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# HOLLIS FORD'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A FREE service to community groups. Phone: 902-647-2968 or Fax: 902-647-2194

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**Monday's:** Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre offers a FREE Playgroup, 10:00-11:30am from September to June; Great Village at the Faith Baptist Church Hall. Playgroups are a fun, FREE play and social time for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to school age to enjoy together. Each session consists of free play and art time, a healthy, peanut-free snack (provided by us) and ends with circle time – songs and stories and active fun. All families are welcome to join us. Please contact us to register due to COVID protocols. For more information, contact us @ 902-895-0200 or check out our website [www.maggiesplace.ca](http://www.maggiesplace.ca) or look for us on Facebook **Maggie's Place-Colchester.**

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

**Mondays:** Gym at Wentworth Recreation Centre, 9-4:30. More information for patrons on our website.

**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:** Wentworth Recreation Centre, Wentworth, Cards on Monday's 7-9pm

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

**Mondays:** Pickleball, 10 am – noon, Wentworth Rec Centre. Groups or Individuals call Debbie Lynds at 902-899-5568 to reserve a time slot for your group.

**Tuesdays:** Walk n Talk, Wentworth Rec Centre, 1-2pm

**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:** Play Parrsboro Lions Club Bingo every Tuesday at 6 PM on cable 5 and now on the internet at: [www.parrsborolionsbingo.ca](http://www.parrsborolionsbingo.ca)

**Tuesday's:** Maggie's Place Bible Hill Playgroup, A FREE & FUN social and playtime for parents/caregivers and children ages 0-6, H. Douglas Boyce Village Hall (Fire Hall), 10:00-11:30. Ph: 902-895-0200 or email [colchester@maggiesplace.ca](mailto:colchester@maggiesplace.ca)

**Tuesdays:** At the Wentworth Recreation Centre, yoga is back from 3pm to 4:15pm.

**Tuesdays:** Pickleball (women only) 6-8pm, Wentworth Rec Centre. Call 902-899-5568 to reserve a time slot for your group.

**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

**Tuesdays:** Gospel Coffee House, First Tuesday of each month, Belmont Baptist Church, 1:30 PM. Bring an instrument or just listen. Contact Karen Turner 662-2699

**Wednesday's:** Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre offers a FREE Playgroup, 10:00-11:30am from September to June; Great Village at the Debert at the Debert Fellowship Centre. Playgroups are a fun, FREE play and social time for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to school age to enjoy together. Each session consists of free play and art time, a healthy, peanut-free snack (provided by us) and ends with circle time – songs and stories and active fun. All families are welcome to join us. Please contact us to register due to COVID protocols. For more information, contact us @ 902-895-0200 or check out our website [www.maggiesplace.ca](http://www.maggiesplace.ca) or look for us on Facebook **Maggie's Place-Colchester.**

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

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

**Wednesday's:** Maggie's Place Stewiacke Playgroup, A FREE & FUN social and playtime for parents/caregivers and children ages 0-6, Stewiacke Community Centre (Fire Hall), 10:00-11:30. Ph: 902-895-0200 or email [colchester@maggiesplace.ca](mailto:colchester@maggiesplace.ca)

**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 Cobekid United Church Hall, Masstown \$10/class (\$80 for a 10 class pass). Call Tanya at 902-814-2194

**Wednesday's:** Maggie's Place Truro Playgroup, A FREE & FUN social and playtime for parents/caregivers and children ages 0-6, Maggie's Place, 1027 Prince St, 10:00-11:30. Ph: 902-895-0200 or email [colchester@maggiesplace.ca](mailto:colchester@maggiesplace.ca)

**Wednesdays:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday beginning at 7:30 movies at the Hall, Parrsboro.

**Wednesdays:** Pickleball, 10 am – noon, Wentworth Rec Centre. Groups or Individuals call Debbie Lynds at 902-899-5568 to reserve a time slot for your group.

**Thursdays:** Attention Seniors – 10 AM till noon come to Rawdon Gold Mines Community Hall: Play cards, Rummy cub etc or just socialize followed by light lunch. Everyone welcome. Contact Shirley Nichols 902-632-2524 for updates.

**Thursdays:** Walk n Talk: Wentworth Recreation Centre, Wentworth, 1:00-2:00.

**Thursday's:** Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre offers a FREE Playgroup, 10:00-11:30am from September to June; Great Village at the Tata-magouche at the Tata-magouche Fire Hall. Playgroups are a fun, FREE play and social time for parents/caregivers and their children from birth to school age to enjoy together. Each session consists of free play and art time, a healthy, peanut-free snack (provided by us) and ends with circle time – songs and stories and active fun. All families are welcome to join us. Please contact us to register due to COVID protocols. For more information, contact us @ 902-895-0200 or check out our website [www.maggiesplace.ca](http://www.maggiesplace.ca) or look for us on Facebook **Maggie's Place-Colchester.**

**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:** Bingo, Wentworth Recreation Centre at 7pm with great prizes to be won. Open Canteen. Please see the website for additional details: [www.wentworthrecctr.com](http://www.wentworthrecctr.com)

**Thursday's:** Maggie's Place Hilden Playgroup, A FREE & FUN social and playtime for parents/caregivers and children ages 0-6, Hilden Fire Hall, 10:00-11:30. Ph: 902-895-0200 or email [colchester@maggiesplace.ca](mailto:colchester@maggiesplace.ca)

**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:** Bingo at Wentworth Recreation Centre returning to Thursday nights at 7 pm as of May 4th.

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

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

**Fridays:** Debert Legion Darts, 7:30 pm each Friday. New players welcome

**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:** Open Mic will commence of September 16, then starting in October will be held on a two week cycle.

**Fridays:** Gym at Wentworth Recreation Centre, 9-4:30. More information for patrons on ojuek website.

**Saturdays:** Pickleball, 10 am – noon, Wentworth Rec Centre. Call Debbie Lynds at 902-899-5568 to reserve a time slot for your group.

**Saturdays:** Saturday's 7 PM – 10 PM Come & play 45's followed by nice lunch at Rawdon Gold Mines Community Hall. Contact Shirley Nichols: 902-632-2524 for any updates

**Saturdays:** Walk 'n Talk, Wentworth Rec Centre, 1:30-2:30.

**Sundays:** At the Wentworth Recreation Centre, yoga is back from 3pm to 4:15pm Yoga: Sun/Tues 3-4:15pm

**Sundays:** Bingo at Wentworth Recreation Centre, 1 pm returning to Thursday nights at 7 pm as of May 4th.

**Sundays:** Erskine Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Glenholme is meeting each Sunday at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Contact: Rev. John Shearouse - 902-876-1817. [www.erskinearp.ca](http://www.erskinearp.ca)

**Jun 1:** Grand Opening of Portapique Community Centre, 9 am to 4 pm. Opening at 12:30 pm with welcome and cake cutting.

**Jun 1:** Portapique Market Community Day, 30 Portapique Loop Road. 9 am coffee and conversation; 9am mtom12noonm- Farmer's Market; 12 noon to 1pm – Foam party; 12 noon to 2pm BBQ; 12:30pm – Welcome and cake cutting; 1pm to 4pm – Kitchen party with The Elliott's & Friends (free to join in)

**Jun 8:** Portapique Community Market – Herb & Extravaganza, 9 am to 12 noon. For information: 902-957-9384.

**Jun 15:** Portapique Community Market – Wellness Expo & Father's Day, 9 am to 12 noon. For information: 902-957-9384

**Jun 14 & 15:** Quits & Hooked Rugs for all. Plenty of events for everyone. Farn Equipment Museum, 10am – 4pm each day at 73 Ryland Avenue, Bible Hill, NS (on the Exhibition Grounds) NSPEC. For more information, including registration forms contact: Gail Keddy at [keddygail4@gmail.com](mailto:keddygail4@gmail.com)

**Jun 22:** Portapique Community Market – Pride & Garden Delights, 9 am to 12 noon. For information: 902-957-9384

**Jun 22:** Wentworth Rec Centre annual Show & Shine on the ball field from 10-4pm. Also be offering our popular canteen throughout the day, starting with a 9am Breakfast.

**Jun 29:** Portapique Community Market – Canada Day & Summer Kick-off, 9 am to 12 noon. For information: 902-957-9384

**Nov 11:** Veterans Memorial Park committee is already planning for 2024 – Remembrance Day Service. If interested in volunteering, please contact Carol at: [vmp.br.ns@gmail.com](mailto:vmp.br.ns@gmail.com)



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## Best Practices and Procedures Being Developed

*By Paul Smith*  
(The following is the first of several parts presented elsewhere, in this issue, of an overview of activities in the Community Development Department since January 2024, which was presented to Council committee by Paul Smith, Director of Community Development on May 16. This section includes Smith's analysis of Development & Property Information Services)

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:** The Development Officer continues to be occupied with marked increases in permit applications and subdivision plans over previous years. Inquiries from prospective developers / public as well as by-law enforcement have grown significantly and form a large part of day-to-day activities.

**PROPERTY INFORMATION / GIS SERVICES**

**Electronic Permitting System:** Design of custom workflows for the new system is nearly complete, and since the beginning of April, staff have begun testing procedures, and refinement of processes and content. Currently preparing for upcoming training, e-payment integration, and historic data migration phases of the implementation project.

**Enterprise Geospatial Data Maintenance:** Staff have been developing best practices and procedures for ongoing data maintenance and updates as well as preparing for an Architectural Review project to be completed over the next couple of months, intended to assess current state and identify requirements and strategies to accommodate future growth of GIS capabilities.

**Other recent / ongoing projects:** Supporting various Planning and Development initiatives with mapping, spatial analytics, and statistics, and also assisting other Community Development staff with the increased volume of file processing and data entry tasks, as the Department moves into the busy season for permits and applications.

**Paul Smith is Director of Colchester Community Development Department**