

Connecting Albert County

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Image by Deborah Carr

Albert County Winter Carnival: Pure Winter Magic!

The Albert County Winter Carnival will be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 in the centre of Hillsborough. The community event offers free admission and activities, and free treats (including hot chocolate, maple taffy, and coffee). The carnival will feature free horse-drawn wagon rides by Broadleaf Guest Ranch and live entertainment. The event is a cornucopia of indoor and outdoor activities.

Festivities include skating, snowshoe and cross-country ski races, and the outdoor shinny hockey classic, along with ice golf putting, geocaching and demonstrations by the Fundy Blades Skating Club. The Kiwanis and Visitor Information Centres will provide warm-up zones and washrooms.

Everyone is welcome to build a snowman and/or snow sculpture(s). A children's craft for all ages will be held at the Hillsborough Library. Colouring page contest entries from local elementary schools will be displayed at the Visitor Info Centre. Behind the centre, there will be family skating on the natural ice, a bonfire and marshmallow roasting.

An outdoor food truck near the Kiwanis will sell sandwiches, hamburgers, deep-fried mac & cheese, poutine, potato bomber egg rolls, a kid's special, and more.

The Golden Oldies Snowmobile Club will display a vintage Snowmobile Show & Shine with dozens of antique sleds. Master craftsman Rob Milner of Eternity Chainsaw Carvings will demonstrate the art of carving throughout the day and evening. Raffle baskets will raise funds for the Fundy Blades Skating Club and Hillsborough Drop-In (tickets available Feb. 17 at the Kiwanis Club).

The unofficial carnival mascot, Albert the Snowman, "Big Al," was created by Doran and Ben Milton of Dawson Settlement. The 14-foot-tall creation is in Peace Park (Main St.). Visit the Albert County Winter Carnival Facebook page to see a complete schedule.

Submissions for the photo contest and winter-themed scrapbook page contest can be submitted for judging to the Hillsborough Village Office before February 16th at 4pm. Those wishing to compete in the events can register by contacting Hanna at the Village Office Monday-Friday during regular business hours at 734-3733 or write a message to facebook@albertcountywintercarnival

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Big Al

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Getting your share of the money pie

You might think that because you receive social assistance or are a low-income earner there is no need to file your income tax return. However, depending on your personal situation, you may be eligible to receive credits and benefits by simply filing your annual income tax and benefit return. A single person with working income could receive up to \$1,043 for the federal Working Income Tax Benefit.

- You could qualify for the GST/HST Credit and New Brunswick Harmonized Sales Tax Credit.
- Adults and children with a disability could be eligible for a non-refundable tax credit which reduces the amount of income tax they may have to pay.
- Parents can get up to \$6,400 annually for each child under the age of 6 and \$5,400 annually for each child aged 6-17 in the Canada Child Benefit and NB Child Tax Benefit.
- Parents with school-aged children could receive the School Supplement benefit of \$100 per child.

Community Food Smart

During the winter months, produce can be quite expensive in the grocery stores. The Community Food Smart program by Foods of the Fundy Valley (FFV) is a way to get produce at wholesale prices. The produce bag costs \$15 and always contains 5 lb potatoes, 2 lb carrots, 2 lb onions, 5-6 apples, 3-4 oranges, and 2 lb bananas. There are usually 4-5 additional items.

Next order dates are February 21, March 21 and April 18 for pick-up on February 28, March 28 and April 25.

If you are looking for a gift for a family member or friend, why not consider giving the gift of produce! You can pre-purchase Community Food Smart bags and the produce will be delivered to the pick-up location of your choice. You can pre-purchase online or by contacting Tatum at 721-5753 or email foodsofthefundyvalley@gmail.com. For details on the program, including how you can order your produce online, see foodsofthefundyvalley.ca/community-food-smart.

Contributed by FFV

Bee Wise Beekeepers

Foods of the Fundy Valley has launched a beekeeping enthusiasts group. Bee Wise Beekeepers started in September 2017 and now has 19 members and dozens of followers on their Facebook page. Members include novice beekeepers, non-beekeepers, and commercial producers from the Fundy Valley and Greater Moncton area. Ages range from high school students through to retired enthusiasts. Meeting venues can vary, but all meetings to date have been held at the Riverview Sobeys community meeting room, the second Thursday of the month. Items of note so far are demonstrations on honey extraction, making mead, building a beehive, and rendering beeswax and products.

The group's mandate is to provide a forum for education, engagement and experience for those interested in learning about beekeeping through regular meetings, workshops, idea-sharing discussions and socializing. We wish to increase community awareness of the importance of bees to our food supply. Several exciting community projects will kick off in 2018.

Feel free to join the Bee Wise Beekeeping Facebook group www.facebook.com/beewisebeekeeping for updates on upcoming events.
By Karl Kennie, President, FFV Bee Wise Beekeeping



Foods of the Fundy Valley received a grant from Whole Kids Foundation for Beehives!

Foods of the Fundy Valley recently received a monetary grant from Whole Kids Foundation which will be used by the Bee Wise Beekeeping group to create bee awareness. The group will purchase an observational hive that can be taken into schools to educate children on the importance of bees and show them the inner workings of the hive. The group will also purchase a fixed hive that will be placed in the Fundy Region where children can come visit to see the bees in action. The fixed hive will allow other interested groups to view the workings of a bee hive.

The Bee Wise group will plant a pollinator garden around the hive. Foods of the Fundy Valley will spread the word about when they will be planting the pollinator garden if you would like to come help!

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sat Feb 3, 2018

2pm - 3pm Adult Computer Classes, The Hillsborough Library offers a 4-week computer course for adults. Registration required; space is limited. Topics include: Week 1-Computer basics, 2-How to use the Internet, 3-Cybersecurity, 4-Word and Excel

Tue Feb 6, 2018

3:30pm - 5pm Afterschool STEAM Drop-In. Hillsborough Library. School-aged children can try out different STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts & math) activities.

Thu Feb 8, 2018

2pm - 2:30pm Every Child Read to Read Story Time Workshop, Hillsborough Public Library. During the story time for 0- to 4-year-olds, parents/caregivers are given details on the importance of literacy with Every Child Ready to Read strategies that can be applied at home.

6:30pm - 7:30pm Tips for Getting the Career You Want – Workshop

Presented by R&R Solution at the Hillsborough Public Library. Learn:
-About new career opportunities
-What to put in your resume
-Where to search for new careers
-Interview question review.
Contact 734-3722 to register.

Fri Feb 9, 2018

3:30-5pm Let's Get Crafty at Hillsborough Library. Crafts for 5-14-yr.-olds

Sat Feb 10, 2018

Riverside-Albert Winter Carnival

2pm - 3pm Adult Computer Classes
See Feb 3 for details

6pm Valentine's Day Dinner. Curryville Community Outreach Centre. Call Carole Coleman at 734-3006 by Feb 3 to reserve tickets. \$45/couple.

Tue Feb 13, 2018

3:30-5pm STEAM Club at Hillsborough Library. Children in grades 3+.

5pm-6:30pm Shrove Pancake Supper, Hillsborough United Church. Pancakes, sausages, beans, tea/coffee & cookies! Free-will offering. Everyone welcome! Bring a friend!

5pm Public Hearing Notice, Alma Activity Centre. The meeting will deal with the proposed revised Rural Plan By-Law. View the proposed zoning map and document at Alma Village Office (Mon., Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-4:30pm, or villageofalma.ca)

Wed Feb 14, 2018

2pm - 4pm Pokémon at the Hillsborough Library, For middle-school and up. Bring your Pokémon cards and have a match with local players.

Thu Feb 15, 2018

2pm - 3pm Kids Craft at the Hillsborough Library. For elementary-aged children.

Fri Feb 16, 2018

3:30pm-5pm Afterschool STEAM Challenge at the Hillsborough Public Library. Children in grade 3+.

Sat Feb 17, 2018

Albert County Winter Carnival
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Thu Feb 22, 2018

6pm- 7:30pm LEGO® Night, Hillsborough Library for kids of all ages.

Fri Feb 23, 2018

3:30-5pm Let's Get Crafty, *See Feb 9.*

Riverside-Albert Winter Carnival

Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 10-4

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

10-11:30 Crafts

11-11:30 Puppet Show

Noon-1:00 Hot Dogs & Hot Chocolate

1-2:00 Jack Frost Bingo

2-3:00 Cake Walk

Photo Booth, Games, Face Painting and Animal balloons throughout the day!!

5pm Community Potluck– ALL WELCOME!!



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REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays

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6:30pm Pickle Ball

The Riverside-Albert Recreation Center hosts Pickle Ball. Come on out and see what this sport is all about! \$2/night. First night is free!

Tuesdays

7:30pm Zumba Class

Riverside Consolidated School Drop-ins welcome. For details, contact Evelyn Wachs at 882-2831.

10am-11am Yoga in Hillsborough

Hillsborough Legion
Come join us at the Legion. All are welcome! New and rusty yogis alike! For more information, or to register, call or text Mona at 874-5551.

Wednesdays

1-3pm Shepody Food Bank

Albert County Health & Wellness Centre, Riverside-Albert. Bring Medicare numbers for every household member. Closed on days that schools are closed due to weather.

5:30pm Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo

Doors open 5:30, games begin 6:30.

Thursdays

4:30-7:30pm Friends of the Hills-

borough Arena - Chase the Ace
Hillsborough Golf Course. Raffle tickets 3 for \$5. Draw 7:30pm. *see

7pm Country & Gospel Music Night

Hillsborough Kiwanis Center.
Canteen, 50/50 & Door prizes. Open mic; join us with your singing voice and/or instrument. Admission \$7

7:30pm Zumba Class

Riverside Consolidated School Drop-ins welcome. For details, contact Evelyn Wachs at 882-2831.

Fridays

6pm Chase the Ace - Riverside-

Albert Fundy Curling Club. Effort of CCRC & Fundy Curling Club to raise money for the ice plant & lifelong learning center at Riverside Consolidated School. Call if you have questions, 882-2573, 882-2052, 882-2626

6:30 pm Weekly Card Games - Alma

Leisure Centre. Playing Auction 45. All ages welcome. Refreshments are part of the game night.

7:30pm Zumba Class, Riverside-

Albert Rec Centre. Everybody welcome. For details, call Evelyn Wachs at 882-2831.

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The Albert County Winter Carnival is proudly sponsored with financial support from Albert County Hardware, Beechill Auto Body, Crooked Creek Convenience, Fireside Home Heating, Hillsborough Golf Club, Leslie Tracy, Tidewater Physiotherapy, Green Coast Energy, SouthEastern Mutual (Jeff MacDougall), Down East Coffee, Baxter's Dairy, Hillsborough Freshmart, Longhorn Transportation, Bens Trophies and Awards, Brunswick Limestone, Hillsborough Service Centre and Kent.

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By Don Coleman, the organizer of the Albert County Winter Carnival.

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Feb 21-23 (Wednesday to Friday) Noon to 8pm
Salem Train Parking Lot

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- Appliances; Electronics; Small household machinery (emptied of gas and oil)
 - Construction/renovation waste; Household hazardous waste; Car and small truck tires
 - Brush/branches and yard waste
 - Clear glass, metal ; Cardboard and paper
- **No car parts, gas tanks, residential oil tanks, regular curbside waste or commercial waste.**
www.eco360.ca/mobile-eco-depot-program

"Lucky to Live in Albert County"

A gala hosted by the
Albert County Chamber of Commerce

Sat. Mar 17th 6:00pm - 9:30pm: Location tba

Get ready to nominate and celebrate! An evening to highlight our Albert County local businesses.

Categories include: Excellence in Business, Non-Profit of the Year, Entrepreneurial Spirit, Community Service: Albert County Ambassador, Young Entrepreneur, Environmental Excellence, People's Choice, and Tourism and Hospitality.

Follow the Albert County Chamber of Commerce on Facebook to find out how you can nominate your favourite businesses and to receive updates on location, tickets and prizes!

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