



VILLAGE OF KINGSTON

Newsletter – Spring 2019

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Village Commission

The Village Commission and staff will greatly miss our Chairperson Don Holmesdale who passed away from a sudden illness. He was a gentle leader who cared deeply about his community.

HELP MAKE THE DECISIONS – Become one of 5 elected Commissioners – two openings this year.

Advance Poll May 28th, Election Day June 1st. Please contact the Village office for nomination requirements

NO increase in the Village's residential or commercial tax rate for the 7th year in a row.

Village's Annual General Meeting - Kingston Fire Hall on Thursday May 30th at 7pm - All encouraged to attend.

Regular Village Commission Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 7pm at the Village Office.

Village Project Update - 2019

- Kingston Public Free Wi-Fi - continuing to grow – Wi-Fi ID: **KINGSTON-MESH** only.
- The Village purchased the old CIBC building and will be moving our office to that location.
- The Kingston library will expand into our current office location in the coming months.
- We are drilling for water, in Partnership with the County of Kings; the first step in bringing central water to Kingston.
- Sewer line expansion will close the rail trail at times this summer, watch our Facebook and our website for updates.
- Look for our new Highway 101 signage in the future.
- There will be a new LED event sign installed this summer, in partnership with the Kingston Lions Club, the Kingston Legion, and the Kingston Fire Department – a great addition to promote local events.

Valley Waste - Spring Clean Up Day – Tuesday, May 14th

Spring Cleanup in the Village will be on your regular garbage day. Maximum 20 ITEMS PER HOUSEHOLD. Please place items at roadside no earlier than 1 week prior. Pine needles are accepted in clear bags but will count as part of your regular garbage bag limit. Check your Valley Waste calendar or contact them at 1-877-927-8300 www.vwrm.com

Village Burning Regulations (as part of the County of Kings)

What you can burn? Clean, dry, wood ONLY, NO brush, NO grass, NO leaves – County of Kings By-Law #63

When can you burn? www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe

Spring Yard Waste Drop Off Site - Elm St. - for Kingston Residents

The Village of Kingston will once again be providing a **brush bin and a leaf bin beginning April 19 for 4 weeks.** The two bins will be located beside the red barn on Elm Street next to the tennis courts. The brush bin may include branches, pine needles and grass clippings. Bags **must be emptied** into the proper bin and empty bags discarded in the garbage can provided. This service is limited to **Village of Kingston residents only – no commercial dumping.**

Volunteer of the Year for 2018 – Carl Nichols

Congratulations to long time volunteer Carl Nichols who has been awarded the Village of Kingston Volunteer of the Year for 2018. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated! The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

60th Annual Kingston Steer BBQ! Thursday July 11th – Sunday, July 14th

This is the 60th Annual Steer BBQ and it will be the biggest and best fair yet! Four days of fun and food for everyone! Friday evening listen to live entertainment with Ruth Manning and the Prospectors, a Sunday Gospel Concert with 'Sonlight', live Saturday afternoon performances and the Saturday night dance with a special guest (to be announced later). The Fri evening Sparky Run is back and so is the Beer Garden and the great Friday night burgers and fries. And yes, the famous Fireman's Saturday morning Pancake Breakfast still leads into the Grand Parade down Main St and right into the arena grounds for the best whole steer BBQ you'll ever taste. Come for the food! Come for the fun! Enjoy the Cool Rides BMX demonstrations, the Bounce Kingdom and the Domino man, Bingo and the Circus performers. Browse through the indoor and outdoor craft/flea market tables or book a table yourself through the Village office and market your own products. We guarantee a good time for everyone! To fully celebrate our 60th Steer BBQ, **we need pictures and posters of Steer BBQs from years gone by.** If you have any please bring them to the village office, we'll copy them and return them to you. Or email them to recreation@kingstonnovascotia.ca

Kingston/Greenwood Visitor Information Centre - 510 Main St.

Opening for the season on Wednesday, May 15th - 7 days/week Hours: May/June – 10am to 5pm July/August – 9am to 5pm and September 1st – 13th – 10am -5pm Contact info: 902-765-6678 or kingstonvic@hotmail.com

Annual Dog Registration / Please pick up after your dog!

Kings County Dog Registration – All dogs must be registered in the County of Kings

Tags are available at the Village Office year round and please pick up after your dog.

Kingston Library Expansion!

Exciting news! – The library is expanding its present location and there are big plans in the works for the additional space. Visit the Kingston Library and the world is yours! We have books, magazines, French books, DVDs, eBooks, audiobooks, downloadable magazines, programs and computer courses for seniors. The **Annual Summer Reading and Learning Challenge** starts on June 22nd and runs through August 17th. Stay tuned for summer events for all ages. Stop by and see what's happening at 671 Main Street, or call 902-765-3631 or visit them at valleylibrary.ca.

Kingston's Sand Barrens and Ecological Heathlands

Did you know that the sand barrens & bog in our community are considered by scientists to be a unique ecological jewel? This rare ecosystem needs to be recognized, celebrated and preserved.

Congratulations Apple Blossom Festival Leadership Candidate Katelyn Charlton

Wardrobe Tea for Katelyn Charlton and her Child Attendant Addison Beardsley – **Saturday, May 4th at 2pm Kingston Fire Hall** - Sandwiches, Sweets, Tea and Coffee - \$5 Admission. For more Apple Blossom info: www.appleblossom.com

Recreational Opportunities – See also: www.valleyconnect.ca

- **Summer Day Camp** - starting Tuesday, July 2nd for 8 weeks, 8am–3:30pm located at the Kingston Rec Hut at 429 Elm St. – For daily and weekly rates - www.kingstonnovascotia.ca/recreation/summerday.html
- **FREE Summer Beach Volleyball** – every Tues/Thurs evening @7:00pm starting Tuesday June 25th - Ages 14 & up at the Elm St. beach volleyball court weather permitting. Just show up and play!
- **FREE Summer Outdoor Basketball** – every Wednesday @ 6:30pm starting June 26th. Ages 14 & up at the Elm St. basketball courts next to tennis courts, weather permitting. Just show up and play!

2019 Kingston Spring/Summer Community Events

- **Roller Derby – Roller Disco** – Saturday, May 11th from 10am to 9pm at the Credit Union Centre – 1490 Westwood Street – Fun for the whole family – training first and then Roller Disco! Roller skates available to rent.
- **Kingston Baptist Church Mega Indoor Yard Sale:** Saturday, May 18th 8am - 1pm. Donations for items gratefully received. Call Muriel: 765-8554, Doris: 765-4095, or Carol: 765-9273 for pick up. No clothes or large furniture.
- **Walk the Walk for Autism** - Saturday, June 22nd – 10:00am - 1:00pm Credit Union Centre - 1490 Westwood St.
- **Village of Kingston's Senior Residents Annual Picnic** – Thursday, August 8th – 3pm-6pm - Kingston Lions Hall. Free activities include: fun bingo, live entertainment and a hot dog/hamburger supper.
- **Weed, Water & Whisper Wednesdays** - Join John Morash every Wednesday at 10am during the spring/summer to participate in community gardening at the Kingston United Church Main St.
- **FREE Summer Concerts in the Park** – Centennial Park Bandstand on Westwood St. Stay tuned for upcoming dates/performers on the Village website, Facebook or on posters throughout the village.
- **Autos For Autism** – Saturday, Aug 24th 8:00am – 3:00pm – Kingston Credit Union Centre grounds.
- **ALS Walk Strong** – Sunday, Sunday September 15, 2019 starting at the Credit Union Centre on Westwood Street. Registration time: 10:30am Event time: 11am – 3pm.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #98 - Kingston

Kingston Legion Branch 98 – Chase The Ace and Meat Draw – Every Saturday - draw at 3:30pm. Tickets can be purchased all week at the Legion office. See us on Facebook - Kingston Legion - Branch #098

Kingston Lions Club

- Community Luncheon – Tuesday, May 14th 12noon – 1pm – Roast Beef – Take out available.
- Lion's Spring Yard Sale – Saturday May 25th 8am – 1pm
- Community Luncheon – Tuesday, June 11th 12noon -1pm – Hot Meal – Take out available.
- New Lions volunteers always welcome - give back to your community!
- To order 911 numbers please call and leave a message 902-765-2128

Kings County Family Resource Centre

Mission - to strengthen the lives of families and inspire growth by providing quality programs and resources in a respectful and supportive learning environment. Some of the programs include: Preschool, Tumblebugs for ages 3-5, Prenatal Program, Playgroups, Fun with Food (Meal Preparation), Wellness for Women and resources to start your own in-home childcare business. www.kcrfc.ca or 1-902-678-5760



CREDIT UNION CENTRE – 1490 Westwood St.



The Kingston Credit Union Centre is a year-round recreation facility that has 6 + months of ice-rentals and 5+ months of non-ice rentals. The facility boasts a fully equipped, air conditioned conference room with projection/MS PowerPoint capabilities as well as a full arena floor for usage during birthday parties, community events, car shows, business sales events, etc. Contact us at www.creditunioncentre.ca or 902-765-2516

The Village of Kingston webpage (kingstonnovascotia.ca), Twitter(@KingstonNS) and Facebook - to keep residents informed.