

# Connecting Albert County

## May 2022



*Fundy National Park*

## Farmers Market Season

*By Angela MacDougall*

The crew at The Old Village Church Farmers Market is growing and we are so excited to welcome the 2022 Market season. The warmer weather brings our opening weekend of May 21st.

With our vendor spaces reaching capacity, it will be a full array of colourful offerings. Enjoy the ambiance of the beautiful wooden vaulted ceilings and huge stained glass windows. Peruse the booths, a hot cup of locally roasted Buddha Bear coffee in one hand and a freshly made donut or butter tart in the other. Better yet, meet a friend and have a chat inside at one of the repurposed pew tables or outside at the picnic table under the maple tree.

We truly hope you will choose to shop locally as much as possible this summer, when you need a gift, some groceries or even just a snack! We look forward to seeing you at the market!

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# Garden of Salem Community Garden

by Charleen Broad

The phrase "Community Garden" can have many meanings and bring up different ideas, depending on to whom you were speaking. Every community garden has its unique objectives; however, they have been shown to provide the following benefits: education and training, increased nutrition, improved physical and mental health, addressing food security, creating employment, and serving as a common place for diverse and inclusive sharing and development. The majority of those involved in community gardens consider them to be a meeting place for creating healthier societies, and we agree 100% with that sentiment.

We invite you to join us in making Albert County a better place to live and experience the many benefits of growing your own food with a group of people eager to share and learn from each other.

*Pictured Below are Tammy Tingley and Jaimie Campbell*



# The Struggle to Keep Up - We Need You!

*by Kelly Taylor*

The last couple of years have presented many challenges for non-profits. As a transportation service, we worked hard to observe safety protocols and do everything in our power to keep people safe from COVID. We were often at the mercy of the current levels of lockdown, frequently having to cancel dozens of rides in a span of a week or two when in high lockdown, and when hospitals and doctors canceled appointments or switched to virtual. When canceled appointments were rescheduled all those rides had to be rebooked.

A second challenge we faced was a decreased pool of volunteer drivers as several took a step back due to compromised health. Sadly, we also had several volunteers pass away in the past couple of years. We were, however, very fortunate to avoid any COVID cases the entire time the province was under the emergency order.

Like many of our healthcare facilities, we are now struggling to keep up with demand because of an increase in volunteers either testing positive or isolating because they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive. We operate on the side of caution when there is contact because many of our clients are struggling with health issues.



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Now that everything is open, people want to resume normal life and thus the demand for rides is increasing. Unfortunately, the shortage of drivers and isolation requirements force us to sometimes turn down, cancel, or reschedule rides.

All this to say, we need your help. We need more volunteer drivers to keep things running smoothly and to make sure those who need transportation have access to it in a timely manner. Drivers are reimbursed \$.46/km.

We have been blessed to have so many dedicated and caring volunteers over the years and we are grateful for the time they give. We know when we all work together, we can accomplish great things. We are inviting you to be part of this team of amazing volunteers who *change lives one ride at a time*. To volunteer, please call 962-3073 or email [urbanruralrides@gmail.com](mailto:urbanruralrides@gmail.com). More information can be found on our website at <http://urbanruralrides@gmail.com>.



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## Mount Pleasant Events Centre

*By Amanda Rossiter*

If you have recently driven through Hopewell Hill, you may have noticed the former United Church has a new sign. Over the last few years, the owners, Charlotte Love and Shelley Garnhum, have worked hard to transform this beautiful building into Mount Pleasant Events.

When they purchased the former church, their goal was to create an event centre that supports local interests in the community. They currently offer yoga classes and wellness days. They are happy to accept bookings for small gatherings or events. There is a fall wedding booked that they are eager to host.

Spring yoga sessions begin on April 20 through June 22, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Watch for the sandwich board at the roadside for your reminder to make time for “you”. Mount Pleasant will also host a 12,000 Step Challenge on Saturday, June 11, as part of ParticipACTION month.



An Open House will be held Saturday from 1-5 pm, July 2. An historical presentation, called *Honeymoon to Heartbreak*, will be presented by Shelley. It explores the diaries of Harvey resident, Orpah Reid, chronicling her marriage and travels with her husband, Captain Alden West. This will provide a unique perspective on sea life through a female lens. Some original artifacts will be incorporated. Her diaries follow her adventures from 1876–1879. Also, the acoustics at Mount Pleasant are ideal for a live music venue.

It is wonderful to see this old building being given a new purpose and being used for something positive in the community. If you are interested in booking an event at Mount Pleasant Events, please contact them at [MountPleasantEvents@gmail.com](mailto:MountPleasantEvents@gmail.com) or by phone at 506-386-7535. Also check out their website for more information on upcoming events: [www.mountpleasantevents.com](http://www.mountpleasantevents.com).

## Events at Mount Pleasant

### SPRING YOGA AT MOUNT PLEASANT

#### JOIN US FOR SPRING YOGA

Together, we will improve flexibility, build strength, breathe deeply, restore our bodies and our minds, and relax. Classes are taught by Charlotte Love, a professional yoga teacher with more than 300 hours of registered yoga and mindfulness instruction, along with 25+ years of public-school teaching.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Weekly classes take place at Mount Pleasant Place in Hopewell Hill, 5312 Route 114 at 6:30 pm from Wednesday, April 20 through Wednesday, June 22, 2022. The cost is \$15/class for adults, and \$12/class for seniors and students, or \$110 for 10 classes. Fees can be paid via e-transfer or cash at the door.

Beginners are welcome. Bring your own mat please!



To register, please email: [MountPleasantEvents@gmail.com](mailto:MountPleasantEvents@gmail.com)  
or call Charlotte (506-386-7535) to book your spot.

# 12,000 STEP CHALLENGE

**Yoga, Hiking, Zumba, Walking Meditation**



June is *ParticipACTION* month, and Mount Pleasant invites you to join us for a day filled with activities designed help us reach the daily recommended step count for healthy, active living. Now, more than ever, we need to prioritize our physical activity to help us stay healthy in mind, body and spirit.

Twelve thousand steps might seem like a lot, but I guarantee you will enjoy this challenge. Lunch and snacks will be provided, but we ask you to bring your own yoga mat, blanket, water bottle, and clothes suitable for that day's weather forecast. The cost for our 12,000 Step Challenge Day is \$50 per person.

**Saturday, June 11/2022 from 10am–4pm**

To register, call Charlotte 506-386-7535 or email [MountPleasantEvents@gmail.com](mailto:MountPleasantEvents@gmail.com)



# Shepody Food Bank

## Supporting our Community for 15 Years

*by Lynne Greenblatt*

Shepody Food Bank is celebrating 15 years of service in our community! Located at the Albert County Community Health Centre in Riverside-Albert, we have been providing emergency supplies of food to individuals and families in need who live between Alma and Edgetts Landing in lower Albert County since April 2007. Each month, we distribute an average of 2,200 meals. Our mission is to increase access to healthy food in a manner that maintains dignity, builds health and community, and fosters respect for diversity and inclusion.

We are open every Wednesday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Our food boxes include frozen meats, fresh fruit and vegetables, eggs and dairy products, bread and a selection of dry and canned foods and staples. Clients may visit the food bank once a month and receive 6 days' worth of healthy food for each person in the household. If there is a crisis or emergency need beyond that, clients are encouraged to contact us. Additional help will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This summer, as in the past, we are taking part in the "After the Bell" program sponsored by Food Banks Canada. We will provide nutritious, child-friendly food packs for kids who, in the summer months, do not have access to school-based food programs. During the months of July and August, each eligible school-age child will receive one food pack per week. We encourage families in need to visit us and take advantage of this program.



Now, more than ever, we recognize that many people are feeling the pinch from inflation, lack of employment and rising food, fuel, energy and housing costs. If you are in need, or know of someone who is, please give us a call or stop by. Our contact information is listed at the end of this article. We are here to help.

We would not have been able to accomplish what we have done over the years without the generous support of so many individuals, businesses, churches and organizations from the community and beyond. There are too many to mention individually, but to all of them we give our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Last, but definitely not least, our volunteers are the backbone of our operation and deserve a huge thank you and round of applause. We are always in need of more volunteers. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. We have volunteer



opportunities on Monday mornings (cleaning and re-stocking shelves), Wednesday mornings (receiving food delivery from Food Depot Alimentaire), and Wednesday afternoons (packing food boxes for clients). If you have a few hours to give, we would love to hear from you. Our contact info is listed below:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheShepodyFoodBank/>  
email [shepodyfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:shepodyfoodbank@gmail.com), phone 506-882-2323. We are located in Riverside-Albert at the Albert County Community Health Center, Lower Level.

*Pictured on the left are three of the volunteers, left to right, are Elizabeth Collins, Beverly Stevens and Janet Hoar.*



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# Healthy Eating on a Budget

by Brittany Butland, RD

Making healthy food choices has become even more difficult in the last couple of years due to the rising cost of food. According to CBC News, food costs have risen 7.4% in the last year, which is the largest increase since 2009. Here are a few tips to help make healthy eating more affordable:

- **Make a Meal Plan.** Meal planning is one of the most effective ways to help you stretch your food dollars as it helps to prevent food waste. We often waste good food because we buy too much, don't plan our meals, or don't store our food properly. In fact, we are throwing out more food than we realize. Research from the National Zero Waste Council found that the average Canadian household throws out over 300 lbs of food per year, at a cost of more than \$1,300!

Before you go to the grocery store, have an idea of what you will be eating over the next week and then use your plan to make your grocery list. Having a grocery list can help you avoid impulse buying and ensure that all the ingredients you purchase are the ones you plan on using.

Shopping for items that can be used in multiple recipes will give your meal plan some flexibility. For example, Greek yogurt can be used in a yogurt bowl, smoothie or muffins, and eggs can be used for a breakfast omelette, hard boiled for a quick protein-packed snack, or used in baking.

- **Use Smart Substitutes.** You don't have to

use the exact ingredients a recipe calls for; instead, make substitutions with some more budget-friendly alternatives. Here are some ideas for substitutions: instead of quinoa for your grain bowl, choose brown rice. Instead of almond butter in your energy bites, choose peanut butter. Instead of ricotta cheese in your lasagna, choose cottage cheese.

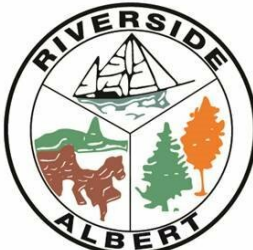
- **Turn Leftovers into New Meals.** Get creative and repurpose leftovers by turning them into a completely new dish. Plain rice one day can be fried rice the next day. Slow-cooked meat can be used for sandwiches, salads, burritos, and more for the whole week. Stir-frying is also a great way to use up both leftover veggies and proteins.
- **Opt for nutritious, lower cost ingredients.** Some more affordable options include: cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, bananas, oranges, apples, oats, brown rice, sunflower seeds, eggs, and canned tuna or salmon.
- **Use Pulses.** Pulses (dry peas, beans, lentils and chickpeas) are not only budget-friendly, they are also nutrient-dense! They are a good source of plant-based protein and fibre, as well as vitamins and minerals, such as iron, folate and potassium. Choose either canned or dried pulses. Canned pulses are convenient and ready to use - just make



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sure to rinse well with water to reduce the sodium content.

Pulses can be used in a variety of ways. Try using them in soups, salads, baked goods, and as dips. Pulses can also be used in place of, or in addition to, your animal protein, such as ground beef. Try mixing brown lentils with ground beef to help make your meat go further, while decreasing saturated fat, adding fibre and still contributing to your protein intake.

*Brittany Butland provides Dietitian Services at Horizon's Albert County Community Health Centre. For more tips on nutrition and healthy eating, you can book an appointment with Brittany at (506)882-3100.*

- **Check the Unit Price.** Compare prices of different brands and sizing of food by using the unit price. The unit price tells you how much something costs per "unit", usually per 100 grams or milliliters. Typically, larger sizes are cheaper. For example:

			
Del Monte, Fruit Cocktail, Water Packed No Sugar Added	No Name, Fruit Cocktail In Water (398 ml)	Del Monte, Fruit Salad in Juice (796 ml)	No Name, Fruit Cocktail in Mixed Fruit Juice from
	MULTI \$2.00 MIN 3 \$2.49 ea \$0.63 / 100ml		MULTI \$3.33 MIN 3 \$3.79 ea \$0.48 / 100ml
\$2.79 ea \$0.70 / 100ml		\$3.99 ea \$0.50 / 100ml	

*I hope all Mothers feel celebrated and appreciated today and every day!*



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# Playground Project

## Riverside-Albert, NB

The Playground Committee is pleased to advise that the playground equipment has been ordered and our initial deposit made. We are delighted to announce that we anticipate the equipment to arrive as early as September 2022 for installation.

We are thankful to have been able to partner with the Village of Riverside-Albert. The Village graciously applied for the ACOA grant last November and we were very excited to be notified in March that it had been approved! Thanks to our amazing grant writer and the community support we have been blessed with, we now look forward to completing a new community playground for all to enjoy.

Our fundraising efforts are in the final stretch. We have from now until September to raise an additional estimated \$9000 to complete the project.

The committee is kicking off a FINAL fundraiser. It will include a way for the community to leave an “everlasting mark.” Engraved bricks are available by tax deductible donations to individuals, groups, clubs, and businesses. With your donation you will be offered the opportunity to order custom bricks. Once all orders have been received, a mass order will be placed with our supplier. All custom bricks will then be located on the playground in the form of a monument. For more details and order forms, please see details below.

**Riverside-Albert Playground Project**  
**BRICK FUNDRAISER**

**HOW TO ORDER?**  
Fill out online form **OR** GET PAPER ORDER FORM FROM: PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEMBER R-A VILLAGE OFFICE CROOKED CREEK CONVENIENCE RCS

**COST OF BRICKS**  
**\$45 - 4"X8" BRICK:** INCLUDES 2 LINES  
**\$100 - 8"X8" BRICK:** INCLUDES 4 LINES  
**\$300 - 12"X12" BRICK:** INCLUDES 6 LINES OR LOGO

**BE A PART OF AN EVERLASTING MARK**  
RIVERSIDE CONSOLIDATE SCHOOL

Bricks will be installed at the playground to be enjoyed by current and future generations!

**INFORMATION**  
Charitable Receipts Available  
raplaygroundproject@gmail.com  
506-875-7297  
or  
Riverside-Albert Village Office

## Remembrance Day Banners in Riverside-Albert

A committee is working on the possibility of displaying local veterans' banners in the Village of Riverside-Albert during the month of November.

If you are interested in purchasing a banner for a loved one or looking for more information, please contact either of these committee members at your earliest convenience: Audrey Campbell at 381-2770 or Beulah Morrissey at 882-2275.

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# The Monarchy Celebrated Once Again at the Court House!

by Dawne McLean, President ACHS

In celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II ascending to the throne, the Albert County Historical Society will host a Platinum Jubilee Ceremony at the Court House on the grounds of the Albert County Museum, Hopewell Cape, on Saturday, June 4, 2022. This event will provide an opportunity to pay tribute to “our Queen of Canada”, who, for many of us, is the only Monarch we have ever known.

It is historically significant that the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Ceremony honouring Queen Elizabeth II will take place on the portico of the Court House because 85 years ago the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II’s father, King George VI, was also celebrated with a ceremony held on the portico of the Albert County Court House. You might say that history is being repeated at the Court House! A search of newspaper archives revealed that the Coronation Day ceremony of May 1937 was organized by a committee that included the Secretary of the Albert County Municipal Council and the teachers of the four schools, Hopewell Hill, Lower Cape, Curryville and Hopewell Cape. The students sang patriotic songs and four Royal Oak seedlings were planted on the Court House lawn by the four grade 8 students who had the highest average on the Easter exams. One of the Royal Oak seedlings planted in 1937 still stands as a majestic tree!

The 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee programme on June 4, 1:00pm at the Court House, will include visiting dignitaries, musical selections, and participation of students and community. A Royal Oak tree will be planted to commemorate the Jubilee event. An honoured guest, who was a Grade 8 student at the 1937 ceremony when she planted a Royal Oak seedling, will unveil the tree’s engraved 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee marker.

In the Community Hall from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, there will be impressive displays of memorabilia pertaining to Her Majesty’s reign, as well as an exhibit of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire. An informal reception in the Hall will conclude the Jubilee activities. A Guest Book will be signed as a keepsake of this historical 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration held during the Museum’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Admission is complimentary for the afternoon Jubilee event. Some chairs will be set up on the Court House lawn for the outside ceremony; however, you may wish to bring your own chair. If the weather is unpleasant on June 4, the ceremony will be held inside the Court House.

We look forward to seeing you at the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration Day at the Museum. Thank you.

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**The Albert County Historical Society**  
invites you to  
**Platinum Jubilee Celebration**  
to honour  
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**Saturday, June 4, 2022**

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Planting of Royal Oak tree  
2:00pm – 4:00pm – Community Hall  
Royalty Displays and Reception

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# Albert County Chamber of Commerce to Host its 5th Annual Business Excellence Awards

After two years of virtual events, the Albert County Chamber of Commerce is excited to present the Fifth Annual Business Excellence Awards live and in person at Broadleaf Ranch on May 14, 2022. Historically, the event celebrated the history of our community and honoured the many things that have traditionally made our region exceptional, however; given the recent challenges faced by so many in our business community, this year, the event will look a little different.

Chamber President, Annick Robichaud Butland, owner of ABConnect, says “Now more than ever we believe it is time to recognize where we are in the present, celebrate our success, and look towards the future. This year’s theme, The Albert County Transformation, celebrates how we as a county are moving into a period of revitalization and rejuvenation. We are stepping forward out of the past couple years of changes and trials, a group of people undefeated by the challenges we have faced. In fact, through the ingenuity, flexibility, and acumen of so many, we emerge stronger, more determined, and more ready than ever to thrive and prosper, looking ahead towards the amazing opportunities which change and challenge have brought us.”

The Albert County Chamber of Commerce is all about promoting economic and commercial prosperity in Albert County. Since 1998, this organization has steadily worked towards these goals and, like our County, has relied on the strength of its roots to transform into a strong and stable organization that is positioning itself for future growth and advancement. Chamber services and Board of Directors bring a uniquely regional, multi-focus, and interdisciplinary approach to both represent and serve the businesses and organizations in our greater community and provincially.

This year’s Awards Ceremony is a true celebration. “This event is a gift the Chamber of Commerce wants to give to the economic drivers of our county, our businesses,” says Tosh Taylor, Chamber Director, Media Personality, Host, and Podcast Producer. “Its goal is to show them we honour their work and contributions.”

At this year’s Awards Gala, in addition to handing out our signature awards provided by Glass Roots, the Chamber will be offering a beautiful four course meal that highlights culinary masters from one end of the county to the other. A variety of local music, featuring Markoshi Creative, door prizes, and a special presentation by Kevin Snair, highlighting his journeys through Antarctica, will be additional features of the event, as well as a live auction featuring the products, works and services of Albert County businesses. Awards will be featured in the following categories: Business of the Year, Non-profit of the Year, Emerging Business of the Year, Tourism Excellence Award, Albert County Artistic Excellence, Community Care & Service, and the People’s Choice nominated and voted on by the community. For more information on the awards, nominating Albert County businesses, or to buy your event tickets, go to [www.albertcountychamber.com](http://www.albertcountychamber.com).



# Friends of Fundy Updates – Destination Development and Love Your Trails!

by Ian Duncan

## Regional Destination Development



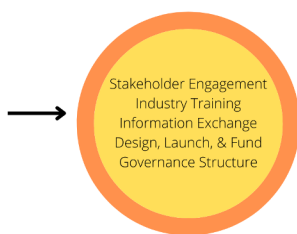
Building on the information presented in the March issue of Connecting Albert County, the **Rural Upper Bay of Fundy Regional Destination Development Project** is

closing in on the end of its first phase. After months of research and conversations, the working group will be presenting its analysis and progress to communities throughout the Rural Upper Bay of Fundy region. The purpose of these meetings is to summarize the research completed to date, capture community perspectives, and to invite you to join the project as the second phase begins.

**Phase 1: Set the Direction**  
Summer 2021 - May 2022



**Phase 2: Fortify the Network**  
Summer 2022 - May 2023



The community meetings are open to anyone and the times and locations are:

April 27th 6:30 PM - Alma

April 28th 6:30 PM - St. Martins

Date/time To be confirmed -  
Hillsborough/Riverside-Albert

We'll be hosting a community meeting in Hillsborough / Riverside-Albert at a date and time to be confirmed, as well as a larger community and stakeholder meeting on May 4th in Sussex.

You can find more information on the Rural Upper Bay of Fundy Regional Destination Development Project on our website:

<https://www.ruralfundyregiondevelopment.com/>

and on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RuralFundyRegion>

[Development/](https://www.facebook.com/RuralFundyRegion), as well as in the March issue of Connecting Albert County!

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## Love Your Trails, Love Your Community!

Riverside-Albert is home to a budding project with loads of potential! The Shepody Trail, which runs almost 12 km from Riverside-Albert to Daniel's Flats in Shepody, has recently been redesignated as a portion of the Trans Canada Trail. It's also a segment of a much larger trail in development: The Shore-Line Trail, which will run 170 km along the Bay of Fundy and connect the major tourist hubs of Shediac and Alma as well as many points in between. Plan360 (Regional Service Commission 7) will be starting work to improve trail infrastructure on the Shepody Trail this spring.

Over the past several months the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC) and Friends of Fundy have partnered with Plan360 to host conversations with community members and experts in the field to create a local trail strategy for the Shepody Trail. Planning on trailhead signage, community engagement, trail maintenance, and events were key areas of focus. With the new signage getting ready to go in this spring, it was decided to have a Grand Reopening

of the trail on June 4th, International Trails Day. This day-long volunteer event will include volunteer training and a trail clean up in the morning to prepare for the opening of the summer season. The afternoon will see business supported trail activity with art and music incorporated, inviting area residents to celebrate the reopening of this beautiful outdoor recreation asset.

The volunteer and community activities are still being planned, so keep a look-out for more information as things come together! Send any questions or comments to [community@friendsoffundy.ca](mailto:community@friendsoffundy.ca)

## Hillsborough Public Library Programs

### All Ages

**Special Take Home Craft: Star Wars Day** - May the 4th be with you! The library will have a Star Wars themed craft available for pick up for Star Wars day.

**Drop In Mother's Day Craft** - Saturday, May 7th, 1-4pm. Drop into the library during the afternoon to create a special craft for Mother's Day.

**Pearler Beads** - Friday, May 20th, 2-4pm. Visit us for a chance to make your very own pearler bead creation. **Registration Required.**

### Children/Families

**Felt Fridays** - Visit us online every other Friday for a new felt story/rhyme video for toddlers/preschoolers. Links can be found on our Facebook page or find us directly on YouTube at *Biblio Hillsborough Library* [upcoming video dates: May 6&20].

**Story Time** - Thursday, May 19th & 26th, 10:30-11:30am. An hour of stories, songs and a craft for children. Program designed for children 3-5; however, all children are welcome.

**Registration Required.**

**Toddler Time** - Saturday, May 21st, 10:30-11:15am. For children 18m to 3yrs. Join us for a time of songs, story and sensory play.

**Registration Required.**

### Teens

**Pearler Beads** - Tuesday, May 10th, 5-7pm. Make your very own pearler bead creation.

**Registration Required.**

**Cricut Craft: Personalized Cup** - Tuesday, May 24th, 5:30-7pm. Using a cricut machine you can create a personalized design for your very own reusable acrylic cup (with straw). **Registration Required.**

### Adult

**Cricut Craft: Wood Signs** - Saturday, May 14th, 2-4pm. Using a cricut machine we will create personalized wooden signs to hang in your home. **Registration Required.**

**\*\*Contact the library to register for programs as space is limited.**

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# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Visit our Community Calendar and add your upcoming event today!!!

<https://www.connectingalbertcounty.org/calendar.html>

## Wednesday, May 4

**Hillsborough Kiwanis Bingo.** Wednesdays: 6:30-9:30pm. 47 Legion St., Hillsborough. Doors open at 5 pm, canteen on site.

**Spring Yoga Classes** by Mount Pleasant Events Centre. Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30pm. 5312 Route 114, Hopewell Hill. Fees, registration and information email: [mountpleasantevents@gmail.com](mailto:mountpleasantevents@gmail.com) or call Charlotte (506-386-7535). (See article on page 4)

## Thursday, May 5

**Gentle Yoga Classes.** Thursdays: 9-10am. Hillsborough Kiwanis, 47 Legion St. Registration required by contacting the Village of Hillsborough office at 734-3733 or email [villageoffice@villageofhillsborough.ca](mailto:villageoffice@villageofhillsborough.ca).

**Country & Gospel Music Evening.** 7-9:30pm. Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Entertainment by Rocky Cape Band plus open mic. Admission \$5. Canteen. No bar. Wheelchair accessible.



## Friday, May 6

**Chase The Ace.** Fridays: 4-7:30pm. Fundy Curling Club, Mill St., Riverside-Albert. Tickets on sale 4-7pm. Draw at 7:30pm. Attend in person or watch it live on Facebook [@communityrevitalization](https://www.facebook.com/communityrevitalization).

**Midnight Youth Madness.** 7pm-midnight. Lower Cape Baptist Church, 4431 Route 114, Lower Cape. Guest Speaker Riley will talk about his life journey. Also, games and food. For students in grades 6-12. RSVP by calling or texting 506-874-4404.

## Saturday, May 7

**Hillsborough Kiwanis Community Breakfast.** 8-10am. Community Centre, 47 Legion St. Event details posted on our NEW Facebook site [@Hillsborough Kiwanis](https://www.facebook.com/HillsboroughKiwanis).

**Karaoke Shenanigans.** Fridays: 7-11pm. Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St., Hillsborough. Cover charge \$5 per person.

## Sunday, May 8

**Mother's Day Brunch.** 9am-1pm. Broadleaf Ranch, 5526 Route 114, Hopewell Hill.

**Mother's Day Pottery Throwdown.** Noon start. Free admission. 2nd annual show with over 10 potters. Paint your own pot to take home. Coffee and snacks available.



# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Wednesday, May 11

**Annual General Meeting-Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC).** 7-8pm. Riverside-Albert Recreation Center, 9 Bicentennial Rd. Invitation open to all community members.

## Wed.-Thurs., May 11-12

**Eco 360-Alma.** Noon-8pm. Alma Activity Center, 8 School St.

For no fee, residents will be able to visit any Mobile Eco-Depot to dispose of the following: (up to a ½ tonne truck and utility trailer load). Material should be bagged, boxed, bundled, and ready for easy unloading.

- Appliances (limit of 1 of each type per client)
- Electronic Waste
- Furniture
- Small Household Machinery (must be emptied of gas and oil)
- Construction, Demolition and Renovation Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Car and truck tires (maximum of 20" diameter, limit 8 per customer)
- Brush/Branches and yard waste

## Saturday, May 14

**Southeast New Brunswick Genealogy Meeting.** 2pm start. Guest speaker Michael Proctor presents "A contemporary look at the Steeves Family of New Brunswick". The session is via Zoom video conferencing. Members will receive login instructions via email. Non-members should email [nbgsseb@gmail.com](mailto:nbgsseb@gmail.com) for information and registration.

## Saturday, May 14 cont'd

**5th Annual Albert County Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.** 5:30-9pm. Broadleaf Ranch, 5526 Route 114, Hopewell Hill. (See article on page 13).

## Saturday, May 21

**Alma Recreation Council Fundraiser.** 7-11pm. Alma Activity Center, 8584 Main St. Features Loaded Dice, Atlantic Canada's Premiere Rock'n Party Band (8pm start), silent auction, cash bar and 50/50 draw. Tickets available at the Alma Village Office and the Fundy General Store. \$20 each.

## Sunday, May 22

**Victoria Day Sunday Brunch.** 9am-1pm. Broadleaf Ranch. 5526 Route 114, Hopewell Hill.

## Wednesday, May 25

**Connecting Albert County Annual General Meeting.** 7-8pm. The session will be held via Google Meetings. Everyone welcome. To attend, email [info@connectingalbertcounty.com](mailto:info@connectingalbertcounty.com). The meeting link will be sent out 2 days prior to the event.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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