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#### FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Greetings for the Holiday Season. This Susan Jonah, Ward 1 will be a Holiday unlike those of our sjonah@hanwell.nb.ca past, although there is much to be 506-238-1539 grateful for, I know the New Year will be welcomed by most with great relief. Council and Staff are disappointed that we were unable to host our annual Open House and Tree Lighting in co-operation with the Rotary Club of Hanwell, which has become a treasured tradition. The Christmas tree lighting will happen, just without the usual celebration. So please drive by and enjoy the tree and its colourful lights. I have noticed the community seems to be lighting up the dark nights with wonderful decorations this year so let us explore Hanwell this December and enjoy all the decorations.

Council and Staff have despite the COVID -19 restrictions been working to ensure that your community continues to prosper. The park and trails are constantly utilized and soon the snow will arrive, and it will be time for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing on our great trails. Hopefully, we will be able to have a few moon light walks on the trails this winter as outdoor activities are still the safest way to exercise and enjoy time with family and friends.

I want to wish you all a safe and healthy holiday. Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy New Year!

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Hanwell resident, Heather Weaver "Groomed Trail", photo of a trail in Hanwell just off of Mars Lane and Taurus Drive

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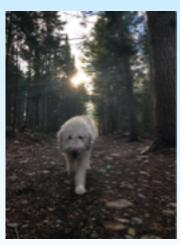
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Inspired by Nature

## A Walk in the Park



Inspired by Nature.

In no other place in our community is that more evident than the newly developed Hanwell Recreational Park, located at 18 Nature Park Drive next to the Community Recreation Centre.

Are we there yet? Are we there yet? I knew we were getting close because there were so many smells in the air. A quick

stop at the recreation centre because dad was inquiring about ski and snowshoe rental for the upcoming season. The trails are well maintained and I see fresh paw prints which means some of my furry friends are here. Now he's checking the trail map posted at the entrance and grabbing a pop bag for me. Come on, I just want to run! Follow your nose!

There are coloured trail markers to guide us and signs along the way with interesting facts like "Who made the hole in this tree"? A pileated woodpecker or a or a yellow-bellied sapsucker and how can you tell?

Whoa... a squirrel! Yikes, nearly hung myself there. Alright I'm getting too excited, calm down. Ah there it is, the holy grail of trail signs, "*Designated off-leash area (Loop 2 and loop 3)*." I'm off in a flash barreling down the hill with lightening speed heading straight for that big puddle and oh yes, fresh mud. At least I think it's mud.

We've run the 5KM loop and stopped at a resting spot where dad can catch his breath on a park bench. I'm heading across the bridge to the stream. This gives me a chance to get a drink and wash my paws. I may be able to avoid a bath this way. Paws crossed.

Back on my leash. Oh well, I'm tired anyway. Lots of kids monkeying around in the playground next to the trail entrance. Time to do a little air drying out the car window and maybe just maybe, I can avoid a bath when I get home. Still worth it anyway!

-Article and photos by Kevin Lunn & Maude, Local Area Resident of Hanwell and 7-year-old Labradoodle

The recreation centre has 30 sets of snowshoes and 15 sets of cross-country skis (8 child and 7 adult sets). This

equipment can be picked up at the municipal office during business hours free of charge and must be brought back the following business day. Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Admission to the park is free, and there's ample parking next to the Community Recreation Centre.



## School Update

The construction of the new Hanwell K-8 School is progressing well. The foundation and structural work are nearing completion, which has been exciting to watch. The major civil work is also nearing completion. The next phases of work will include masonry, plumbing and electrical. The site grading and landscaping will take place later in the construction schedule.

Although there is over a year of construction to go it is taking shape and we can now appreciate the scope of the work being undertaken. It is going to be a magnificent school for the children of Hanwell to attend and will also be a great asset for our community.

I hope you enjoy watching the progress as much as I do.

-Susan Cassidy, Mayor



Fredericton MLS® Market has seen a surge of home sales in 2020. The Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) stated that September 2020 has set a new sales record with an increase in nearly 33% from September 2019. In contrast, inventory of home listings has dropped significantly from this time last year. How is Hanwell faring in all of this?

#### Q: What is the demand for listings in Hanwell?

Rob Brown: Hanwell has been a highly sought-after area in the last 2 years. I get several inquiries from buyers and fellow REALTORS® asking about any upcoming homes for sale in the area.

Cathy Calhoun: Properties listed in Hanwell tend to sell very quickly if priced appropriately. The announcement of the new school has increased the interest in our area and as Hanwell continues to develop, we expect that the demand will continue to grow.

### Q: What are the main features prospective buyers are looking for in a property and in the community when searching for their new home?

RB: Most buyers are seeking a home in a neighbourhood setting, off of a busy street with a large yard. Many buyers are looking to be within 10-15 minutes to the city of Fredericton. With the recent announcement of the new K-8 school, I'm finding buyers are excited at the growth in the area but amazed at how Hanwell still feels like a Rural

### Real Estate: H

We asked two local real estate profession Rob Brown of The Yerxa Team of Exit Rea

area. The popular home styles are 2-Story, Split Entry or Bungalow. Many buyers are also looking for garage space.

CC: Most people that search for their future home outside city limits tend to be looking for privacy along with a house that has been well maintained and updated. Hanwell is blessed with a variety of stores and community services that are not offered in many outlying areas of Fredericton. A new fire station, community center, nature park and now the new school will ensure the future growth of this community.

## Q: If a homeowner is thinking about selling, what are some common recommended upgrades to complete in order to get the best return on their investment?

RB: The best money spent is quite simply paint...a fresh coat of paint in a neutral palette will go a long way for the money spent. Aside from paint, kitchens and bathrooms

are a great place to update. Always make sure the home is clean and inviting and well-staged, I tell my sellers "you need to get rid of all clutter" buyers want to envision their stuff in the space not the sellers' stuff.

"With the recent announcement of the new k-8 school, I'm finding buyers are excited at the growth in the area but amazed at how Hanwell still feels like a Rural area".

CC: The old adage "kitchens and bathrooms" still rings true when it comes to increased value in a home. Consistent flooring throughout a house is very important, keeping the home in good repair, cleanliness and a tidy yard all contribute to the marketability of a property.

#### Q: What can we do, as a community, to welcome families to the area?

RB: Having a New to Hanwell welcome package would be very useful. It could include information such as regular garbage and recycling pick up, emergency numbers for services, local business directory, etc. I typically direct new to Hanwell residents to the Social Media pages and website for additional information on what's happening in and around Hanwell.

### low Does Hanwell Compare?

nals, Cathy Calhoun of Team Calhoun, Keller Williams Capital Realty brokerage, and alty, for their take on the realty trend in Hanwell.

"This is an amazing time to sell or buy real estate, the interest rates are at a historic low making home buying affordable for many people." CC: Having the Hanwell Herald going into every home quarterly would be a wonderful way to advertise a "welcome package" available at the community center. In this package there could be information about all of the

businesses, services, daycares, churches, clubs, events, etc., that are active in the community.

#### Q: What do you see as a need that is currently not available within Hanwell?

RB: A Library would be great, more accessible trails for those with mobility challenges, a proper dog park or fenced area for pets to run, (when COVID is a thing of the past), a few more social events or festivals

CC: We have found in our experience that there is a big demand for garden homes, apartments and a mini home park that is not on leased land. Many people want to downsize and stay in the community but currently there are few options.

#### Q: Where do you see our community headed in 3, 5, and 10 years from now?

RB: In 3 years, I see Hanwell as a place that many younger families will want to move to with the new school being open. In 5 years, I see more business being attracted to our industrial park situated so close to the highway (car dealerships, retail businesses and services...not just a typical Industry type park). In 10 years, I see Hanwell as a destination for anyone looking for a community that has some services but still maintains a rural setting for homes with access to a vibrant business park and easy access to the city of Fredericton.

CC: 7. In our opinion the next 3 years will see the population continuing to grow. Over the next 5 to 10 years there are many possibilities; rinks, sports fields, seniors complex, etc.

This is an amazing time to sell or buy real estate, the interest rates are at a historic low making home buying affordable for many people. We are currently experiencing low inventory which can make the selling process much quicker and less stressful for those selling their house.

REALTORS® continually train and upgrade their skills so that you can be assured you are receiving professional, expert services in buying and selling real estate, which in most cases in the largest single investment most be people make.

#### - Nancy Moore, Communications Committee

Cathy Calhoun has continued her education in real estate to include two designations, Certified Negotiations Expert CNE® & Seniors Real Estate Specialist SRES®. This along with her extensive retail service experience you can be sure that all of your concerns will be addressed & taken care of. You can have peace of mind knowing that we have the training & skills to represent you in what may be your single largest investment.

**Rob Brown** is a Full Licenced Award Winning REALTOR® since 2017.

Rob is born and raised in the greater Fredericton area, growing up in the Hanwell area where he currently lives along with his lovely wife of 22+ years, their 3 children and beloved Golden-Doodle Milly.

Rob has served his community as an elected member of the former Local Service District Advisory Committee prior to the Incorporation of Hanwell. He's served on several committees for different organizations in and around Fredericton.

When Rob isn't spending time with his family or helping his valued clients, you might find him skiing, biking, kayaking, canoeing, bouldering or out hiking the trails and mountains. Rob is an active member of the Canadian Ski Patrol and volunteers his services at the local ski hill, Crabbe Mountain.

#### Resources:

www.realtor.ca www.crea.ca





#### HANWELL RURAL COMMUNITY

As we all continue to be affected by COVID-19, we also continue to restrict events and public gatherings here at Hanwell Place. Even Council meetings which are open to the public must follow strict guidelines - if the public wishes to attend, they must register with the Clerk first (tparker@hanwell.nb.ca), and drop-ins are not recommended at meetings at this time.

We will continue to do what we can during these times, and have been adhering to the Provincial guidelines and our own Operational Plan to keep everyone safe. We thank our community for your continued support and patience.

Updates will continue to be posted on our Facebook page (@HanwellRC) and website (www.hanwell.nb.ca) as needed.

#### HANWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Regular Worship Service continues in-person and online at 11 am on Sunday mornings, with Public Health measures in place. Please watch our Facebook page for updates as youth and children's programs restart!

We will be hosting a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Thursday, Dec. 24th at 6pm. To facilitate proper distancing, reservations will be required through our FB page.

Facebook: @hanwellchurch

Website: hanwell.ca

#### **2ND HANWELL SCOUTS**

2nd Hanwell Scouting Group has openings for all Youth Aged 5- 17. All Sections meet at St. James Presbyterian Church on Monday and Thursday Nights. Beavers (ages 5-7) meet Thursday Evenings from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM, Cubs (ages 8-10) meet Thursday Evenings from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. Scouts (ages 11-14) meet Monday Evenings from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Venturers (ages 15-17) meet Monday nights from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

We are also looking for Scouters. No experience needed as Training will be provided free of charge. Registration is now open for the 2020/2021 Scouting year. We have measures in place to limit the spread of COVID-19, as well as follow all Provincial Guidelines.

For more Information Please contact Scouter Shawn Lewis by email: at <a href="mailto:2ndhanwellscouts@gmail.com">2ndhanwellscouts@gmail.com</a>, on Facebook at: <a href="mailto:https://www.scouts.ca">https://www.scouts.ca</a>

#### **HANWELL GUIDES**

Guides continue to meet weekly with social distancing protocols in place.

Hanwell Guides are looking for Volunteers and Leaders, please consider supporting your local area Guides! Contact hanwellguides@gmail.com for information.

#### ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

No updates have been provided at the time of publishing, please contact them for any upcoming events and information on worship, or monitor their facebook page (@stjameshanwell)

Rev. Wendy MacWilliams 506-999-5031

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For more up-to-date information, please contact and/or follow the individual entities above. This information is current up until the time this issue is published.



# Did you know that Hanwell has a Rotary Club? Here's a look at what they have been doing for our community

The Rotary Club of Hanwell is continuing to contribute to the residents and groups of Hanwell and the surrounding area even through these difficult times.

We have donated to Camp Rotary for maintenance and improvements. We have also contributed to an international project that the Rotary Club of Woodstock is leading in Guatemala to provide sanitation, eco stoves and clean water as well as the Rotary Foundation to end world Polio.

This year we have sponsored a Hanwell child with a Project Lifesaver bracelet for their protection and their parent's peace of mind. Our Club was able to donate a refrigerator to the Upper Kingsclear Consolidated School to prevent their breakfast program from being discontinued for the year. This Christmas we will deliver the traditional Turkey Dinner however due to COVID-19 we will have a contactless delivery.

One Special Care Home "Southampton House" has been the recipient of a Canada Day Pizza Party complete with decorations as well as Thanksgiving Day Pies to complete their dinner.

We will continue to donate Christmas gifts to the residents of the Special Care Homes even though we cannot participate in the festivities.

Our contribution to Hanwell Days and the Hanwell Christmas Tree lighting as well as sponsoring a child for Camp Rotary will go on the agenda for next year in hopes of healthier times.

This year our club has been unable to have our three major fund raisers (Community Breakfast, Vendors Bake Sale at the DECH and a raffle) so we have been fortunate to be able to continue with our donations due to careful budget planning and the hard work of our small but mighty eleven members.

We would love to have you join us in our endeavours to help our **community** and the **world**!!!

-Carla Ward, Hanwell Rotary 506-450-7601

Activities at the Hanwell Community Recreation Centre have all but come to a halt this year as we focus on the health and wellbeing of our Staff, Council and all of you. Focus has been on trying to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible. The cooperation within Hanwell has been heartwarming, and visitors to the Community Recreation Centre have been amazing, so thank you everyone.

We hope that 2021 will bring more activities, especially outdoors such as Moonlight Hikes through the trails, so keep watching our Facebook pages for updates. No matter what we do, we will do our best to make it safe and enjoyable for all. Don't forget that we have skis and snowshoes to loan out, call the main office for details - 460-1177 ext. 1.

Let's all keep being kind to one another and make 2021 a year to remember for all the right reasons. -Staff, Hanwell Rural Community

Through Sentinel Emergency Alerting, the rural community of Hanwell can notify you by email or phone of potential emergencies in our area!



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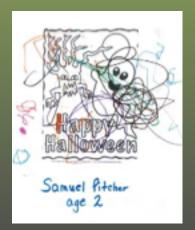




How about these scarygood colouring pages?! Thanks to all of our budding artists for their contributions!











#### Halloween Decoration Contest Winners!





Special thanks to all entrants! And for those who did't enter but had amazing Halloween Decorations! We love to see this type of "Spirit" from everyone!

## Slow The PLATES Down!

## Thank you to our community and supporters for the Slow the BLAZES Down campaign

October was slow down awareness month in Hanwell. Was it successful or was it not - That is the burning question.

All of the slow down lawn signs that were available were picked up if this was any indication; they were well-distributed throughout the community, and one sign actually made it all the way to Lincoln - it would appear that we are not alone with our issues with speeding. While the information pamphlets were also distributed throughout Hanwell, we can only hope and remind folks to pay attention to their speed.

There was a good turnout at the awareness Bar-B-Q at the firehall, special thanks to Chief Crouse and the volunteers

of the Upper Kingsclear Fire Department for looking after it, and another big thank you to the R.C.M.P. for their involvement as well.

Some folks have stated that traffic, especially within the sub-divisions, has slowed down. Personally, I did notice, on my street, Marlow Road, that vehicles appear to have reduced their speed.

We are working with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to see if speed limits can be lowered within the sub-divisions, Route 640 ,and Deerwood Drive. More to follow on that.

With all the effort put forth, the true measure of success will be up to all the residents of Hanwell to practice safe driving and *Slow the Blazes Down*.

-Dave Morrison, Deputy Mayor

#### Hanwell 2021 Budget

Council felt it was very important to keep the property tax rates the same or lower this year due to the pandemic, we are pleased to announce that the rates are slightly lower.

The 2021 Operating Fund Budget was approved by Council on Nov 10th, 2020, with the following rates:

\$0.3950 (non-streetlights) and \$0.4190 (streetlights)

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Council or myself at tparker@hanwell.nb.ca

Stay Safe,

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-Terri L Parker, Clerk/Treasurer

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Word Search fun!
See if you can find all
of these Hanwellrelated words!

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#### Staying Healthy This Winter

As we all know, this year has been record setting for flu vaccinations in New Brunswick. With the support of the Hanwell Community Centre and our community volunteers our local pharmacy, The Medicine Shoppe, was able to vaccinate over 500 people in the Hanwell area this year!! WAY TO GO HANWELL!!

As your local community pharmacy, they are here to help keep you and your family stay healthy this winter season. Did you know your pharmacist can do more than just fill your prescriptions? Pharmacists in New Brunswick can write prescriptions for many indications such as vaccines, cold sores, minor skin infections, urinary tract infections and many more. They can also recommend products from their many over-thecounter medication options.

Running low on a chronic medication and don't have a refill? They can write a prescription to extend the medication until you receive a new prescription from your primary provider. If you have a non-urgent medical concern come in and talk to your personal pharmacist to see what they can do for you!

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