

Hanwell Community News

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Newsletter of the Hanwell Local Service District Advisory Committee

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Hanwell Recreation Park

www.GoHanwell.ca

The Hanwell Community Development Association (HCDA) is excited to announce that the initial development of the Recreation Park Trails has begun. The Association has partnered with NBTrails who have the expertise to assist us in the building of approximately 4.5 km of trails. To date there has been a site visit that has identified the route and potential costs and noted options for the development of the trails and required parking area. An area of the property has been identified for the parking lot and we are hopeful that the costs of development can be reduced by the donation of labour and equipment from local contractors as well as volunteers from the community.

Our partnering with NBTrails will allow us to participate in their trail sponsorship program through which individuals can purchase a metre of our Hanwell Park trail and receive a charitable donation receipt. Donors will also have their name engraved on a plaque located on the trail. We will share more about this on the website as we progress.

The success of this local development is dependent on the support of the community. The Association is pleased with the support we have received so far with a number of people volunteering to help with the actual trail preparation and other areas of the organization. The work ahead will require many more hands to keep this project moving forward. It is hoped that we can find volunteers that would like to help with fund raising and communication. If you are interested in helping out you can contact us at www.gohanwell.ca or scassidy@hanwell.nb.ca.



HANWELL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The HCDA is holding its Annual Meeting on June 13, at Saint James Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 pm. Please come out and learn the latest, and support our community park project—show your support by joining the Association! There is no membership fee. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Regional Service Commission 11

The Regional Service Commission 11 website is now operational. Please visit it for information on the services being provided by your Commission. The web site provides information regarding Solid Waste and Rural Planning as well as records of all the Board meeting agendas and minutes.

www.rsc11.ca

The Board Meetings of the Commission are open to the public and the dates and time of the meetings are posted on the web site.

RURAL COMMUNITY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Discussions with the residents of Hanwell have revealed many concerns about the community, such as access to recreation facilities and community centres and the absence of real, accountable, elected representation.

Over the last several months a group of volunteers from the communities of Hanwell and Kingsclear formed the Rural Community Round Table Committee. The goal of this committee is to explore the possibility of forming one or more Rural Communities.

According to the government of New Brunswick, the “Rural Community” model “provides rural New Brunswickers with the opportunity to have a local government that is adapted to their reality and that makes it possible for them to assume responsibility for local services at a pace they are comfortable with and at a cost they can afford.”

The Rural Community Round Table Committee feels, based on discussions held at the community and committee level, that it is time for the communities of Hanwell and Kingsclear to control their own destiny. Now is the time to address concerns in both communities by exploring the possibility of incorporating into one or more Rural Communities.

In the upcoming weeks, you will receive a direct mailing of the proposal. You will also have an opportunity to attend open house meetings to review the proposal with its authors. Finally, you may be invited to participate in a telephone survey — we encourage you to participate. The survey results will be used to determine the support of the community and the future direction of the project.

If you have any questions please contact any member of the Hanwell Local Service District Advisory Committee through our web site www.hanwell.nb.ca or by visiting the Rural Community project web site at www.hkrc.ca.

Sports and Clubs

Soccer and T-Ball

The **Brookdale Recreation Association** provides soccer and T-Ball for boys and girls aged 3 to 10 throughout the summer.

T-Ball on Tuesdays

First day: June 11, 2013

Last day: August 13, 2013

Age 3 - 5: 6:00 to 7:00

Age 6 - 8: 7:00 to 8:00

Soccer on Thursdays

First day: June 13, 2013

Last day: August 15, 2013

Age 3 - 4: 6:00 to 6:45

Age 5 - 8: 6:45 to 7:30

Age 9 - 12: 7:30 to 8:30

Please check their web site hanwellsoccer.com for registration information. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the Association.

Astronomy

The “Hanwell Observatory” is dedicated to sharing the wonders of starry skies with the public, and conducts free public stargazing sessions on many clear Saturday nights.

During the stargazing and learning sessions help is available with selecting binoculars or telescopes, and observing or taking photos of the planets, variable and double stars, comets, galaxies and nebulas. All of the events are open to the public.



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.

The organization is also proposing to have the Hanwell Recreation Park designated as an Urban Sky Park following the guidelines of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) and the International Dark Sky Association. To this end, we are also raising awareness of light pollution and responsible lighting.

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 still looking at the feasibility of dry hydrants.

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

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

In 2011 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 2012 when the Hanwell Recreation Park proposal was presented to the people of Hanwell. The students wish to again thank everyone for the money they raised for the food bank.

If you would like these accomplished students to perform at your private function or public events, please contact help@harmonyhouse.ca.

All proceeds will be donated to charity.



