

WOODVILLE

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EASTER EGG HUNT



Hello everyone! Spring is on its way and that means...

The Easter Bunny is inviting you to the Community Center for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This event will take place on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am and is FREE for children 12 years of age and younger.

Our friendly Easter Bunny kindly asks you not to come early, as he and his friends have a lot of work to do to get ready, and the egg hunt will not start until 10:00 am. Bags will be provided for collecting goodies, so no need to bring your own. Hot chocolate, juice and yummy snacks will also be available. This is always a fun morning, so come experience another one of the events that makes Woodville such a special community!

Please bring a food item for the food bank so we can continue giving back to those in need. If you have any questions call, Christina Bigelow 902-678-9482.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Our spring community road cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 25th, with a rain date of the 26th.

Please meet at the Community Centre at 10:00am to pick up your bags, reaching sticks and

safety vests. Road safety signs will remain out until 5:00pm, so if you are able to help later in the day please contact Sandi so she can let you know which areas haven't been done yet.

The cleanup covers Bligh Road, Highway 221, Parrish Road and Brooklyn Street, so there are lots of areas to choose from! This is our opportunity to get the community looking its best for the many visitors who will be passing through for the Chicken Barbeque.

Join us to get your steps in and take pride in keeping our community clean!

Thanks to Sandi Winchester for organizing this annual event.

WOODVILLE CHICKEN 50th BARBEQUE

It is with great excitement and anticipation that we look forward to the 50th Woodville Chicken Barbeque being held on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at Boates Farm in Woodville.

Last year, all 2520 delicious meals were pre-sold, netting a profit of \$25,000 – our best BBQ to date! These funds are critical in maintaining operations at the Woodville Community Centre throughout the entire year.

The Barbeque Committee is hard at work planning the 'Golden Jubilee' event, and we are looking for ideas to celebrate this milestone. If you have suggestions, please send them to bbq@woodville-kingscounty.ca.

We will be preparing 2520 meals again this year, with advance tickets being sold at multiple local locations (TBC) as well as online. Tickets will only be available for pre-sale; they will not be available to purchase onsite.

The Chicken BBQ is the main fundraiser for the Community Centre. It helps considerably with our operating expenses, and is a great builder of community spirit. If you have not been involved before, please consider giving a bit of your time and energy to help make this event successful. There will be many ways to contribute, and within the next month we will send out another newsletter looking for volunteers to help with set-up, in the BBQ pit, on the serving line, and so much more. Remember - many hands make light work!

The old guard would welcome new volunteers and is very willing to mentor those who would like to take on a leadership role. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at bbq@woodville-kingscounty.ca.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Board of Directors for the Woodville Community Centre meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm to discuss the ongoing operation of the Community Centre and any upcoming events and projects. These meetings are open to the public, and we welcome & encourage both new and longtime community members to join us!

Of course, the biggest event coming up is our 50th Annual Chicken Barbeque in June; however, plans for other smaller events are also in the works. In addition, there are a number of important projects for which we are currently sourcing funding, including:

Generator replacement. Our existing generator is beyond repair, which unfortunately means that WCC cannot be designated as an Emergency Comfort Centre until it is replaced.

Playground repairs. WCC's playground - which is widely enjoyed by the families of Woodville and surrounding communities - was shut down in August 2023 after it was determined that many of the wooden structures were no longer safe due to significant rotting. We plan to replace the wooden structures and will be adding additional seating for visitors and caregivers. Our goal is to have this project completed in Spring 2024 so local families can enjoy the playground throughout the warmer seasons.

Flooring replacement. During the completion of a project downstairs, it was noted that a section of our basement floor is deteriorating and needs to be replaced.

Oil tank replacement. These have unfortunately reached the end of their life expectancy, so the Board is engaged in discussions about whether to replace the tanks or move toward alternative and/or supplemental heat sources that could allow us to move away from oil. Either option will come at a significant cost for the Centre.

Well replacement. The well at WCC is also nearing the end of its lifespan, and while replacing it is not currently a top concern for our Board, we are continuing to monitor the Centre's water quality. Replacement of the well would quickly increase in priority if water quality declines.

The Board of Directors will be applying for various grants to help fund these projects, and profits from our fundraiser(s) will also be used to offset the costs. As always, donations are gratefully accepted and those over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

PHOTO ALBUM

This year will be the 50th anniversary of the Annual Woodville Chicken Barbecue. The Woodville Community Centre has approved a project to develop a photo album of barbecues stretching back over the past 50 years.

A work group consisting of Brenda and Peter Sheppard and John Foote will create the photo album. It will be published on the Woodville Community Centre's website so that it can be downloaded and shares. We are considering other ways to make it available as well.

We are looking for photos of families and friends enjoying chicken in the orchards, volunteers working on the serving lines and cooking the chicken, and anything else that would help us remember each year of this special community event. Please contact members of the group working if you have anything to contribute:

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@ THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our Thursday morning craft group is growing, and we have a great time learning about everyone's projects. We are always happy to welcome new crafters!

The coffee parties were well attended this year. We took turns hosting and the treats were always delicious. Thanks to everyone who helped make these community connection events happen!

Monika Bigelow is willing to teach some yoga classes at the Community Centre. She will offer daytime classes to begin, with dates and additional information to follow. Monika is qualified to teach people with mobility issues.

Harry Posner is an avid chess player and has offered to host a chess night at the Community Centre. Please contact Harry (harryposner2@gmail.com) or Alice (vanhattemalice@gmail.com) if you or your child would be interested.

COFFEE PARTY

Join neighbours and friends for the final Coffee Party of the season on Saturday, March 23rd hosted by and at the Woodville Baptist Church, 439 Bligh Road from 10:00am to 11:30am.