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## OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Take Out Dinner  
Westmeath & District Hall  
Saturday, October 23, 2021  
4:30pm-6:00pm

Mini Kielbasa Sausage with pretzel bun &  
German mustard  
Homemade Schnitzel with mushroom gravy  
Mashed Red Potatoes  
German Red Cabbage  
Local Baby Kale Salad  
Sauerkraut  
Black Forest Cake / Apple Strudel

Family dinner for 4 \$55  
Single Dinner \$15

You can add on a 4 pack of local craft beers  
for \$20

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Last day to reserve is October 18th

### Riverview Club Resumes Some Activities.

After a sixteen-month break, the Riverview Seniors Social Club is meeting once again. The members have decided to take a slimmed-down approach for this fall and will reassess the required pandemic protocols again before 2022.

The monthly business meetings will be held through this fall on the second Wednesday of each month at the Westmeath Rec. Centre Hall, 119 Synton St, Westmeath. The Business Meetings offer some social connection among the members and all members are invited to attend.

The popular monthly Soup and Sandwich luncheons and weekly socials, open to the public, and the other monthly activities will remain on hold. Hopefully by 2022, the COVID 19 protocols will allow the Club to resume a full roster of activities.

The Riverview Seniors Social Club is part of the [United Senior Citizens of Ontario](http://www.unitedseniors.ca) network of senior's clubs. The 2022 membership cards have now gone on sale for \$10.00 to all those aged 55+ living in the Westmeath Peninsula or with roots in the community. To join please call Membership Chair Connie Gray at 613-582-3390.



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**More issues with flower boxes!**

I’m sure everyone remembers the flower boxes that were purchased by the WDRA back in May, and filled with flowers to help beautify the communities of Westmeath and Lapasse. The flowers were very much enjoyed and did quite well despite the extreme heat and lack of rain this summer. Effort was made to water and fertilize them weekly, but eventually the battle was lost. The flowers had a good run.

Some may recall the unrest caused this summer when the flower box and flowers went missing from the Westmeath boat launch. This was extremely shocking and very disappointing.

And now for more bad news. Recently a few of the flower boxes at the Westmeath arena were vandalized, with one box being broken and flowers in another torn apart. The question is ‘would someone do this to a neighbour?’.

My hope for the fall was to have the flower boxes in Westmeath and Lapasse filled with different coloured mums. This would have been very nice for the Thanksgiving and fall season. But, due to a lack of respect by some for this WDRA initiative it was decided that for now all flower boxes will be removed from all locations. Further discussions and possible investigations may ensue, whether or not video surveillance is needed to protect others property.

We should all be proud of where we live and be thankful for the efforts of all volunteers. It’s too bad that it only takes one, and sometimes two bad apples, to spoil the bunch, or ruin something for everyone.

Submitted by Blaine Sack,  
WDRA Member-at-Large

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**Things go wrong (by Bob Grylls)**

August 30<sup>th</sup> (Monday) was a day filled with misadventures and complications that persisted for the better part of it.

Preparing two toasted cheese sandwiches (one with onions) for our lunch resulted in a burn from the frying pan on the back of my left hand that blistered. Usually I don’t get blisters when I scorch myself around the stove. I had the burner set too high and the sandwiches toasted too much as well as clinging to each other stuck by the melting Havarti cheese. Parting them caused the burn.

Shortly after lunch I had an appointment scheduled for blood work at Lifelabs in Pembroke. I know the route with one eye closed but today I made a wrong turn ending up staring at Bishop Smith High School. A little guess-work and I was back on track.

Giving a sample of the red plasma was no sweat but a urine sample was not the same. What if I couldn’t go? What if I overfilled the bottle? What if I dropped it? I was now in the bathroom with the red-capped bottle. The minutes dragged by. Even with the faucets running water, no luck. I finally gave up, turned off the restroom light and went to the desk. Spotting the original technician I held up the bottle saying, “I’m dry.” She gave me another one with a newly printed label and said to come back later.

Now I had the dilemma of where to do it when the time was right. It donned on me that if I made a small purchase at the Pharmacy, I could get a bag with my order. The bag was huge for a small bottle of Tylenol – two feet high by 1.5 feet across.

Next I had to kill time until pee-time. That mean a drive over to Walmart for a cat food and cherry ice-cream I needed then back to the mall to park at the fast-food entrance. I was able slip the big bag with the pee bottle in it and into the washroom, filled it past the minimum line and got out of there without anyone the wiser. I suppose there must be braver people who could carry the bottle in the open or in their pocket. Not me.

Just before I left for Lifelabs I remembered to go back into the mall to search for a unique optical audio cable at the electronics store. Immediately staff said, “You need to wear a mask or we will be in trouble.” Rather than see me go back to my car they offered me a new one. This happens so frequently by forgetting a mask and getting handed a new one from the store that currently I have a few months extras in my car.

Finally back to Life Labs. By now there was a lineup so a delay to return the sample. When it was my turn, I proudly held it up and said, “It took two mugs of beer to make this.” The staff chuckled as I stuffed the precious bottle into their little fridge.

Next time, I won’t “go” to the bathroom just before I leave for such an appointment.

