

Parrsboro Creative's Fall Gala – October 21

By Beth Peterkin

Food, dancing, and live music are coming your way at the Parrsboro Creative Fall Gala Dinner/Dance on October 21. This is "not-to-be-missed" event of the season celebrating fall and all things creative.

On Saturday October 21, join other members of the Parrsboro Creative community for an evening of entertainment and dancing at the Parrsboro Legion. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a lively reception featuring Jim Chambers tickling the ivories; enjoy a complimentary beverage and appetizers while you take the time to check out the fabulous silent auction. Items up for bid include a wide array of locally made products and services as well art in a variety of genres.

Following the reception, enjoy a fabulous Fall Fare Feast including menu options to suit all dietary needs set amidst an autumn décor that will have you feeling you are at one with nature on the shores of the Bay of Fundy. Keep an eye on your favourite silent auction items, because your table mates may be outbidding you if you are unaware. Our emcee Jan Rowe will be sure to remind you to keep the competitive bidding going!

After the buffet, the One Plus One Band will take to the stage to provide some dancing music that will keep your toes tapping. Pay close attention though, as there are several items that will be sold off in a live auction. In fact, there is already one item available for bidding in advance of the Gala. Stop in at the Parrsboro Creative office at 223 Main Street in Parrsboro to see the amazing print titled "Island, Georgian Bay" by Franklin Carmichael (Member of the Group of Seven) which is on display. Fill in a ballot with your bid and drop it in the box. The highest bid in the box on the day of the Gala will be the opening bid that night. This is your opportunity to get a step up on your fellow bidders!

Chair Paul Aitken is excited about this Gala event. "Parrsboro Creative touches the soul of so many in our extended community. This is a way to showcase some amazing artis-



After the buffet, of a fabulous Fall Fare Feast, the One Plus One Band will take to the stage to provide some dancing music that will keep your toes tapping.
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Doors open at 6 p.m. for the October 21, Parrsboro Creative Gala with a lively reception featuring Jim Chambers tickling the ivories.
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tic talent and local services, provide a fun evening and raise some funds to allow us to continue the work that we do", he says. Tickets are \$75 per person on sale now through Eventbrite on our website at <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/> (just scroll down to the Buy Tickets button). There are also a limited number of corporate partnerships available at \$1,000, which gives you a table of 10 for the dinner plus corporate recognition before and during the event.

For more information about Parrsboro Creative, you can access our website at <https://www.parrsborocreative.com/>. Questions about the Gala can be directed to Beth Peterkin at beth@bethpeterkin.ca or 902-728-2055.

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Wow, Post tropical storm Lee certainly caused damage to some areas of province, particularly in the Southwestern part damage was the highest. Risser's Beach and Campground look the brunt of Lee's forces. The majority of NS it seems got off lightly. The high tides were actually quite low, and although powerful waves were visible none came over the top at the beach or Partridge Island. Sorry for the many folks that had damage, grateful we got off so easy. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)

Cumberland REMO Opens Comfort Centres as Needed

With climate change affecting Nova Scotia more frequently, municipalities around the province are beefing up their emergency management programs. As they continue to make more infrastructure investments, it is very important citizens, families and businesses do their part to be prepared in event of an unexpected disaster. All municipalities can provide a suggestion of what individuals can do to protect themselves. Municipalities do what they can do to assist and protect residents in an overall way. Many volunteers work hard and are ready when disaster strikes, but residents need to be as equally aware of what can happen.

The following is an outline what Cumberland Regional Emergency Management (CREM) are doing to be prepared.

CREM will have a number of comfort centres around Cumberland County that will open as necessary to serve people should prolonged power outages occur during the coming storms tragic events..

The centers may provide different services depending on the resources available, however, all comfort centers are intended to provide a place to get warm, get a warm drink, recharge devices, check on each other and share information, use the washroom and to get updates on weather and power restoration.

Some centres may provide a snack or food prepared by volunteers or a space to prepare their own food.

Please note, however, a comfort centre is not an overnight shelter. For more information, follow the Municipality of Cumberland social media, or call Cumberland REMO at 902-667-3746.

Comfort centers will be opened on a community-by-community basis.

Here are the locations of comfort centres within the Cumberland

Region: Advocate: Advocate Fire Hall, 4176 Highway 209; **Amherst:** Amherst Fire Hall, 62 Albion St.; **Amherst:** First Baptist Church, 90 Victoria St.; **Collingwood:** Collingwood Community Hall, 70 Collingwood Rd.; **Diligent River:** Diligent River Community Hall, 10267 Parrsboro Shore Rd. **Joggins:** Joggins Volunteer Fire Department, 4 Highway 242; **Leicester:** Leicester Fire Department, 3640 Highway 204; **Northport:** Northport Community Hall, 7508 Highway 366; **Oxford:** Oxford Fire Hall, 115 Waverly St.; **Parrsboro:** Parrsboro Fire

Hall, 252 Willow St.; **Port Greville:** Port Greville Fire Hall, 8484 Highway 209;

Pugwash: Pugwash Ground Search and Rescue, 61 King St. and

Pugwash: Pugwash Fire Hall, 11057 Highway 6. Other centres are located in: **River Hebert:** River Hebert Fire Department, 1495 Highway 242; **Shinimicas:** Shinimicas Fire Department, 5056 Highway 6; **Southampton:** Southampton Community Centre, 8845 Highway 2; **Springhill:** Dr. Carson and Marion Murray Community Centre, 6 Main St.; **Tidnish:** Tidnish Community Centre, 4358

Highway 366; **Truemanville:** Truemanville Fire Hall, 2389 Highway 6; **Wallace:** Wallace Community Hall, 13922 Highway 6; **Wallace:** Wallace Fire Hall, 3760 Highway 307; **Wentworth:** Wentworth Fire Hall/Community Centre, 13736 Highway 4 and **Westchester:** Westchester Fire Hall, 123 Valley Rd.

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Johnson Recognized with Exemplary Service Award

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Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Murray Scott said he's extremely proud of Johnson.

"He accomplished a great deal as our EMO coordinator and provided yeoman service across Cumberland County," the mayor said. "It's an award that's so well deserved. He played a prominent role in helping county residents stay safe and coordinating the

county's response during two significant tropical storms in last four years as well as other events including major winter storms that we've faced."

Municipality of Cumberland chief administrative officer Greg Herrett congratulated Johnson on the achievement.

"It was a pleasure to work with Mike through the years in my role as CAO, first in Amherst and more recently

with the Municipality of Cumberland," Herrett said. "Mike's professionalism, contacts and credibility throughout the province certainly made the job of managing the town or the municipality through our various emergency events much easier. He is most deserving of this award."

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TORY RUSHTON, MLA
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\$1.9-Million Investment Into Local Wetlands

Nova Scotia's response to climate change is set to expand in Cumberland thanks to a significant investment focused on the restoration and enhancement of local wetland ecosystems in an announcement made by Tory Rushton MLA on September 19.

The Houston Government announced a generous contribution exceeding \$1.9 million to support the "Making Room for Wetlands: Coastal Carbon Edition" project, an initiative to revitalize and improve wetlands across the Bay of Fundy.

Wetland restoration will yield significant benefits for local communities, such as reduced flood risks, heightened food production, enhanced greenhouse gas sequestration, and the betterment of habitats critical for essential species.

"Cumberland County's wetlands are a critical part of our natural heritage," said Tory Rushton, MLA for Cumberland South. "The "Making Room for Wetlands:

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