



SPRING & SUMMER

TOWN OF STEWIACKE NEWSLETTER

STEWIACKE
RIVERS OF OPPORTUNITY

HALF WAY BETWEEN THE NORTH POLE & EQUATOR

A Moment with the Mayor



It is my pleasure to reach out to you with an update on what has been happening at your town office. You have a team who is dedicated to bringing together the best resources, programs and services to our town.

Here's what's happening in Stewiacke:

Council and Staff

- The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board recently approved the reduction of the size of Town Council to five elected members including the Mayor. This change is effective for the next election in October 2024.
- Four dedicated employees were recognized for their years of service to our town. Congratulations are extended to Jeff Sibley, Rick Smith, Gary Fisher and Erin Richard.
- Kevin Matheson has been hired as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer.
- Facet by Royer Thompson has been hired for the recruitment of a permanent Chief Administrative Officer.

A MOMENT WITH THE MAYOR

- Jill Rafuse has been hired as the Financial Assistant / Executive Assistant.
- The Planning & Advisory Committee completed a public participation opportunity with Grant Cooke, Town of Stewiacke Planner to address the issues of height restrictions in the downtown core & proposed commercial development in a residential section of main street. Sixty residents attended the meeting February 10th @ the Community Center.
- Jason Fox, Director of Planning and Development Services, with the Town of Truro has been hired on a part-time basis as the development officer for our town.

Finances

- The budget review process with staff & council is underway with a series of weekly meetings as we work to complete a balanced budget.

Infrastructure

- The infrastructure upgrade commenced in the fall of 2023 on Riverside Avenue through partial funding with the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding. This project will be completed in 2024.
- Additional crosswalks & signals have been installed to ensure traffic safety.
- New siding was recently installed on the Community Center & Fire Hall.

Commercial Development

- The new Foodland will be opened in the Perry Lake Development, February 22nd. Congratulations are extended to Sherry & Darren Schriver on this momentous accomplishment.

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- The Pet Valu location opened in the Perry Lake Development, February 13th.
- A new twenty-four-unit apartment building hosted an open house February 17th.

Community News

- Congratulations are extended to Abalone Retreat who were recently awarded the Cosmetology Association of Nova Scotia Canadian Choice Award 2024.
- Residents are encouraged to consider offering for Town Council in October 2024. It has been my pleasure to serve as the Mayor of our town during this four year term.
- The Rising Tides Arts Society will be presenting Seniority Rules April 26, 27 & 28 @ the Community Center.

What I've Been up to

In addition to my regular council & digitality duties I represented the Town of Stewiacke @ the 44th Atlantic Mayors Congress in Labrador in September 2023.

I will be attending the Federation of Municipalities Conference in Calgary in June with Deputy Mayor Roseanne Chapman & Councillor Pam Osborne.

Please feel to reach out to me @ 1-902-805-9393, glloy@stewiacke.net or arrange a time to meet me in person at the town office.

Yours in Community,

George Lloy

Mayor Town of Stewiacke
902-805-9393

Life Point Church

Real People. Real Life

lifepointstewiacke@gmail.com

Service Times

Sunday @ 10am



Looking for Volunteer Walk Leaders in Colchester County **NSWalks**

Do you like to walk and are looking to help less active adults in your community enjoy the benefits of walking?

- Hike Nova Scotia is looking for volunteers interested in leading gentle, fun, and friendly regularly scheduled walks!
- They provide you with free walk leader training to give you the skills and confidence to lead these walks.

Walk Leader Training

When: Wednesday April 3rd, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Stewiacke Community Centre

111 Highway #2, Stewiacke

Register: Scan the QR code

If you need assistance call 902-483-2813



Bushinkan Dojo Kenshu

Featuring

Steve Nickerson Shihan (7th Dan)
From the Makotokan Dojo



Stewiacke Legion

March 9th 2024

\$40 Adults
\$20 Children

Schedule

Children Class: 9:30 - 10:30

Adult Class (1): 11:00 - 12:30

Lunch: 12:30 - 2:00

Adult Class (2): 2:00 - 3:30



Michelle Matthews
Head Bartender - Whistlers Pub

STEWIACKE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

"Michelle brings a warm smile and a pleasant demeanor to work everyday and her positive attitude is infectious. In short, Whistlers wouldn't be the place it is if not for Michelle Matthews" - Peter Holman

Upcoming Events

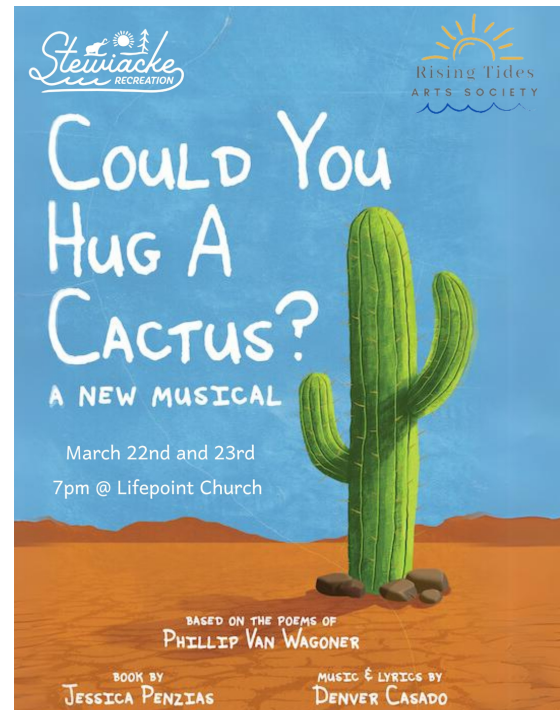
March 2nd, 9am-2pm: Box Office Ticket Sales for Seniority Rules Dinner Theatre @ Stewiacke Community Centre - Dinner Theatre Show Dates: April 26th, 27th, and 28th.

March 7th, 1:30-3pm: Stewiacke Senior Social @ Lifepoint Church: Free Live Music, Coffee, Tea, and Freshly Baked Goods!

March 22nd and 23rd, 7:00pm: Could you Hug a Cactus - A Children's Theatre Production @ Lifepoint Church:

Stewiacke Recreation, together with Rising Tides Arts Society, is thrilled to announce our upcoming Children's Theatre production on March 22nd and 23rd at 7:00pm! Join us for an amazing show featuring a talented cast of local children aged 7-12 years old.

Tickets are free but seating is limited! Secure your ticket by contacting Ben - bgrosvenor@stewiacke.net



2024 MARCH

Town Hall Hours:
 Mon 9 am to 4 pm
 Tues 9 am to 4 pm
 Weds 9 am to 4 pm
 Thurs 9 am to 4 pm
 Fri 9 am to 4 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Fitness 8:30 am, 6 pm Craft Club 9:30am Sea Cadets 6:30pm Pickleball 7pm	Senior Fitness 10 am Senior Card Party 10am Chair Yoga 12 pm Fitness 6 pm	Maggie's Play Group 10 am Badminton 7pm	Business & Tourism Committee 9am Fitness Class 8:30am, 6pm Senior's Fitness 10 am			
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THE NELSON HOUSE

Marla and Darrell Taylor are nearing 20 years of managing the Nelson House Bed and Breakfast, which was established in December 2004. Discover their journey and dedication to running this business as they share their story with us.

Could you share a little about your journey of choosing Stewiacke and opening up the Nelson House Bed and Breakfast?

We looked around for a property that we could turn into a B&B for 9 months. The criteria was to be within an hour's drive to the city as Darrell was still working at Dept. of Environment there. We also wanted at least 5 bedrooms (2 for family and 3 to rent). Also a private section to the home so Darrell could maintain his privacy. We felt that the home of Fred/Harold Nelson would suit us as well and it was in a town to offer services. After a market study we realized that although we were not a destination area, we were 25 minutes from the airport and that would be our market segment. Also as Stewiacke is central Nova Scotia this area would support day trips for those who like to have a home base and make long day trips from that base. As I had been in the tourism industry for 30 years prior to that I wanted to open a B&B which allowed me the privilege of welcoming tourists to our area and as I enjoy meeting people from all countries and walks of life that enabled me to stay busy by doing

something I enjoyed doing. Also as I love to cook, and I am a morning person, this all fit!

You are approaching your 20th anniversary of running the Bed and Breakfast. What is it about the Nelson House and its location that has led to this successful endeavor for nearly 20 years?

Our success is multi-faceted. We choose an area that would support our market, we knew the work load that was required, and we knew our industry. You have to love people and being with people and also being a bit of a nurturer. It takes a lot of



FEATURED IN STEWIACKE

hard work and patience and you have to like people. We have a lot of repeat business from all over Europe and the States as well as the Atlantic Provinces. Our reviews help drive traffic as well and we work hard to maintain that level of service.

What should people expect when they book their stay at the Nelson House?

Guests can expect good quality linen and amenities, cleanliness, professional and friendly service. We try to buy our breakfast items locally if possible, with an attention to detail. We serve a gourmet breakfast which is prepared fresh each day with entrees including Eggs Benedict, Belgium Waffles and locally produced Maple Syrup or Homemade Granola with French Vanilla Yogurt. Fresh ground coffee beans start your day and if that is not to their liking we have many herbal teas to choose from.

What do you enjoy most about running the bed and breakfast?

Running our Bed and Breakfast has offered us an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and walks of life. We are interested in their stories and it is a lifestyle for us that keeps us as busy as we want to be but the flexibility of taking time off when we want.

Where's the furthest someone has traveled from who's stayed at the Nelson House?

We have had guests from Africa, all over Europe, Australia, Tasmania, Japan, China, Singapore, Caribbean Islands, Cantal America, South America, and India, and of course Canada and United States. I may have forgotten some!

What's one interesting fact about the Nelson House that most people would not know?

An interesting fact about The Nelson House that people may not know is that when we purchased the house there was only one set of stairs to the upstairs bedrooms but during renovations the contractors discovered a recess in the wall where a second set of stairs in the back of the house use to come down beside the kitchen, and we had those stairs rebuilt in mirror image to enter from upstairs to our kitchen. This makes it very convenient for us to have our own set of stairs to our private end of the house, as well as giving this large home two exits from the upstairs for safety reasons.





EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD



10:00AM



STEWIACKE
RECREATION GROUNDS

71 NOVA SCOTIA TRUNK 2 STEWIACKE, NS,

FOR CHILDREN
OF ALL AGES

Reserve your ticket by contacting
Erin: erichard@stewiacke.net

Coloring Contest

SUBMIT TO TOWN OFFICE BY MARCH 22ND

Full Name: _____

Age: _____

