



WOODVILLE



Community Centre
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COMMUNITY UPDATE

The year 2020 has been unlike any other, and will surely be talked about for decades to come. Our small community has certainly felt its share of the effects from Covid-19. We've missed many events that are enjoyed by all, such as our Chicken Barbecue, Coffee Parties, and Corn Boil. Recently we made the difficult decision to cancel our annual Christmas Craft Fair and Potluck. We were also unable to provide swimming lessons, tennis lessons and day camp, which are looked forward to each summer by the children of Woodville and surrounding areas.

Woodville Community Center closed its doors in March under Nova Scotia's State of Emergency, and has remained closed due to public health requirements that were put in place for public spaces and gatherings. This has meant a loss of approximately \$20,000 in revenue from hall rentals and gym memberships. The cancellation of our signature Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser – which would have marked its 49th year in 2020 – resulted in an additional \$17,000 lost revenue. While many of our programs and events run on a cost-recovery basis, we also rely on this critical funding to cover the annual expenses associated with operating the Community Center. Our annual operating costs are well over \$20,000 and include utilities, furnace oil, propane, insurance, elevator maintenance, and building & grounds maintenance. We have temporarily postponed a necessary \$10,000 roofing project, which we anticipate will be completed in the spring with grant funding from the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Village of Cornwallis Square.

Since last year, WCC has been saving money so that we can pave our parking lot. Unfortunately, we have already had to dip into these savings to cover our operating expenses. These funds will diminish quickly if we are unable to reopen our hall in the next 3-6 months as the pandemic drags on, leaving WCC without any additional savings to fall back on for operating costs, and forcing us to start saving from scratch when the time comes to consider the paving project again.

We are aware that the past seven months have also been very difficult for many families. We feel fortunate to live in such a close-knit community, where we've seen neighbors taking care of neighbors during these challenging times. We want to be able to continue offering services such as being a Comfort Center through Kings County REMO, and are very excited to resume our events and programs for the community of Woodville once the effects of the pandemic ease.

If you wish to support the Woodville Community Centre, we will gratefully accept donations at this time. Cheques can be made payable to Woodville Community Centre and mailed to 342 Bligh Road, Woodville NS, B0P 1V0. Alternatively, e-transfers can be sent to treasurer@woodville-kingscounty.ca. Tax receipts can be issued for donations over \$20. If you wish to receive a receipt, please provide your full name and civic address when you make your donation.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Centre. We hope we can gather as a community again soon!

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The fall Community clean up date is set for Saturday, October 24th at 10am weather permitting. (Rain date is Sunday, October 25th at 1pm) Please meet at the Community Centre where there will be safety vests, bags and reaching sticks available.

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

COVID-19 guidelines will be followed to keep everyone safe. Your participation would be greatly appreciated to help keep our community clean!

KEEP SAFE and hope to see you at the Roadside Clean up!

A big thank you to Sandi Winchester for organizing the road cleanup this year.

PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY

Each year we celebrate the harvest with a pumpkin carving party. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm outside at the Community Centre. Rain date is Saturday, October 31st.



Remember to check the weather forecast and dress appropriately as we will be outside with COVID-19 restrictions in place. Please bring your own carving tools. Pumpkins will be provided FREE by the Woodville Community Centre.

Kim Foote has graciously agreed to lead this gathering again this year. Come out and design your special pumpkin or get new ideas. There will be ribbons awarded for all the creative carvings.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE CANCELLED



For the past few years we have gathered at the Woodville Monument of Honour to remember those from our community who have served and are still serving as members of the military.

Unfortunately, due to the current global pandemic this event is cancelled for this year.

Please take a moment on November 11th to remember those who have sacrificed their lives to protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

SUPPORT THE WDFD



Due to COVID-19 the Waterville and District Volunteer Fire Department is suspending its fall fundraising. This is the first time in their 96-year history there will be no door to door campaign. They feel this is the right thing to do to keep our Community and firefighters safe.

If you wish to continue your Fall tradition, they will graciously welcome your donation. You can send a cheque to PO Box 99, Waterville, NS B0P 1V0 or through e-transfer at donation@watervilledistrictfire.ca. **They will require an additional email with your name and civic address so that they can send you an official income tax receipt for your donation.**

Since they are unable to hold their usual events and hall rentals, they have joined the Nova Scotia Firefighters weekly 50/50 jackpot draw held every Thursday if you wish to support them that way. It is on Facebook and at www.firefighters5050.com/73. They receive a portion of the ticket sales when you select their Fire Department. The jackpot has reached over \$100,000.

The Waterville and District Fire Department sincerely thank you for your ongoing support!



Set your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st.