



On the Home Front

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2015 Scholarship Program

This year Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC) will award a total of twelve scholarships valued at \$1000 each. This will include nine Youth Scholarships (three in each of the following regions: Avalon/East, Central, Western/Labrador), and three Adult Scholarships (one in each of the three regions). The deadline for applications for the Youth Scholarship program is August 31, 2015. For the Adult Scholarship Program, the deadline is September 30, 2015. Check out our website at www.nlhc.nl.ca for more information. ■

The deadline for submissions for the next On The Home Front newsletter is Monday, July 27, 2015. We want to hear about what's happening in your neighbourhood. Please submit your photos and consent forms to use photos and stories to Danette at drfox@nlhc.nl.ca



Mothers and Daughters

Buckmasters Circle is a community of 195 non-profit housing units in centre-city St. John's and the Buckmasters Circle Community Centre is situated at its core. Serving nearly 600 residents from the Circle itself as well as nearby residents, the centre is committed to ensuring its participants receive the best possible programs and services available.

In 2014, Buckmasters Circle Community Centre received a Community Fund grant of \$9,886 in support of its Mothers and Daughters Program. Now in its fifth year, the program which runs from September to early July, engages mothers and daughters in recreational, social, creative and educational activities such as baking, games nights, laser-tag, swimming and more.

The funds from the grant were used to purchase supplies, materials and the fees associated with many of the program's activities. At the end of the program, the staff successfully implemented 23 sessions, free of charge, to its 50 mothers and daughters.

And while the long-term goal of the program is to ensure the young girls are connecting with strong, positive role models, coordinators are already recognizing the stronger bonds that have developed over the course of the program between the participants. Pictured above, mothers and daughters enjoy a sleepover.

Mothers seem to be more vested in their daughters lives than ever before and the duos are spending even more time together outside of the sessions.

Your contribution to the United Way Community Fund made this program possible.

Check out the newsletter at the link below: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=e2880ac08979de902acc29e89&id=99a48fde0b> ■

Volunteer Week

Cynthia Slaney, Social Worker with NLHC, hosted a volunteer breakfast in Marystown on Thursday, April 16, 2015. All three Tenant Associations were represented (Burin Black Duck Cove, Community Togetherness, and St. Lawrence Tenant Association).

Helen Seaward, Housing Officer, and Darrell Jackman, Executive Director of the Smallwood Crescent

Community Center, also attended the event. Cynthia drew names for the three gift swag bags that were donated by NLHC's Avalon Regional Office.

Everyone enjoyed their breakfast at Tim Hortons! Jimmy Hollett does not really like the breakfast sandwiches so they got him a donut (he is a big hockey fan). YUMMY! Looks like everyone had a great time. ■



High School Student Teaches Ukulele Lessons



Maureen Murphy, Manager of Community Development with NLHC, was excited to learn that Ukulele Lessons were being offered at the The WestRock Community Centre. The lessons are headed by Daniel Jacobsen, a local high school student who volunteers his time every Wednesday afternoon to teach the kids between the ages of 9-12 years.

“Currently, there are over 14 kids participating and hopefully it will continue to grow,” said Program Director Steve Huxter. “The ukulele lessons started in late October and the kids performed at the Community Centre’s Christmas event with great joy and are now looking forward to the year-end event.”

Steve joins the kids in sending sincere thanks to Daniel, “Without the great leadership from local volunteers like him, opportunities like this would not be made possible.” ■

And the winner is ...

The winner of NLHC’s Loyal Reader Contest is Ashley Penney, St. John’s. Ashley won a \$50 gift card from Sobeys. A sincere thank you to all *On the Home Front* loyal readers and to everyone who entered the contest.

Tenant Conference

The 2015 Tenant Conference is scheduled for September 18-19 at Hotel Gander. The theme for this year’s conference is ‘Volunteers Rock’. Information packages have been mailed out.

Crisis Phone

Mental Health Crisis Line
Telephone: 1-888-737-4668
Toll-Free: 1-877-753-8550
Website: www.cmhanl.ca/

Kids Help Line
Telephone: 1-800-668-6868

Financial Information Help Line
Telephone: 855-723-8140
Monday to Thursday
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Island time
Website:
www.creditanddebtsolutions.ca

Community Sector Council
Website:
www.communitysector.nl.ca

Office of the Citizens Representative
Telephone: 1-800 559-0079
Email: citrep@gov.nl.ca

West Heights Tenant Association

West Heights Tenant Association had a great turn out for their annual Easter party! They made Easter crafts and had a surprise visit from a reptile group with snakes, turtles and lizards! The children were super excited; they asked a lot of questions and were given the opportunity to hold and touch the animals. Everyone enjoyed pizza and snacks and every child received a loot bag. The group received many positive comments from the



parents about the party. Sounds like everyone had a blast!

West Heights recently cleaned their neighbourhood center to prepare for renovations to be completed in the near future. They are now planning a Mother’s Day event ,a cleanup day and preparations are being made for the Tidy Neighbourhood Program. ■



Froude Avenue Board Member Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

St. John’s Ball Hockey pioneer Paul Barron, a retired provincial civil servant and current board member of Froude Avenue Community Centre for the past seven years, was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Sports Hall of Fame on April 11th.

Barron was president of the St. John’s Ball Hockey League from 1988–94 before moving to the top spot with Ball Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador from 1995-2007. He was successful in putting together proposals to host the Canadian championships in 1994, ’97, ’02 and 2010, serving as chairman of the host committee each time. He also served as host committee chairman for the 2013 world men’s and women’s ball hockey championships held in St. John’s.

He was vice-president of the Canadian Ball Hockey Association (CBHA) in 1997 and ’98, and was the recipient of the CBHA Executive Award in 2002 in recognition of his contribution to the sport.

Internationally, in 2005, Barron completed and delivered a bid package and presentation to the International Street and Ball Hockey Federation (ISBHF) in Pittsburgh to 20 countries, securing the winning bid to host the World Junior Ball Hockey Championships in St. John’s in June 2008, where he served as chairperson of the Host Committee and was also the recipient of the ISBHF Volunteer of the Year Award.

Bob Dawson, Executive Director of Froude Avenue Community Centre, said the recognition was long overdue and Barron’s hard work and dedication is the reason that the sport of ball hockey is so popular in the province and competing at the national and international levels. “On our board he’s the treasurer and the person that most keeps us focused on goals and objectives. Paul also feels a part of our community and that makes his presence on our board even more welcomed.”



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