



**1. Elderberries Annual Potluck Picnic : Sunday, August 30, 2:00 to 5:00 pm**

Location : Black Rock Beach, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax

The Fifth Annual Elderberries Potluck Picnic will be held at Point Pleasant Park, just beside the Lower Parking Lot.



This area has picnic tables and is close to the (closed) Park Canteen, and near accessible portable washrooms. The site is right by the water, and offers a view of sailboats and of McNab's Island. A short boardwalk is ideal for wheelchair/walker traffic, and many trails lead farther into the park for more athletic picnic participants.

To eat and share, please bring your favorite sandwiches, summery salads, delectable desserts, water or non-alcoholic drinks and other goodies that don't need heating (no electricity or water available!). Remember to bring any serving implements needed (e.g., salad tongs, knives to cut cakes, etc). Although there are picnic tables, added folding tables for laying out the feast would be very helpful; also folding chairs if you like.

Rainbow flags, banners, or windsocks would add to the festivities. Well-behaved dogs on leash are welcome - please remember to bring water and a bowl (do you want Lady Elegant Louboutin Melissa de Vere, aka Miffy, drinking out of Halifax Harbour? We didn't think so.).

Like all Elderberries events, the picnic is free, and is open to all LGBT persons aged fifty plus, and our families, friends, and supporters. The picnic is free, but Elderberries Committee members have paid \$59.50 for use of the site, so free-will offerings in cash will be gratefully accepted.

**2. Elections :**

Not just federal elections : annual elections for the Elderberries Board are coming up in October. If you have an idea for a good Board member, first approach this person and get their consent to be nominated, then send their name and email address to [elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com](mailto:elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com) It is OK to nominate yourself. If the person is not currently a member of Elderberries, they will need to join before the elections are held. There is no residency requirement. If there are any \$90,000.00 cheques floating around, they need to be made out to Elderberries and not to the nominee. The Prime Minister knows nothing about them.

### **3. Message from the editor :**

If you have received this Newsletter, you are a member in good standing of Elderberries, a social organization of LGBT persons aged 50+, and our families, friends, and supporters.

If you wish to contact Elderberries, or to pass on our contact information to potential new members, here it is : [elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com](mailto:elderberries.scotia2@gmail.com) . The names and email addresses of Elderberries members are kept confidential.

The above address also works if you wish to resign - but why would you?

From time to time people send us information for inclusion in the Newsletter. Inclusion does not necessarily imply that Elderberries or the Newsletter approve of or support this information.

Contrary to what you might suppose, the Elderberries do not stab a knitting needle into a map of Greater Halifax and say "Here is where we'll have our picnic." On the contrary, we have a list of priorities :

1. Must have view of water
2. Must have picnic tables
3. Must be accessible for members using scooters or walkers
4. Dog friendly an asset
5. Etc.
6. Etc.
7. Etc.

We consulted experts from Halifax Parks and Recreation (that's where we found out about the \$59.50). We set out *on the only day for the past month when it has been pouring with rain* to inspect some likely venues. "Closed due to reconstruction." "Only one picnic table."

"Picnic area half a kilometre uphill from parking area." "No view of water." "No picnics allowed (*and no view of water, and no dogs even on leash*)."

Then we sat in the Chickenburger Parking Lot chewing over the possibilities, "Maybe we could have the picnic in the Chickenburger Parking Lot - see all those picnic tables under the trees? And they sell ice cream, too."

"No view of the water."

"Yes there is - look at that rain!"

When not looking at the rain, Your Editor has been lying back directly in front of a large floor fan. It even has a remote control. She has not seen notices for any LGBT events

in August. Maybe all the organizations got programmed out during Pride Week. Your Editor has even been too lazy to scour the Internet for the usual crop of Bad News for LGBTs stories. ("We have left undone those things which we ought to have done...")

Lynn and Anita  
Your Editor and Your Photo Editor