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PEHRA is hosting Halloween! Contests for the scariest costumes and the best carved pumpkins in Birches Park on October 28, 2PM - 4PM.

Enjoy an afternoon of fun for the whole family! The festivities start at 2:00pm. Bring your best pre-carved pumpkin to be judged in our Pumpkin Contest. No pumpkin? No problem! You can also enter the Costume Contest for a chance to win a prize! Added attractions are Pin-the Hat on the Scarecrow, apple bobbing, and more. Kids and adults can enjoy the activities and contests along with refreshments and snacks until 4:00pm! Visit the PEHRA Booth to join or renew your \$10 per household membership.



PEHRA AGM Community Meeting

Wednesday, November 1st
7:00pm to 9:00pm
WOODLAWN LIBRARY
AUDITORIUM

- Presentations on key issues
 - Discuss plans for building a GAZEBO
 - Join or renew your PEHRA membership
- For more info call, Dalyce: 902-448-1010



(picture of Heather-Mae Zinck)

THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SPOTLIGHT

Heather-Mae Zinck

This issue's feature goes to Heather-Mae, who is known to many in the neighbourhood as a tireless volunteer with Scouts Canada, a champion for lost pets, and a source of delicious food whether for teacher appreciation luncheons or the Breakfast Program at Ellenvale Junior High School. Heather-Mae has given of her time and talents for many years in Portland Estates/Hills. (continued on pg 2)



THE GOOD NEIGHBOUR SPOTLIGHT (CONT'D)

How long have you lived in Portland Estates? I have lived in Portland Estates then Portland Hills for the past 18 years with my husband Jonathan and two children, MacKenzie (21) and Margaret (14).

What do you value most as a resident of portland estates/hills? There is such a good sense of community. I like the way everyone comes together: it is a close knit group, one of the best out there. Everyone comes together when someone in the neighbourhood is in need. Like when a pet is lost and posted through the PEHRA Facebook page, neighbours are helping each other. PEHRA is a great organization to have in the community, they organize community events and in the past members have gone into the school to teach children about the trails and ecosystems.

Can you tell us about your volunteering efforts? For about 10 years I volunteered with Scouts Canada as the Group Commissionaire for the 1st Portland Estates Scouting Group, I enjoyed working with the kids but it's time to take a rest. I was also a member of the PTO for Portland Estates. I still volunteer with the Breakfast Program at Ellenvale Junior High where I prepare breakfast for children in need, usually one day a week.

PROJECT UPDATE: BUILDING A GAZEBO IN BIRCHES PARK

PEHRA is very pleased that HRM has approved our "Gazebo in the Park" project and Councillor Karsten has committed funding to support this exciting addition to Birches Park.

Why: The Gazebo will be a great place to enjoy shade, share a family picnic or gaze peacefully at our lovely lake. It will also provide our community with a permanent stage and opportunity to host annual concerts in the park!

What: PEHRA has presented preliminary design specs to HRM. The Gazebo is proposed to be a 16' x 24' raised platform with a roof, benches, railing, and step and ramp access.

When: HRM will be tendering the construction in March of 2018. PEHRA targets completion for the summer of 2018 with the objective of holding our first concert by September of 2018.



Where: PEHRA tested the location for our Gazebo at our 2nd Annual Fun Fest. Our stage was positioned at the end of the field, allowing space for audience, as well as a view of Morris Lake. *To get involved, please contact Dalyce at birchespark@pehra.info.*

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LIVE BAND, FOOD & FUN AT OUR 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY FUN FEST

The local band, Reminiscent, returned again this year to kick off our 2nd Annual Community Fun Fest in Birches Park, Sunday June 25th. The CheeseCurds Food Truck was a new addition serving up hot dogs and gourmet poutine! Kids enjoyed the train rides on the trail, jumping castle, face painting and traditional picnic races. Enthusiastic participants lined up for the 3-legged races, sack races and shoe kicking contests! A team of Portland Hills residents were victorious in our 'first-ever' Estates vs Hills community tug-of-war match. Over 600 residents strolled the showcase of local businesses and enjoyed an afternoon of fun in our beautiful Birches Park!



The Fun Fest would not be possible without the efforts of many dedicated PEHRA volunteers, participating businesses and all of our Sponsors! A big thank you to all those who helped make our day a success. For more photos, video and details on our Fun Fest please visit our PEHRA website. See you next year!



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CURBSIDE COLLECTION: THINGS TO KNOW

Review these important guidelines for curbside collection to help keep waste in its place! Curbside Collection services can begin as early as 7a.m. but may vary each week. Garbage and recyclables may be placed on the curbside the evening prior to collection day as long as it is past 7p.m. Any garbage not collected on the day of collection must be removed from the curb by 9p.m. Only clear plastic bags are to be used: not yellow, red, or transparent blue colour and no single bag can weigh more than 55lbs when full. Garbage cans must have handles, a secure cover and cannot weigh more than 75lbs. Call 311 or visit halifax.ca/recycle for more information. - By Leila Bautista

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For business promotions, 'help wanted' ads and lost animal announcements, there is a posting section beside the white board where you can attach posters. Just make sure the ads are protected against weather. You don't need permission to post here, however the area is monitored for family appropriate materials and cleaned up regularly. A take-down date is welcomed.

If you have an event you would like to advertise, please contact us at communication@pehra.info and we would be happy to put it up on our Community Bulletin Board.



ADVERTISING IN PEHRA NEWSLETTER

The PEHRA Community Newsletter is circulated to the residents of Portland Estates & Portland Hills. If you have a business or service that needs to reach our readership, you can advertise a business card sized ad in our newsletter for low cost of \$50 per issue.

To place an ad in our newsletter, please contact Dalyce at newsletter@pehra.info or 902-448-1010.

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