AROUND TOWN

Town of Bridgetown Newsletter *Fall 2011*

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Jubilee Park Natural Playground Birthday Party & Picnic

The Jubilee Park Natural Playground will celebrate its 1st birthday with a party and picnic on Saturday, September 17th at 11:00 am. Afterwards, stick around town to catch the Ciderfest Grand Parade & Children's Parade.

The group behind the natural playground continues to enhance this wonderful community play space. To learn more about the project or to get involved, please contact Lauren Soloy at 665-4502.

Changes to AROUND TOWN

In an effort to reduce expenses, we have switched to a digital version of our town newsletter. It will be posted on the town's web site and distributed by email. We will print 100 copies in-house for distribution at our front desk. If you would like to be included in the email distribution for future newsletters, please sign up on the town's web site, www.town.bridgetown.ns.ca.

2011/12 Bridgetown and Area Youth Ambassador

Ciderfest 2011 will see Shea Goreham inducted as the 2011/12 Bridgetown and Area Youth Ambassador. She will represent the town and area youth at events throughout the year. Shea will also undertake a community project during her term. To meet Shea and learn about her project, plan to attend the Youth Ambassador Breakfast on September 15th, 7:30 am, at the Lions Hall. As Youth Ambassador, Shea will receive a Chain of Office, a $1,500.00 scholarship and an array of gifts from area businesses and organizations.

Our outgoing Ambassador, Bryan Rice, has done a wonderful job representing our community. He has participated in many events and is in the process of finishing up his community project, which involved major improvements to Jubilee Park. We would like to thank him for a job well done and wish him all the best as he begins his post secondary studies at Saint Mary's University.

Outdoor Family Movie
September 15, Centennial Pool Park, starts at dusk.
Bring a blanket or chair, and come see RIO (Rated PG) on our giant inflatable screen. Canteen available. Sponsored by Annapolis Valley Regional Library.

Pumpkin People Author Reading September 16, 6:30-7:30 pm, Bridgetown Library.
Join Ron and Sandra Lightburn, creators of the book *Pumpkin People*. They will read from their book and do a drawing demonstration -- see how the Pumpkin People came to be! Ages 4 and up.

Ciderfest Teen Lounge
September 16, 7:30-9 pm, Bridgetown Library.
Stop by the library for a game of x-Box Kinect, a board game, a place to hang out with your friends, maybe even some snacks! Come see us during the Queen Street events.

VON Annapolis Valley invites you to the opening of a monthly Alzheimer Café at the Cool Water Café, 36 Queen Street, Bridgetown. The Alzheimer Cafés aim to: provide information about dementia; speak openly about problems; and emancipate persons with dementia and their families by helping to prevent them becoming isolated. The first Alzheimer Café in Bridgetown will take place September 27th, 5:30-7:30 pm. For info, call 1-800-411-9646.

Bridgetown United Church Annual Fall Yard Sale
September 17, 8:30am–12 noon.

The Bridgetown Lions Club Bursary was established to assist any individual who requires financial assistance in pursuing his/her educational goals. The criteria for awarding the bursary is largely based on (1) need for financial assistance and (2) the applicant must reside within the Bridgetown Lions Club boundaries or have attended BRHS. For more information, candidates may contact Dick Campbell 665-2612, Len MacDonald 665-2227 or Bliss FitzRandolph 584-3983. The deadline for applications is October 31.

The **Bridgetown Computer Access C@P Site** (26 Bay Rd, Rm 110, Bridgetown, NS) will be open M-F, 8:30am-4pm daily until March 31, 2012. One-on-one tutorials, introduction to Computers, and advanced training will be offered to the public. Additionally, one-on-one tutorials are being offered in regards to the use of voice recognition software. Voice recognition software is a useful tool for persons with accessibility issues with computers. For further information please call 902-312-1117 or email Bridgetownlibraryintern@gmail.com

The **Bridgetown Regional High School Climate Change Committee** is a finalist for the 2011 Celebrating Communities Excellence in Youth Leadership Award. The winner will be announced at the Celebrating Communities Award Ceremony and Banquet on September 29th in Yarmouth.

The **Bridgetown and Area Friends of the Library Society** once again celebrates Bridgetown Ciderfest at the James House. The popular silent auction returns: the public can bid on quality crafts and services on Friday September 16 (6:00pm to 9:00pm) and Saturday September 17 (9:30am to 4:00pm). Raffle tickets for the huge maple leaves quilt ($2.00 each, three for $5.00) will be on sale. Millard Wright will be signing copies of *Otto Strasser in Paradise* on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

The **Bridgetown and Area Garden Club** meets the first Tuesday of the Month at the Anglican Church Hall. All welcome - No green thumb required, just the desire to learn and share the hobby of gardening. For further information call Ede at 532-0835 or Sandra at 665-2193.
As well, visit our web site: http://www.wix.com/adacheung/bridgetownareagardenclub

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library Used Book Sale will take place September 17, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Bridgetown Development Centre, 26 Bay Rd.

BRIDGETOWN AREA Active Living

Bridgetown Minor Hockey Registration

September 18, 7:00 pm at the Bridgetown Arena (if you have not registered online). All players new or returning are welcome. Also this year our Initiation Program is accepting players who are or will be 4 years old before December 31, 2011. See website for details regarding registration fees and equipment programs - free helmets available to registered 5 year olds!!

Ciderfest 5K Run

Saturday, September 17 8:30 am
Registration opens at 7:30 am, $10 entry fee
Funds raised will be donated to the New Bridgetown and Area Library. For info or to pre-register, contact Victor Vidito at 665-4665.

Bridgetown Terry Fox Run

The 10 Km Run/Walk/Ride will take place on Sunday, September 18th, starting at 2:00 pm at Bridgetown Regional High School. Registration will start at 12:30 pm. For further information, contact Bliss FitzRandolph at 584-3983.

Tae Kwon Do Club

Classes at BRES. For info, call Shirley Plourde 665-4592.

Valley Tri-Sport Club

For information, contact Mike Parker at 665-4819.

Taoist Tai Chi

Come and join us in learning the 108 moves of Taoist Tai Chi. The series of movements slowly turn and stretch the spine. The relaxed form is done so gently that people of all ages can participate, regardless of health concerns. The 108 moves will be taught in 16 weeks of 1.5 hour classes. New beginner class starts September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Bee & B Fitness, 29 Queen Street. First class is free.

Bridgetown & District Memorial Arena

Opens in early October. Call 665-2767 for information or to book ice time.

Annapolis County Community Fitness Programs

Annapolis County Recreation Services is offering a wide range of fitness programs this fall, at community halls throughout Annapolis County. To see the complete list of programs, visit **www.annapoliscounty.ns.ca**.

Rental Tender: Canteen Operator

The Bridgetown Community Recreation Association is looking for tenders from person(s) interested in running the canteen at the Bridgetown Memorial Arena for the 2011-12 season. Canteen is to be open during scheduled hockey games and tournaments and any other times the winning tender chooses. The Bridgetown Arena Canteen is fully equipped with deep fryer, grill, fridges, coolers, hot chocolate/coffee machines, nacho cheese/chip warmer.
Please reply in writing to:
BCRA, PO Box 295, Bridgetown, NS B0S 1C0
or drop off at Town Hall c/o BCRA by September 23rd.

Bellydance: Balance and Tone

Using bellydance moves and grooves, you'll tone muscle, increase your balance, and get a good workout! Bellydance is great exercise for women of all ages, shapes, and sizes. Come try it!
When: Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM
September 20 - November 8 (8 weeks)
Where: Bee and B Fitness, 29 Queen Street, Bridgetown
Cost: $50 for 8 weeks. Must have at least 8 register to hold class. To Register, email Angela at tribaLgirL234@gmail.com, or phone 665-4421.

Curling Club Fundraiser

Barbeque Chicken Dinner
Saturday, September 17th 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Cost: $15.00 – ½ chicken, potato salad, roll & dessert
Eat in or take out. Refreshments available on site.
Tickets available by calling Chip @ 526-2326, Karson @ 532-8537 or Brian @ 665-4519.

More News from Town Hall

New Bridgetown and Area Library
Bridgetown's new library has been warmly embraced by the community, with significant increases in memberships, circulation, computer use and programs offered. The library project is helping to revitalize Bridgetown's downtown core, as will the recently opened Cool Water Café, located adjacent to the library.

Town of Bridgetown Water Quality
Our new water system has been operating for over a year. Our engineers (CBCL) report that the water quality is excellent. The hardness in the Town of Bridgetown water supply is 95 mg/L, which falls in the optimum range of hardness in drinking water (80 to 100 mg/L), as per the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. To view the Water Quality Report, click on the link at www.town.bridgetown.ns.ca.

Fall Hydrant Flushing
Flushing of water mains will take place the week of October 3 - 7, between the hours of 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Please note - discolouration of water may occur during flushing, but should clear up relatively quickly.

Fall Clean-Up
ONE DAY ONLY!
In Town – September 29, Out of Town - September 16
Put items out no more than 7 days before your pick up date. Clean up rules can be picked up at Town Hall or by calling Valley Waste at 1-877-927-8300.

Reminder - Dog Registration
Dog Registration fees are to be paid annually between April l and June 30 at the following rates:

- For dogs that are spayed, neutered (or equivalent status): Fifteen dollars ($15.00).
- Thirty Dollars ($30.00) if not spayed, neutered or equivalent status.

Note: After June 30 the fee structure is adjusted.

Town Council Schedule
Bridgetown Town Council will meet next on September 21st, 6:00 pm, at the Bridgetown Area Fire Hall, 31 Bay Road. The main focus of this meeting will be the town's 2011/12 budget and tax rates. Future meeting are October 19th and November 16th.

More Active Living News

***BaM!* Body and Mind**
BaM! is a finalist for the 2011 Celebrating Communities Excellence in Collaboration Award. The winner will be announced at Celebrating Communities Award Ceremony and Banquet on September 29th in Yarmouth.
Launched in Annapolis County in 2009, the *BaM!* concept has spread to schools throughout the entire valley over the past two years, as well as to Clare and Argyle. Students, inspired by a series of conferences and workshops, have formed Youth Action Teams at participating schools. These teams are implementing a variety of programs and plans to encourage fellow students to be active, with support from their schools and their communities. Community partners include municipal recreation and community development departments, the Annapolis Valley Regional Library and the Annapolis RCMP Detachment.

Hockey Starter Kits
Canadian Tire JumpStart has donated some Hockey Starter Kits for children ages 4–6. JumpStart is a community based charitable program that helps kids in need participate in organized sport and recreational activities. To apply for a Hockey Starter Kit, please call Steve Raftery at 824-0387.

KidSport and Canadian Tire JumpStart
National children's charitable programs that help kids overcome the financial barriers preventing or limiting their participation in organized sport. Application forms are available at Town Hall.

Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame
The 2nd Induction Ceremony for the Sports Hall of Fame will take place November 19th at the Bridgetown Legion. For information, visit www.bridgetownsportshalloffame.org.

Valley Speed Skating Club
There is a group working to get a speed skating club started in the Valley. If you would like to get more information as it becomes available, please contact Steve Raftery at cdc@town.bridgetown.ns.ca or 824-0387.

28TH ANNUAL BRIDGETOWN

Thursday, September 15

7:30 AM Ambassadors Breakfast
Lions Club
$10.00 per person at the Door

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM Apple Pie Contest
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #33
Categories: Adult, 17 and under
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd
Complimentary Bag of Flour for every pre-registrant (pick up at Valufoods)
For more information and registration call Jennifer Lawrence @ 665-4106
Drop of pies 12:00pm – 2:00 pm
Judging of pies at 2:00pm
Auction at 6:00 PM during the Ciderfest Dinner
Sponsored by Pearles in Paradise

4:30PM – 6:30PM Ciderfest Harvest Dinner
Royal Canadian Legion #33
Fundraiser for the Legion
Roast Pork Dinner with all the fixings - $12 per plate
Entertainment provided by the comedy of Susan Carter
Pre-purchase tickets by calling Diane or Cheryl during the day at 665-2545
Sponsored by Bridgetown Home Hardware

Friday, September 16

10:00AM – 6:00PM Annual Quilt & Rug Show
CANCELLED

6:00PM – 9:00PM Silent Auction
James House Museum
In support of "Friends of the Library"

6:30PM – 10:30PM Graves Valufoods Queen Street Cafe
Sing , dance and have great fun with Allen and Lisa of Starcatchers
Barbecue
Wine tent sponsored by Muir Murray Winery
Tons of fun for the kids
Meet and greet your new Youth Ambassador
Head shaving fundraiser for Terry Fox Run sponsored by Scotiabank staff
Investors Group – The Coast to Coast Against Kids Cancer Challenge features a 40 KM bike run from Greenwood to Bridgetown. The finishing line is at our Café and all funds raised go to help local children.

Saturday, September 17

7:00AM – 10:00AM Pancake Breakfast
Bridgetown Fire Hall, Bay Road
In support of the Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Department
Free Will Offering

ALL DAY Co- Ed Slowpitch Tournament
Bridgetown Memorial Field
To register, contact Steve Clayton at 665-2697 or Scott Toole 665-0001/824-2677
Entry Fee $300.00. Guaranteed 3 games. Cash Prizes

8:30AM Ciderfest 5K Fun Run - Run, Walk, Jog
Start at Bridgetown Development Centre, Bay Road
$10.00 entry Fee. Fundraiser for the Library. For info or to pre-register, call Victor Vidito 665-4665
Register on race day 7:30am – 8:30am at the Develop ment Centre

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW TO JOIN IN THE CIDERFEST FUN!

Saturday, September 17 cont.

9:00AM – Noon AVRL Book Sale
Regional Library on Bay Road
Tons of books at phenomenal prices

9:00AM – 12:00PM Youth Day Events
Location and list of activities TBA

9:00AM – 12:00PM Ciderfest Soap Box Derby
Washington Street(school parking lot)
$10 entry fee per person. Registration forms and rules at www.bridgetownciderfest.com
For more information contact Allen @ 588-2024
Sponsored by Bridgetown Home Hardware

9:30 AM Harvest Prayer Walk
Interdenominational. All are welcome.
Starts at Inglewood Baptist Church.
Ends at Salvation Army Citadel.

10:00AM – 3:00PM Silent Auction
James House Museum
In support of "Friends of the Library"

2:00PM Children's Parade
This years theme is Circus Fun
Line up at 1:00 for judging at the Post Office parking lot.
The Children's Parade will again lead out the Grand Street Parade and turn off at Washington Street
Individual entries will compete for prizes from Scotia Gift Baskets. Classes from the Bridgetown Elementary School will be competing with the best judged float receiving a new computer donated by Graves Valufoods for their classroom.
Sponsored by Scotiabank

2:00PM Grand Street Parade
Parade Marshall – Dr George Allen
Marshalling prior to 1:00PM on the Bay Road and judging to take place from 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Please note the change in route - goes east on Granville Street from the Bridgetown Development Centre, along Granville Street to the Bridgetown Regional High School where it will end.
Trophies and prizes available in all categories
Come out and view our pre-parade entertainment
Contact Gerry @ 665-4400 to pre-register
Sponsored by Bridgetown Pharmasave and Bridgetown V&S

3:30PM Rubber Duck Race
$700 in prize money / Riverfront, Jubilee Park
A fundraiser for the Bridgetown Cadet Corps
Tickets $5.00 for your favorite duck
Tickets available through the Cadets and at the Bridgetown locations of Valley Credit Union, Scotiabank, Royal Bank, D's Chicken and End of the Line Pub
Sponsored by Frasers Pro Home Center

4:30PM Cardboard Boat Regatta
Riverfront, Jubilee Park
No entry Fee: Categories – 10 to 13 age group
14 to 18 age group
Open category
Trophies and prizes available for all age groups as well as best dressed crew and best looking boat.
All entries should be at Jubilee Park by 3:30pm
For further information call Kirk Lycett @ 665-4679
Sponsored by Re/Max Banner Real Estate

4:30PM – 6:30PM Bridgetown Curling Club Ciderfest Chicken Barbeque Fundraiser
Bridgetown Curling Club
Cost $15.00/Plate (1/2 chicken, potato salad, roll, dessert)
Eat in or take out (refreshments available on site)
Tickets available by calling Chip @ 526-2326, Karson @ 532-8537, Brian @ 665-4219

9:00PM – 1:00PM Ciderfest Stomp
Bridgetown Arena
19 and over dance
$8.00 cover charge
Sponsored by the Bridgetown Lions Club

Sunday, September 18

8:00AM – 2:00PM Ciderfest Market
Post Office Street
For more information contact Cathy Graves @ 665-2716 or catgraves@ns.aliantzinc.ca
Sponsored by the Bridgetown Motor Inn

10:00AM – 4:00PM 5th Annual Music Jamboree
Post Office Street at the Ciderfest Market
Continuous music. For more info contact Steve Clayton @665-2697
Sponsored by the Bridgetown Community Rec Association

10:00AM – 3:00PM Show and Shine
Jubilee Park
$2:00 admission for spectators, children under 10 free
Registration from 9:00 am to 10:00am
Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Dept canteen on site
For more information contact David Mack @ 665-2957 or jdmack1@mac.com
Sponsored by End of the Line Pub & D's Chicken Place

1PM Terry Fox Run
Bridgetown Regional High School
Come out and support this annual Cancer fundraiser.
Registration 12:30pm at BRHS
For Information contact Leonard Tedds at 665-4076

3:30PM The Vernon Dakin Family Car Rally
Bridgetown Regional High School
Cars, drivers and navigators should be on site by 3:30 to register
$10.00 entry fee per car
Everyone will know where to start, where to finish, where you can go and where you can't
Free barbecue for all participants at the finish line.
Sponsored by Valley Credit Union