

The Doaktown Headwaters

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ISSUE #26

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

*Friday,
February 14, 2026*

Did you Know?

- Teachers receive the most valentines day cards
- In medieval times, love was sometimes symbolized by the image of a hunter's knot or love knot, signifying an unbreakable bond
- Conversation hearts began as medical lozenges
- The number of conversation hearts made every year exceeds 8 billion
- King Henry VIII declared February 14 a holiday in 1537



"According to a survey, nearly 6 million couples get engaged on Valentine's Day"

ROSES 
are the most popular

FLOWERS
on Valentine's Day:

63% Red

27% Pink

26% White

20% Mixed

18% Purple

15% Yellow

13% Peach

11% Orange

-Source: aboutflowers.com



Mayor's Corner



I will begin this month's "Mayors Corner" by expressing my condolences and prayers to the families experiencing sickness and death. It has been a difficult beginning to 2026; however our community is a strong and supportive. Please continue to lift up your neighbours and provide the support they need.

The Fire Station project has encountered a small setback in our forecasted timeline. The tender that was produced to prepare the site, to strengthen the lot for a suitable foundation, came in at a significant amount above our engineer's prediction. Therefore, to remain within the budget, a decision was made by the Fire Station committee to delay this phase until May 2026.

The delay cut significant cost by improving conditions from winter to spring. The access road to the building site was cut out of this phase as well. In the meantime, the architects will continue to move forward on completing the drawings from January 2026. Construction of the building is scheduled for May 2027.

With a new year comes a new budget and many residents will be eager to learn what their tax rates will be in 2026. The Village's 2026 budget was accepted by the Provincial Government and passed during the Village's monthly meeting in January. Two factors that had significant impact on this years tax increase were the loan from Capital Borrowing Board to construct the Fire Station and the Provincial Governments decision to freeze property assessments.

The increase within the old VOD limits, is an increase of 9 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The area previously known as Parish of Blissfield was increased by 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This area continues to be taxed at a significantly reduced rate due to restrictions imposed during the reform period.

It's important to look at both sides – generating the revenue needed for services while keeping taxes at a rate our community can support.

At this present rate, council endeavours to maintain our present services. The budget process was difficult. I thank our office staff, led by our Treasurer, for diligent work to cover all aspects of the services that operate our Municipality.

Have a safe February and look out for your neighbours and friends!

Art



From left - right Jennifer O'Donnell-Price (Creative director), Michele Gilks (Editor-in-chief), Krista Lambert (Co-editor), Joy Amos (Co-editor, sales & distribution)

*Happy Valentine's Day from the ladies of
the Doaktown Headwaters*

For information on submissions to the newsletter please email
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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., Feb. 1 & 8 Sun., Feb. 15
9 am - Ludlow 9 am - Doaktown
11 am - Doaktown 11 am - Ludlow

Sun., Feb. 22
10:30 am - Ludlow - shared service, light
lunch & AGM

Sun., Mar. 1
10:30 am - Doaktown - shared service

Miramichi Valley Church

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

United Church

Boiestown & St. Thomas United

Sundays - 11 am
Feb. 1 - Doaktown
Feb. 8 - Boiestown - Communion
Feb. 15 - Doaktown
Feb. 22 - Boiestown



ALL DOGS RESIDING IN THE VILLAGE
OF DOAKTOWN MUST POSSESS A TAG.
TAGS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE
VILLAGE OFFICE, MONDAY TO FRIDAY,
BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM, AT A COST
OF \$10 (CASH ONLY).



The Recipe Swap

We are looking for your
favourite tried and true
recipes.

Please submit your recipe
to be drawn for publishing
in the newsletter.

Submissions along with
your name can be sent to
headwaters@doaktown.ca

RAISE STATION 328

SPONSORSHIPS

If you are interested in sponsoring the Doaktown Fire Department, Raise the Station fundraiser, please contact the Village office at (506)365-7970 or info@doaktown.ca



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Doaktown Community-School Library

30 Main Street, Doaktown, N.B.

Phone: (506) 365-2018



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
Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, Mar. 2



GAMES IN THE LIBRARY

Mondays 2 pm

BRIDGE

Wednesdays 12:30 - 4 pm



BEGINNER FRENCH CLASS

Thursdays at 6 pm
Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, Feb. 26,
Mar. 5

KEEPING ACTIVE

CHAIR EXERCISES

Tuesdays 2 pm



TANGLED TALES

BUSY BEE QUILTERS

Feb. 5, Feb. 19, Mar. 5
12:30 - 4 pm



FOR CHILDREN

PLAYGROUP (Chipman Care 'N' Share)

Wednesdays 9 - 11 am



WINTER REMINDER

All library programs will be cancelled any day that school is closed due to weather

Congratulations to the winners of the Doaktown Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest!



Emma Parker
Joseph Van Exan
Mia Spencer

Hunter Walker
Joseph Walker
Noah Wakely



Read-to-Ride!



A reminder to the Doaktown Elementary School students to fill out your Read-to-Ride ballots and return them to the school!

LOCATION CHANGE!!

Caregiver Support Group!

Feb. 18 & Mar. 18

Where: Doaktown Health Centre

When: 2 pm

Facilitated by the Doaktown Clinic!



THANK YOU to the following donors!

Judy Robichaud - In memory of Carrie Weaver
Roxanne Harding - In memory of Carrie Weaver
DCHS Class of 1975



Peter & Sue Parker - In memory of
Dr. Lorne Edward Parker



The library will be closed on
Monday, February 16th for Family Day

Cancer Support Group Meeting



Monthly meetings will be provided at the Central Miramichi Community Health Center! February 10 and March 10, 2026 from 2-3 PM.

Individuals currently battling cancer or have had cancer in the past are welcome to join for support and discussion.



Central Miramichi Community Health Centre
11 Prospect St., Doaktown
[506-365-6100](tel:506-365-6100)



February Community
Meal!

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 18
4:30 PM - 6 PM

HEARTY CHICKEN

**SOUP, ROLL,
DESSERT, FRUIT,
JUICE, COFFEE &
TEA!**

\$5

KIDS UNDER 16 \$2

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Fun Corner

What did one lightbulb say to the other on Valentine's Day?

I love you watts and watts.



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ADDITION NUMBERS CROSSWORD



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What did the muffin say to the other muffin on Valentine's day?



I'd be muffin without you!

LearnFunnyJokes.com

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BE MY VALENTINE?

Yes No



Happy Valentine's Day

I SPY ... COUNT & RECORD



Directions: Count the Valentine's Day Objects. How many of each object are there? Write the number of each object below.











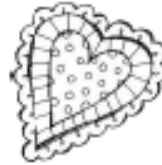






Valentine's Day Scramble

Unscramble the letters below to form Valentine's Day words. The letters in the boxes will form a special word.



1. elwrfo

2. yatpr

3. ftgi

4. vleo

5. nlgea

6. der

7. sero

8. rehta

9. veig

10. inpk

Answers: flower, party, gift, love, angel, red, rose, heart, give, pink - special word is friendship



Memorials & Thank You

Thank You

The family of the late William (Bill) Charters would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who reached out to us with phone calls, food, flowers and memorial donations. A special thank you to Janice Wellwood for playing for the service, Morris Green for the eulogy and the UCW ladies for providing the food for the reception following the service. It was all greatly appreciated.

With thanks, Joyce & Elaine

Thank You

Thank you to all of those that have been there for us, the family of Effie Colford during her illness and passing. We are so grateful for your contributions in any way.

Your blessing has not gone unnoticed. We are most appreciative for Dr. Chow, the Miramichi Hospital doctors and staff for their care.



The family of the late Gracie Rhynard would like to extend a sincere thanks to all that shared in our grief and honoring Mom's memory with us at her celebration of life. It was a very casual day with family and friends, and she would have loved it.

We have been deeply touched by the overwhelming outpouring of love, support and condolences from each and every one of you. Your kind words, gestures and presence have been a source of immense comfort and strength for us.

Thank you to her caregivers, for the exceptional, compassionate care you provided our Mom during her years with dementia.

To the Miramichi Hospital staff for the care you provided to Mom during her final days; you made a difficult time peaceful and dignified.

To Rev. Neil Osiowy for the beautiful service and communion at the hospital.

To the Royal Canadian Legion Br#23 and staff for help with the Celebration of Life. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Losing a mother is never easy, but having friends like you all gave us the strength and courage to deal with it. We are truly blessed to have such a great community. May God bless you all.

Love from Karen, Claude, Kayla and Amanda.





Missing You, Darrah and Aubrey

If time could turn back the pages,
Oh, what a time it would be;
You would be at the restaurant
Having lunch with me.

We were such good buddies,
No one else can take your place,
With your special beard and mustache,
And a great big smile on your face.

It's been almost eight years since you left us,
It just seems like yesterday
When you helped with all my gospel sings,
Listening to all the gospel music we would play.

Life has never been the same
Since I lost you and Dad;
Words can never say how much I miss you both,
The best husband and son I ever had.

No one else can take your place,
You were both gifts to me from God;
One of these days we'll all meet together
On the streets of gold we'll trod.

Love and miss you both so much,
Wife and mother Alice Long



Darrah Long (d. July 23, 2018)
Aubrey Long (d. January 13, 1996)

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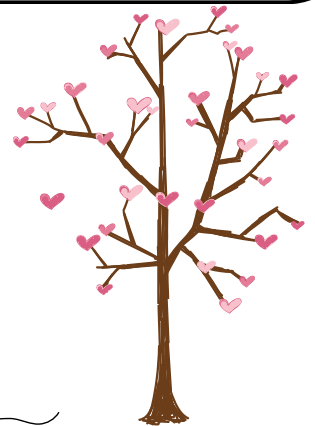
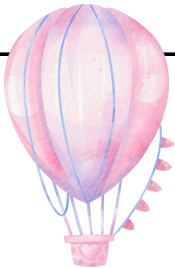
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Deadline for the March 2026 issue will be
Feb. 15, 2026

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Doaktown, NB E9C 1X7
Telephone: (506) 365-7326

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday.....	8 am – 4 pm
Tuesday.....	8 am – 4 pm
Wednesday.....	Closed
Thursday.....	8 am – 4 pm
Friday.....	8 am – 4 pm
Saturday.....	8 am – 2 pm
Sunday.....	Closed

Closed for lunch each day from 11:30 am – 12 noon

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We will be serving as a drop off location for old electronic equipment.

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- Stoves
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Dehumidifiers

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Stewarts Service Station

605 Main Street, Doaktown, NB Telephone:506-365-4667

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(Name & Phone number)

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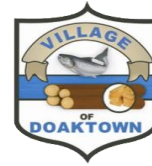
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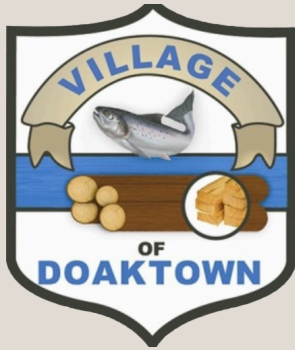
-  Recycle
-  Garbage & Recycle
-  Garbage
-  Council Meeting

*Spring Cleanup June 1 Fall Cleanup - October 19

All dates on this calendar are subject to change when necessary due to events beyond our control. Please check your monthly Newsletter for dates each month as well as on our Facebook Page. June 01-October 31 will be garbage pick up every week with every other week recycle pick up. Garbage must be at the curb by 6 am.

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