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Spotlight

'It Feels Good To Be Working'

By Cathy Wright

Ted was like a lot of people when he graduated high school in 2009, ready to enter the workforce. Ted wasn't sure how to go about the process so he contacted the Partners for Workplace Inclusion Program (PWIP).



Photo Courtesy of Cathy Wright

With the assistance of PWIP, Ted successfully completed a Lift Truck Safety course through All Lift Truck Training, attended the Job Bus Tour with Vibrant Communities and completed a work trial at the Restore with Habitat for Humanity. All of these activities assisted Ted in learning essential skills for the workplace as well as making him more employable.

In February 2010, Ted obtained employment with Home Depot as a lot associate. As Ted states "It

feels good to be working. I feel happy when I go to work. I like working for Home Depot. I have been voted employee of the month twice. I have also won an award for helping customers."



Wilf Hiscock, Trudy Linley and Charlotte Hiscock.

Second Annual Fall Bus Tour

By Debbie McLeod

On October 18, 45 residents from NB Housing enjoyed a wonderful bus trip! We enjoyed the Fall foliage and companionship on our way up river to Charlotte's Family Orchard in Gagetown. Wilf, Charlotte and their new brown lab, Jack, were waiting for us with their warm and inviting hospitality! Some picked apples while others bought apples, pears, preserves, squash and pumpkins. Trudy Lingley guessed of the pumpkins weight and got a pumpkin to take home! The 1,315 lbs pumpkin stayed at the orchard! We loaded up the bus with all our purchases then headed across the Evendale Ferry and off to Mama George's Restaurant in Springfield for a wonderful home cooked pre-Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings! George had everything ready for us and it was delicious as usual and service was great! We stopped and posed for a group photo before heading back down the river. A great day was held by all!!

Saint John Votes Wrap-Up - Your Voice, Your Vote, Your Power

By Laura Anderson

The Saint John Votes committee was comprised of various community members who wanted to see more people in the five priority neighbourhoods get out and vote. "My Voice ~ My Vote ~ My Power to Change" was promoted by the committee to empower residents to vote on September 27 during the provincial election. We tried to eliminate barriers for voting. Some of these efforts included: submitting recommendations to Elections New Brunswick officials (led to a polling station at the Crescent Valley Resource Centre), conducting various political education sessions, distributing print materials, and Neighbourhood Assistants and volunteers going door-to-door to encourage voting.

On Election Day, each community hosted free BBQs and childcare services for voters. A central dispatch for transportation to the polls was also provided. It is estimated that over 1,000 residents benefited from the BBQ, childcare or transportation services on Election Day. Thank you to the residents of Crescent Valley, Waterloo Village, Old North End, South End and Lower Westside. Your participation in the events and turning out to vote is applauded!

Overall, the Portland riding saw an increase in voter turnout from 57.4% in 2006 to 61.5% in 2010. The Harbour riding maintained its turnout rate of 52%. An interesting race took place in both ridings. Trevor Holder was elected in the Portland riding and Carl Killen for the Harbour riding. The results from the Harbour riding point out how important one vote counts. Carl Killen only received 7 more votes than Ed Doherty. Approximately 8,370 votes were cast in the Harbour riding and 7 votes made the difference. Truly, your vote matters! Further data analysis will be done on the five priority neighbourhood's voter turnout rate as soon as the official election results are released.

Your Voice was heard ~ Your Vote was counted ~ You showed the Power to make Change. By the way, some of you will have another opportunity soon. If you live in Ward 3, you will be able to cast your ballot for a municipal councillor who will represent you in City Hall.

Coordinator's Comments: Celebrating Our Second Anniversary

By Juanita Black, Coordinator, Around the Block. Phone: 647-4850. Email: sjcommunitynewspaper@gmail.com

As we celebrate the second anniversary of *Around The Block*, let's take a moment to reflect on how this community paper that started with eight pages and 6,000 copies has grown to 12 pages and 9,000 copies. Twice we have printed 16 pages, once for the first anniversary and now for our second.

This paper started as a dream of Vibrant Communities Coordinator Wendy MacDermott, and after hearing from residents that we didn't always hear good news stories, that dream grew into a reality. The support comes from the residents of our five priority neighbourhoods, that every issue share their dream and good news stories in writing and pictures. The pride and respect each person that has written for this paper is shown in our numbers. 367 residents have written stories, we have had 597 pictures, and 225 community and non-profit groups have reached out into the communities to inform us of clinics and events. And I cannot forget the 127 advertisers, who allow us to send the paper to the printer bi-monthly.

I have had the privilege of coordinating this paper for two years and working with the neighbourhood assistants and many, many volunteers who do everything from proofreading, to ghost-writing and even during the cold months of winter see that all copies are quickly delivered. This is your paper, your stories and your pictures; let's embrace and celebrate our second anniversary. Thank you to one and all.



Old North End • Old North End

ONE Teen Summer Take Over

By Gina Reid

Thanks to many great volunteers, partnerships and sponsors such as the Greater Saint John Community Foundation and the Community Arts Board, the ONE Change was able to run another successful teen summer program this year in the Old North End.



Photo Courtesy of ONE Change

We had 50 youth registered in the program this summer and together they volunteered approximately 3,000 hours in various ways to their community. The ONE Change has run a daily summer program for the past six summers. The program consists of three beautification/service days, one educational day and one reward day. The youth themselves decided on the community projects, education components and reward days they would like to take part in. It was amazing to see the pride and motivation they had when completing the jobs and training that they had identified as important.

Community Initiative

By June Rennick

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize one of the residents of the Old North End. Ann Cormier of Victoria St. has dedicated much of her time to the up-keep of the garden at the corner of Elgin and Victoria Street.

I think it is important that we acknowledge community initiative. There are people within our communities who act as "silent volunteers." They are not asking for recognition or thanks, but they are willing to spend hours working toward the growth of their community.

Community Garden

By Connie Gould

Are you interested in gardening? How about having your very own vegetable garden right here in the Old North End? If you are interested please contact Connie Gould at the ONE Change office at 635-2035 for more information or to reserve your plot.

Flu Shots: Old North End

It is nearing the flu season again. Free flu shots will be provided at the ONE Change office located at 223 Victoria St.. We are booking appointments now. Please call 635-2035 for more information or to book your appointment.

ONE Debate: Provincial Election 2010

By June Rennick

The ONE Change hosted a debate for the 2010 Elections at the North End Community Centre on September 22. The candidates present at the debate were: Jeremy Higgins, NDP; Stefan Warner, Green Party; Trevor Holder, PC; and Dan Joyce, Liberal. Many residents were able to get their questions answered and some received possible solutions to their individual problems. The debate turned out to be more of a discussion about the future of our community, which made the evening very successful.

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ONE Change Receives City Grant



Photo Courtesy of Vibrant Communities

From left to right: Gina Reid, Mary Barriault DeBow, Mayor Ivan Court, Scott Crawford, Melissa Moore and Kevin Watson, City of Saint John.

Deloitte Impact Day

By Gina Reid

The Old North End got a special gift Sept. 24 in the form of 30 hardworking volunteers from Deloitte Saint John. Deloitte is a nationwide multi-service consulting firm who encourages their employees to volunteer within the community. Every spring, Deloitte accepts applications for their annual IMPACT Day. On IMPACT Day, Deloitte employees select a project in the community that could use some helping hands for the day. The employees who volunteer are given the day off to work on the selected project.



Photo Courtesy of Mary Dever

This year, the ONE Change's application was chosen and the North End Community Centre (NECC) and Lorne Park were identified as areas that could benefit from a facelift. The ONE Change, Leisure Services, Lorne School and students are very thankful to the many Deloitte volunteers who showed up to make our community a tidier, brighter place Sept. 24. While Lorne's playground was receiving new shrubs, mulch, basketball nets and fresh paint, the NECC was having a make-over with all program rooms getting some special TLC!

Diapers And Formula

The Diaper and Formula Program runs on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the ONE Change building at 223 Victoria St. from 1-3 pm every week (except on holidays). This program gives you an emergency three day supply of diapers and formula. You must have a valid Medicare card for each child you need help with.

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South End • South End



Photo by Penni Eisenhauer
The rink and splash-pad are under construction at Rainbow Park.

A Year Of Growth At Rainbow Park

By Mark Leger

It was a great year for Green Thumbs in the South End this year. The community garden in Rainbow Park continued to grow and wait patiently for the city to make needed improvements, which would include a fence, water supply and a tool shed. Despite the challenges, gardeners harvested green beans, potatoes, zucchini, carrots and other hearty, tasty vegetables by summer's end. I was overwhelmed by the steady supply of tomatoes from my beds. More than 300 of them line my window sills and are slowly finding their way into sauces, salsas and salads as they ripen! The South End also added another vegetable garden at the Salvation Army on St. James Street. With the help of community sponsors, staff and residents planted a large garden that yielded a variety of veggies, including carrots, beans, potatoes and squash. Everything they grew there was used in dishes served at the shelter.

But, with the coming of winter, it's time to put down the garden tools and get our skates sharpened. As part of the first phase of improvements at Rainbow Park, the city is constructing a splash pad and ice rink. I spoke with Councillor Donnie Snook recently and he said the rink would be ready for the coming winter season. Hopefully, the garden will be included in the second phase of work on the park along with the playground equipment and basketball and tennis courts.

Celebrating The Neighbourhood

By Donna Stephens

Every day when I work at Centenary-Queen Square's storefront church located at 215 Wentworth St., I meet members of the community. We give out vouchers for the South End Food Bank and on Tuesdays and Fridays there is a steady stream of visitors. What may be a surprise to you is the number of people who come here to help others. I feel like celebrating when I see how much assistance South End people give each other.

One woman came to get a voucher for her neighbour who had been hurt. She was anxious to return so that her neighbour would not have to be in pain, alone. Another was fostering a six-year-old child so the mother could stay with a baby at the IWK. Another came just to be company for his schizophrenic friend who was afraid to go outside alone. So many caring people give me something to celebrate!

Celebrating The South End

By Mary MacKinnon, P.U.L.S.E. board member

We have had a great summer in the South End. There were so many events to celebrate the 225th birthday of Saint John. The weather was really great all summer. It was such a pleasure to watch the community vegetable gardens growing so nicely at Rainbow Park. Just recently we were fortunate to see the ground broken and work beginning to happen at Rainbow Park for upgrades. My children are so excited to see the transformation of that park. Lots of neighbours are commenting about how much safer the neighbourhood is feeling with each year that passes.

The beginning of the school year has a lot of us parents breathing a sigh of relief as the kids are back into their school work at full force. St. John the Baptist-King Edward School (better known as SJB-KE) has implemented the new and popular Take 5 Café. The event takes place each Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 2 pm. It is a great chance for parents to chat, have a free coffee and muffin, and get to know other parents and neighbours.

Safety Tips For Parking Your Car

By CST. Jeremy Edwards, community police officer

Hello, everyone, from The Saint John Police Force Community Services Unit. First I would like to say congratulations to *Around The Block* for its 2nd anniversary, what a great accomplishment. I know many people I speak with enjoy reading the paper.

The Saint John Police Force has recently launched a Vehicle Report Card program. This program involves officers on the beat observing cars parked on the street in an effort to determine if the vehicle is a "hard target" or a "soft target." For example, a vehicle that has its doors locked and valuables removed is a hard target. An example of a soft target is where a vehicle's doors are unlocked, or the doors may be locked but there are valuables inside.

Making your vehicle a hard target will assist the Police Department with resources as there will be more officers on the street patrolling instead of taking theft reports. Also, reporting suspicious activity in your area, like someone walking down the street trying door handles on cars, will assist the Police Department in identifying those responsible for thefts from vehicles. Please take the time to protect your vehicle and valuables and to look out for your neighbourhood.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Phone: 648-3700. E-mail: jeremy.edwards@saintjohn.ca

PULSE Gets City Grant



Photo Courtesy of Vibrant Communities

Left to right: Mayor Ivan Court, Carl Trickey, Sheila Croteau, and Kevin Watson, City of Saint John.



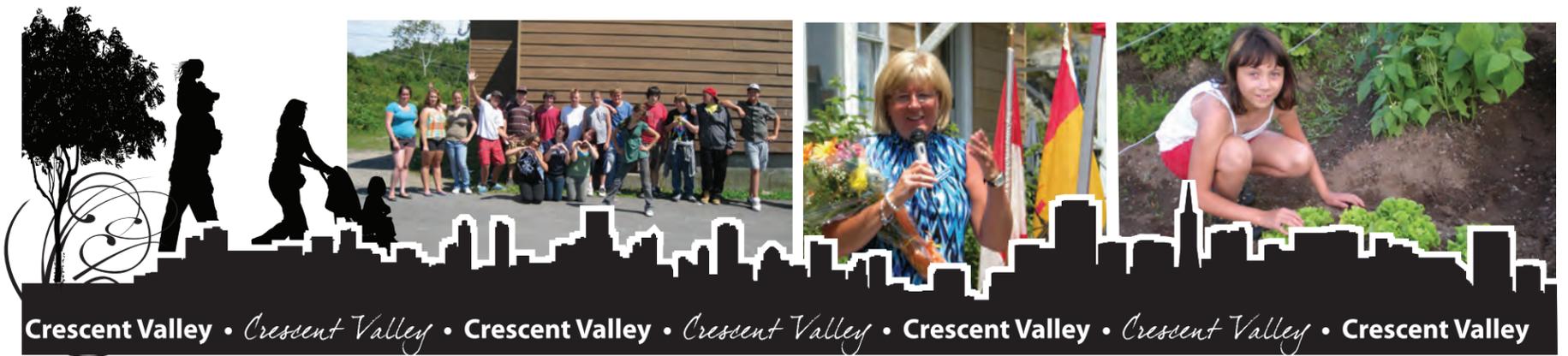
People United in the Lower South End Inc. would like to congratulate "Around the Block" on their second year anniversary edition.

We look forward to many more issues.

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CVCTA 20th Anniversary Celebrations

By Janet McLaughlin
 The Crescent Valley Community Tenant's Association (CVCTA) 20th Anniversary events went very well. Starting with the ceremonies we had MP Rodney Weston along with MLA Trevor Holder, our Mayor and other officials there. Our Baby Contest is a hard contest to judge. All the babies are beautiful. We did our leg contest, along with a pancake and ham brunch, had CV "You Got Talent" and the magic show on Friday. On July 24 we had our Fun Days and fireworks. The day was fantastic and the evening with the fireworks couldn't have been better. I just want to say thank you to all who volunteered for us on all events, and to Teen Vibe who were a great big help. We really enjoy having the teens taking part in the community. Last but not least the CVCTA wants to thank Bettie and Rodney Doucette for our fabulous fireworks.



Photo Courtesy of Vibrant Communities
 Community leaders cut the ribbon at the 20th anniversary ribbon-cutting.



Photo Courtesy by Shaundall Curran
 Crescent Valley Teen Vibe did a community cleanup as part of their activities.

CV Teen Vibe History

By Cody Basque
 The past three or four years I have been going to Teen Vibe were great. Kate Blackman was the first person to ever run the program. She made the teens and youth have fun doing fun things to stay out of trouble, like going to Magic Mountain and Crystal Palace. Kate had moved away for a few months so we had to get a new person to run Teen Vibe. So we looked and looked until we finally found Shaundell Curran. She is the perfect person for the job. She didn't always do fun things she actually made a name for Teen Vibe. She actually helps Teen Vibe get a good name not a bad one and she always finds ways to make it fun.

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Welcome To CV Adult Learning Centre

By Paula Ross
 The Crescent Valley Adult Learning Centre offers its E-Learning program free to residents. Located in the Crescent Valley Resource Centre at 130 MacLaren Blvd., the centre is open Monday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm and Wednesday and Thursdays 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Centre manager Rebecca Gembe will assist you with upgrading your computer skills or learning new software and applications. She can also help with job searches, and preparing resumes and cover letters. For those who do not have a computer at home, the centre also provides accessibility to check email, do internet research, work on school projects or access to GED Online. Check the Centre bulletin board for upcoming courses Rebecca is offering. If you have any questions about the E-Learning program at the Crescent Valley Adult Learning Centre, email Rebecca at CAL.CrescentValley@gnb.ca or call 693-8513.



Photo courtesy of Paula Ross
 Rebecca Gemby is the coordinator at the adult learning centre.

Our Dream Is Becoming A Reality

By Ann Barrett
 If you have gone past Flemming Court recently you will see work going on. The first phase of Flemming Court Park is finally happening. It has been a long time coming. There have been many ups and downs but now we can see that it is a reality. The splash pad is in the works. Next summer the children of Crescent Valley will have a fun park to cool down in. We then hope to proceed with Phase 2 and 3 that will provide play equipment, benches, and a gazebo. We still need donations to complete this project. Please contact the Crescent Valley Resource Centre at 693-8513 to donate or for more information.



Photo courtesy of Ann Barrett
 They're hard at work on the splash pad project in Flemming Court.

CV Resource Centre Gets City Funds



Photo courtesy of Vibrant Communities
 Kevin Watson, City of Saint John, Nancy Savoie, Ann Barrett, and Mayor Ivan Court.



Happy Anniversary from:
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Westside P.A.C.T. Gets City Funding



Photo courtesy of Vibrant Communities Kevin Watson, City of Saint John, MacTaylor, and Mayor Ivan Court.

West Side Wellness Updates

- * Everyone is invited to the Market Place Wellness Centre Family Halloween Party.
- * Everyone is welcome to the Autumn-matic Wellness Fair. Come 'fall' into health and wellness at St. Patrick's School, Saturday, November 13, from 11 am – 2 pm. There will be door prizes. Sponsored by the Westside P.A.C.T. community group.
- * There is a Weight Management program at St George's Church on Thursday evenings, led by our community health centre dietician.
- * The West Side Food Bank is now open Tuesdays and Friday 1 – 3 pm. Also on Tuesdays there will be a Career Counsellor or income assistance worker on site to answer questions you may have.

For more information on these activities, contact Mary Lou Price at 674-4335.

A Friend

By Wayne D. Fry

A friend is a person, someone dear to you
 Who is kind, considerate, and thoughtful too!
 A harbour of safety, when the weather is rough
 When you find that your problems are getting too tough!
 A dear true friend really cares for you, and
 Whatever your problems, he'll understand
 HE will always be there with a comforting hand
 He's a special part of the Master's plan

Story Tent West Receives City Funding



Photo courtesy of Vibrant Communities Kevin Watson, Genny Hooper, and Mayor Ivan Court.



Photo courtesy of Bobbi Craft
 A abandoned home is torn down on the Lower West Side.

Celebrating Cleanup Of Old Buildings

By Bobbi Craft

There are countless burned and abandoned homes on the West Side. I am happy to say that within the past few months, the Westside P.A.C.T. and the City of Saint John have worked hard to clean-up these sites. Three buildings have been removed and more are to be removed. It is nice to see the buildings getting cleaned up.

West Side Safe Walk

By Bobbi Craft

In conversation with parents and partners of the Lower West Side, safety was determined to be a definite issue for our kids. I would like to have volunteers help me set up a Safe Walk during the evenings.

This program would have two meeting spots (to be determined) and the volunteers would meet children at a certain time (to be determined) to walk the children to the Carleton Community Centre. Then the same volunteers would walk the children back to the original meeting place after programs at the centre. This is a great way to ensure our children's safety. All interested in volunteering for this program, please call Bobbi.



Photo courtesy of Vibrant Communities
 Youth need a safe walk home from neighbourhood activities.

Community Kitchen

By Bobbi Craft

The Westside P.A.C.T., Market Place Wellness and Carleton Community Centre are working together to have a community kitchen operating out of the Carleton Community Centre by January. We are looking for board members and volunteers to run the kitchen. Please call Bobbi for more information.

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Photo Courtesy of Debbie Cooper
Youth plant a new tree outside Boys & Girls Club.

Boys & Girls Club 110 Years Old

By Debbie Cooper

The Boys & Girls Club in Saint John is the first recognized Club in Canada dating back to 1900. The Club is proud of 110 years of providing much needed programs and services to hundreds of thousands of children and youth in Saint John.

The Club has been at our present site since 1954, in the old East End of the City. When urban renewal drastically reduced housing in the area, the Club acquired vans to transport the children and youth to and from the Club. We had a tragic fire in 1974 which led to the building of the large current day facility. The Club celebrates 110 years of service to Saint John's youngsters. We celebrate all the individuals, companies, volunteers, staff, foundations, levels of government, funding agencies and especially the children and youth who have enriched and enabled the Club's history and tradition to be such a long standing one.

The Club has, over the years, changed to address the needs of the children and youth. This year, we have developed the "Heart of the Possible" in programming. Children grew their own vegetables, planted various types of gardens, and designed, planted and named a Love Garden in memory of the Club's children and youth who have passed. Other projects as part of the Heart of the Possible include the development of a music studio, an art salon, a learning centre, technology projects like a website, social media usage, cooking programs, health and wellness activities, micro-business "Ymmm Sugar Sugar" and much more.

The Club continues to evolve. We celebrate the past, our present and our future. The Club certainly is a good place to be.



Boys & Girls Club
of Saint John

A good place to be

**CONGRATULATIONS
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ON YEAR 2!**

from the children, youth, volunteers and staff of
the Boys and Girls Club of Saint John

Celebrating 110 years from 1900 - 2010

Village Gets Greener

By Jake Mason

This summer, Richmond St. got a little greener. Youth from the neighbourhood partnered with the Waterloo Village Association and Vibrant Communities to build planters to line the street. Three youths worked on this project and not only learned some new skills but invested in their community. They are now partaking in more projects with the Waterloo Village Association, and Vibrant Communities. The youth plan on building two more planters sometime over the next few weeks, and they also have plans to build such things as dog houses, sheds, and possibly planters to sell, so they can raise money for the Teen Resource Centre. The youth say they enjoy working on projects such as these, because it keeps them out of trouble, and builds a good relationship with the community.



Photo Courtesy of
Colin McDonald.
A.J. Denison in front of the
new planter at the TRC.

Courtenay Bay Tenants Meeting

The Courtenay Bay Tenants' Association meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at the meeting room, 656 Brunswick Dr., at 6:30 pm. ALL WECLOME. Date for October meeting is October 28. Contact Lisa Chamberlain 652-7903

Village Neighbourhood Meeting

The Village Neighbourhood Association meets the first Wednesday of every month. We are endeavouring to create a sense of community in our area. WE NEED YOUR INPUT – THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY. To achieve change we need to be a community and work together. If you wish to be contacted please send email to: villageneighbourhood@yahoo.ca or call 672-3686.

Village Fair



Photo Courtesy of
Linda Scott.
The watermelon eating contest.

By Linda Scott

On August 26, the Village Waterloo Association held a Village Fair at the Teen Resource Centre (TRC) to introduce our community police officer CST. Andrew MacBean. With the generous support of several people we had a good day with Bingo, games, contests, music and BBQ. Many thanks to all who helped make the day possible. Despite the rain, everyone had a good time.

TRC Gets City Funds

Photo Courtesy of
Vibrant Communities.
Mayor Ivan Court, TRC executive
director June Breau-Nason, ONE
Change president Scott Crawford,
and Kevin Watson,
City of Saint John.



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LBR 50th Anniversary

By Mac Wickens

I would like to thank everyone who had taken part in the Lord Beaverbrook Rink's 50th Anniversary. It was very emotional but a successful event. We received good feedback from visitors as well as the organizations who participated in this event. The afternoon was busy with our barbeque and entertainment provided through Cadet demonstrations as well as demonstrations by The Fog City Rollers. Everyone had fun and many people were able to make personal and business connections.

Trinity Anglican Church Charlotte St.

Are you without a doctor? Would you like to discuss your physical, mental or spiritual health with a health professional? Trinity Anglican Church on Charlotte St. has a parish nurse on duty Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30 am - 5:30 pm. The role of the parish nurse is to be a personal health counsellor, educator, advocate, and liaison and referral resource to individuals in order to promote health, healing and wholeness in the community. For an appointment please call 642-7348. There is also a parish nurse on duty at St. John the Baptist on Sundays following the 11:30 am mass. We look forward to meeting you and serving you.

Find Information On Influenza

Do you want more information about influenza? Here is a web site address: www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/flu.html.

For more information, you can also contact Joan Johnston, BN RN MEd., Immunization Coordinator, Zone 2, Horizon Health Network/Réseau de santé Horizon. E-mail: joan.johnston@gnb.ca. Web address: www.HorizonNB.ca

The H.O.P.E. Centre

The new Health Opportunity Pastoral Education (H.O.P.E.) Centre is now open at 4347 Loch Lomond Road. H.O.P.E Centre is pleased to announce that they have partnered with a number of community agencies to offer a family wellness event. H.O.P.E. "in motion" will take place on Sat, Nov 6, from 11am - 2pm. This is a free wellness event open to all ages. There will be a variety of displays and activities, including: Zumba, children's Story Tent, a fun senior's event and health screening. Light refreshments will be served and your name can be entered to win some fabulous door prizes. Non-perishable food items will be accepted on behalf of the Lakewood Headstart Food Bank.

Moving Forward

Fall is a time to think about new starts: training, building your skills, meeting employers. Here are some opportunities:

• **Would you like to meet some employers?** Join us for Catch the Wave to Work, October 28, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call Brenda at 642-9033. This half-day workshop helps individuals consider their assets, find out about current job opportunities, as well as community and government resources.

• **Are you ready to work?** TIES 2 Work. Call Stacey/Heather at 648-0202. An individual is matched with an employer, participates in 9 weeks of essential skills training and three-week job placement with a specific employer. The goal is to finish with a job.

• **Would you like to visit employers at their worksite?** Job Bus Tour in November. Call Cathy at 832-5624. Short visits to employers to better understand the kinds of jobs that are available and criteria for employment. For more information call Cathy with Vibrant Communities at 832-5624.

Free Light Bulbs From Efficiency NB

What better way to help local residents prepare for the colder months and cut costs than to provide them with tips and information on financial incentives available to become more energy efficient. To help homeowners take the first step, Efficiency NB also provides limited quantities of Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) bulbs for giveaways, draws or bulb switching activities. Contact Rachel Lanteigne at rachel.lanteigne@gnb.ca or 1-866-643-8833, ext. 116 for more information.

Upcoming Flu Clinics

November 2: Romero House, 10 am - 12 pm. Register at Romero House, 647 Brunswick Dr. Phone: 642-7447.

November 4: Market Place Wellness, Carleton Community Centre. 2 - 7 pm. Call 674-4335 to register.

November 8: Crescent Valley Resource Centre, 130 MacLaren Blvd. 2 - 7 pm. Call 693-8513 to register.

November 9: H.O.P.E. Wellness Centre. 2 - 7 pm. Call 632-5695 to register.

November 10: 4 Reading Crescent, Community Room. 2 - 4 pm. Drop-in clinic.

Purple Ribbon Campaign

By Soleil Leger

The Coverdale Centre for Women, 148 Waterloo Street, supports The Purple Ribbon Campaign in raising awareness of the impact of family violence. Please wear your purple ribbons from November 6th to Dec. 6 in memory of the victims of domestic violence and the victims of the école Polytechnique Massacre that occurred in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989.

Adult E-Learning Programs

ONE Change: 223 Victoria St. Phone: 635-2035 – Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Community Health Centre: 116 Coburg St. Phone: 632-5545 – Mon. to Fri. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Crescent Valley; 130 MacLaren Blvd. Phone: 693-8513 – Mon. 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wed. & Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PRUDE Inc.: 47 Charlotte St., 4th floor (City Market). Phone: 634-3102 – Mon. to Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Coverdale November Programs

Communication Skills: Nov. 1 – 5, five sessions

Healthy Relationships: Nov. 8 – 12, five sessions

Emotions Management for Women: Nov. 22 – Dec. 3, 10 sessions

All programs and counselling are available free to any woman aged 18 and over. We're trying to reach out into the community with this information, as we believe there is a misperception that our services are only offered to women within the criminal justice system. The only requirement is that the woman is "not actively using."

For more information about these programs, contact Soleil Leger, Program Facilitator, Coverdale Centre for Women, Inc. Phone: 634-1649.



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The Saint John Police Force congratulates "Around The Block" Community Newspaper on your second anniversary. We wish you continued success in sharing your good news stories throughout our community.



The staff and clients of St. Joseph's Community Health Center would like to send their Congratulations to the "Around the Block" Team as they celebrate their 2nd Anniversary. We wish them many more successful years!

Rodney Weston

MP /député - Saint John



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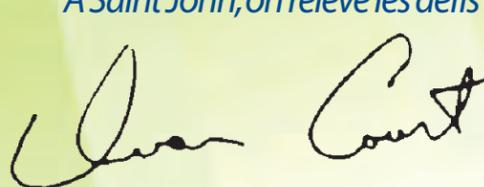
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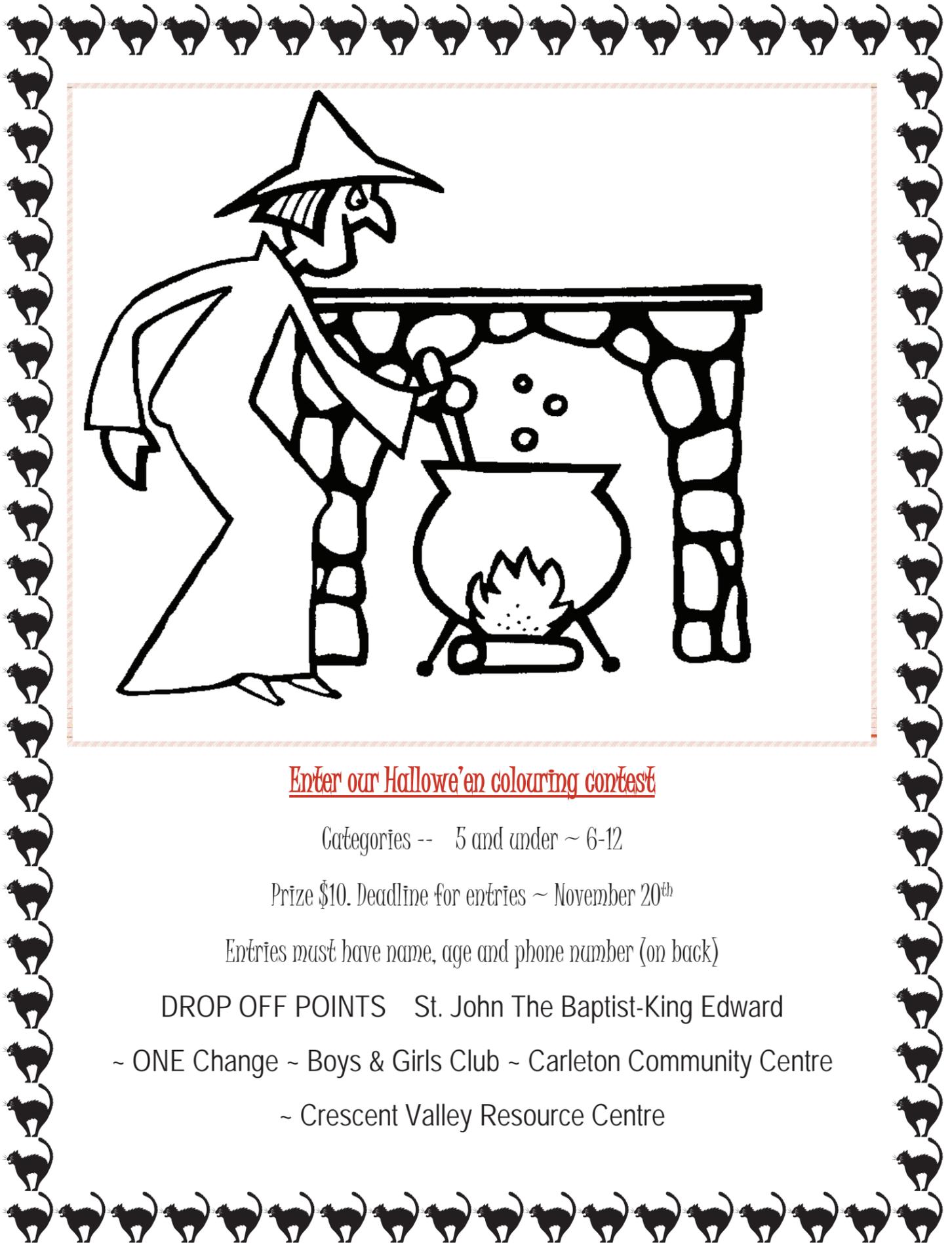
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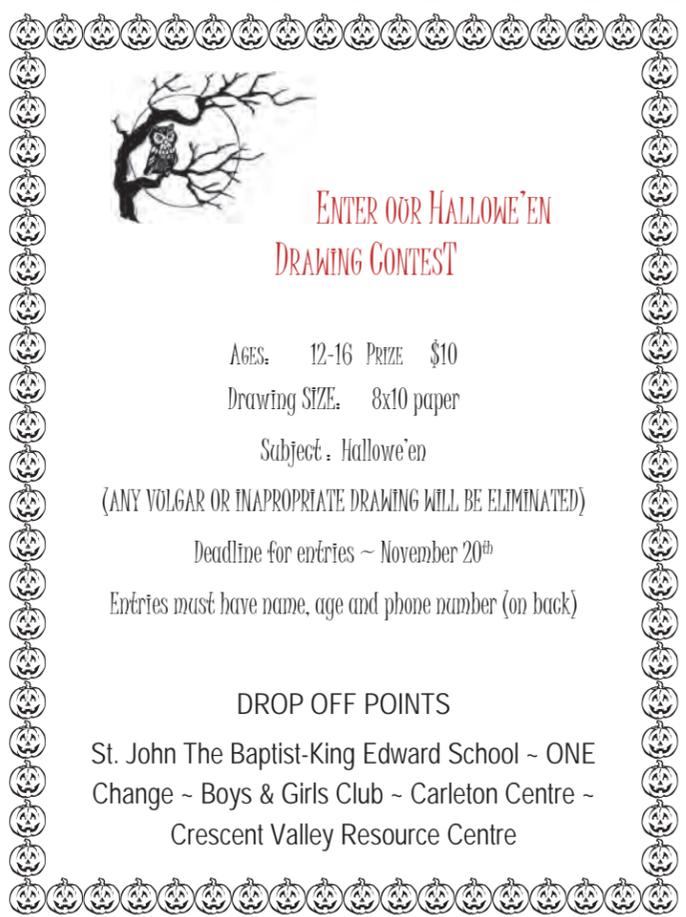
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Big Brothers Big Sisters Book Sale

By Laurie Collins

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Saint John would like to pass on a BIG thank you to everyone who helped to make the 5th Annual BIG Book Sale a huge success. The total proceeds this year was a record-breaking \$14,228! An extra day of sales this year made it a six-day event rather than the usual five days.

Thank you to all of the Sobeyes stores and managers for providing book drop-off locations. Thank you to Fortis Properties (Brunswick Square) for providing the location for the sale. A special thank you to all of the book lovers who donated books and/or purchased books during the event.

Proceeds from the sale will assist Big Brothers Big Sisters in providing quality, volunteer-based, mentoring services to more youth in Saint John and the surrounding communities.

Centennial School Gets A Facelift!

By Caitlin Corkum

Centennial School was buzzing on September 23rd. Students from the school and Saint John High worked hard planting trees to beautify Centennial School's grounds. Doug Spears, manager of Cedarcrest Garden worked alongside the students planting trees he hand-picked for the project.

Barry Ogden, Co-op Supervisor at Saint John High and founder of Marigolds on Main Street, was instrumental in the beautification; he worked closely with Doug and Tina Estabrooks, principal of Centennial School, to make this project happen.

The project also couldn't have succeeded without Dillon Consulting, a PALS company, who provided funding for the beautification and Mark Pottle and the District 8 Grounds Crew who prepared the grounds for planting. The students had a great time and are very proud of their work!



Photo Courtesy of Centennial School



Photo Courtesy of Cameron Badger
Merissa Carr, Jaclyn Hannah, Riley Hannah, Jason Slipp and principal Jennifer Carhart at the new breakfast room at Hazen-White/St. Francis.

New Breakfast Room At Hazen-White

By Victoria McGuire

I've been going to Hazen-White/St. Francis for nine years. This past year Hazen-White improved the breakfast room. Last year they started to work on it and they completed it by the end of the school year so now we have a nice new breakfast room.

I would like to tell you about the breakfast room before the improvement. The walls were a very pale blue. I didn't really like the colour because there was no other colours in the room besides really light yellow. Another thing I would like to tell you is there was really no space in the old breakfast room for anything.

I would also like to tell you about the new things in the breakfast room. Now that we have improved the breakfast room there are darker colours and the room is not so plain. There are pictures on the walls that some of the students drew and painted. There is also more space in the breakfast room now that we rearranged the tables.

Some of the things we have at the breakfast club are cereal, pancakes, fresh fruits, yogurt, milk, real fruit juice, and toast. I think that it is important to the students to have the breakfast club because it provides each of them with a healthy start each day.

Upcoming Events At TRC

By Melissa Barrett

The Resource Centre for Youth (TRC) has plenty of things to celebrate this fall! The youth that attend Drop In (open daily at 3:15) are not only busy with school work, but getting involved in their community as well. This October is full of festive activities including our annual TRC Thanksgiving Dinner and the Hallowe'en Haunted House on October 29. The teens go all out decorating Drop In for these events, cooking and cleaning for the big Thanksgiving dinner and spooking up the TRC for the ultimate Haunted House. We are also pleased to be involved in the 3rd Annual Tin Can Challenge for National Housing Week in November. TRC promoted this event in all local high schools by encouraging student action committees to collect canned food and donate it to the less fortunate in our community.



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Teen Vibe Creates Community Leaders

By Jane Barry

On most days and evenings in Crescent Valley, good things are happening which provide fun, education and leadership skills in a safe, supervised environment to a growing number of teens. Teen Vibe is a program for youth from ages 12 to 18 offered by the Crescent Valley Resource Centre on McLaren Blvd.



Photo Courtesy of Jane Barry. Standing from left are Brad Snodgrass, coordinator Shaundell Curran, Cody Basque and Nathan Savoie. Seated from left are Carlie Basque, Leslie Melanson and Victoria McGuire.

Since 2006, Teen Vibe has played an important role in the North End neighbourhood; encouraging and supporting youth to become community leaders. It provides an outlet for teens to express their individualities while being able to acquire support from their peers in a healthy, positive, safe setting.

Teen Vibe is an excellent example of community partnerships with BCAP (Business Community Anti-Poverty Initiative), Vibrant Communities and The Resource Centre for Youth (TRC) joining forces. It has been financially supported by the Meighen Family Foundation.

Teen Vibe has taken a cue from the success of ONE (Old North End) Change. Its approach consists of learning by giving back to the community through projects such as neighbourhood beautification. Each week, an educational activity, homework club, music, drop-in and fun celebration round out the program, with more physical skill development in the works. Just having a safe enjoyable place to hang out means a lot say the youth who congregate regularly and feel it keeps them out of trouble. Nathan Savoie spends an average 10 to 15 hours weekly there and relates how he took part in a skateboarding competition finishing with top honours.

The teens clearly admire their centre's youth engagement co-ordinator, Shaundell Curran. The Prince Edward Island native has lots of experience, education and ideas to hold the interest of an energetic group of teens. Leslie Melanson, the president of Teen Vibe, proudly states she was part of the interview team, consisting of adults and teens who selected her for the job last spring. "She is awesome," she says, adding that they think they made the right choice.

Curran points out a rewards board for volunteering activities, which tallies points for each young person. Over the summer months the top three volunteers received special rewards for their dedication and devotion to their community, having taken part in activities like clean-ups, bottle drives and delivering newspapers. A trip to Moncton's Magic Mountain is the hands-down favourite. Their main focus is the beautification of Crescent Valley and the importance of volunteering within the community. They offered babysitting services during the provincial election so residents could get out and vote, a local program supported by the Greater Saint John Community Foundation and Vibrant Communities.

"Since developing the volunteer reward system there has been a huge increase with youth involvement with Teen Vibe," states Curran. "There has been a greater sense of ownership and respect towards their community and towards each other," she adds.

During Crescent Valley Days, more than 20 Teen Vibe youth volunteered for 20th anniversary celebrations in Crescent Valley, helping make it a great success. President Janet McLaughlin of the Crescent Valley Community Tenant Association and Lisa Morris, the co-ordinator of the Crescent Valley Resource Centre, are strong supporters of Teen Vibe. "This recognition has provided the youth with a sense of pride and dignity and in turn the participation of Teen Vibe continues to grow," concludes Curran.

Jane Barry is executive director of The Greater Saint John Community Foundation. Contact the foundation at 672-8880. To view other Community Profiles go to www.saint-john-foundation.nb.ca.

Updates From SJB-KE

By Kate Heffernan

The 2010-2011 school year has begun and things are already busy at St. John The Baptist-King Edward School. We have many new exciting activities being offered for students and parents this year!

SJB-KE School and the Early Learning Centre have started welcoming parents and guardians into the lobby on Fridays from 1:30 - 2 pm for Take 5 Friday Cafes. It is a chance for parents to meet other parents in the community and enjoy some coffee and muffins while they wait for their child.

The school has also partnered with the South End Community Centre to offer a six-week block of enrichment activities for our K-8 students. The enrichment will begin after Thanksgiving on October 12. Spots have filled up quickly and we are offering gymnastics, art classes, and a Red Cross Babysitting Course. We are hoping to offer enrichment again in January. Stay tuned for more details!

Celebrate What's Right With The World

By Joan Wilkins

As *Around The Block* celebrates its second anniversary, it is clear that this paper and all the people involved in its publication 'Celebrate what's RIGHT with the world!' The themes for October and November definitely tie into what *Around The Block* is and does – recognizing all the positives around us and using our strengths and talents to celebrate our communities.

I recall reading two years ago how there was going to be a paper dedicated to positives only; I knew we had to be part of this wonderful initiative. Over the past years we have been given the opportunity to share the Celebrate initiative with you along with how the children and youth in District 8 see and celebrate all the positives in their community. We look forward to continuing to 'celebrate' with *Around The Block*. Happy anniversary and keep on celebrating!

October

Our theme for October is "Recognize Abundance." School District 8 encourages everyone to recognize what strengths they have and look at situations from abundance rather than scarcity. Thought for the Month: "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." - Oprah Winfrey

November

Our theme for November is "Harness Your Energy." School District 8 recognizes that by using our strengths and talents we can find possibilities and solutions. Focusing on our strengths will give us energy to fix what is wrong. Thought for the Month: "Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can." - Danny Kaye



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Quality Learning NB Gets City Funding



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Kate Wright,
Mayor Ivan Court,
Wendell Dryden,
and Kevin Watson,
City of Saint John

Get Involved In Saint John Youth Radio

By Mark Leger

The *Whiners* youth radio show went to air for the first time, Saturday, Sept. 18. It was a great success with many news and entertainment stories that interest youth in the Saint John region. The show airs every week on Saturdays at 12 pm on Local 107.3 FM.

The show is produced by youth, for youth. We have a dedicated group of volunteers, but we need more youth to participate! If you're between the ages of 16-20, and want to become involved in the radio show, contact Holly Johnson at 608-9129. E-mail: holly.johnson@cfmh.ca. You can also contact Mark Leger at 636-8541. E-mail: mark@sjhdc.ca (No experience necessary! We provide training).



Photo Courtesy of The Whiners
John Park and Rickey Cook in the studio at Local 107.3 FM, the UNBSJ campus and community radio station



Photo Courtesy of Vibrant Communities
Cheryl Brown, QLN B Coordinator, MLA Trevor Holder, Janet McLaughlin,
Mayor Ivan Court, 'Where's Art', then Ward 3 Councillor Carl Killen, Councillor
Joe Mott, and Librarian Heather McKend

July 5 Proclaimed Story Tent Day

By Cheryl Brown

Mayor Ivan Court joined MLA Trevor Holder, and Saint John City Council Members Carl Killen and Joe Mott kicked off the 2010 Quality Storytent program. Mayor Court proclaimed July 5 to be New Brunswick Storytent Launch Day for 2010.

Storytent is an outdoor literacy program that gives families access to books for all ages, for borrowing or reading. It offers the provincial Summer Reading Club program to children in three North End communities (Crescent Valley, Anglin Drive and the Old North End). Research shows that Storytent helps children keep up or improve their reading skills.

This is the eighth year for Storytents in Crescent Valley. Since its beginning, Storytents have popped up in other New Brunswick communities, including Campbellton, Edmundston, Moncton and the St. Stephen area. The City of Saint John and the Saint John Free Public Library were major sponsors of the 2010 Storytent program.

Other financial support came from the Literacy Coalition of NB/PGI, Canaport LNG, the United Way of Greater Saint John, and the United Commercial Travelers (UCT) Jack Kidd Council 755.

For more information about Storytent please contact Cheryl Brown, Community Literacy Coordinator for Quality Learning NB at 333-2601. E-mail: sjfamilit@nbnet.nb.ca.

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Un cas étrange

par André Tedika Yimbu

Débarquer au Canada en laissant sa famille et ses amis au pays n'est pas une mince affaire. Et les conditions de vie, l'accueil reçu, les formalités..... ne rendent pas les choses plus faciles surtout quand on a pas de permis de travail. Que dire alors du changement d'environnement et du dépaysement culturel ? C'est difficile venant d'un autre pays mais j'espère rester ici à Saint Jean..



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Ma situation s'appelle "un cas étrange" c'est comme cela qu'on a défini ma situation partout où je frappe la porte car je n'ai pas droit de fréquenter les cours d'anglais, pas droit aux soins de santé, pas droit de travailler. Electricien de niveau collégial avec 31 ans d'expérience. Je parle Français, Italien, et l'Anglais fonctionnel. J'ai choisi la ville de Saint John car ses habitants ont la réputation d'être chaleureux. En tant qu'Africain, je suis sensible à cette qualité.

Madame Wendy MacDermott Coordinatrice de "Vibrant Communities" que je remercie en passant, m'a invité à assister à un atelier sur Réduction de la pauvreté, et là j'ai pu découvrir qu'il existe une structure communautaire dans chaque quartier de la ville. En tant qu'agent du développement communautaire je désire participer aux rencontres dans mon quartier, le Village.

A Strange Case

Landing in Canada and leaving your friends and family behind is not to be taken lightly. Not having a work permit makes the welcome, living conditions, and paperwork more difficult. What can I say about the change of environment and culture? It's hard coming from another country, but I hope to stay in Saint John.

My situation is considered a special case because I cannot access English courses, health services, or work. I am a college trained electrician with 31 years of experience. I speak French, Italian and functional English. I chose Saint John because its residents are known as warm and welcoming. As an African, these are important qualities to me.

Wendy MacDermott, Coordinator of Vibrant Communities, who I would like to thank, invited me to participate in an event on poverty reduction. I learned that there are community structures in each neighborhood of the City. As a community developer at heart, I would like to get involved in meetings in my neighborhood, the Village.

E-mail André at tedikapdg@yahoo.fr

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From left: Penni Eisenhauer, MLA Trevor Holder, Lisa Chamberlain, Mayor Ivan Court, Mellisa Moore, Laura Basque, Bobbi Craft, and Kevin Watson, City of Saint John

Learn And Go

By Shelly Basque

Learn and Go is about how to come together as a community and find a project that you are very passionate about and make it a reality. You do three weeks in the classroom with workshops and then you do a couple of weeks together with the group you have chosen, with the help of a mentor, to make your project happen. Then you present your project to potential partners which can make your project a reality.



I participated in Learn and Go last year. Two other people and I worked on getting a skate pad in Crescent Valley which is still in the works and now I am assisting Bobbi Craft with this year's Learn and Go. We have several different workshops about media, and tips to relax when speaking in front of a crowd, how to deal with meetings, and how to work as a team. We had such a good turnout for this year. In the morning class we have about 18 people and in the evening class we have about 20. We are on our last week and you can see the friendships starting to happen and people are starting to open and blossom, also you can hear some of the great ideas for projects. It's a great program and very interesting and would take it again in a heartbeat. Watch for updates and stories about how everyone did in the next issue of *Around The Block*.

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Saint John Breastfeeding Alliance

By Giselle Powell

The Saint John Breastfeeding Alliance hosted a Breastfeeding Challenge on October 2, 2010 at Just Play. One of the goals of the challenge is to gather as many moms with their infant or young child as possible and breastfeed at the same time in the same place in order to set a record. It is an annual social event that helps to raise awareness about breastfeeding as a part of every day life. This activity was possible thanks to our community volunteers and sponsors: Horizon Health Zone 2- Public Health, The Saint John Breastfeeding Alliance, sjkid.com, and Just Play.

YMCA Helps Settle Newcomers

By Sheri McAulay

Like many others I'm venturing down a new path in the world of work. I have been working with Y Settlement Services team for four months. Settlement Services offers assistance to our newcomers in making Saint John their new home. My position, Settlement Counsellor, allows me to be one of the first to welcome newcomers to our city. I assist with the integration into the local community, teach specialized life skills, and model life the Canadian way. Integration is a dynamic, two way process in which newcomers and the receiving society work together to build secure, vibrant, and cohesive communities. I value our volunteers that have been ambassadors for their communities. Anyone wishing to have more information on how they can become volunteers can visit us at 130 Broadview Avenue or call 634-4937.

Celebrating The Food Purchase Club

By Penni Eisenhauer

The South End has lots to celebrate and the Food Purchase Club is one reason. Since January 2010 residents of the South End community have had the opportunity to access fresh fruits and vegetables on a monthly basis at wholesale prices by participating in this program.

Our goal is to help members stretch their dollars by offering fruits and vegetables at affordable prices (\$10-\$20). Money collected is pooled together with other neighborhoods participating in the program and this allows us to take advantage of lower prices by buying directly from wholesalers. Members volunteer their time and energy on a monthly basis – sharing in the work necessary to purchase, sort, and deliver the orders.



Photo Courtesy of Penni Eisenhauer

I would like to celebrate Martha MacLean from the Community Health Centre as every month she co-ordinates the buying and delivery to our neighbourhood; also, Rev. Don Uhryniw for providing the church space and collecting the money; and, Kate Heffernan for her co-ordination at the Saint John the Baptist King Edward School. I would also like to celebrate all the volunteers who help on a monthly basis with packing and delivery. Without you the program would not be as successful.

For anyone wishing to participate in the club, please register at the Centenary-Queen Square Church between the 1st and 10th of the month on either Tuesday or Friday between 9 am – 12 pm; or, Monday – Friday at the Saint John the Baptist King Edward School.

For more information please contact Penni Eisenhauer at southendasistant@gmail.com or 652-9799.

Ties To Work - Why Get Involved?

By Shirley Mitchell

Ties 2 Work is an employment program that opens doors and gives opportunity to candidates looking for work, and it gives opportunity to employers to find candidates with the essential skills and talent they require for their job openings.

Many employers have staffing shortages; whether it is a position requiring manual labour and the ability to fill in documents, or an administrative and bookkeeping position that requires computer skills. Some of these positions are in the service and retail industries.

The good news: most people can be trained for many of these positions if they have the Essential Skills, the right attitude, and guidance!

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Participants of "Ties 2 Work" receive nine weeks of training to ensure they have the essential skills to work in any business. They visit the job site prior to any placement and will work for three weeks on the job to determine if this is a good match for both. The objective is to provide full-time employment to the successful participant and fulfill the employer's needs.

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Celebrating The East Side Motivators

By Kimberly Williams with Penni Eisenhauer

A group of community-minded residents living in the Reading Crescent and Roxbury Drive area have recently come together to work towards making a difference in their neighbourhood. On Sept. 25, a Community Yard Sale was held to raise monies for a Halloween Party for the children and families in the neighbourhood. More than \$700 was raised thanks to the help and support of many residents and community partners.



Photo Courtesy of Pennie Eisenhauer

The children (6-12 years) held a fundraiser that day too by selling lemonade and cookies. Raffle tickets were sold on several great donations, such as a Halloween Specialty Cake, gift baskets, and a gift certificate.

Thanks to the volunteers that face-painted during the day. The East Side Motivators would also like to give a special thanks to

Chris Doucet (Citigroup) for providing a wonderful space at 14 Reading Crescent. The group plans to work together with community partners in an effort to bring programs and services to the residents of the neighbourhood; develop a community clothing room; children's game room; and lots of other great ideas. If anyone is interested in getting involved in their neighbourhood, please feel free to contact Kimberley at 214-1363 or Rick at 693-6339.

Newspaper Receives City Grant

Photo Courtesy of Vibrant Communities Kevin Watson, City of Saint John, Juanita Black, and Mayor Ivan Court.



The Saint John Community Loan Fund and 21 Inc are proud to announce that

Alexandra Warner has

been chosen as one of 50 Atlantic Canadian Emerging Leaders and will be attending the Atlantic Summit in St. Andrews on November 21. Alexandra is the Training Support Coordinator at the Loan Fund, where she facilitates the Money Matters financial literacy training program, as well as the upcoming Assets program. She also provides business and marketing supports to Enterprising Women and to youth in the summer Youth Entrepreneurship Success (YES) program. While studying for her business degree at UNBSJ, Alexandra chose work placements in countries on three different continents.

We are lucky to have her back in Saint John. Congratulations Alexandra!

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PWIP Hosts Awards Luncheon

By Laura Anderson

Congratulations to *Around The Block* on your second anniversary.

As a "hats off" to our participants and employers, the Partners for Workplace Inclusion Program (PWIP) was pleased to host its 2nd Annual Business Awards Luncheon on Oct. 6.

Congratulations to the PWIP participants who worked hard to obtain employment and still work hard at their jobs today. Your drive in the job hunt and in the workplace deserves praise.

We also would like to applaud the employers who work hard to diversify their workforces. By including people with various abilities in your workplaces, you show your true dedication to your community.

It was our pleasure to present awards to The Urban Core Support Network, All Lift Truck Training, Salvation Army Residential Booth Services, The Home Depot, Senior Watch, and Long & McQuade.



Photo Courtesy of Pennie Eisenhauer From left: Ted Cunningham, Lyn King, Tia Gorman, Marilyn Hampton, Jean Mowatt, Patrick McGrath, and Garry Prosser.

Take Poverty Reduction To Next Level

By Wendy MacDermott

More than 110 representatives from businesses, non-profits, three levels of government, and residents came together to review Saint John's progress in reducing poverty. The group was inspired by the leadership shown by neighbourhoods, youth, business, and the province to make a difference in our community. Here are a few things



Photo Courtesy of Wendy MacDermott

worth celebrating so far in 2010: More than 250 people have taken programs to help them go to work or training; 20 new businesses have been involved in these programs; 106 youth have become engaged in new ways; 115 new affordable housing units are allocated for Saint John area; five priority neighbourhoods have active group of residents; and the poverty rate has decreased 26% over the last 10 years.

Even with all this success, the group was not satisfied! We need to push harder, we need to be louder, and we have to keep working together. Keep up the good work! It's the little things that matter. Pick up a piece of garbage, smile at someone you pass on the street, help out a neighbour. Get involved in your community. Together we are making a difference.

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