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HOLLIS FORD'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Community Library: The Wentworth Learning Centre community library is open weekdays from Mondays through to Thursdays 9am to 7pm; Fridays 9am to 9pm and Sundays 2pm to 7pm.

Mondays: On the second Monday evening each month commencing at 7:00 pm, the Peniel UCW, Five Islands provides an avenue for fellowship and a means to serve the community. Come join and enjoy the companionship of other women.

Mondays: Gym classes at the Economy Recreation Center mornings from 9 to 10 and evenings 7 to 8.

Mondays: Tai Chi at the FPW Fire Hall, Port Greville, every Monday at 7pm.

Mondays: Weight Loss Group at Peniel United Church, Five Islands, 6:30 pm.

Mondays: Cards at the Diligent River Community Hall, every Monday at 7pm.

Mondays: Card Party join us to play 45's at Wentworth Recreation Centre.

Mondays: Shuffleboard at Economy Recreation Centre at 7:00 pm.

Mondays: Parrsboro Citizens Band Rehearsal, 7 pm. Interested in joining contact Rob Bentley. Rehearsals at the hall

Mondays: Jazz Workshop at the Hall, Parrsboro, 7 pm

Mondays: Yoga Tone with Ashley Fletcher at WCCS, Bass River, 6PM. \$10 Drop-in fee. Email or phone 902-986-2133

Tuesdays: Walk 'n Roll program at the RECC on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. Designed for people with mobility challenges and who use a mobility aide. We have rollator walkers there for use if people do not have their own. Admission; Free. For information contact: Becky Langille, OTRegNS(c), Geriatric Clinician, Senior's Clinic 902-986-2609.

Tuesdays: Exercises at the FPW Fire Hall, Port Greville, every Tuesday at 10 am.

Tuesdays: The King Street Strummers meet at 7:30pm. (For info contact Rob Bentley).

Tuesdays: TOPS NS 5261 at Great Village Legion, 10 am. Everyone is welcome. Your first visit is Free.

Tuesdays: Play Parrsboro Lions Club Bingo every Tuesday at 6 PM on cable 5 and now on the internet at:

Tuesdays: Craft Group from the area meets at the Economy Recreation Centre from 10:00am to 2:00pm to work on various projects. Bring a lunch if you stay for the whole four hours.

Tuesdays: The Goodtime Seniors club dances are beginning their 40th year on Sept 29, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Held at The Truro Legion on Brunswick St from 7:30 to 10:30 Admission \$7. Shared lunch and 50/50 tickets, a live 5-piece band playing waltz quadrilles, round waltz, polka, fox-trot, jive and country/modern songs.

Tuesdays: Colchester Stroke Club meets from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Douglas Recreation Center, 40 Douglas Street, Truro. All stroke survivors and volunteers are welcome. For more information please call Sheila at 902-893-2756 or Karen at 902-893-4759.

Tuesdays: Wentworth Learning Centre hosts Maggie's Place-Pop Up at 9 am. This is a weekly two hour outreach pre-school play group for parents/caretakers and their children aged up to six years. No registration is required. Free of charge.

Tuesdays: Historical Flashbacks: Tea and Talk, 1 pm in the community library at Wentworth Learning Centre. Discuss Wentworth history rummaging through boxes of old photographs (yours and others). Transportation provided: need a ride to and from the library? Call 902-548-2076 and we will pick you up.

Tuesdays: Bass River Fire Brigade Toonie Draw 7pm at the Bass River Fire Hall. Tickets available along the shore. Visit: Facebook page: Bass River Fire Brigade Toonie Draw

Wednesdays: Mid-Week Morning Yoga, 9:00-10:00 am every Wednesday at Masstown United Church. \$10 drop in or 10 class pass for \$80. Contact Tanya at The Artsy Nerd Holistic Relaxation Company 902-814-2194

Wednesdays: Debert Legion Weekly Chase the Ace. Tickets available at the Legion Friday to Wednesday, as well as stores in West Colchester. Ticket sales end at 8:00PM Draw at 8:15 PM. Don't need to be present to win. Tickets \$3.00 each.

Wednesdays: Gym classes at Economy Recreation Center mornings from 9 to 10 and evenings 7 to 8.

Wednesdays: Debert Legion 7:30 pm Crib, bring a partner, new teams welcome

Wednesdays: Venipuncture Clinic (Blood Collection), Medical Centre, Bass River, 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Nurse Lynn Swan, RN.

Wednesdays: Mens Choir Sectional rehearsals at the Hall, Parrsboro, 10 am

Wednesdays: Cards at Senior's Centre, Five Islands, 7:30pm.

Wednesdays: Yoga with Margaret Davidson 6:30 pm at Lower Onslow Community Centre.

Wednesdays: Mid-Week Morning Beginner Yoga, 9:30-10:30am. Classes are downstairs at Cobequid United Church Hall, Masstown \$10/class (\$80 for a 10 class pass). Call Tanya at 902-814-2194

Thursdays: BINGO Every Thursday Night @ 7 PM, Wentworth Recreation Centre 13752 HWY 4. Regular Game, Jackpot, Toonie Number. Come out and enjoy the evening

Thursdays: Beginning Thursday, September 5th, and every Thursday, Open Mic at the Lower Onslow Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30 music at 6:30. 50/50, donations at the door, coffee/tea on the house, everyone welcome.

Thursdays: Bodacious Yoga every Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm, Cobequid United Church Hall. This class is suitable for all abilities. Lots of modifications offered. \$10 drop-in fee (10 class pass \$80) Call Tanya at 902-814-2194.

Thursdays: Grandparent's Rights for Nova Scotia meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2-4 pm at Sobey's Community Room, Robie Street, Truro.

Thursdays: Bingo, Recreation Centre, Economy starting at 7:00 pm. Early Bird game at 6:45.

Thursdays: Canasta from 1 - 3 pm at the Historeum, 29 Young Street, Truro. Both experienced and new learners are welcome.

Thursdays: Open Mic, Lower Onslow Community Centre. Doors open at 5:30, music starts at 6:30. 50/50, tea/coffee on the house, everyone welcome.

Thursdays: Gym classes at Economy Recreation Center - evenings 7 to 8

Thursdays: Girl Guides, Sparks and Brownies, 5:30pm at Wentworth Learning Centre.

Thursdays: TriCounty Chase the Ace, Debert Legion. 6:00 - 8:00 pm. \$3.00 / ticket. Don't need to be there to win. Tickets available through the week at multiple locations. Jackpot averaging \$600 increase each week. As of October 17, jackpot is \$14,365.60.

Thursdays: Parrsboro Citizens' Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm. Interested in joining contact David Towns

Fridays: Chase the Ace held at Wentworth Learning Centre at 9:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at various places throughout the week, and at the centre 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm on Fridays.

Fridays: Gym classes at Economy Recreation Center mornings from 9 to 10 and evenings 7 to 8.

Fridays: Bingo at Five Islands Fire Brigade Hall, 7 p.m.

Fridays: Evening with the Brushes at Wentworth Learning Centre, 6:30 pm. Cost \$40.

Fridays: Darts, Debert Legion, 7:30 pm, \$3 / player.

Saturdays: Chase the Ace supporting the Debert Legion and West Colchester Cobras Saturday's 2-4pm draw time 4:15pm must be there to win! \$2 per ticket.

Saturdays: OPEN MIC at the Diligent River Community Hall, 7 pm, every other Saturday unless otherwise posted.

Sundays: Jamboree and Open Mic held the second Sunday of the month at Wentworth Learning Centre, 2 pm to 5 pm. Enjoy an afternoon of old-time country music. All are welcome to play a tune. Sign up at the door.

Sundays: Sunday Music Afternoon, last Sunday of every month, except December, at Wentworth Community Centre, 1 pm to 5 pm. Music starts at 1:30 pm.

Sundays: Yoga with Ashley Fletcher at WCCS, Bass River, 6:30 PM. \$10 Drop-in fee. Email or phone 902-986-2133

Sundays: Afternoon of Live Music and Dancing, 1:30 to 5:00 pm at the Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth. Fiddlers and many other musicians come from all over Nova Scotia to share their music. The beautiful rock maple hardwood floor is a favourite with the dancers. Donations accepted at the door. Shared lunch. 902-548-2301. Event held every last Sunday of the month except December.

1 & 3rd Thurs: Truro Toastmasters Club, Non-profit worldwide organization designed to help individuals improve public speaking and leadership skills. 6pm - 8pm. 36 Arthur Street, NSCC Campus, Forrester Hall, Room 335. Admission cost: Guests are welcome to drop in at no cost. Contact: Jann McFarlan, 902-890-9886.

Events by type: Walk 'n Talk is on Monday, Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth

Beginner Pickle Ball is on Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm The Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth

Gentle Yoga is most Sunday's at 4:30 pm. The Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth Contact Kaly at 902-410-0292 or .. (Not on the last Sunday of the month)

Vinyasa Flow Yoga is on Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth Contact Andrew at 902-986-1429.

Dancing to Live Music is every last Sunday of the month from 1:30 to 5:00 pm. The Wentworth Recreation Centre, 13752 Highway 4, Wentworth

Dec 18: Movie at The Hall, Parrsboro, 7:30 pm. Showing "White Christmas".

Dec 24: Christmas Eve service, Peniel United Church, Five Islands, 7:00pm. Contact person, Valerie Pugsley, 902-254-2840.

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Fall Dance, Five Islands Fire Hall. Music by "Two of a Kind" - Pam and Cecil Mitton, 9:00 - 1:00 am. Tickets available from Gerry Roberts, 902-216-0161, or Pam Mitton. NSLC ID required. \$10 per person.

Jan 3: Debert Legion Friday Night Supper, 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Roast beef, vegetables, desert, tea / coffee, while quantities available. \$10 / plate, children 10 and under \$5. Take out available, wheelchair accessible.

Jan 4: 1A 5/10K, Ring in the New Year & Social, Horseman's Club, 288 Main St. Bible Hill, 2:00pm. Contact: Heather McLeod 902-895-2592. Light Lunch, finger food to follow.

Jan 10: Open Mic at the Hall, Parrsboro, 7 pm.

Jan 10: Debert Legion Friday Night Supper, 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Pan-fried fish, vegetables, desert, tea / coffee, while quantities available. \$10 / plate, children 10 and under \$5. Take out available, wheelchair accessible.

Jan 15: Movie at the Hall, Parrsboro, 7:30 pm. Showing: Blinded by the Light.

Jan 17: Debert Legion Friday Night Supper, 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Roast chicken, vegetables, desert, tea / coffee, while quantities available. \$10 / plate, children 10 and under \$5. Take out available, wheelchair accessible.

Jan 24: Open Mic at the Hall, Parrsboro, 7 pm.

Jan 24: Debert Legion Friday Night Supper, 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Roast pork, vegetables, desert, tea / coffee, while quantities available. \$10 / plate, children 10 and under \$5. Take out available, wheelchair accessible.

Jan 26: Movie at the Hall, Parrsboro, 2 pm. Showing: The Greatest Showman.

Jan 29: Movie at the Hall, Parrsboro, 7:30 pm. Showing: Mairianne & Leonard.

Jan 31: Debert Legion Friday Night Supper, 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Roast beef, vegetables, desert, tea / coffee, while quantities available. \$10 / plate, children 10 and under \$5. Take out available, wheelchair accessible.

Council Planning for Municipal Election

By Maurice Rees

Plans are underway for the October 2020 municipal election. At its committee meeting on December 12th council delegated responsibility for the recruitment of the Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer(s) to the CAO so that the CAO can undertake the recruitment process and have candidate(s) in place by March 15th, 2020 on motions by Mayor Blair and Councillor Pash.

Council also discussed how to increase voter turnout and if electronic voting should be part of the voting options. Councillor Taggart asked to maintain current paper ballot process, whereas other councillors suggested electronic voting is becoming more acceptable and perhaps there could be two options. Basically council settled on receiving a presentation on electronic voting, but not a session from a vendor wanting to sell a service. Councillor Parker mentioned if council does not look at electronic voting, it is "staying behind in a digital world". Councillor Boutilier said, "Let's not delay. Electronic voting will engage voters". Councillor Gibbs said he would like to know the costs involved.

By way of practice, the Returning Officer for the Municipality of the County of Colchester (the Municipality) submits a report to Council following each municipal election which chronicles the scope and nature of their efforts relative to the preparation, execution and analysis of the municipal election. Additionally, the report also serves to provide recommendations as to how the election process can be further improved and/or modified in response to the identified recommendations.

With respect to the most recent municipal election (October 2016), the Municipality's Returning Officer (Lorraine Dawson) submitted her report to Council on January 26, 2017. After discussing the post-election report, Council directed the CAO to bring forth the report for further consideration prior to the next municipal election (October 2020).

In addition to the opportunity for Council to revisit the post-election report, it is also acknowledged that a number of other key considerations need to be addressed once the planning process for the October 2020 election begins.