

# Connecting Albert County

## April 2022



*The morning view from  
Riverside Consolidated School  
(by Amanda Rossiter)*

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# ParticipACTION Makes Community Better Challenge 2022

*By Alicia O'Hara and Alma Recreation Council*

Spring is coming and that means summer is quick to follow. Isn't that exciting!? It also means that ParticipACTION is launching its Canada-wide Community Better Challenge in the search for Canada's more active community! Not only does the winning community get the honour of being crowned *most active*, but also it wins \$100,000 for the community. In addition, there are prizes for the most active community in each province. Let's show them what Albert County is made of!

Here's how it works:

- Download the ParticipACTION app or visit the website and create an account.
- Track all activity minutes from June 1-30. Minutes are assigned to communities based on your postal code.
- Not into technology? No worries! There will be drop off boxes and minute logs available at several locations throughout Albert County for you to track via paper and submit your minutes!
- Organizations, schools, sport groups, recreation centers, and workplaces can participate by tracking the group activities they organize like exercise classes, practices, events or even lunchtime walks.
- Every minute tracked goes towards your score. Everything from walking to cleaning the house to yard work, we want you to track it all! You can track multiple activities throughout the day.
- Users must be at least 17 years old to track their own minutes, but parents can track on behalf of children.

Stay tuned for exciting events that will be happening throughout the month of June in Albert County! What a great opportunity to work together AND get active!



# Garden of Salem

*by Kris Buck*

The Garden of Salem community garden aims to cultivate community while helping others cultivate plants to fill hungry bellies. This is accomplished by building community food production capacity through partnerships and networks within the Albert County community. Over the past couple of years, the cost of food has risen as our sense of community has decreased. Participation in a community garden can help solve both problems. For example, during the COVID 19 pandemic, The Garden of Salem community garden provided a safe and peaceful meeting place for people to gather, build relationships, learn, have fun, and grow nutritious food for themselves, their families and the local food bank. In 2021, together we grew approximately 300 pounds of food to give to the Shepody Food Bank.

Did you know that Salem is a word that means “complete, safe, whole, and peaceful”? Because of this, we like to refer to The Garden of Salem as “The Garden of Peace.” We hope this garden sends an invitation to engage in holistic relationships that communicate a message of care, hope, peace, and unity to our community.

The benefits of community gardens spill beyond the boundaries of the soil and flow into the core of the surrounding community by building resilience and stimulating advocacy towards other areas of need. We face large-scale societal problems; however, they do not require large-scale solutions.

You can change your community by becoming involved in a community garden, even if you do not have a green thumb. Here are some ways you can take part in a movement that is contributing to growth and life:

- Garden planning committee
- Promoters
- Social event planners
- Educators (workshops, videos, newsletters)
- Fundraising efforts
- Maintenance crew
- Resource seekers (source materials)
- Gardening mentors
- Garden designers
- Donations (e.g., money, time, materials, seeds)
- Promotions (getting the word out by sharing posts and talking to your neighbours)

The Garden of Salem is currently in the process of fundraising to make this year’s project a true success. If you or someone you know is interested in donating, please contact us at [gardenhbc@gmail.com](mailto:gardenhbc@gmail.com)



# Urban/Rural Rides needs you!!

*by Kelly Taylor*

Have you been feeling lonely and isolated? Couldn't go shopping freely; couldn't visit friends and relatives; couldn't go to appointments; couldn't live the life you think you deserved? That's two years of Covid restrictions! You have been hoping that this will all be over soon – and it may be – soon; for you – right? There is light at the end of the tunnel – right? Many Covid restrictions have already been relaxed or eliminated, or soon will be. But what if it was not going to be over soon? Would you feel bad about that? Would you be distressed, frustrated, discouraged, depressed, and maybe even angry? Of course you would, some people are already.

For a lot of our residents in New Brunswick, this has been their life for longer than the last two years, and it won't be over soon even with vaccines and medications to fight Covid or whatever might come along to replace Covid.

**Who are these people in need?** They are your friends, your neighbours and your relatives and they are isolated regardless of Covid because they have no or rare transportation. They may be older or infirm and unable to drive. They may live in the country and want to stay in their homes in the country, but they can't take public transportation for occasional outings because it is not available or because it is too expensive and far above their budget limits.

You may be able to help solve this. Urban/Rural Rides provides rides to people at an affordable cost. Riders pay a small amount prorated based on their income, and some funding comes from grants and donations. The greatest support of this service comes from volunteer drivers providing their time for the rides. Drivers use their own vehicles and are reimbursed for operating costs. They require extra liability insurance that is also reimbursed. Knowing that the cost of fuel is so high, the organization reimburses volunteers for fuel costs for the drives.

Most drivers provide only a few rides per month. Drivers choose how many rides they are able to provide. There is no short notice to drop what you are doing to provide a ride. We do all the tough work since we have a skilled ride coordinator



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who matches drivers and riders. Help make her task easier by giving her a bigger pool of drivers. Drivers are asked a day or two in advance and can decline if it doesn't suit their own schedule. During Covid restrictions, some drivers decided not to drive and that is OK, but some continued to drive clients to medical appointments, or they delivered supplies from food banks or stores to the clients while having no personal contact and following careful guidelines. Our program also provides approved masks and cleaning supplies.

These drives can be fun for the drivers, too. We know that many have developed a great camaraderie or friendship with their riders. Urban/Rural Rides, under various names, has expanded from a few rides per week a number of years ago to thousands of rides annually even during Covid (some restrictions apply) and we now cover all of Westmorland and Albert Counties with

work in progress to expand farther into the province. **Get ready Fredericton, here we come!** To help the people in need we need your help. Drivers must pass a criminal record check and a driver certification, but most people qualify readily. Recently retired folks are especially helpful since they are capable of driving and this gives them a new purpose.

Will you show your true colours as a generous volunteer in New Brunswick? Will you volunteer or get more information to consider volunteering? Prove that the fine reputation of New Brunswick residents as helpful neighbours is well deserved. Call our ride Coordinator, Annie, at 962-3073 or our Executive Manager, Kelly, at 215-2100. Come on in and be part of the parade!

We are a registered charity and can accept financial donations with tax receipts if that is a consideration for you.

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# Amazing History of Albert County Shared with a Unique Mobile Exhibit

*Submitted by: Janet Clouston, Managing Director, Albert County Museum*

Readers of Connecting Albert County may recall the “Albert County 175” programming that was hosted in 2020 with the support of the Government of Canada. Over the course of the year, the popular photo-a-day program was shared on our website blog and on Facebook and Twitter. Several concerts were held, including the outdoor Rising Tide Festival concert near the Exhibition Hall, as well as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary re-dedication of the WWI field guns held in the “square” and the Artisan Showcase held in the Court House. A commemorative AC175 souvenir magazine was produced and mailed to every household in Albert County, as well as to the schools. Of the 20,000 printed magazines, only a few copies remain. The AC175 collector’s pin that was designed is still proudly worn by local residents.

A unique Mobile Exhibit was also created with support from NB Tourism, Heritage and Culture. This four-sided display features 36 interactive panels, shares the founding of the county, shows the six parishes, and showcases stories of the Land, Sea and People shaping this county and changing New Brunswick and

Canada for the better. The base of the display features a timeline from 1845 to 2020, highlighting significant events in the county. Albert County Historical Society Directors and staff researched and developed the content and it was designed and built in Albert County with local talent. It was created to be easily transported to schools, community gatherings, seniors centres and civic buildings in order to provide educational opportunities of our history to be shared and to encourage civic pride!

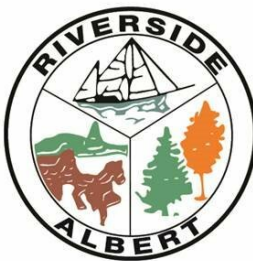
Due to Covid-19, the exhibit remained on site at the Albert County Museum in the Court House where it was enjoyed by visitors during the 2020 and 2021 seasons. Several of those who enjoyed the exhibit were teachers from Riverview High



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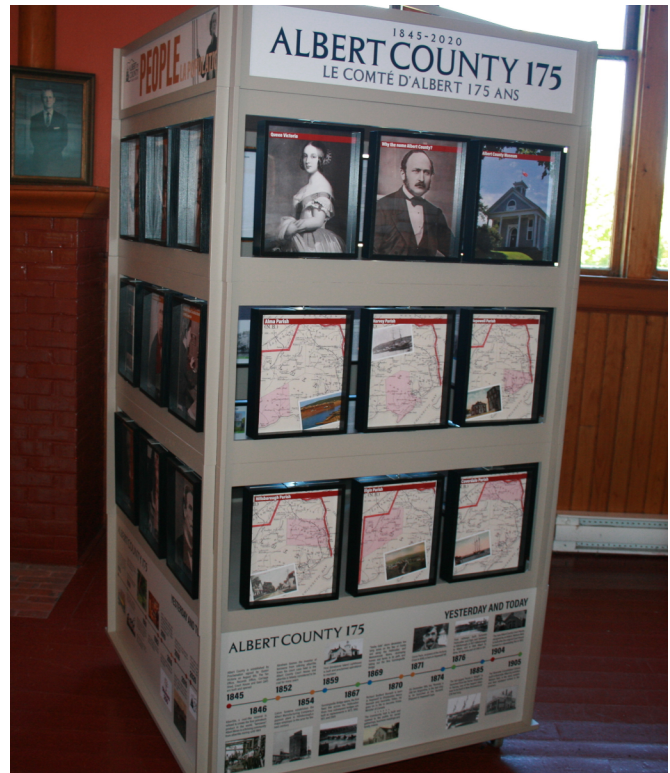
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School, so plans were made for a time when the exhibit could be shared with the Grade 9 classes as they study the history of New Brunswick. We are proud to say that during this past December and January, the exhibit was placed at RHS and was greatly enjoyed by students and teachers alike. In February, it was installed in Riverview Town Hall as part of NB Heritage Week. Visitors enjoyed the exhibit, remarking on how much they appreciated the work that went into the display and how much they learned about the area.

The exhibit is currently at Resurgo Place in Moncton where it was installed in February as part of their Discovery Lab program, which allowed visitors to participate in a fun Heritage Hunt. We are presently reaching out to schools in the region and looking to partner with villages and community groups.



If you have not yet seen the exhibit, it will be on display in the Community Hall for Maple Fest 2022 ( Saturday, April 2 from 9:30am to 5pm and on Sunday, April 3 from 11:00am to 4:00 pm). Come by for some Maple Fest fun and learn more about the People of the Tides! Admission is free, with coffee service and gift shop items for sale.

Where will the Mobile Exhibit go next? Do you have a public event where you feel the Mobile Exhibit would be enjoyed by your guests? Let us know and we will install the display for free as part of our outreach and educational mandate. Email us at [info@albertcountymuseum.com](mailto:info@albertcountymuseum.com) or call 506-734-2003.

The Albert County Museum opens for the season on Victoria Day weekend. Learn more by visiting our website: [www.albertcountymuseum.com](http://www.albertcountymuseum.com)

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As a free service to the community, we provide a list of available full-time and part-time jobs.

Employers can simply complete an online form and our volunteers will soon post the information.

There are currently positions on the webpage from Art Residency Curator to Storyteller to Housekeeping Attendant.

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## THE OLD CHURCH FARMERS MARKET: Upcoming Dates

by Angela MacDougall

### Saturday April 2 - Maple Madness, 9am-2pm

Our Maple Market celebrates Maple Season in Albert County. Vendors will be offering all kinds of different maple themed products - maple donuts, butter tarts, cookies, oatcakes, granola, bath soaks, soap, sausages, preserves, maple wood burnt signs and, of course, maple syrup! Plus much more. Ian the Piper will be our musical guest for the day.

### Sunday May 8 - Pottery Throwdown, 12-5pm

Potters come together! This event showcases the amazing talent of local potters, each one with their unique style, techniques and products. Bring your mom for a Mother's Day Treat. Bring your friends to check out the craft of pottery.

### Saturday May 21 - Season Opening, 9am-2pm

The May long weekend marks our first market of the season. We look forward to your support and hope you can make the Market part of your 2022 weekend routine.



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# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

## **Country Gospel Music Night** **Every Thu 7:00pm - 9:30pm**

Royal Canadian Legion, 31 Legion St, Hillsborough,  
NB E4H 2W7.

Join the Rocky Cape Band for a fun evening of entertainment listening to music and maybe even a joke or two! Canteen is open. It is \$5 at the door.

There's a multitude of great talent. Come check us out.

## **Eco 360**

**April 6th & 7th 12:00pm - 8:00pm**

Riverside-Albert Recreation Center, 9 Bicentennial Rd, Riverside-Albert, NB E4H 3W3

### **WHAT CAN YOU DROP OFF?**

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

## **Farmer Brown's Seedling Workshop**

We are so excited to get your seeds started, we wet our plants! Farmer Brown's will be running weekly seeding workshops.

Soil, trays and fertilizer will be supplied, everything except your seeds, which you can bring or purchase here. Cost of the workshop is \$25 per tray (plus tax), with tray count sizes ranging from 50-144 seedlings/tray. The seeded trays will be kept here to germinate and grow on for 3-5 weeks or until transplanting is required. This is an easy way to get your seeds started and ready for the ground.

Space will be limited so PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To reserve your spot - please send us a message on Facebook with your name, email address and preferred date to attend or text 506-878-9285. All current Covid guidelines and regulations will be followed.

### Dates are as follows:

Saturday, March 26 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Sunday, March 27 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 31 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 5 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 9 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 12 - 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 16 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm



# Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Chase the Ace

**Fri Apr 8th 4:00pm - 7:00pm**

Fundy Curling Club, Mill Street, Riverside-Albert, NB

In partnership with the Fundy Curling Club, The Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee hosts a weekly Chase The Ace Raffle every Friday night. Tickets are on sale from 4 pm - 7 pm at the Fundy Curling Club, with the draw taking place at 7:30 pm. (Except for April 15th)

You can attend the draw in person or watch it live on Facebook [@communityrevitalization](https://www.facebook.com/communityrevitalization).

## Fundy Blades Ice Show

**Thursday April 14th at 5:00pm & 7:00pm**

At the Hillsborough Arena

Fundy Blades is presenting its Ice Show of "Wreck it Ralph."

Our Skaters have been working hard this year and look forward to presenting two shows that evening; 5:00pm-6:00pm & 7:00pm-8:00pm at the Hillsborough Arena.

We welcome back the full audience and all are welcome to come enjoy the show.



## Hillsborough Public Library

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### Hours of Operation

Tuesday: 12pm-4pm and 5pm-7pm

Wednesday to Saturday: 10am-12pm and 1pm-5pm.

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## Feedback Survey 2022

1. What do you like most about the Connecting Albert County Newsletter?

- Articles
- Calendar of Events
- Focus on Local Area
- Other (Please Specify):

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2. What do you think the newsletter is missing? (Check all that apply)

- Community Events
- Relevant Recipes
- Relevant Stories
- Other (Please Specify):

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3. What topics would you like to see covered in the newsletter? (Check all that apply):

- Youth Writing
- Obituaries
- Public Opinion
- Other (Please Specify):

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4. What topics should be focused on monthly? (Check all that apply):

- Local People
- Local Recipes
- New Businesses
- Local History
- Other (Please Specify):

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5. Do you like the current length of the newsletter? (15 - 20 pages)

- I would like to see more (20-25)
- It is just right (15-20)
- I would like to see less (10-15)

6. Do you engage with the Connecting Albert County online platforms? (Website / Facebook / Instagram)

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

7. Have you ever used the online platforms to find or make a post about job opportunities, current events or volunteer opportunities?

- Job Opportunities
- Current Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- None of the Above

8. Would you prefer reading a paper copy of the newsletter or an online version, via email or the website?

- Paper Copy
- Online Version



9. What are the best locations to pick up a copy of the newsletter for you? (Check all that apply):

- Post Office
- Convenience Store
- Drug Store
- Other (Please Specify):

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10. How likely are you to recommend the Connecting Albert County Newsletter to others?

- Very Likely
- Likely
- Neither Likely nor Unlikely
- Unlikely
- Very Unlikely

11. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

12. Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve your experience with Connecting Albert County with either the newsletter or website?

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