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**WDRA**

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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



Dec 31st	New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance Westmeath Hall
Jan 1st	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Jan 8th	WDRA Monthly Meeting 7:15 pm at the Rec. Hall
Jan 10th	RSSC Monthly Business Meeting
Jan 17th	RSSC Soup and Sandwich Upstairs Hall
Jan 23rd	Westmeath Winter Carnival Planning Meeting 7 pm at the Rec. Hall (all welcome)
Feb 7th	Soup and Sandwich LaPasse Parish Hall 11:30—1:00
Mar 2nd-4th	Westmeath Winter Carnival (save the dates)
Apr 16th	WDRA Annual General Meeting (save the date)

**Westmeath  
Winter Carnival**

March 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2018

A planning meeting has been set  
for Tuesday, January 23rd at  
7 pm at the Rec. Hall.

Anyone with ideas or wanting to  
help out, please feel free to  
attend. We are always looking  
for new ideas!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

To rent Community Centre Hall :  
613-587-4559/613-587-4838 or email [wdra@nrtco.net](mailto:wdra@nrtco.net)  
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**FREE Holiday Public Skating**



**Beachburg**  
December 27 @ 2-3pm  
December 29 @ 6-7pm  
January 3 @ 3-4pm  
January 4 @ 3-4pm

**Cobden**  
December 28 @ 3-4pm  
December 29 @ 2-3pm  
December 30 @ 6-7pm  
January 5 @ 3:30-4:30pm

**Westmeath**  
December 27 @ 3-4pm  
December 29 @ 3-4pm  
January 2 @ 1-2pm  
January 3 @ 4-5pm

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**WDRA HAPPENINGS**

*Submitted by Neil Nicholson*

Rink Operations Transfer from WDRA to Whitewater Region - the transfer has continued to go smoothly with only a few changes that we had to work through in exactly how and when volunteers could assist Mel with moving nets and helping around the rink. The finances, included the control of key bills like Hydro, will all be transferred to coincide with the start of 2018. We will continue to work closely with the township to provide seamless rink access.

Christmas Holiday Skating Opportunities - In addition to weekend skates, the township and some community sponsors will be hosting Free skates over the holidays in all three Whitewater Rinks. Please check the board at the rink or our FB page for more info.

Pickleball - our WDRA Pickleball club continues to have a strong following of participants so it will continue into the new year. We will be using the Beachburg Public School Gym until approximately May, when we can use the rink facilities through the summer. Its \$5 for 2 hrs of fun activity. Contact Randy or Shelia at 613.582.7420.

Skating and Used Hockey Equipment - if anyone is in need of skates or used equipment to get their growing kids outfitted for hockey, we have a limited supply of donated equipment and skates. Please contact Neil at 613.587.4725 for more information.

WDRA Basketball Sessions - we completed a block of 5 sessions through Nov and had over 22 youth participating under Coach Gerry Benoit and Jump Ball Player Development. Big congrats to Jonny Fanning, who was selected from the participants for a special award. Check out the full story on our FB page and watch for more basketball sessions this winter and spring

WDRA Hall Entrance Project (Stairs and Ramp) - we have been continuing to make headway on this project. The Trillium Grant was submitted on time with one of the two required quotes (thanks Bob for all your efforts in this!). Our engineer at J2PG has been working at obtaining a second quote and the grant organization has been patient understanding the challenges for rural communities to get these types of quotes. We will continue work to gather all the necessary details as well as seeking other grants.

New Lights in our Hall - The WDRA has recently completed a full replacement of all the lighting in the main hall and kitchen, replacing the outdated lights with new LED lights. Is it ever bright now! This project was sponsored in part by Rondue Electric (care of Terry and Peter Ethier), who provided all labour for the project at no cost. Thank you Terry and Peter!

New activities - if you have an idea for a sport or club that you might think would benefit our community please let us know. We are also always looking for volunteers, someone who might just want to help out in some way. Please contact us and we can hopefully find you something you might wish to participate in!

**The WDRA would like to extend a big thank you to Joanne Savage and all her helpers for organizing another successful Westmeath Santa Claus Parade. A great time was had by all who attended. Thank you!!**

**UPCOMING WDRA BOARDWALK BINGO DATES**  
**Friday, February 2nd**  
**Interested in volunteering, please contact Brenda at [wdra@nrtco.net](mailto:wdra@nrtco.net).**

**January 2018 Update of Riverview Seniors Social Club**

*Submitted by Heather Campbell*

***The Riverview Seniors Social Club** is a non-profit and volunteer driven organization working to enhance the quality of life, community participation and independence of seniors.*

Happy New Year! **PLAN TO ATTEND THE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH MEETING.** We welcome input from members. Business meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at the Westmeath Recreation Centre Hall.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact membership chair Connie Gray at 613-582-3390.

The annual Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Good food and good fun shared with good friends!



**The monthly Soup and Sandwich luncheon will take place at noon on Wed. Jan. 17th. Cost is \$8. Big thanks to our convener Laurine (613-587-4491) and to the faithful workers in the kitchen as well as those who contribute food for these monthly luncheons. Please contact Laurine if you are a member and can contribute.**

**The Monthly Paramedic Wellness Clinic and the Foot Care resume, starting in January, always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, after the soup and sandwich.**

**PUB NIGHT and TALENT SHOW (with a “Vieux Canadiens” twist) will be Wed. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at the Westmeath Rec. Centre Hall. Doors open for the happy hour at 5p.m. and the Cipaille Dinner (pronounced *sea pie*) begins at 6p.m. with the Live Talent Show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$12 available from Doreen at 613-587-4834. If you wish to perform, come between 5 and 5:50 to register. See posters and Facebook for more details**

Keep tuned to this space and to our Facebook page for current information on plans for dances, cooking classes, workshops, February Pub Night, Murder Mystery Dinner, planned trips and ever-evolving new ideas!

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