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Welcome to the first e-bulletin of Connecting Albert County!

In our monthly e-bulletins, we will spread the news about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, job postings and other information about rural Albert County. To learn more, visit [www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org](http://www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org).

The Connecting Albert County e-bulletin is just one part of a large and exciting project to help improve communication between individuals and organizations in rural Albert County.

Our project has several components including:

~www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org ~ A website where people can learn more about the people, environment, culture and news of rural Albert County, and a forum where residents share their stories and images.

~ Community Calendar ~ The place to go for community events in rural Albert County. The calendar is available on-line and in print.

~ Monthly e-bulletin ~ The emailed bulletin will describe events, ongoing courses/workshops, job listings and more. Printed copies will be available. Click here to subscribe.

~ Newsletter ~ Eventually, we plan to publish a magazine-style newsletter every 2-4 months with articles about current issues, local individuals and community organizations.

 **Our mission is to celebrate the culture, natural beauty, and sense of community shared and valued by the people of rural Albert County.**

 **We aim to nurture a growing attitude of hope and pride among community members and contribute to the economic prosperity of our region.**

**Upcoming Events**

*Event information was submitted by the community groups. If you would like to post an event on our calendar or submit information for our next e-bulletin, please visit* [*www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org*](http://www.ConnectingAlbertCounty.org)*.*

Friday, Jan 30: **Boy & Girls Club Hillsborough Anniversary**

7:00pm - Come help the Boys & Girls Club celebrate the anniversary of our first fantastic year in Hillsborough! Friday, January 30th at the Hillsborough Kiwanis Centre.

Friday-Sunday, Jan 30-Feb 1: **Alma Winter Carnival** at the Alma Recreation Centre “the Rink.”

Friday night - Skating party 7:00-10pm and home-made ice-cream at 7:30

Saturday - Snow sculpture and cake walk at 12:30, kids games and broomball in the afternoon, with adult broomball at 7:00

Sunday – Snowshoe hike at 1:30 and community potluck dinner at 5pm

Sat, Feb 7. **Winter Fun** - Riverside Albert

The 2015 Riverside-Albert Winter Carnival is from 10am - 5pm at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Center.

Bring your sleds, toboggans, and skates and get ready to have fun! There will be snowshoe races, scavenger hunts, games, cake walks for the adults and cupcake walks for the kids! Plan to stay for the day - you won't get hungry because you can get a yummy hot dog & pop for a 'loonie'. And we will be making valentines to take home to Mom. 50/50 tickets will also be sold.

Come one, come all - an all-ages event. See you there!

10am- noon: Crafts, facepainting, sliding, popcorn, games, sandbag toss, tea party.

Noon- 1pm: Hot dog and pop for a loonie, pop only for 50 cents

1pm: Scavenger hunt for children up to 8 years old followed by a hunt for children 9 and up.

2pm: Snowshoe races

3:30pm: Cake and cupcake walk - $1.00 for cake for adults and $0.25 for children for cupcakes.

Thu, Feb 12. **Bookmobile**

10:30-11:30 Alma Activity Centre/Town Office

12:30-1:00 Riverside-Albert - Quick Mart - 5964 King St

1:30 - 2:00 Hopewell Cape - Albert County Museum

Sun, Feb 22. **Fundy Loppet**

The Chignecto Ski Club hosts the Fundy Loppet on February 22nd at Fundy National Park. This annual event is a great way to get out on the trails, no matter what your level of fitness or training is. This year's course is fun and challenging for all ages and levels: young and old, novice and expert, all are welcome! Visit [www.skichignecto.ca](http://www.skichignecto.ca) for more details.

**Weekly events**

Mondays. **Ladies Curling** at 6:30. See you ladies there. Bring a friend. Remember all you need is clean shoes, warm clothes and be ready to share some laughs!! Fundy Curling Club. Riverside-Albert.

Tuesdays. **Zumba® class** - Tuesday 7.00-8.00pm at Riverside Consolidated School. Contact 882-2831. Evelyn Wachs is the certified ZUMBA® Instructor.

Wednesdays. **Kiwanis Bingo**. The Hillsborough Kiwanis has bingo every Wednesday night. Doors open at 5:30, games begin at 6:30.

Wednesdays. **Pilates**. 5:30-6:30, Riverside Consolidated School. 872-0403 is the contact for Sasha Rooney, certified Pilates instructor.

Wednesdays. **Zumba® STEP class** 7.00-8.00pm at REC Centre Riverside-Albert. Contact 882-2831 or www.evelynwachs.zumba.com. Evelyn Wachs is the certified Zumba Instructor.

Thursdays. **Knitting**. 9:30-11:30, drop in to our cozy yarn studio with your knitting project to sit, chat, and stitch. While it's not a formal class, there is usually someone around that can offer support if you are a new knitter. At Turtlepurl, 4891 Salem Rd. Hillsborough, bottom level, facing the road.

Thursdays. **Zumba® class** - 7.00-8.00pm at Rec Centre Riverside-Albert. Contact 882-2831 Evelyn Wachs is the ZUMBA® Instructor Rec Centre Riverside-Albert. Last Thursday of the month, location changes to Riverside Consolidated School.

**Who we are:**

The project reflects the passion and hard work of many individuals in rural Albert County including: Joanne Butland, Deborah Carr, Joseph Gallant, Barb Gebuhr, Livia Goodbrand, Lynne Greenblatt, Mindy Holmstrom, Susan Quinn, Phyllis Sutherland, Janine Underhill & Janet Wallace (Moderator).

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