

Soup Fest 2025, February 11

By Sam Madore

Soup Fest 2025, will be held Tuesday, February 11 at Truro Farmers' Market from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Tickets costing \$22 are available at www.eventbrite.ca/e/soup-fest-2025-tickets-1111862493649 or at the United Way Office: 605 Prince Street, Truro, 902.895.9313.

Soup Fest is our favourite event of the year. There, we said it. And here are just three reasons why:

There's lots of delicious SOUP to try, of course.

There's a real sense of WARMTH. From the soup, yes, but also from the COMMUNITY that Soup Fest creates. During a time of year - winter - where a lot of us can feel blah and disconnected from our community, Soup Fest brings us together and warms our bodies and hearts.

You get to VOTE for your favourite soup, thus helping a local chef gain bragging rights for an entire year;

If you're not familiar with Soup Fest, here are some tips for you: Soup Fest is a safe, accessible event that will offer an assortment of tasty soup samples prepared by local SOUP-er chefs who donate their time and talent to support our

event. Each soup sample comes in its own individual container, once you register at the door, you gather all samples together on a tray and you can choose whether you eat in or take out. (Don't worry, they will be marked as gluten free, vegan, etc and we always have a mix!) If you require help to collect all of your soups, please let us know! We have a lot of incredible volunteers - community partners and even a few Bearcats - who help us out each year who would be happy to lend a hand.

There will be live music by Gordon Tucker, thanks to our friends at Downtown Truro Partnership. This event SELLS OUT EVERY YEAR, so you definitely don't want to wait to late to get your tickets. Soup Fest is the unofficial kick off for the Town of Truro Winter Long John Festival, so there's a really good chance you're going to see Johnny Long John ... and other's sporting their onesies)

And, last but not least, you are supporting the important work of United Way throughout the year. With ongoing sponsorships from Earth Angels and *new this year* Burchell MacDougall, we are able to put the entire ticket price toward our programs and supports throughout the year.

Why don't you join us? Tuesday, February 11, Truro Farmers' Market, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, \$22. Tickets are available at: at the United Way Office: 605 Prince Street, Truro NS,

902.895.9313, or www.eventbrite.ca/e/soup-fest-2025-tickets-1111862493649

We are working our butts off to get all of the soups confirmed (stay tuned to our Facebook and Instagram pages @uwcolchester for more details...)

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Special thanks to this year's SOUP-er chefs:

- ♥ BellyUp BBQ & Grill
- ♥ Bistro 22
- ♥ CMHA: Colchester East Hants Branch Catering
- ♥ Colchester Community Support Society - Colchester Food Bank Sharing Kitchen
- ♥ Great British Grub
- ♥ Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre - Colchester
- ♥ Parichat's Asia Thai Restaurant
- ♥ Supper by Sylvia
- ♥ The Commune
- ♥ The Nook & Cranny Brew Pub

Here are our previous winners!



2024: 1st place: Parichat's Asia Thai; 2nd place: Colchester Food Bank Sharing Kitchen; 3rd place: Nook & Cranny



2023: 1st place: Parichat's Asia Thai; 2nd place: Mystery Chef Lisa Wood; 3rd place: Belly Up BBQ & Grill



2022: 1st place: Mystery Chef Mari Ann Stiles; 2nd place: CMHA Catering; 3rd place: Bistro 22



Quentin Henderson and Celene Bartlett completed the Level 1 Fire Fighter Course. Great Village Fire Chief Greg Kinsmen congratulated the pair during the Great Village and District Fire Brigade's Annual Awards ceremony held on December 14 at the Great Village Legion Hall. Honoured members were presented with a variety of awards at the ceremony and The Shoreline Journal is pleased to feature two pages of photos from the event on pages 12 and 13 of this issue. (submitted photo)

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