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Stewiacke Newsletter

STEWIACKE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

The committee held a Free Skate in February which had a good turn out. There was approximately 100 people there. Who wouldn't want to attend? It was a free opportunity to spend some family time together.

In March we held our First Winter Blues, which consisted of a Jamboree, Pancake Brunch as well as "Free" games in the afternoon for children. This couldn't have happened without the volunteers that offered their time and commitment to help put this event on. Donations were received from businesses who we wish to thank; Darlene's Unique Styles, Stewiacke Pharmasave and Stewiacke Visitor Information Centre for the great donations we received.

In April, we had our first movie night and had 6 families attend. The cost was $1 per person and was enjoyed by the families. We plan to continue to do this event with different theme nights.

The committee had 40 trees which were planted on April 28th in Dennis Park. The trees look wonderful. We raised over $500 from the Lucky Duck Lotto, thanks to all who supported this. The committee is in the process of selling tickets on a painting donated by Paul Michie and can be viewed at the Town Office. Tickets can be purchased at Simon's Variety, Town Office, Nova Forest Alliance or through a committee member .

Current updates to the Ball Fields: New dugouts, new backstop. We are currently looking for support (whether it be materials or labour) to have 2 bleachers added to the fields as well. With more help and volunteers this will be a great project to enhance the recreation facilities.

The Committee is in the process of organizing a Family Game night. Would your family be interested? Please let us know.

TRIVIA SECTION

I am a word of letters three. Add two and fewer there will be.

I appear once in a minute twice in a moment but never in a thousand years.

We are identical twins who see everything in front of us but never each other.

I am the only place where you will find yesterday after today.

I can circle the globe while never leaving the corner.

Answers to be published in next issue.

In the early 1900's the chief of the Micmac's at Millbrook said the native name for this place was pronounced "Ah-seed-ee-a-waac"

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How to recycle

Paper Products	Recycling Containers	Green Cart	Regular Garbage
Cardboard	Aluminum Cans	Vegetables & Fruit	Wax Cardboard
Newsprint	Aluminum Pie Plates	Meat, Fish & Bones	Broken Glass
Envelopes	Glass Bottles and Jars	Bread & Pasta	Stryofoam
Magazines	Juice Cartons and Boxes	Solid Dairy Products	Aluminum Foil
Boxboard	Liquor Containers	Egg & Nut Shells	Plastic Saran Wrap
Flyers	Milk Cartons	Coffee Filters	Empty Paint Cans
Catalogues	Tin Cans	Tea Bags	Vacuum Cleaner Bags
Phone Books	Grocery & Bread Bags	Sugar & Flour Bags	Chip Bags
Paper Egg Cartons	Plastic Containers (#1 to #7)	Soiled Tissues	Candy Wrappers
Office Paper	Pop Bottles	Paper Food Containers	Meat Trays
File Folders		Paper Plates & Cups	Latex Gloves
Looseleaf		Waxed Paper	Coffee Cups
Paper towel Cores		Grass, Leaves & Twigs	Lightbulbs
Paperback Novels		Sawdust & Woodchips	Cheese Slice Wrappers

Town days events

THURSDAY AUGUST 2nd
Pre Teen Dance Community Centre
12 and under $2.00
7:00PM – 10:00PM

FRIDAY AUGUST 3rd
Seniors Card Party Legion 10:00AM
Pet Parade at Dennis Park 1:00PM
Ball Tournament Starting at 6:30PM
Teen Dance Community Centre Cost $4.00
8:00PM -12:00AM
Fireworks Dusk - Stewiacke Ball Fields

SATURDAY AUGUST 4TH
Enjoy Breakfast 8AM– 10:00AM Legion
Ball Tournament Begins 9:30AM
Dennis Park: Hi-Flyers Dog Show 10:30AM–11:30AM
Grand Street Parade 1:00PM
Magic Show with David Johnson 3:00PM-4:00PM
Firemen Challenge vs. Town Council 4:00PM
Ham/Strawberry Shortcake Supper 4:30 PM United Church
Old Time Dance – Legion
Adult Dance: Stewiacke's Midnite Express 9:00PM- 1:00AM Tickets $6.00 advance / $8.00 @ door

SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH
Crib Tournament 1:00 PM Legion

More Information to be followed Prior to the events.

Community Volunteers would be greatly appreciated please contact any Committee member or Town Office.

Events calendar

Ball Tournaments

June 15th & 16th

July 13th & 14th Annual All Nighter

August 3rd-5th Annual Town Days

August 11th & 12th

September 8th

October 13th— 2nd Annual Fall Classic

Anyone interested in registering please contact Dalas

June

2nd - Community Clean Up beginning in Dennis Park

5th Blood Bank

10th Jamboree United Church

16th - Dance at Community Centre

July

15th– Plank Salmon Supper Community Centre 2:00 -7:00

August

2nd - 5th Town Days

September

15th - 2nd Annual Town Yard Sale

21st - Fall Clean Up

Municipal section

A Low Income Tax Exemption Policy?

Subject to the other provisions of this Policy, the Town hereby grants, on a yearly basis, an exemption from taxation, operating as a reduction in the taxes otherwise payable to the Town in respect of a property in the following amounts for owners of property whose income is less than $15,000.

In order to be eligible for an exemption the applicant property owner shall submit to the Treasurer an affidavit in the form of the draft affidavit attached hereto or such other form as may be specified by the Treasurer, by the second Friday in May.

"Never bend your head . Hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye."
Helen Keller

What's happening at the town office

Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Planning Advisory 3rd Tuesday

Watershed 1st Monday

Bylaw & Policy 1st Tuesday

Council 4th Thursday

Committee 2nd Thursday

Parks & Recreation 3rd Thursday

<u>July & August Meetings will be combined.</u>

The Town has hired two new staff members: Jodi Gladwin for general Labourer and Hal Ellis for Grounds Maintainer.

The Town Budget has been set.
Residential Tax Rates remains the same although people may see an increase due to the Assessments values rising.
Commercial Tax Rates increased by 9.5%.
The new rate is $2.84 per $100 Assessment.

There is a Subway being built in Stewiacke. Opening date unavailable.

Interim Tax Bills have been mailed out and are due on May 30th.
Water and Sewer bills are set to go out on June 15th.

Tribute to Blanche Creelman - We Will Miss You

Our community has experienced a great loss with the passing of Blanche Creelman in early April. Blanche, the 12th of 13 children, was born and grew up on the family farm in Princeport. When she and Gordon Creelman married in 1948, they began a family on the farm in South Branch, later moving to Stewiacke. Blanche and Gordon, a landowner, millwright and mill owner, raised three children, Lucy, Darrell and Susan, all of whom still live in our area along with three grandchildren, Scott, son of Lucy and Frank, and Katie and Roddy, daughter and son of Darrell and Myra.

Blanche was a descendent of pioneers who settled in the Stewiacke Valley in the 1760's and was devoted to rural life and people. A pioneer in her own right, she began in 4-H and later became the first female Director of the Shubenacadie Co-op. She was also a successful blueberry grower and first female member of the Board of Directors of the Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia and a founding member of the Colchester Cottage Craft Co-op.

She loved sports and the outdoors. She played championship softball with the Truro Printing Slugs, who were inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame in 1980. She was a great planner and organizer and could think on her feet, traits which served her well as a founding member of the Nova Scotia Morgan Horse Club and former Director of the Canadian Morgan Horse Association. She was active in her church in UCW, as a member of Session, and was a Charter Member and first Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. In later years, she was active in Willow Bend Seniors Club and enjoyed her weekly bowling sessions and her summer trips to the mini-putt.

About her childhood, Blanche wrote "We never had a lot of material wealth but had a strong sense of security. My parents were kind, good workers, progressive, and took part in community and church life. They instilled in us the urge to be responsible people and good citizens. Two things stand out in my mind - my father's determination and quiet pride in building his farm in Princeport and raising his family and my mother's great strength of spirit and the sunny, peaceful home she created for us".

We were so fortunate to have this remarkable lady in our community. She will be remembered for her lifetime of dedication to her family and church, and for her many contributions to the promotion, development and well-being of her fellow rural residents.

Just a reminder to residents:

Take pride in your property and help out the community cleanup effort by picking up litter around your property.