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**WDRA**

WESTMEATH & DISTRICT  
RECREATION ASSOCIATION

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



Aug 3rd **WDRA Boardwalk  
Bingo Pembroke**

Aug 6th **CIVIC HOLIDAY**

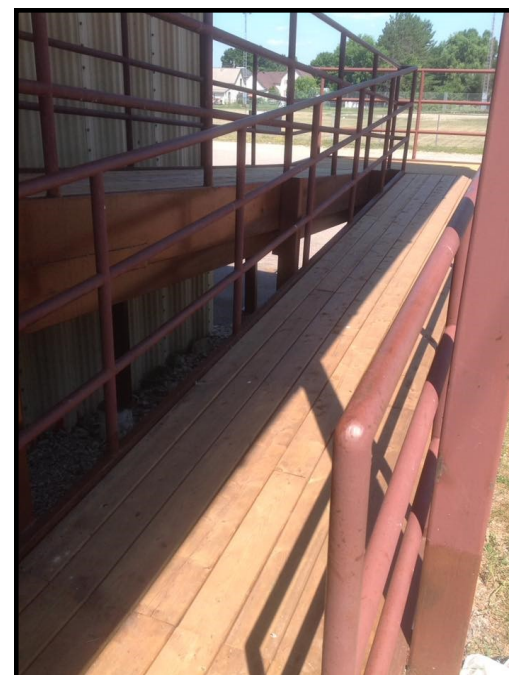
Aug 13th **WDRA Board Meeting  
7:00 pm @ Hall**

Aug 19th **Our Lady of Grace  
Church Turkey Supper  
Westmeath Hall  
Noon - 6 pm**

Sept 3rd **LABOUR DAY**

Sept 15th **Stonefence Theatre  
Westmeath Hall  
"I Come from the  
Valley"**

Sept 29th **Festival of Small Halls  
Gordie MacKeeman &  
His Rhythm Boys**



**AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER**

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### Repair of the WDRA Hall Ramp

As most are already aware, the WDRA has been working with our Township in an effort to replace the covered ramp and steps into our hall in the next 2-3 years. This is a significant project that is forecasted to cost over \$200,000. Regardless, it a necessity for our community. Bob Grylls has taken the lead to make application to a number of Provincial and Federal Grants to help subsidize up to 66% of the costs of this work. We are hopeful that we will receive some good news before the end of 2018.

However, the WDRA Hall Ramp did not survive the spring and had some major deterioration that required significant repair. We needed to find a way to repair the ramp so it would remain safe to use until it could be replaced completely. The WDRA received outstanding support from Mayor Hal Johnson and our council; the Township offered \$12,000 from their accessibility reserve funds to keep the ramp open. With that our community was off and running!

\* Ian Johnson, from JP2G, provided a repair design that would meet building code, keep costs low, and ensure that ramp could be used for the short term until it could be replaced.

\* Steve Racine, from Stephen and Sons Roofing, completed the very laborious demolition of all the concrete and rotten metal.

\* Graham Desjardins, from Desjardins Mechanical, completed the installation of extensive new steel supports and wooden flooring.

Now we have a wonderful, fully functional ramp!

A special thanks to the WDRA, the Mayor and his council, and to Stephen Racine and Graham Desjardins and their team of workers. It was thanks to the efforts of everyone involved that the project was completed so quickly and on budget.



To keep up to date with WDRA happenings,  
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The WDRA was selected again this year to host the Ontario Festival of Small Halls at the Westmeath Recreation Centre. It will take place on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We are so pleased to announce that we will be hosting **Gordie MacKeeman & His Rhythm Boys**.

Check out [thefestivalofsmallhalls.com](http://thefestivalofsmallhalls.com) for more info on this great group. Tickets will be available online as well as locally through our volunteer group.

**Book your seats today,  
they will not last long!**

### THANK YOU!

The WDRA would like to extend huge thank you to all who came out to help celebrate Canada Day in Westmeath. It was a scorcher! Special thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time in the kitchen, at the BBQ pit preparing the delicious chicken, the horseshoe tournament, bingo, pickleball, kids games and activities, human foosball, the ice cream sundae bar, the entertainment and the fantastic fireworks display. A great time was had by all!

### The WDRA is Appealing for Help!

The WDRA monthly meeting July 9<sup>th</sup> had two big events to review their part in them. They were Canada Day and the Tour de Whitewater (a supportive role only). Canada Day dinners have been continuous since 1967 and Tour de Whitewater for two years.

Canada Day celebrations are lagging. From being a full day of activities some years ago, it is now primarily a Dinner and Fireworks. It needs some impetus from the community, either new ideas and/or programs that will encourage additional people of all ages and their families to enjoy a full day of other activities and games, not just the dinner and fireworks. For example, at this year's Carnival weekend a fresh idea of holding a tug-of-war competition stirred up added interest for the participants and all those watching. That one incident was talked about afterwards for weeks.

Canada Day, traditional events and new events, especially the new ones, need a similar idea as the tug-of-war, to bolster their appeal. We are eager to hear from anyone in the community to tell us what additional programs it would like to see. Each of us is a member of the WDRA. Feedback of any kind is encouraged, involvement to plan or take part in a favourite event is of the asking, and attending monthly meetings at any time is recommended.

We have already taken the steps to delegate the two mainstays of next year's Canada Day party, the BBQ Chicken Dinner and Fireworks. Michael Watson, so involved in the BBQ for years, will assume full responsibility for the BBQ from start to finish. Also, Darren Rabb, the lead person for the fireworks presentation for some years will be responsible for purchasing them to displaying them at the Canada Day wrap-up.

We know there are people in the community who do have good ideas and talents just waiting to be asked for help. Consider this message an invitation to talk to anyone of the committee members about it. Whatever you would like to do or see, we can make it happen.

WDRA Executive

### FOR HALL BOOKINGS

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**WDRA BOARDWALK  
BINGO**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3RD**

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