riverview Drive Clean-Up
by Mary Lou Price

With summertime coming, we can really notice the litter, sand and junk, that the winter winds (and lazy people) have left behind. My husband Jim and I decided to pick up stuff that was along the thru-way, behind Riverview Drive. We did between Riverview Place and the thru-way overpass, and were amazed at how much stuff there was! When we finished, you could actually see the grass! It was only a small area, but we try to do what we can, to help keep our community clean.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?!

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While at a Recognition Dinner in April hosted by The Boys & Girls Club, a tribute was paid to a staff member Gary Crossman. Gary was a member of the club as a young boy. By volunteering his time, he earned his way into a job and has been doing a combination of both for many years now. Gary has left his family at The Boys & Girls Club to pursue a career in a job that is his true passion, working with the Randy Jones Foundation. Gary, we wish you good luck with your new endeavor. You will be missed by the staff, volunteers and children that look forward to seeing you everyday.

Dan Robichaud, the Village Neighbourhood Association’s facilitator, is pleased to say that the 2009 Earth Day Clean-up was a success. Everyone had fun and enjoyed the social event. Prizes were given out and everyone was a winner at the event.

The neighbourhood removed 60 bags of garbage from the community. Thanks to AIDS Saint John for their sweep through the neighbourhood prior to the Earth Day event there was no risk to the children who participated.

Thank you on behalf of the Village to our sponsors and volunteers. Without their generosity and help, the 2009 Earth Day Campaign would not have had such successful results.

Sponsors and supporters: Ben’s Bakery Outlet, KitchenCraft, ACAP, Tim Hortons, Honourable Ed Doherty, Acadina Stained Glass, Design Etch, TRC, AIDS Saint John, Union Street Convenience, Vibrant Communities, Grace Presbyterian Church, Sherwood & Flanagan Law Offices, Boys & Girls Club, Jane Scott and her crew south of Union St., Sisters of Charity, and Monsignor Henneberry.

The Saint John Learning Exchange Celebrates 25 Years


Special speakers bringing greetings and congratulations included: Mayor Ivan Court, Roxanne Fairweather – Chief Operating Officer and VP of Innovatia, and Belinda Allen – SjLE Board Secretary.

Both current and former learners spoke about how coming to the Learning Exchange has changed their lives in a positive manner.

A prize for the award winning essay, “How Coming to the Learning Exchange Has Changed My Life,” was presented to CALP learner Ricky Marr.

The draw for the donated poppy print was won by Peter Seymour. A special thanks to James Wilson & Cathy Wright for their generous donation of this original print.

Summer Day Camps at the YMCA-YWCA

Registration has begun for Summer Day Camps at the Saint John YMCA-YWCA! The Y takes pride in offering quality camping experiences for children ages 4-16 years of age, giving them a chance to participate in some of their favorite camp activities or to try something new. This summer at Prince Charles School you can find traditional summer camps as well specialty camps such as; Girl Power, Golf Camp, Babysitting Camp, Learn to Draw, Skateboard Camp, Art Camp, Computer Animation, Just the Guys, Wilderness Adventure, Out Trip Camp and Volleyball Camp.

The Y is committed to making sure that every child gets a camp experience, regardless of economic circumstances. Last summer the Strong Kids Campaign allowed the Y to send 187 kids to camp who would otherwise be unable to attend.

For more information contact Adrienne Boudreau, Manager, Youth and Camping Programs at 646-2102 or visit our website at www.saintjohny.com.

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Principal’s Message - Prince Charles School

What an exciting year we have had at the Home of The Monarchs! A variety of activities to work us both physically and mentally have kept students, teachers and PALS volunteers busy this past year. We would so like to thank all the members of our school community who work together to make PCS a great place to be. We will continue to work together to live up to our RRSP Monarch Motto - Respect, Responsibility, Safe and Prepared and to strive to reach the high academic expectations we have for all our students.

We look forward to the fall when we will continue to work along with our PALS partners to enrich the lives of our young people and to prepare them to be happy, productive citizens. We wish you all a safe and “Fog Free” summer, and remember...our best is yet to come!
Summer Fun on a Budget
by Brad Snodgrass
The importance of summer fun for the most part isn't what you do but why you do it with. Grab a few friends and go out for a hike in the woods or camp in the yard. Rockwood Park is always a fun choice. With a group of friends you can hike in the woods, bike the trails, play on the play park or swim in the lake. If you are a little more creative make up a game with the things that you have just laying around or expand on an old game. The summer isn't filled with fun, we fill it with fun.

Summer Ball Hockey League
by Saint John Boys & Girls Club
Our league strives to achieve the goals of fair play, sportsmanship, and equal opportunity for all players.

Mini league (7 and under) - will play on Thursday nights from 6-7pm starting on June 11 and finishing on August 13th.
Junior league (age 8-11) - will play on Monday nights from 6-9pm depending on the number of teams starting June 22 and finishing on August 10th.
Senior league (ages 12-17) - will play on Thursday nights from 7-9pm starting on June 25 and finishing on August 13th.

Prices - the cost for the league is $60.00 per player.

A wrap up tournament and banquet will take place for all players and their parents on the weekend of August 14th /15th.

For more information please call - 634-2011 to speak with Laurie, Sandra or Amanda.

What’s Happening at Rockwood Park
by Helen Bridgeo
• Safe Kids event - Saturday May 30th at the Play Park - 10:30am-2:30pm - Free BBQ.
• MADD Walk - Saturday June 6th - Fisher Lakes -10:00am-2:00pm.
• Fishing Derby - Sunday, June 7th - 10:00am-2:00pm - located at the first parking lot of Fisher Lakes.
• Walk n’ Talk with Dave Goss - June 23rd and July 28th 7pm meet at the 2nd parking lot of Fisher Lakes. (Free – sponsored by Leisure Services).
• Summer Day camps start June 29th - kayaking - geocaching - swimming - rock climbing and much more fun. Come and experience a week long fun-filled camp at Rockwood Park. Call 657-8747 for more information.
• Canada Day Celebration in the Park - Fisher Lakes by the A-frame - 2:00pm-4:00pm.
• Fisher Lakes Beach opens June 20th - Lily Lake beach will open on July 11th.
• Fundy Extreme Triathlon - Sunday July 26th - Lily Lake Pavilion.
• Greek Festival - August 1st and 2nd - Lily Lake Pavilion.
• Be sure to drop by the Lily Lake Pavilion for a delicious meal at Lily’s Café (693-3556) and rent a kayak, canoe or paddle boat from DayTripping (657-8747).
• The Rockwood Interpretation Centre will be open 7 days a week starting May 19th - August 29th. Be sure to drop by and find out what’s happening in Rockwood Park.

Photos Courtesy of Helen Bridgeo
Food Access Calendar

La fin de notre Coop avec Vibrant Communities et Urban Core Support Network s’approche à grand pas! Nous avons certainement beaucoup appris pendant les derniers mois et les gens avec qui nous travaillons nous ont donné le goût de faire une différence dans notre communauté. Avant de partir on aimerait vous laisser avec un calendrier pour mois de juin, juillet et aout auquel nous travaillons depuis quelques semaines. Ce calendrier met en évidence différents endroits dans notre communauté où une personne qui en a besoin pourrait aller pour avoir de la nourriture ou de l'aide supplémentaire. Nous avons également inclus différents endroits où vous pouvez sortir et rencontrer d'autres personnes de la communauté tout en mangeant un bon souper, ainsi que des trucs pour sauver de l’argent en faisant votre épicerie. Nous espérons que ce calendrier vous donnera une meilleure idée de ce que notre communauté nous offre en termes de nourriture. Nous planifions aussi de faire un autre calendrier pour le mois de septembre. C’est maintenant à votre tour de nous envoyer vos idées et vos suggestions pour le prochain calendrier. (Sa serait grandement apprécié!)

Conceptual Summer Fun

This year, The Resource Centre for Youth (TRC) is looking forward to a creative, outdoor-based summer program. The TRC is partnering with other youth centres in the Saint John area to bring the youth of our neighbourhoods together. This summer there will be many opportunities to play in the wilderness, participate in a variety of community projects and plenty of water balloons. Once school's out, watch our hours as they will be changing from evening to afternoon. So if you are 12 to 18 years old and looking for something to do this summer that is free, fun, a little crazy and is probably going to get you very wet, stop by to the TRC.

For more information contact: Ken Cross, TRC Drop-In Coordinator at (506) 849-8682 or ken.cross@nbnet.nb.ca

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~ From a teacher of Lorne Middle School

For more information on the Celebrate what’s RIGHT with the world initiative, contact Joan Wilkins, Coordinator, School District 8 at 643-6884 http://www.district8celebrate.org

High School Co-op with ONE Change

by Brianne Lunn

My name is Brianne Lunn and I am a grade 12 student at Saint John High School. This year I took part in the co-op program at school. I feel very fortunate that my placement was with ONE Change.

ONE Change is involved in many programs and activities that support the community. I was able to participate with the Dare Program, Girl World which meets every other Sunday, coaching cheerleading in the evening and working in the office.

The staff at ONE Change is very positive and helpful and it was a pleasure being able to work with the youth. This was a very rewarding experience for me and I would definitely recommend ONE Change and school co-op program to everyone.

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Food Banks and Clothing Depots
by Tammy Garnett

East Side Food Bank - Bayside Drive, 633-8298
South End Community Food Bank - Charlotte Street, 652-2707
North End Food Bank - Adelaide Street, 634-7403
West Side Food Bank - Sand Cove Road, 635-1060
Romero House - Brunswick Drive, 642-7447
Clothing Depot - Coburg Street
St. Vincent’s DePaul - Waterloo Street, 634-3097
Coverdale Woman’s Clothes Closet - Waterloo Street, 634-1649
Cornerstone Church - Lenister Street, 652-2290

For more information on other programs in the community call Chris Hopkins at the Human Development Council at 633-4636 or check out the calendar on page 8.

Life in the Village Arts Festival
August 1, 2009 from 11am to 4pm in the TRC parking lot off Waterloo Street.

Show your creativity and artistic spirit. For more information call Dan at 636-7094 or email at acadianglass@gmail.com or Tanya at the TRC at 632-5615 or email at tanya.moriarty@nbnet.nb.ca.

South End Days - ‘Our Neighbourhood Festival’

Schedule of Events:
Friday, July 17th
• South End Days Kickoff - Big Top
• Community BBQ - (5pm to 8pm) - Big Top
• Stage Show (6pm to 8pm) - Big Top
• Teen Dance (9pm to 11:30pm) - Big Top

Saturday, July 18th
• Yard Sale (8am to 11am) - Big Top
• BBQ (10am to 2pm) - Big Top
• Bingo (12 noon to 2pm) - Big Top
• South End Games (2pm to 5pm) - TBA
• Children’s Time (2pm to 5pm) - TBA
• Dinner/Awards Presentation (5pm to 6pm) - Big Top
• Children’s Movie Night (6pm to 10pm) - TBA
• Adult Dance/Beer Garden (9pm to 1am) - Big Top

Sunday, July 19th
• Neighbourhood Breakfast (8am to 11am) - Big Top
• Neighbourhood Clean-up (11am to 12:30pm)
• Closing Ceremonies 12:30pm - Big Top

The Clothes Closet
The Clothes Closet is a new clothing program run by the Coverdale Center for Women. Their goal is to provide clothing for all women for any occasion.

Clothing Drop off Locations:
The Coverdale Center for Women, 148 Waterloo St
Crescent Valley Resource Center, 130 MacLaren Blvd
Curves, 1500 Manawagonish Rd

For more information contact clothesthatwork@hotmail.com or 634-1649.

Walks n’ Talks with David Goss
This year’s programs are a combination of FREE, and CHARGE walks. All the programs will require about 2 kilometers of walking, and last about an hour and a half. Only the Fernhill program of August 11th requires tickets in advance; all others are show and go.

The content of the program will be a combination of community exploration through folklore and fact that have made them so popular over the decades.

Some of the topics include These Be Monsters, Rockwood in Postcards, and an Uptown Ghost Gallivant.

Contact gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca for further information.

TIES 2 Work

Connecting employers to individuals who are trained and ready to work is one way to reduce poverty in Saint John.

A new program aims to do just that! TIES 2 Work selects individuals to receive 12 weeks of essential skills training, focusing on the needs of participating employers; three weeks are on the job. The Saint John Learning Exchange provides the training which leads to a specific job opportunity at the end.

Fortis Properties, Coast Tire & Auto Service and the City of Saint John, and six trainees have launched the first program. Employers and participants are now being invited for the next round.

Consider getting involved! Contact the Learning Exchange at 648-0202.

Kanee’s Corner Convenience
40 LochLomond Road
642-3888
www.kanescornerconvenience.com
Pieces of me entangled
by Jennifer Edison

Pieces of me entangled in a web; wanting a voice that speaks up and speaks out; instead it weakly mumbles, being trapped by fear and doubt.

Pieces of me entangled in a web; wanting to engage my community and be a leader but often I wander and stand at the bottom of the line.

Pieces of me ripping through that entangled web. With the help and encouragement of my twelve new friends, pulling me up and making me strong.

Now that the web is fading I think of my new friends from Power Up; the fear; the doubt and the bottom of the line; I rise above and I am standing tall and will not go back down.

Famous Fathers Trivia
by Linda Scott

1. On the TV series “Father Knows Best” what was Robert Young’s character, Jim Anderson’s do for a living?
2. Bing Crosby played this father, a young parish priest at St. Dominics?
3. Where did neckties originate?
4. What father was always blue but never sad?
5. Who was “busy with three boys of his own”?
6. In what Shakespearean play did the father give his son this advice—“This above all: To thine own self be true”?
7. Who was “Meathead’s” father-in-law?
8. Who was Willis and Arnold’s new father in Different Strokes?
9. Franklin is a thorn in Michael Kyle’s side on what show?
10. What was Charlie Harper’s occupation on Two and a Half Men?
11. Who played the father to Richie and Joanie in Happy Days?
12.Who is the father of Raymond and Robert and wife of Marie?
13. Who is the well known Father of Confederation from Saint John?
14. Who was the father of Raymond and Robert and wife of Marie?
15. Who is Brent’s father on Corner Gas?
16. Who played the father in the 1991 remake of “Father of the Bride”?
17. Who starred with his own son Jaden in the 2006 film Pursuit of Happiness?
18. Who is the real life father of the star of Hannah Montana?
19. Who were the father and daughter who played in the Academy Award winning movie On Golden Pond?
20. Who was the father of the present Queen of England, Elizabeth II?

Winning Essay
by Ricky Marr

The Saint John Learning Exchange celebrated its 25th anniversary in May. Students were asked to submit essays about what the Learning Exchange meant to them. Below is the winning submission.

My name is Ricky Marr, I have been attending evening classes at Saint John Learning Exchange for 7 months.

I am attending this class so I can read and spell words to my kids. It will be real nice to get my G.E.D. too. It would make me feel more of a dad and a man.

What public school was like for me when I went was very hard because at the time I could not read or spell at all. Later on when I got older some of it came to me, but now in my class room I feel real good and in the end I will get my G.E.D.

My life before I started here at school it was hard because I couldn’t spell and I think I am getting some of it now. Getting a job even just getting by was very hard for me.

Attending this class has helped me as to be proud of me that I am trying to do better in my life. When I first saw the flyer about classes here the sentence that stuck home for me was—to be able to write what is in your heart not just what you can spell. Because of that one sentence I finally made the decision to go through the door and admit to someone that I could not spell, that I needed help. I made it through the intake assessment but my first night of class I just sat outside in my truck debating whether to go in or not. I was so nervous and shy. I am really glad that I did not stay in my truck that night as I met some real nice people and wonderful teacher who with all their help have let me not feel so bad about my not being able to spell. This has allowed me to focus more on all learning and not getting hung up on one part of learning (my spelling).

I also have experienced new things—places that I would never have done or gone to before. We were given tickets to see a musical at the Imperial Theatre, I had never been inside there before or been to any plays. I sat outside the theatre in my truck thinking I don’t fit in there—I can’t go in there—I don’t belong. Then I saw a learner from my class and he joined me in the truck and we talked about how I felt. Then I saw my teacher go in and I saw her looking for us in the lobby so I felt I had to go in because I didn’t want to disappoint her. It was another door in my life that I’m glad I opened! Our classroom is a safe spot you don’t have to hide that you may not know the answer but with a team effort you can all find the answer together.

My future plan is to get good in my spelling and reading and in time my G.E.D. When I get my G.E.D. I know that I will get a good job that I like and will pay well. I want my kids to see that if you work hard for what you want you will get it in the end.

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Elizabeth Fry - Rebels with a Cause
by Erin McLaughlin

On Thursday, May 7th, 2009 The Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John NB Inc. was pleased to present an evening of awards, laughter, and coming together. The event, entitled Rebels With A Cause, was a great success as we feel it raised awareness of not only what our Society does, but what great women in the community have been able to achieve. The honourees were selected from a large group of fantastic Saint John citizens, decided upon by our Board Members and by Erin McLaughlin, Chair of the Rebels Committee.

The four women honoured were selected for the outstanding contribution to the Greater Saint John Community. The devotion and concern they have for the Greater Saint John community is admirable. E. Fry feels as though their contributions made to the community are inspirational, compassionate and noteworthy. The women selected were Juanita Black (Crescent Valley Community Tenants Association), Julie Dingwell (AIDS Saint John), Eileen McLaughlin (Saint John Volunteer Centre), and Janet McLaughlin (Crescent Valley Community Tenants Association).

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The Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John NB Inc. has existed in Saint John since 1987, working with criminalized, marginalized, victimized, and at risk women and youth. Offering numerous programs in the community, Saint John Regional Correctional Centre, and Nova Institution for Women, Rebels With A Cause was a great addition to the endeavors E. Fry undertakes. This being E. Fry’s first large fundraising event, it came off with great success. The Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John NB Inc. looks forward to hosting its second annual Rebels With A Cause in 2010. All funds raised will go directly into programming and services provided by E. Fry.

South End Expo
by Carl Trickey

The Lower South End of the City of Saint John rallied to the challenges of this priority neighbourhood to bring together neighbours, community groups and organizations in an effort to identify priorities, share information, entertain and exchange fellowship.

Monies provided by the City of Saint John allowed each of the five priority neighbourhoods to plan, implement and evaluate an event that would encourage residents to bring forth their thoughts on living in their neighbourhood today and into the future. A steering committee of people representing varied segments of the neighbourhood came together and planned an Expo as the South End Event.

Over 250 residents attended the expo that had an:
- Information Fair - Over twenty organizations and groups had persons available with displays and information on their activities and relevance to the neighbourhood.
- A free community barbeque.
- Entertainment with reading by Glenda Thornton – children’s story author from the South End, face painting and a magic show with balloon sculptures for the children.
- A survey about neighbourhood priorities and the opportunity to receive prizes donated by neighbours and neighbourhood business for those who participated. The survey asked residents: What do you like about your neighbourhood? What would make it a better place to live? and What would you change in your neighbourhood? Over 50 surveys were collected. The results are being tabulated and will be reviewed by the committee over the next few weeks.

People enjoyed all aspects of the event and it was empowering to see so many neighbours coming together to share their thoughts and ideas. This event demonstrates how, when given the opportunity and resources people can work together to build a better tomorrow.

Family Camp at Camp Glenburn
August 25th – August 29th, 2009

Imagine a week on the beautiful Belleisle Bay with your children, swimming, playing games, canoeing, rope climbing and sitting around a camp fire while having all of your meals prepared for you. Well look no further, your dream has come true! The Saint John YMCA-YWCA will be offering a Community Family Camp for single parent families who due to financial restraints, may not normally get to take a family vacation. Parents and children will participate in family and adult/children activities all led by Camp Glenburn staff. The cost for the program is $40/family which covers all expenses and transportation.

For more information on this program please contact Adrienne Boudreau, Manager, Youth & Camping Programs at 646-2102 or pick up registration forms at the Y at Prince Edward Square Mall. Treat yourself and your family to the vacation you deserve!

Power Up Q&A
by Arlene Augustine, Karen Rodgerson, and Julie Nice

As a Power Up group, we decided to ask people a few questions about their communities. Here are the results of our questions.

#1 What do you like about your community? Lisa Duplessis who lives in Crescent Valley, says she likes that she is close to everything. Kari Shea, who lives in the South End, says she likes the fact that she is close to uptown and the big-city, little-city feel. She also loves the architecture.
#2 What changes would you like? Lisa said she would like to see better screening for apartments and more people taking better care of their own spaces. Kari said she would like a grocery store. Martina Augustine, who lives in the North, would like the neighbourhood to be cleaner.
#3 Would you like to share any happy memories about your community? Lisa loves the Fun Days Celebration and clean up days. She enjoys seeing others having fun, like a community should. Kari remembers having so much fun at the South End Community Centre and going to programs at the churches.
Meet Penny Eisenhauer

Hello Everyone. My name is Penny Eisenhauer and I am the new Old North End Neighbourhood Assistant. I have been living in Saint John for the past 4 years and at the present time reside in the South End. I am open to moving to the North End and look forward to getting to know people living in the community. I have worked in many different capacities over the years and always enjoyed serving in the community. I was interested in learning more about how to get involved in my neighbourhood and my friend and I decided to take a course called Power Up offered through the Urban Core Support Network at Saint Joseph’s Community Health Centre this winter. When the course completed I wanted to further my interests and heard about the need of a Neighbourhood Assistant in the Old North End. I decided to apply for the position because I am interested in working with a group of people who are motivated in the direction of positive change for neighbourhoods in Saint John that struggle with poverty/low income issues. I have lived at different periods of my life in poverty and understand what it is like to not always be able to make ends meet. Today I do the best that I can each day and usually learn something from someone. Outside of my work life I enjoy spending time with friends and family, working out at the YMCA; knitting; and watching movies. I am pleased and excited to be a part of Vibrant Communities and ONE Change working towards making our neighbourhood the best it can be. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time and get involved or want any information about what is happening in the Old North End please feel free to contact me at (506) 635-2935 or email: oldnorthendna@gmail.com.

Meet Nancy Savoie

My name is Nancy Savoie, I have lived in Crescent Valley for 12 years. I was a little shy about volunteering at first, but I started getting involved because I wanted change. For me, my children and my community. I started to volunteer with the Crescent Valley Community Tenants Association, helping with bingo and Cheryl Brown with dinner and a movie. After that I did a program with NB Housing called Home Orientation. Then there was a project called PILS; a Program of Intense Life Skills, followed by Power Up and Breaking Free. These programs have helped my self-esteem and given me the courage and confidence to apply for the job as one of two neighbourhood assistants in Crescent Valley. In this job and in my position as the President of Crescent Valley Resource Centre I hope people can see where and how far I have come in the last two years. I would like other residents to see how far I have come and encourage them in any way to get involved. I feel others can also join in the community.

Crescent Valley Donation

by Janet McLaughlin

The Crescent Valley Community Tenants Association presented four $200.00 cheques to community partners.

Dinners & Bingo

Dinners: Monday-Friday, 11:30am-12:30pm $5.00
Bingo: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 1:30pm-2:30pm
Cards (45s): Wednesday evenings 7:30pm
Dances: Saturday 7:30pm-10:30pm $2.00 (includes a light lunch)

Famous Fathers Trivia - Answers

by Linda Scott

1. Insurance salesman for General Insurance
2. Father O'Malley
3. Chinese warrior garb in the 3rd century B.C.
4. Papa Smurf
5. Mike Brady from The Brady Bunch
6. Hamlet
7. Archie Bunker
8. Philip Drummond played by Conrad Bain
9. My Wife and Kids
10. Charlie Haper was a jingle writer
11. Howard Cunningham played by Tom Bosley
12. Jock Ewing played by Jon Davis
13. Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley
14. Frank Barone played by Peter Boyle
15. Oscar Leroy played by Eric Peterson
16. Steve Martin
17. Will Smith
18. Billy Ray Cyrus
19. Henry and Jane Fonda
20. George VI

Newspaper Volunteer Committee


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