

SUMMER 2024

THE HEART OF THE HARBOUR

TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE NEWSLETTER



Photo by Judy Ash

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

On behalf of my colleagues on Council and all residents of the historic Town of Harbour Grace, I'm proud to present the **summer 2024 edition of the *Heart of the Harbour***, our seasonal community newsletter.

We have had a busy summer so far, with more to come. The opening of the Otterbury Schoolhouse and dedication to Mr. Roger Pike was a great success. The Pirates to Pilots Festival takes place from July 19 - 27, and the 162nd Annual Harbour Grace Regatta happens on July 27. We'll also help host soccer during the upcoming NL Summer Games from Aug. 10 - 17 at St. Francis Field. I wish to send a special thank you to the many volunteer committees who are helping organize these events during summer 2024—your work is truly commendable.

The capital works projects at LeMarchant Street and Bannerman Lake Bridge will start soon. I wish to thank Mr. Randy Wrice for his three years of service to the Town of Harbour Grace as a Councillor. The upcoming byelection will be held on Aug. 27 and I encourage anyone interested to put themselves forward for nomination day on July 30.

Let's keep the positive momentum going. Our doors are always open—**Let Yourself In**. It's a great place, our Harbour Grace.

Mayor Don Coombs



Photo by Ian Taylor

TOWN HALL NOTICES

- **Nomination day** for the upcoming municipal byelection will take place on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the Town Hall, 112 Water Street, Harbour Grace, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- The upcoming municipal byelection will take place on Tuesday, August 27. Further details on polling stations TBA.
- **Keep up to date with your community!** If you want to join our community email notice list, email the general email, hello@townofharbourgrace.ca. Please include "Request to Join Community Email" in the subject header.
- **Building season** is upon us! Make sure to check with the Town Hall prior to any construction work on your property—a **permit** may be required. Our permit applications can be downloaded on our website or picked up at the Town Hall.

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

- Earhart's 50+ Club's **Happy Feet walks** take place every Wednesday in the summer months, starting at 10 a.m. Check out the full schedule for upcoming walks on our website: www.townofharbourgrace.ca/event/happy-feet-walk-summer-schedule-2024. All are welcome to attend!
- Earhart's 50+ Club's **Line Dancing Nights** will be held on Thursday, July 18, and Thursday, August 22, at Otterbury Schoolhouse, starting at 7:30 p.m. \$5 donation is encouraged to support future programming. All are welcome to attend!
- Earhart's 50+ Club's **Yoga with Jen** takes place every Thursday, from July 4 - August 22, at Otterbury Schoolhouse. Class will be held outside in the nearby Kearney Tourist Chalet Park if weather permits. Bringing your own mat is encouraged, though a limited number of mats are available for loan. All are welcome to attend!



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- Earhart's 50+ Club's **Open Doors at Otterbury Schoolhouse** will take place every Tuesday and Thursday in July, from 2 - 4 p.m. Drop by to see the recent renovations, have a cup of tea or coffee, grab a book, put together a puzzle—we'd love to see you! If you're interested in helping out with the Open Doors initiative, email earharts50hg@gmail.com.
- **Celebrate Pride** in Harbour Grace! We'll be raising the Pride flag with the Splash Centre and Communities Against Violence at the S.W. Moores Memorial Park on Friday, July 19, at 1 p.m. BBQ and outdoor games to follow at the Splash Centre starting at 1:30 p.m.
- **Author Heather Stemp** will launch her third book in the 'Amelia & Me' series, **Beyond Amelia**, at the Harbour Grace Hotel on Saturday, August 3, from 2 - 4 p.m. Drop by, meet the author, and take place in the discussion!

PIRATES TO PILOTS FESTIVAL

- The annual **Pirates to Pilots Festival** returns from July 19 - 27. Full event schedule can be found below. Follow [@piratestopilotsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/piratestopilotsfestival) on Facebook to follow all the festivities.
- Follow [@eastons1602](https://www.facebook.com/eastons1602) on Facebook to participate in Easton's treasure hunt during the week of festivities.

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- Opening Night Concert at the Old Courthouse, Harbour Grace, on Friday, July 19, starting at 8 p.m. Ticket info TBA.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- HGVFB Truck Pull for Muscular Dystrophy Canada at the S.W. Moores Memorial Park, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Inquiries: daveearle911@gmail.com or hgvfb5151@gmail.com.
- Pirates' Landing and children's activities at the S.W. Moores Memorial Park, 2 - 4 p.m. BBQ, facepainting, and outdoor games.
- Fireworks at the Kearney Tourist Chalet with Harbour Grace Civic Events, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- 4th annual Harbour Grace Kite Festival at the historic Harbour Grace airstrip, 1 - 4 p.m. Canteen services on site. (Rain date: Sunday, July 28.)

MONDAY, JULY 22

- **Open Doors!** Drop by to visit the Gordon G. Pike Railway Station Museum, Registered Heritage Structure, on Thursdays this summer, from 2 - 4 p.m.

YOUR COMMUNITY

- Our **MiracleGro Best Garden Selection Competition is back for 2024**. Nominate your garden or somebody else's for a chance to win a selection of MiracleGro products and a winner's sign for your garden! Nomination forms are available online or at the Town Hall. **Deadline for nominations:** Monday, August 12, 2024.
- The **Conception Bay Museum** and the **Kearney Tourist Chalet** are open for the summer season, from 10 - 5 p.m. each day. Drop by and say hello to the summer guides and enjoy the grounds! Concerts in the Park at the Museum will take place on Wednesdays during the summer at 12 p.m. (noon), weather permitting.
- Open Doors! Drop by to **visit the Gordon G. Pike Railway Station Museum**, Registered Heritage Structure, on Thursdays this summer, from 1 - 4 p.m.
- Do you know somebody (ie., an individual, team, etc.) who deserves some recognition for an accomplishment? If so, email harbourgracecommunitynews@gmail.com—we'd love to hear from you!

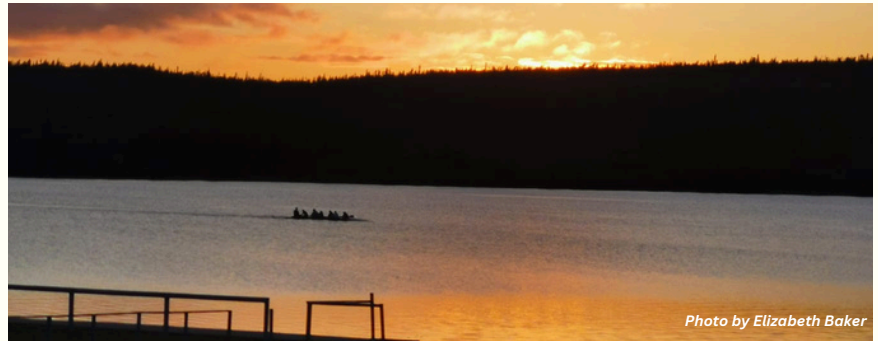


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TUESDAY, JULY 23

- **Open Doors!** Have a look inside the following heritage structures from 2 - 4 p.m. today, Wednesday, and Thursday: Coughlan United Church, Loyal Orange Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Memorial Library, Otterbury Schoolhouse, St. Joseph's Church, St. Paul's Church, and St. Peter's Church.
- Pirates to Pilots Trivia Night at the Old Courthouse, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- **Open Doors!** See the location details above.
- Happy Feet walk leaving the Conception Bay Museum at 10 a.m.
- Lunch and Bake Sale hosted by the United Church Women at Coughlan United, 12 p.m. (noon).
- Concert in the Park & Amelia's Birthday Party at the Conception Bay Museum . 12 p.m. (noon).
- St. Paul's Baked Beans Supper, 5 p.m. (eat-in at St. Paul's Hall). Tickets \$15 each.
- Card Game at the Loyal Orange Lodge, 7:30 p.m. \$5 registration. Prizes and refreshments.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- **Open Doors!** See the location details above.
- Ecumenical Service at St. Paul's Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Historical Haunted Hike at the Conception Bay Museum, 9:30 p.m. \$10 admission.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- Sensory-Friendly Dance at the Splash Centre, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Pre-teen & Teen dance to follow, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- 162nd Harbour Grace Regatta at Lady Lake. (Rain Date: Sunday, July 28.)
- Masonic Lodge Fish and Brewis Takeout, 12 - 2 p.m. Ticket info TBA.
- Regatta Dance & Afterparty at Easton 1602 Pub, 9:30 p.m.



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