

Hanwell Community News

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Hanwell to Start Recreation Park

Building a brand new park will start very soon thanks to our neighbours' hard work, your suggestions and the cooperation of our provincial government. The land is just across Rte 640 from Eaglewood and the lease will be signed in the near future.

For the past few years, the people of Hanwell have asked for a park residents of all ages can enjoy. A lot of effort has been put into this idea including the creation of the Hanwell Community Development Association (HDCA)

— an incorporated group mandated to negotiate with government and other sources for the benefit of the Hanwell community.

About a year ago, the HDCA approached *The Glenn Group* to prepare a concept of what a recreation park could be. The concept included soccer and baseball fields, tennis and basketball courts, rinks and trails. The fact that the drawing was a concept rather than a plan was made very clear.

What our Hanwell Park becomes depends on your input, and we hope you will take a few minutes to add your ideas on what we need. So far, input from community meetings shows us that you want walking trails, so the first part of our new park will be trails. We want more of your ideas. Please complete the survey on page 4 and mail it to us, or visit our web page at:

www.GoHanwell.ca



Yoho Lake News

The Annual meeting of the Yoho Lake Association was held on August 21, 2011. The new executive was elected at this meeting. The new President is Bonny Hoyt-Hallett, Vice President is Glen McGuire, Secretary – Doreen Haley, Treasurer is Mark Roach. The Director at large is Richard Hanson.

Congratulations to the new executive as well as all the committee chairmen. They have already been busy reorganizing the committees, attending the Lakes Association meetings, and looking into grants. Looks like a very busy year coming up !

RURAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

At a public Open House on October 17, the Rural Community working committee outlined the rural community concept to about 60 Hanwell residents. The potential municipality would consist of both Hanwell and Kingsclear incorporated as a single rural community with an elected mayor and council. The purpose of the meeting was not to determine any direction but to respond to questions regarding the concept. To proceed further, a petition needs to be signed by at least 25 residents from each LSD asking the Minister of Local Government to proceed with a feasibility study. If a feasibility study determines that the idea has merit, residents of both Kingsclear and Hanwell would vote in a plebiscite whether or not to join together.

The committee chair, Peter Michaud, thanks all the residents who came out to become informed. A similar meeting was held October 18 in Kingsclear.

Further information is expected to be available on the Hanwell web site, <http://hanwell.nb.ca>, as well as a petition which would request the government to proceed with a feasibility study.

Keeping Our Community Safe



Neighbourhood Watch was so popular in Hanwell that neighbours became friends and streets became neighbourhoods. Even today half the households in the area still receive notices. When Hanwell Watch began in 2004, everyone gave a

form to the neighbours on each side and to those across the street. This meant that every house was surrounded by people who knew exactly who was in the house, what pets were included in the household, and whom to contact in an emergency. The Watch mailboxes, located next to our Superboxes, complemented the web site, but were eventually destroyed by time, winter and vandals. Even though it doesn't operate as it did in the past, the web site remains (HanwellWatch.com) to issue alerts to 250 households; the most common alert is for bear sightings, but alerts have been issued for suspicious activities.

Neighbourhood Watch is about improving your home security and your neighbourhood. It is a vehicle for reporting problems and suspicious activities and for finding out what is happening around you. It is so successful across North America because people are not required to go to meetings, go on patrol or interfere in neighbours' lives.

Maybe there is no better way to build community than **Neighbourhood Watch**, which is currently operating in Somerset, Pinecrest, Eaglewood, Cobblestone and Starlite Village (S.P.E.C.S.) If you would like to see this program expanded in Hanwell, please let us know in the *Hanwell Community Survey* on our web site GoHanwell.ca, on the back of this newsletter, or by dropping us an email at Community@GoHanwell.ca.

Numbers to Remember



Police (non-emergency) – 357-4300

Environment (report oil, pesticide, chemical spills and other environmental emergencies) – 800-565-1633

Trius – 459-7300

NB Power (power outages) – 800-442-4424

Dog Catcher – 458-8863

Bear Sightings/wildlife concerns – 453-2345

Chalmers Hospital – 452-5400

Chimo Helpline – for those in emotional crisis – 800-667-5505

Gambling Help Line – 800-461-1234

Alcoholics Anonymous – 455-3094

Services in Hanwell

Waste Management

Keep all waste in a garbage receptacle with a secure lid to discourage birds and bears, but at least put refuse outdoors on Tuesday, and cover garbage bags well with a blanket.

There are no longer special days set aside for spring and fall clean-up. You may put out large appliances and furniture on regular pick-up days (please help the driver with large or heavy items). There is a limit of one item per month, to a maximum of 9 a year. If your item contains Freon (refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, coolers, etc) contact Trius (459-7300) ahead of time as special arrangements need to be made for their disposal. These special pick-ups are on the last Tuesday of the month. Trius will not pick up construction materials (lumber, drywall, etc.), automotive parts, or tires.

Recycling

First Friday of the Month

Contact the Fredericton Region Solid Waste Commission at www.frswc.ca or the Recycling Hotline at 453-9938. For recycling boxes, call Trius (459-7300)

Police Protection

Policing of Hanwell is the responsibility of RCMP District 2 Oromocto and J Division in Fredericton. The area covered is about the size of PEI and includes Gagetown, Minto, Stanley, Keswick, MacAdam, etc.

The Hanwell LSD Advisory Committee has a representative on the Community Council Policing Committee which consists of representatives from incorporated and unincorporated communities in the District 2 geographical area. The committee meets 4 times a year and is involved in establishing priorities for the policing activities for District 2.

For information please contact the RCMP at 357-4300 or the Keswick office at 452-3754, or the toll free number 1-888-506-7267 (English) or 1-888-506-1472 (French) for non-urgent inquiries.

Fire Protection

Fire protection for the Hanwell LSD is provided by the Fredericton Fire Dept (from the city limits to Somerset Park) and the Upper Kingsclear Fire Dept. from Cobblestone Estates to the south end of the LSD.

The nearest fire hydrants are located in the vicinity of Bishop Drive, so the greatest concern in Hanwell is a good reliable water supply for fire suppression. Hanwell is currently looking at the feasibility of dry hydrants.

In 2011 the Hanwell LSD budget was \$285,643 for fire protection, compared to New Maryland which budgeted \$397,676.

Activity Groups in Hanwell

Hanwell Scouts and Guides

2nd Hanwell - Group Committee

Tom Henderson - 455-2419

2nd Hanwell - Cubs

Ben Johnson - 455-0632

St. James Presbyterian Church Hall

Tuesday 6:30-8pm

2nd Hanwell - Beavers

Shelley Warman - 455-5986

St. James Presbyterian Church Hall

Thursday 6:30-7:30pm

1st Hanwell - Sparks

Melanie - 1sthanwellsparks@gmail.com

Holy Family Catholic Church

Thursday 6:30-7:30pm

2nd Garden Creek - Brownies

Monique - mchurchill@nbc.ca

Holy Family Catholic Church

Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

1st Hanwell - Guides

Anita - girlguiderule@gmail.com

Holy Family Catholic Church

Thursday 6:30-8:00pm

Churches in and Around Hanwell

Hanwell Community Church

3 Deerwood Drive

450-4295 or 4297

Hanwell.ca

St. James Presbyterian Church

1991 Highway 640

450-4031

StJamesHanwell.com

Holy Family Catholic Church

1500 Hanwell Road

444-6021

HolyFamilyFredericton.ca

Fredericton Shambhala Centre

20 Serenity Lane

(506) 449-3051

fredericton.shambhala.org

Soccer and T-Ball

The **Brookdale Recreation Association** hanwellsoccer.com provides soccer and T-Ball for boys and girls aged 3 to 10 throughout the summer. Please watch for registration information in the spring. If there is an interest in other sports, please contact the Association.

Astronomy

The Hanwell Observatory (formerly the Astronomy Club of Hanwell and New Maryland [AstroHaM]) is an organization dedicated to sharing the wonders of starry skies with the public. The organization is starting a "Watz Up Club" this fall for children of all ages, using the Sidewalk Astronomers program and the Explore the Universe program of the RASC. All of the events are open to the public and we



encourage anyone with an interest in the sky to attend! Stargazing and learning sessions are generally on clear Friday and Saturday nights, with observing

and taking photos of the planets, variable and double stars, comets, galaxies and nebulas.

The observing location is in Eaglewood subdivision, where these activities are possible because there are no street lights. For directions to our site or more information, check the web site stars.hanwell.nb.ca and to get on the alert list for stargazing sessions send an e-mail to stars@hanwell.nb.ca. Special sessions are held occasionally, such as beginners' orientation Nov. 11.

H.E.L.P. (Hanwell Entertainers Loving Piano)

This spring, a group of dedicated music students decided to raise money for worthy causes by using their talents and love of performing. Their first event was the public meeting in May when the Hanwell Recreation Park proposal was presented to the people of Hanwell. The students wish to thank everyone for the \$107 they raised for the food bank. If you would like these accomplished students to perform at your private function or public events, please contact roseanna@harmonyhouse.ca. All proceeds will be donated to charity.

Hanwell Community Survey

Thank you for your responses to this survey, it will assist us with prioritizing the purpose and development of Community Recreation and our proposed Community Park. Please mail this page to Hanwell Local Service District, 527 Beaverbrook Court, Box 416, Fredericton NB E3B 1X6.

You can also complete this survey on-line at <http://gohanwell.ca>.

1. **Besides the groups mentioned in this newsletter, do you know of any other activity groups that exist in Hanwell?**

2. **What types of community development would you like to see happen in Hanwell?**

3. **What would be your preferred priorities for the proposed Hanwell Recreation Park?**
(trails, fields, community hall etc.)

4. **Do you have a neighbourhood park or playground in your subdivision? _____**
If so, is it well-maintained?
Which subdivision?

5. **How would you be willing to help?** (Any amount of time that you can contribute would be valuable.)
 - Committee Member (Communication, Development, Subdivision Parks, LSD Advisory etc)
 - Fundraising/financial
 - Trail clearing, grounds work
 - I have skills or abilities I could share: _____
 - I have equipment that I can make available _____
 - Other (please specify)

6. **Would you like Neighbourhood Watch expanded into your neighbourhood?**
Which neighbourhood?

7. **Any additional comments?**

8. **Please provide contact information.** (All information will be kept confidential and used only for internal purposes.)

Name _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____