The Doaktown Headwaters

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ISSUE #24

Remembering
OUR FALLEN HEROES ON REMEMBRANCE DAY

Why is it called Remembrance Day?

It became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. Originally known as Armistice Day, it was renamed Remembrance Day after WW II to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.
John McCrae

TUES

11 NOV



JOHN MCCRAE

Why a two minute silence?

Signalled by the firing of the gun, one minute was a time of thanksgiving for those who had returned alive, the second minute was to remember the fallen.

we will remember we will remember we will remember





This month, I feel it is necessary to speak to an ongoing problem that seems to plague many municipalities - the enforcement of by-laws. The non-compliance of by-laws runs in cycles. I am confident in saying the peak in the cycle is being reached in the Village of Doaktown over the past six months. The by-laws that appear at the top of the Controversy List are Unsightly Premises, Animal Control, Building Permits, and Development. How did we get here, and what is the solution to address the growing non-compliance issue?

The major obstacle, in my opinion, is the lack of enforcement and the funding to acquire an enforcement officer. If there are repercussions for breaking the law, most would agree that some citizens would take advantage of that and do whatever was in their interests. For instance, if you wanted to build an out building on your property and all you require was a permit, the solution is simple - get a permit! However, no enforcement means "why bother, I will build the out building and beg for forgiveness."

In the case of Unsightly Premises, if you do not care about your neighbours that value their property and let your grass grow three feet high, leave junk all over your property, and have piles of trash in the front yard; why care if there is no enforcement? This is not the way most of the residents in this beautiful community want to operate. It is the duty of Mayor and Council to come up with viable solutions to address this very impactful problem.

The five-year Rural Plan is being developed for the Village. Through the early part of 2026 we hope to have it passed by Village Council. It is my sincere hope to have residents with knowledge and interest come forward and assist in "getting it right." Only through dialogue and debate do we come up with a plan that makes sense and is easier to enforce.

In the meantime, I have been seeking solutions through the Greater Miramichi Service Commission (GMSC). The GMSC had a one-year trial to use an outside agency to provide enforcement service. It was initially effective but, with a change in personnel, it failed. So, the Commission and Mayors that make up this board have requested staff provide a plan. This plan for development and the way ahead for enforcing the plan was presented the last week of October. The GMSC is our best option for a shared service as it reduces the cost to each municipality.

In the years I have been involved with municipal council, the standard procedure for bylaw infractions was to speak to the offender, and if it persisted, a polite letter was sent to comply. As a good neighbour this seems the ethical thing to do - fix the issue and live in harmony. Well, it doesn't work in many cases and the hesitation to take the issue further is based on the financial ability to go to court, people's community status or sometimes just the headache of dealing with the same offenders.

This needs to be addressed. The Village Council is a position and has the responsibility to move these cases forward. We are going to begin taking on one case at a time. If the by-law directives are not met within the prescribed timelines, there will be tax money spent on lawyer fees.

There is also a high frustration level on the timely issuing of permits from GMSC. This is an issue that also receives a great deal of attention from all Mayors in the Commission. I hear of very reputable business operators and residents that are trying to follow the correct procedures, but they sometimes face significant delays. It isn't always a problem with the Planning and Development Officers. Many times it is the contractors and residents not following the direction of the Planning and Development office. Make no mistake, we can and will do better at GMSC. I encourage village residents that plan on building or adding on any development to engage Council and Staff from the onset. If we are aware and there are issues, we are here to help.

On a final note on this topic, if you are making a complaint about a by-law being broken and truly want help, come with written facts. If you have solutions, come forward. I can guarantee Council and Staff do not have all the answers and are very open to positive suggestions.

Before I close for this month, A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the Doaktown Firefighter Challenge Team for their success in Texas at the World Championships! This small community of just under 1500 residents finished **FIRST PLACE IN THE WORLD!** The members of this team set numerous world records, achieved top three finishes in several categories, set personal best times, and one outstanding Firefighter entered the "Lion's Den."

There will much more information on the team in the next edition and I will break down all the unbelievable achievements the lads raked in! Until the next edition, stay safe, be kind to friends and neighbours, and take the time to honor our Veterans on Remembrance Day!

Mayor Art O'Donnell

Stay tuned for December's edition of the Newsletter for exciting news from the Doaktown Firefighter Challenge World Champions!

Church Services

Good Shephard Parish -Our Lady of Annunciation

Fridays - 6:30 pm Saturdays - 4 pm

St. Bridget's - Renous St. Raphael's - Blackville

Mondays - 11 am Tuesdays - 9 am Sundays - 11 am Sundays - 9 am

Abundant Life Church

Morning Worship & Sunday School Sundays - 11 am

> Bible Study Tuesdays - 7 pm

Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church

Sundays - 11 am & 6 pm Wednesday - 7 pm

Anglican Parish St. Andrew's - Doaktown St. James the Greater- Ludlow

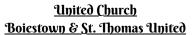
 Sun., Nov. 9 & 16
 Sun., Nov. 23 & 30

 9 am - Ludlow
 9 am - Doaktown

 11 am - Doaktown
 11 am - Ludlow

Miramichi Valley Church

Sundays - 10:30 am Mid Week Study Wednesdays - 7 pm



Sundays - 11 am

Nov. 9 - Doaktown - Communion

Nov. 16 - Boiestown Nov. 23 - Doaktown

Nov. 30 - Boiestown

Dec. 7 - Doaktown

Monthly Council Meeting

Regular meetings are h<mark>eld on the third Wednesday of every month</mark>

Nov. 19, 2025 - 7:30 pm

Dec. 17, 2025 - 7:30 pm

Jan. 21, 2026 - 7:30 pm

Garbage & Recycling Schedule

Nov. 10 - Garbage

Nov. 17 -Recycling

Nov. 24 - Garbage

Dec. 1 - Recycling

Please note that garbage will not be picked up in a blue bin or a painted blue bin. Bins must be placed curbside by <u>6 am</u>.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 23 Remembrance Day Events

- Sat., Nov. 8 Remembrance Day Dinner
 - Tickets are \$25 Contact the Legion (506) 365-7867 or email doaktownlegion23@gmail.com for details.
- Tues., Nov. 11 Remembrance Day service
 - Located at the Legion Cenotaph
 - 10:30 am with refreshments to follow at the Legion.
 - In the event of rain/snow the service will be held in the Legion.
- Contact Poppy Chair, Beresford Price, at (506)
 259-3636 for information regarding wreaths,
 Icrosses or the Poppy Fund donations.

Downstairs Lounge open every Saturday 2 - 5 pm

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch #23 Remembrance Day Order Form



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	Cross #35 - \$50: A background of rich green artificial grass with a cluster of three poppies, three maple leaves, two cycas and a bow of purple ribbon	Donations	s:	
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		Cross #35	- \$50:	
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Do you wis	sh to pick up your wreath/cross at the Leg	gion on Nover	mber 11?	YES NO
Do you wis	sh the wreath/cross be placed at the Cend	otaph on you	r behalf?	YES NO
A donation	n/cross/wreath has been made to the Leg	ion Ponny Fu	nd - Bran	ach 23 hw

In Loving Memory of: -

Learn and Play Program

We would like to invite parents and their children ages 0-4 (all ages prior to Kindergarten) to our new Learn and Play Program. This program is an opportunity for parents of young children to connect with each other and staff from the Central Miramichi Community Health Clinic like our Nurses, Dietician, and Respiratory Therapist. We will be providing helpful health information while the children play over the program dates. If you are interested in attending or have questions please call (506) 365-6100.

Program Information

Location: Doaktown Community-School Library,430 Main St.

Dates: Nov. 14, 28, and Dec. 12, 2025

Time: 9 – 11 am







PRIZEBINGO

Our Lady of Annunciation, 714 Main St., Doaktown

Sat. Nov. 8 - 7pm

All proceeds going to U13 River Valley Lumberjacks (We will be selling tickets to draw for any left over prizes)

Sat. Nov. 22 - 7 pm
Church Prize Bingo

Sat. Dec. 6 - 7 pm

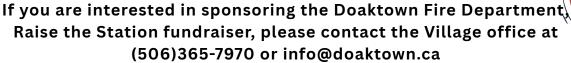
Proceed going to Central NB Self Help

Canteen will be available at all events.

Bring your friends & dabbers

RAISE STATION 328

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Doaktown Community-School Library

430 Main Street, Doaktown, N.B.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9 - 11:30 am and 12:30 - 4:30 pm Thursday: 12:30 - 4:30 pm and 5:30 - 8 pm

Follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information on programs and services.

We have Curbside Pick-up!!! Call 365-2018 to book an appointment!



JOIN US FOR OUR LIBRARY PROGRAMS!!

WELLNESS ACTIVITIES

FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Mondays 1 pm

Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Nov. 24

GAMES IN THE LIBRARY

Mondays 1:30 pm



BRIDGE

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4 pm

BEGINNER FRENCH CLASS

Thursdays at 6 pm

Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Nov. 27



CHAIR EXERCISES

Tuesdays 2 pm



TANGLED TALES **BUSY BEE OUILTERS**

Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4

12:30 - 4 pm



FOR CHILDREN

PLAYGROUP (Chipman Care 'N' Share)

Wednesdays 9 -11 am

The library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 for **Remembrance Day**



Congratulations to all our Pumpkin Growing and Pie Baking Contest winners!!

Pumpkin Growing Contest Winners 1st Place Adult - Scott Chappell - 73.2 lbs

1st Place Youth - Joshua Chappell - 63.1 lbs 2nd Place Youth - Sophie Chappell- 57.3 lbs



Pie Baking Contest Winners 1st Place -Paulette Munn

(Lemon Pie)



2nd Place - Paulette Munn (Coconut Cream Pie)



Thank you everyone for contributing to such a successful and exciting event!

New Program!! Caregiver Support Group!

First meeting: November 19

Where: Doaktown Library

When: 2 pm

Facilitated by the Doaktown Clinic!

New Program!! Horizon Health Playgroup!

Nov. 14, Nov. 28, Dec. 12

Doaktown Library 9 - 11 am





Facilitated by the Doaktown Clinic Nurses!

THANK YOU to the following donor!



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(closed for lunch from 12-1:15 pm)



Come in and check out our

BRAND NEW STAIRCLIMBER!!!! And

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Have you been thinking about joining the gym and find the thought of the gym environment intimidating???

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We also have a Certified Personal Trainer at the gym! You can purchase a 4 week customized workout plan for \$100 for 4 weeks to help give the kickstart you need toward your fitness goals!

Stop in or call or text Sarah today for more information at (506) 478-2099









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TO ORDER CALL THE SCHOOL AT (506) 365-2060

THE CENTRAL NB WOODMEN'S MUSEUM'S ANNUAL

6342 Route 8 Boiestown, NB

Breakfast with Sauta

Dec 6, 2025 | 8 - 11am

Come Join us at The Central NB Woodmen's Museum for a delicious home cooked breakfast & have a visit with Santa!



Homemade Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Fresh Baked Beans, Toast, Juice, Coffee, Tea & Jams

> Santa will be visiting from 8am - 10am

> > Breakfast served from 8am - 11am

Adults \$15.00 | Youth 6-12 \$6.00 Kids 5 & Under FREE

Be sure to stop by the Mini Craft & Baking Market located downstairs in the art gallery.

For more info call: (506) 369-7214 or email: info@woodmensmuseum.com



WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR OVERALL HEALTH?

Find out how your Community Paramedic can help. Our new social prescribing project aims to assist busy adults make time for activities that enhance health and improve quality of life.

Social Prescribing is a global movement to consider all the areas of wellbeing, and supplement traditional healthcare with community support, housing, food and nutrition, as well as enrichment activities, to help you live the best life you can.

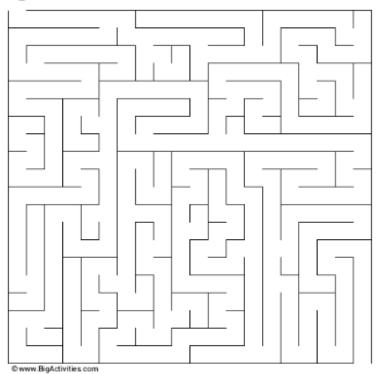
This free program is available to adults over the age of 18 that live in the communities of Doaktown, Boiestown, or surrounding area.

Your Community Paramedic will work with you to identify areas outside of traditional healthcare that may help improve your wellbeing. Let's figure out what matters to you and how best to work towards your goals.

Appointments can be made through CMCHC (Doaktown Clinic) at: (506) 365-6100







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Finish

How do you get a squirrel to like you?

Act like a nut.

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?

It waves.

What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?

Thunderwear.





How many different words can you make from the words:

Remembrance	Day
	200

Memorials & Thank You

Thank you

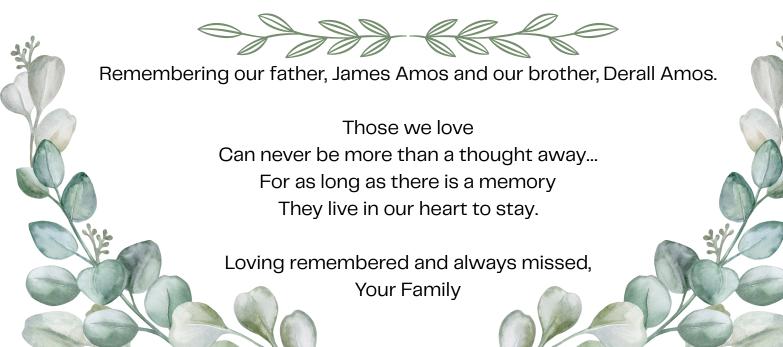
The family of the late Deborah Osiowy would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who have offered prayers, love, and support during our time of loss.

Thank you to everyone who was present for the Celebration of Life, with special thanks to Bishop David Edwards and Archdeacon Brent Ham for their ministry. Thank you to all of the people who contributed time, talent and treasure to make the reception so wonderful. We are grateful for the care that everyone has shown.

Fr. Neil Osiowy & family, the Rousselle & LeBlanc families







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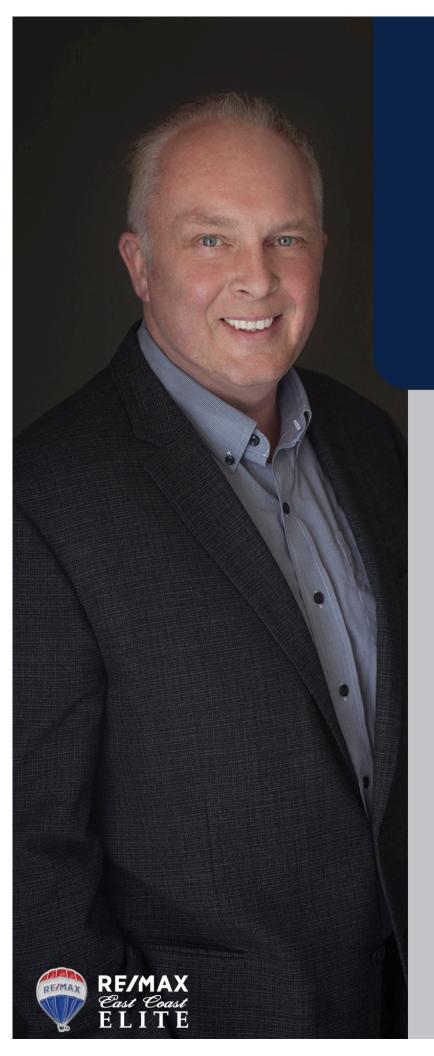


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served with Spaghetti and Garlic Bread

Charbroiled Smash Burger \$17. served with Bacon and cheese served with Fries

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Hamburger Steak Dinner \$16. served with Gravy, Onions, & Fries

Crispy Chicken Caesar Wrap with Fries \$16.

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With toast, home fries & fresh fruit

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Toasted Western, Home Fries and Fresh Fruit \$14.

The Classic Breakfast \$13.

With choice of meat, 2 eggs, home fries, toast & fresh fruit

KIDS Breakfast Special \$10.

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