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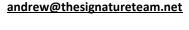
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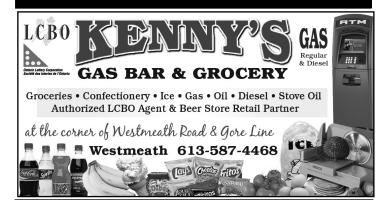
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A friendly reminder that all content and advertising submissions for the WDRA Newsletter must be received by the 15th of the month in order to guarantee inclusion the following month.

Submissions can be made via email at wdranewsletter@nrtco.net.

For inquiries, please call Lynn at (613) 587-4438 or Heather at (613) 587-4394.





RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Dec 31st New Year's Eve **Dinner & Dance Westmeath Hall HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Jan 1st 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) Soup and Sandwich Feb 7th LaPasse Parish Hall 11:30-1:00 Mar 2nd-4th Westmeath Winter

<u>Westmeath</u> Winter Carnival

Apr 16th

Carnival (save the dates)

WDRA Annual General

Meeting (save the date)

March 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2018

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

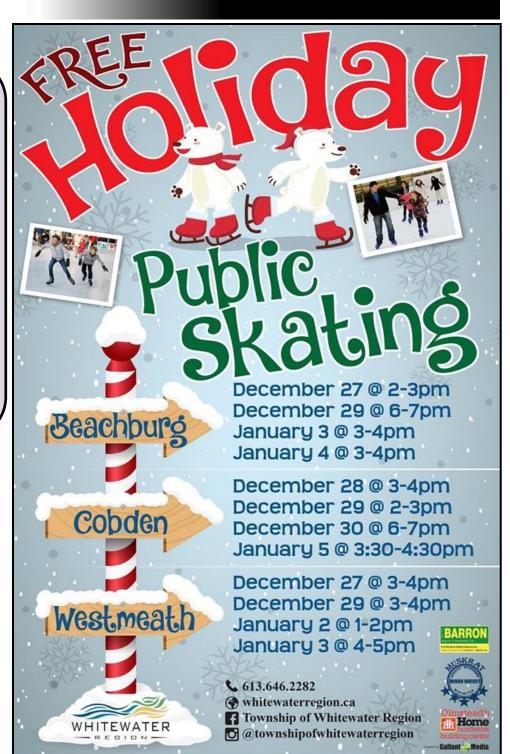
Anyone with ideas or wanting to help out, please feel free to attend. We are always looking for new ideas!

SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

To rent Community Centre Hall : 613-587-4559/613-587-4838 or email wdra@nrtco.net lce bookings: arenas@whitewaterregion.ca; call Township office M-F, 8:30 am - 4 pm , ask for Debbie

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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 facilitates 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 someway. Please contact us and we can hopefully find you something you might wish to participate in!

The WDRA would like to extend and 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.

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. 9th 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 3rd Wednesday, after the soup and sandwich.

PUB NIGHT and TALENT SHOW (with a "Vieux Canadiens" twist) will be Wed. Feb. 21st 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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It's <u>Riverview Seniors Social Club</u>. Learn more about us as well as viewing photos from past RSSC events.