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The volunteer issue

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

The Holiday Season is upon us once again. It is a time when our thoughts go to those less fortunate than ourselves. In fact, as I write this tomorrow is "Giving Tuesday", a promotion to say; ok after "Black Friday" spending, perhaps we can give a little to charity. Perhaps some of us can but not all are able to contribute through monetary donations. There are other ways of giving back to our communities and one of the best ways is through volunteering. Whether it is a couple of hours with the Parent -School Association or the local sports team as a coach, there are always groups who need our support.

Our community of Hanwell is a great example of where volunteers have made a tremendous difference. Over the last 13 years volunteers have taken us from an unrepresented Local Service District to a vibrant incorporated Rural Community. The hard work of those individuals who have given so much to our community defines volunteerism.

Today the need is still present, volunteers make a huge difference in what happens within our community. The Rural Community has several committees that are supported by volunteers and our special events require the contribution of many volunteer hours. If you would like to learn more about the volunteer opportunities close to home, please contact our staff or any member of Council.

Volunteering offers individuals a sense of satisfaction in knowing that their contribution does make a difference. I would like to thank all our current and past volunteers for their contribution to making Hanwell a great place to live and play.



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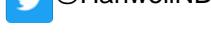
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Feature Story

Lucky 13

Take a good look at the picture to the right, it is one that I refer back to occasionally. This was Liam's first time lighting a propane lantern. Notice the pile of used matches on the counter. A few of them extinguished early, a few burned right down to where he was holding them. He learned a lot about how to hold a match that day. On his thirteenth attempt, Liam saw the warm glow of the lantern light up. His eyes widened with the realization that he had finally done it, and all by himself. The smile on his face beamed with joy as a result. His peers gave a little shout, "Yeah!" I couldn't help but smile and congratulate him too.

It is in a moment like this, when you see that it truly does take a village to raise a child. Volunteering with our local scouting group provides these opportunities to help with the personal development of our community's youth. Building their self-confidence by helping them to learn important life skills through games, crafts, community service and outdoor adventures.

The greatest challenge the 2nd Hanwell Scouting Group is facing today, is not youth registration numbers, money for programming or a place to carry out our activities, it is not having enough volunteers to offer this important programming. We often hear comments about not volunteering because the individual doesn't possess any scouting or camping skills. You may be surprised to know that most of our leaders learned their scouting skills, games, campfire songs while helping out. I would add, volunteers enjoy learning new skills just as much as the youth do!



In a recent conversation with a 16-year old discussing the topic of helping others, she said to me, "It feels good to do good." If you have some time and a willingness to help, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us by email at 2ndHanwellScouting@gmail.com.

The 2nd Hanwell Scouting Group currently offers programming to youth aged 5 to 7 (Beavers), 8 to 10 (Cubs) and 11 to 14 (Scouts).

- Story and photo by Ben Johnson, 2nd Hanwell Scouting Group Commissioner

The Art of Volunteering

Have you ever considered becoming a volunteer? Did you ever want to volunteer but just didn't know where to go or who to see? If your answer is yes to either of the above scenarios, please read on.

Volunteerism is not a new term, especially here in Hanwell. The community got its beginning with a volunteer group to explore the idea of becoming a rural community. The beautiful trail system we have and enjoy owes its creation to the Hanwell Community Development Association, a group of dedicated folks who formed a volunteer group, their sole purpose of existing was for the betterment of the community of Hanwell. Hanwell has many opportunities for anyone willing to sacrifice a little time and energy helping out. We have several official committees such as Emergency Measures, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Age Friendly, and Communications who are looking for you.

If being on a structured committee with scheduled meetings and minutes is not really your thing, then don't be amiss as there are other ways to assist. We have two main annual events, Hanwell Days and Spookfest, which are in need of folks to help out - nothing too structured, you can give an hour or two or as many as you feel like. Also there are other groups within the community that would welcome your participation such as the Brookdale Recreation Association, the Hanwell Rotary Club, Scouts Canada, and church groups to name a few.

So if you are in need of parting of a few hours or making some new acquaintances contact the Rural Community office at 460-1177

Don't be shy, give volunteering a try...

- Dave Morrison, Deputy Mayor and Parks & Recreation Committee Chair

OUT AND

What's happening in

December 2019 to March 2020

December Date / Time	Event	Location / Hosts
7th / 10:00 am-4:00 pm	Christmas Craft Show	Hanwell Community Recreation Centre
8th / 6:00 pm-8:00 pm	Christmas Open House & Tree Lighting	Hanwell Community Recreation Centre
14th / 8:00 am-10:30 pm	Festive Community Breakfast	Hanwell Rotary & St. James Presbyterian Church
14th / 6:30 pm	A Service of Comfort and Hope	St. James Presbyterian Church
18th / 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Santa visits Hanwell at Station 1	UKFD Fire Station #1, 22 Mazerolle Settlement Rd.
18th / dusk	Holiday Lights Contest closes	Hanwell (all entries to be received by 4:00 pm on Dec. 18th)
20th / 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	Santa Visits Hanwell at Station 2	UKFD Fire Station #2 in Hanwell
24th / 4:30 pm	All-Ages Christmas Eve Worship	St. James Presbyterian Church
24th / 10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Worship	St. James Presbyterian Church
Christmas Day	Merry Christmas to you all!	From the Mayor, Council and Staff of Hanwell
January Date / Time	Event	Location / Hosts
New Years Day	Happy New Year everyone!	Please celebrate responsibly
11th / 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Moonlight Walk through the Park	Hanwell Recreation Park
18th	Fredericton Area Rotary "Food Drive"	Various locations including at St. James Presbyterian Church
18th / 8:00 am-10:30 am	Community Breakfast	Hanwell Rotary & St. James Presbyterian Church
February Date / Time	Event	Location / Hosts
8th / 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Moonlight Walk through the Park	Hanwell Recreation Park
15th / 8:00 am-10:30 am	Community Breakfast	Hanwell Rotary & St. James Presbyterian Church
17th (Family Day)	Stay tuned for events coming up at the Hanwell Community Recreation Centre and Park!	
25th / 4:30 pm-6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	St. James Presbyterian Church
March Date / Time	Event	Location / Hosts
2nd-6th / March Break	Stay tuned for events coming up at the Hanwell Community Recreation Centre and Park!	
21st / 8:00 am-10:30 am	Community Breakfast	Hanwell Rotary & St. James Presbyterian Church

For more up-to-date information, please visit us at www.hanwell.nb.ca to view our calendar. Also, please check out the individual hosts of these events on their websites or Social Media pages for rain/snow dates, updates, and additions. This information is current up until the time this issue is published.

DO ABOUT in and around Hanwell

Weekly

Date / Time	Event	Location / Hosts
Sundays / 11:00 am	Sunday Worship	St. James Presbyterian Church
Sundays / 11:00 am	Sunday Service	Hanwell Community Church
Mon. & Wed / 1:00-4:00 pm	Seniors Coffee House	St. James Presbyterian Church
Mondays / 10:00-11:30 am	Playgroup	Hanwell Community Church
Mondays / 6:30-7:30 pm	Zumba for Kids! (with Colleen Jesso)*	Hanwell Community Recreation Centre
Mondays / 7:00-9:00 pm	Scouts (Ages 11 to 14)**	St. James Presbyterian Church
Wednesdays / 6:15-7:30 pm	AWANA (3yrs to Grade 5)	Hanwell Community Church
Wednesdays / 7:30-9:00 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)	Hanwell Community Church
Thursdays / 6:00-7:00 pm	Beavers (Ages 5 to 7)**	St. James Presbyterian Church
Thursdays / 7:00-8:30 pm	Cubs (Ages 8 to 10)**	St. James Presbyterian Church

* Registration required: contact Colleen Jesso at zumbawithcolleenjesso@gmail.com or 261-0804

** Registration required: contact Ben Johnson, 2nd Hanwell Scouting, at 2ndhanwellscouting@gmail.com

Monthly

Date / Time	Event	Location / Hosts
3rd Wednesday / 7:00 pm	Regular Meeting of Council	Council Chambers, Rural Community Office
1st & 3rd Friday / 7:00 am	Recycling	All of Hanwell

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Age Friendly Community

The Age Friendly Committee continues to work toward our Age Friendly Community designation.

Thanks to everyone who took part in our series of Focus Groups which were held this past October and November. We had great conversations and ideas come out of these sessions. We will now be working on compiling all of the information from the survey, Open House, and Focus Groups into a report for Council. Since last June's Open House was so successful, stay tuned for another one this spring.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or ideas for the Committee, don't hesitate to get in touch!

- Susan Jonah, Chair - Age-Friendly Committee

Planning Management Committee

The Planning Management Committee will be holding an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, April 25th at Hanwell Place.

This will be our second "Earth Day Open House", and it will take place a couple days after Earth Day in 2020. We will have information available on environmental issues that are of concern in our area, including power usage, well and septic care, light pollution, and more! We may even have a "special presentation" for you.

So come out to our event, and learn some new things about our environment!

- Darren MacKenzie, Chair of PMC

Volunteerism Throughout the Community

Hospitality is near and dear to St. James Presbyterian Church as it seeks to be a gathering place for worship, community and serving. If you like interacting with people, you could volunteer as a server at the various meal events St. James organizes throughout the year. If you like to cook or bake, perhaps you might like to help host a coffee hour following worship or a coffee house for seniors. We can always use cooks and helpers in the kitchen too for our breakfasts and suppers.

On Sunday morning, volunteer opportunities exist for teaching Sunday school, greeting people, or doing readings. If you have a passion for technology and communications, perhaps you would be interested in providing social media and web support.

There are also opportunities to share your musical gifts, whether it is sharing special music during worship or organizing or providing musical accompaniment for a seasonal choir. If you enjoy the outdoors, perhaps you would like to help care for the community and memorial garden behind the church.

If you would like to help organize some of our mission activities, like coordinating food bank support or helping to form a community group to support families or individuals in need, please contact us at 450-4031 or sjchurch@nbnet.nb.ca.

-Rev. Wendy MacWilliams, St. James Presbyterian Church

Councillor Melissa Smith Resigns

Councillor Melissa Smith, Ward 4, has resigned her seat on Council effective November 5, 2019. Councillor Smith was elected in May of 2016 as the first representative for Ward 4.

During her time as Councillor, Melissa was an active member of our Communications and Human Resources Committees.

We sincerely wish Melissa well and thank her for her service to our community.

The vacancy left by Councillor Smith in Ward 4 will be filled in the May 2020 Municipal Election.



Mayor's Activity Awards

We want to take a moment to acknowledge another young lady who took part in the Mayor's Activity Awards this past summer however was not mentioned in the Autumn 2019 edition of the Hanwell Herald (we are sorry we missed you!). Congratulations to **Kabrayrah-Rose Johnston**, Gold Jr. medal winner!

Thank you once again to all of our young girls and boys who took part in the 2019 Mayor's Activity Awards!

Interview with Upper Kingsclear Fire Department

We took an opportunity for our Volunteer Issue to ask Assistant Deputy Chief Steve Johnston a few questions about why he volunteers with the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department (UKFD), the fire service that protects Upper Kingsclear, Hanwell and surrounding areas. Fire departments such as this rely on volunteers who are dedicated, hard-working and community-minded, people like you and me who want to serve their community the best way they can.

Q: Hi Steve, tell me a little about yourself and what you do for UKFD.

A: My family and I have lived in the area for over 20 years and as a kid I grew up in the Hanwell area. I have been a firefighter with UKFD for over 15 years, the last four years I have held the rank of Assistant Deputy Chief. Along with the other two chiefs above me, we command about fifty-five firefighters on our current roster, with the majority being made up of firefighters with multiple years of service, to a few probationary firefighters, to a few new recruits. We run calls for medical assistance, structure fires, grass/forest fires, vehicle accidents, boat and off-road rescues from our three fire stations: Station 1 on the Mazerolle Settlement Road, Station 2 in Hanwell, and Station 3 in Islandview.

Q: Why would someone want to volunteer for UKFD? What do you like about it?

A: I joined to help out in my neighborhood. There was a garage fire just up the road from my house, I went up to see what was going on and ended up helping where I could. From that point I was hooked. I also knew a few people who were already on the department.

When I joined it was like becoming part of a second family. Whether you are on a fire call or you've got a project at home, you just need to ask and you will get all the help you need.

I also like training and competing in the Scott Firefit Competitions, the fastest 2 minutes in sports! You get to meet firefighters from all across Canada and the world.

Q: Does UKFD look for qualifications or skills in volunteers?

A: A UKFD member needs to be keen, physically fit, outgoing, willing to learn and take part in a variety of training courses, ranging from Medical First-aid to Firefighter Level I & II.

We do provide the training once the probationary period is up and the individual shows interest in the department. Our members take training very seriously and try to project a very positive and professional image and attitude when it comes to how UKFD conducts its business both on calls and out in the public.

Q: Is UKFD currently seeking volunteers? How does one apply?

A: We never turn volunteers away. If someone would like to join, they should stop by Station 1, main station on Mazerolle, to pick up an application and check things out first to see if this is something they are interested in. We train every Wednesday night at Station 1 from 7 -10 pm as well as perform Truck and Equipment checks every Sunday morning from 9 -11 am.

Q: Is there anything you'd like to add?

A: The second that the Fire Tone goes off and you are dispatched to a call, whether in the middle of the day or night, or during breakfast or supper, whether you are a rookie firefighter or a seasoned veteran, everyone still gets that little rush of adrenaline, and when the call is over and you have helped turn someone's unfortunate day from bad to better, every firefighter on that call has a great sense of accomplishment that we could make someone's day better. Not all calls are good calls, there are some you want to forget. The comradery and friendship between firefighters is like no other, it really is like having a second family.



There's something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace or wood stove. But did you know that heating equipment is a leading cause of home fires?

With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



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