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NAVIGATOR NEWS

Monthly Newsletter of the PEI Community Navigators,
an initiative of CBDC West Prince Ventures

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Individuals and families who choose to settle in rural PEI offer **incredible value to the communities that they settle**. In each of our numerous communities dotting the coastline or the inland rolling hills of our Island, you'll find a diverse group of community members who settled in PEI or were born as Islanders, **coming together to help each other and create a prosperous and fulfilling life in Rural PEI**.



**Message from Maxine Rennie
Executive Director
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As we step into the summer months and the restrictions around COVID-19 are easing, we are grateful for those who have worked hard to make it possible for us to enjoy a more normal summer season.

The PEI Community Navigators are planning events for summer and fall, and are looking for participation from both new and longtime residents of rural PEI. Be sure to review the information in this month's Navigator News to learn how to get involved. Our social media is another great way to stay on top of Navigator happenings.

We look forward to connecting with you this summer season.

~Maxine Rennie

What's going on in Western PEI!

ATTENTION Western PEI Employers!

Do you have newcomer employees? We'd love to visit your facility and share about our Rural PEI Settlement Services for Newcomers!



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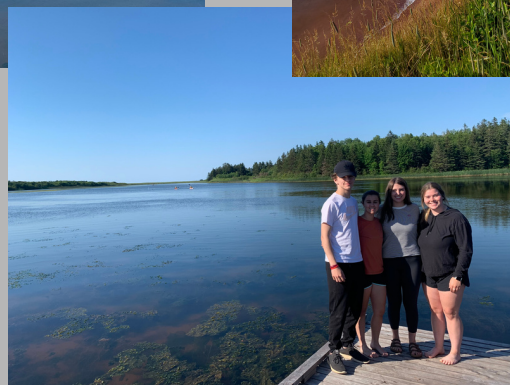
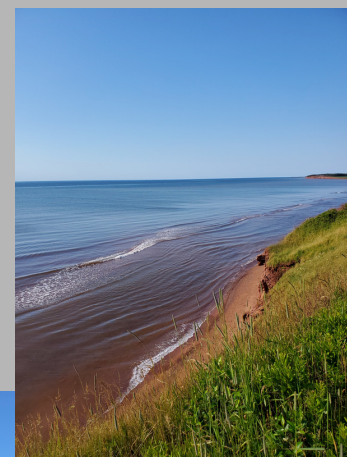
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Western PEI Community Navigator Scott Smith recently spent the day handing out welcome bags to Royal Star's newest employees and sharing about our program with all. Thank you once again to the HR and Management Team at Royal Star Foods Ltd. for making this possible.

Fun at 'Learn To Kayak' for Newcomers and New Residents at the Roseville Pond on July 5th, 2021!



What's going on in Western PEI!

Tyne Valley:

The Tyne Valley Public Library is offering TD Summer Reading Club Mondays at 1:00 PM for ages 6-12 starting July 12! Shared virtual programming is also available for Tyne Valley and O'Leary Public Libraries!

Location: 19 Allen Road, Tyne Valley, PEI.

O'Leary:

The Potato Blossom Festival is from July 18th - 25th; plans are being finalized pending COVID rules. For more information: call (902) 859-1464 or email: olearyrecreationoffice@gmail.com



Alberton:

Summer Basketball League will begin play on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Westisle Composite High School (39570 Western Rd, Elmsdale, PE) starting July 6th and running until August 26th. For More information, message 'Alberton Recreation' on Facebook.



Tignish:

Thanks to everyone who recently attended the 'Tignish Cultural Hoedown' on Sunday, June 27th in Tignish in honour of National Multiculturalism Day! A great time was had by all, with great live performances by the Filipino Band & Neusiane Lima Siliker of Brazil! Delicious food samples too! Thanks for another great event!



Coming soon...

'Learn to Love Your Library' with Alberton Public Library!
An open house to learn more about all of the great resources available locally at your public library!



Stay Tuned...



Would you be interested in a PEI camping experience? We are currently in discussions and planning stages with various partners about hosting a PEI summer camping experience later this month or in August!



Our Garden is Growing! YOU are invited to participate!

The Central PEI Community Navigator has a **GARDEN PLOT** at Ross' Place, Kensington Community Garden. It is located on School Street in Kensington, around the corner from Kent Building Supplies.



Our garden plot contains a variety of **vegetables** – including lettuce, kale, parsley, tomatoes, peppers and more!

We are also growing **sunflowers, cosmos and azaleas** (although a mystery bug is taking a liking to our sunflowers – we are crossing our fingers they grow strong and thrive!).

Here are some ways you can participate:

Thursday Afternoons from 4-5 pm: Weekly Get-Togethers

We'll weed, water and harvest the vegetables and flowers when they are ready.

Flower Hour

**Wednesdays from 12 noon - 1 pm
later this summer**

Drop in for a small bouquet of flowers and a casual conversation with one of PEI's newest community members!



Special events with Garden Experts and more!

Thank you to Jamie MacKay, the Volunteer Garden Coordinator for working hard to make this a welcoming space for all community members.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or have no experience at all, you are welcome to participate. What would YOU like to see at the garden?

Contact the Central PEI Community Navigator to get involved.

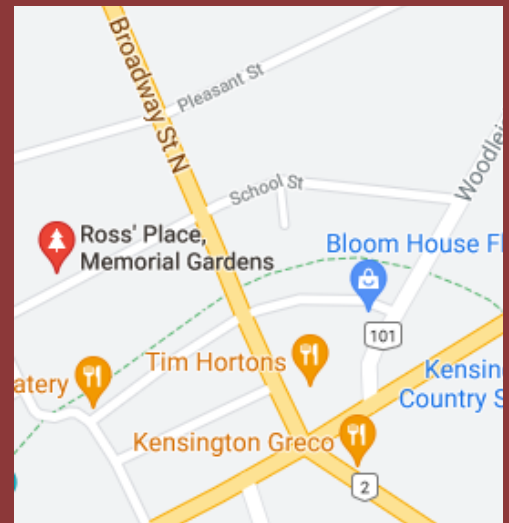


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We recently made some Flower Boots with these enthusiastic gardeners.



Thank you to Tomoko Craig, who recently helped us plant some Japanese vegetables in our garden plot! These included Chiso (Japanese Basil) and Mitsuba (Japanese Parsley). In the photo, the tool Tomoko is using for planting is a Kana Hoe – a Japanese garden tool that makes digging easier. Thank you to Tomoko for sharing your culture.



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT:



Silliker Glass is one of Atlantic Canada's Leading Glass companies and is a supplier to the glass industry. Their 30,000 square foot location is found in Borden-Carleton. The company manufactures, tempered glass, insulated glass units, commercial windows, entrances and storefront systems. This employer has a staff of over 70 people and is **currently seeking labourers for the shop floor, as well as other positions.** Silliker Glass offers **competitive wages** and a Monday-Friday **daytime work schedule**, with some Saturdays. They also offer a **health and benefits plan.** **Training** is provided. To be connected with this employer, contact your Community Navigator.



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The PEI Community Navigators recently partnered with the **River Clyde Pageant** and the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada to host a **Family Activity for Newcomers at The Mill in New Glasgow.**

Parents participated in a cooking lesson, while the children completed an art activity.

It was fun to talk about how foods like **rhubarb** and **summer savory** are staples in a traditional PEI diet.

Are you a new resident of PEI interested in being a **VOLUNTEER PERFORMER** with the River Clyde Pageant? Contact your Community Navigator to learn more.



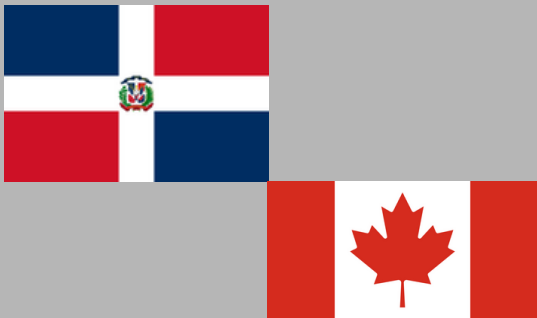
Meet Julio Sanchez of Julio's Seafood Market!

How did rural PEI end up on Julio's radar? *Lindee caught up with Julio at his new seafood shop on the St Peters Landing to find out more about the man who has immersed himself into St Peters Bay and rural PEI life, chickens and all.*



While his then girlfriend was studying at UNB in 2014, Julio flew from Toronto to visit and they decided to take a road trip with no destination in mind. *"We saw that the **longest bridge in Canada is from New Brunswick to PEI** so we said, 'let's cross that!'."*

They drove to Summerside to explore for the day, and Julio notes, *"While we were stopped checking the map, people would stop and ask us, 'are you okay? Do you need help?'! Twice we pulled over, and they stopped each time! I thought, Oh my god, this is unbelievable! That would never happen somewhere else!"*



Originally from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Julio moved to Canada as a teenager in 1989 with his parents, Euclides and Mercedes Sanchez, and five siblings. The family settled in Toronto, where Julio called home for 25 years. Julio's parents both passed away before he made the move to PEI, but he believes he's been guided by their spirits to the life that he's created in St Peters Bay. **On his last trip to PEI before finding his home, he asked for a sign from his parents to show him he was on the right path.** The sign came in the form of a little white moth, hovering over him in the rental he booked the night before the viewing.

"At the time, I was taking care of my mom and dad, and they both passed away, so nothing was tying me to Toronto. I made four different trips, I drove four times from Toronto [to PEI] to look at houses.

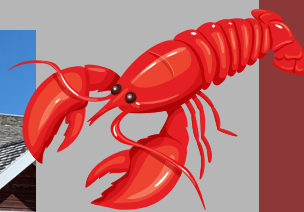
Arriving at the viewing in St Peters Bay, he said **"As soon as I walked in, I said to the agent, 'I'll take it.' She said, 'you haven't seen the upstairs!'**

I said, 'I'll take it. It felt like home. It felt like being here before, even though it's the first time I'm walking into the place.'"

Lindee mentioned to Julio that everywhere she went in St Peters, people would say, "You have to meet Julio!" She asked how he managed to become such an integral part of the community, and how he sees himself as a part of it.

*"I would walk to the post office every day, everyone and anyone, I'd introduce myself to. I'd tell them I moved into the community, that I bought a house. I was eventually introduced to **Jimmy MacAulay, who has taken me under his wing- he has been the lighthouse that has guided me into the Bay.** Jimmy is the leader in the community, he's into everything, he's done so much for the community. He's the type to tell you, 'you're doing this.' He volunteers you- so I got involved in the Development Corporation, now I'm the President. I was on the Fire Department, the Blueberry Festival- I've been in the parades in Cardigan and Souris over the years, I helped collect funds to build a park from local businesses."*

*"Doors keep on opening- I do everything with a lot of passion. **A lot of the passion for what I've been doing comes from the fact that I LOVE the community,** and I always see it for what it could be. I never see it as it is today, I see the next step. I'm looking 3-4 years ahead, and start working on it slowly. What can I do today to get me one step closer to that long term goal? **I can sit on my porch and see the Bay, I envision little picnic tables with checker boards. I'm a dreamer.** I'm always dreaming about it all the time, so that's why I get involved in all the different projects. I think there's always an angel looking over me- my parents are still helping me open doors."*



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The seafood market is a new and evolving business. Recently opened in May of 2021, Julios Seafood Market features fresh local lobster, oysters, mussels, and so much more. Julio can ship lobster across Canada, sells frozen seafood by the box, and he carries local condiments and ingredients that pair well with seafood, **ensuring that he can send someone home with all the pieces to make a gourmet meal from a single stop.** Why is that part important to Julio?

Julio is a foodie, and his favourite part of it all is chatting with the customers. *"I always try to interact with people, I try to tell them the source, where it comes from, I always ask how they're going to cook it and we swap recipes. I get to learn too."*

"I learned the ropes by working on the MR Seafood truck, freezing my toes in Montague", and credits Mickey Rose for the push to start his own shop, giving him the training to facilitate the creation of Julio's Seafood Market.

For all of the connections that Julio has formed in the time he's spent on PEI, he says ***"I feel like I've done more here in five years than I had in 25 years in Toronto. I'm home here."***



Lindee visiting Julio's Seafood Market



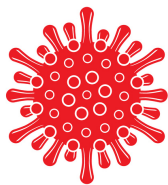
Some of the delicious food you can purchase in St Peters Bay

Be sure to check out the shop this summer, where you'll find Caribbean music playing and, and might find yourself a live cooking demonstration! **Julio has cooking and shucking demonstrations scheduled all throughout the summer**, so you can learn how to get the most out of your purchase. Check out his Facebook Page for event details by searching Julio's Seafood Market or stop by The Shops at St Peters Landing.

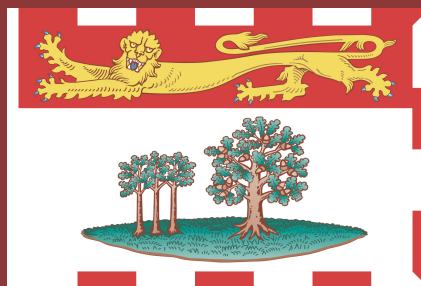
As for long time locals looking to help bring new residents into the community, Julio's advice is: "The community has to get them involved and make them feel part of it."

Here are some ways YOU can involve new residents in your community:

- Invite them over for dinner
- Invite them to go to an event with you
- Welcome them with a loaf of home made bread or something sweet
- Check to see if they need any help with anything
- Connect them to their local PEI Community Navigator
- Invite them to sit on boards, committees, and volunteer in the community



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS



For information on **COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Prince Edward Island**, visit www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/covid19 or contact your Community Navigator to help you find the information you need.

Book your COVID-19 vaccine appointment here:

<http://princeedwardisland.ca/getthevaccine>

Still need dose #1? princeedwardisland.ca/getthevaccine

Wondering about vaccine #2? princeedwardisland.ca/seconddose

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the most effective steps we can take in the fight to protecting ourselves, our loved ones, and the community during the pandemic.

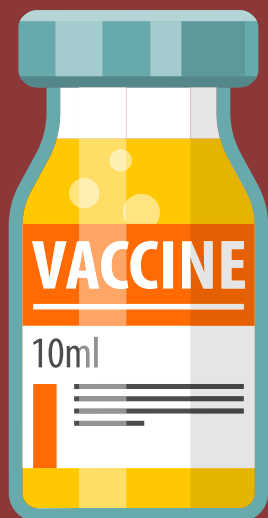
You can now access your **vaccine record** online within 24-48 hours if you provided a health card at the time of vaccination PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/COVIDRecord

Planning to travel to (or from) PEI this summer? You need a PEI Pass.

princeedwardisland.ca/peipass

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What to expect when you arrive on PEI (including Islanders who have left and returned home to PEI): PrinceEdwardIsland.ca/pointofentry



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