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UPCOMING EVENTS



- Oct .2nd LaPasse Soup & Sandwich, 11:30 - 1:00
- Oct. 8th Beachburg Public School Annual Harvest Supper 5:00-7:00 pm at BPS
Tickets available at the door - \$8.00 (14 and up), \$5.00 (13 and under), Preschoolers are free.
- Oct. 9th RSSC Business Meeting @ 1:00
St. Andrew's Beachburg
- Oct. 9th All Candidates Meeting
Heritage Hall, Beachburg 7:00– 9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 14th **HAPPY THANKGIVING**
- Oct. 16th RSSC Soup & Sandwich
St. Andrew's Beachburg
- Oct. 21st Cast your vote today!
- Oct. 31st **HALLOWEEN**
- Nov. 3rd Daylight Saving Time Ends



OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Community Centre Hall :
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Ice bookings: arenas@whitewaterregion.ca;
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ALL CANDIDATES MEETING
Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 at 7: 00 to 9:00 p.m.

At Heritage Hall, Beachburg Fair Grounds
Ask your Federal Candidates in Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke about the issues that are important to you.
Be well prepared to cast your vote on October 21st.

CANADIAN FEDERAL ELECTION 2019



Riverview Seniors Social Club

RIVERVIEW SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB
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Wednesdays: Sept.18, Oct. 16 & Nov. 20
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If you are a newcomer to our community, please come and join us for lunch. A warm welcome awaits you.

WDRA UPDATE

In the past four weeks there has been much activity involving the Community Hall that hasn't been shared with its users, which is stretching their patience and for which the committee apologizes for. There are explanations also for the delays:

Hall Entrance way Demolition: The start date of the contract of August 19th was not begun for various reasons. It was awarded to the winning bidder only a few days before the go-ahead date. The WDRA, the project manager and the bid winner (Wade Construction of Petawawa) wanted every detail of the design to be accurate. Bond insurance for the contractor then took a couple weeks to obtain. It may take more time before we see demolition of the entrance way. Our contractor plans to begin shortly but wants every piece of equipment required on hand to do a quick and thorough job. Meanwhile the contractor has longer lead-time materials on order and welding of some sub-assemblies are being worked on in their shop.

The contractor is still scheduled to complete the project by year-end, BUT will do everything possible they can to have at least the entrance into the hall available by November 21st so that our usual Christmas time and New Years Eve events can proceed. Remember, this goal of a new entrance began in the year 2000, 19 years ago. If we waited that long, surely a few months of impatience will be worth it to have not only a new entrance, but also a barrier-free ramp and both covered by an overhead roof.

Hall Floor: The floors were heavily used during the past flood in April when it became an emergency response center and definitely showed the wear and tear. Plans were made to have it sanded down and coated. To give it special appearance, it was buffed and varnished afterwards. No access to the Hall was inconvenient for some, and again we apologize for that.

Fittings for 200 chair-legs: The current fixtures on the 800 chair-legs, in use for over 10 years, are wearing out and scratching the floor finish. A search has been ongoing for months to find appropriate replacements and just this week Mel has found ones to do the job. Timing is excellent because all the chairs are off the floor and will only be put onto the floor once the protected bottoms are placed on them.

Halls Windows: They will be replaced with new modern ones by Valley Window and Door in early October, before the Hall reopens later on in November.

We would like to let everyone know that the hall can be used with limited use during the renovation and for those inquiring you should check with our hall booker Marg Gervais, to confirm if it might be used for any specific activity during the renovations.

We wish to acknowledge all the volunteer work and thousands of hours that has been donated since 2000 to make this ramp happen. Special thanks go out to Dave Lessard for getting the survey, Graham Desjardins for welding the temporary ramp and Ian Johnson of Jp2g who is our Project Manager and who also donated much of his own time in the design and development of this amazing project.

Again, please accept our apologies and if further clarification is desired, call or email Bob at 613-587-4560 or bgrylls@nrtco.net.

October 2019 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.

The Club resumed their monthly meetings on Wed. September 11th and their monthly noon soup and sandwich luncheons (\$8) on Wed. Sept 18th. The big difference is that both events were held at St. Andrew's United Church basement. This rented location will continue for October and November, with the business meetings being the 2nd Wednesday at 1:00 PM and the noon soup and sandwich luncheons being the 3rd Wednesday. By December meetings, we will be back in the Westmeath Recreation Hall, the new entranceway having been completed.

The Free Renfrew County Paramedic Wellness Clinic will continue to be held in conjunction with the monthly business meeting from 1:00 PM to 2:PM.

Gentle Yoga classes have resumed but they are being held at Our Lady of Grace church, 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Call Danielle 613-587-4615 for more info.

The Club's Wednesday Afternoon Socials will be temporarily suspended but will resume when the renovations are finished at the Westmeath Hall.



October's Soup and Sandwich luncheon will be Wednesday. October 16th at 12 noon.

Everyone welcome! Call Jan Reeves 613-582-3741 if as a member you are able to volunteer food or help.

Thinking of joining the Riverview Seniors Club? It is a great opportunity to build new relationships, get 1st opportunity to sign up for workshops etc, or buy tickets to special events sponsored by the Club. Each year, trips are planned especially for club members, using a portion of funds raised to subsidize the costs. Volunteer club members host the monthly soup/sandwich event. Starting now, we welcome new members and those returning to register for the upcoming 2020. We encourage you to register, if possible, by the end of December. If you are 50+ and interested in membership (\$10), please contact membership chair Connie Gray at 613-582-3390.

Of interest, we note that the club bought the "start/finish" banner for the recent Tour de White-water, one that can be reused.

REMINDER: The Federal All-Candidates Meeting is being held at Heritage Hall (Fair Grounds), Beachburg, on Wednesday, October 9th at 7p.m. to help prepare you for voting on October 21st.

Remember to set aside Dec. 14th evening for the Club's Christmas Dinner Dance. More details to follow next month.



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