

Let's Get Ready for Bedford Days!
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On Saturday June 22nd, I will be hosting the 5th Annual Councillor's Community Clean-up to spruce up our community for summer. We gather in Fish Hatchery Park at 9:30 am and finish around 11:30 am. A celebratory BBQ is then provided by the Girl Guides and Pathfinders of Bedford to honour participants and to help raise funds for the girls' activities. The Sackville Rivers Association has been of great assistance as it provides guidance and leads the portion of the clean-up along the Sackville River, within Bedford. Other volunteers clean-up areas including Shore Dr., the path to Scott Manor, along the Bedford Hwy, and paths in the Paper Mill and Moirs Mill areas of our community.

I have received requests to expand the clean-up to include the Larry Uteck Blvd and Peakview Mall areas, and more concentration around Mill Cove. This means that we will need more volunteers this year to come out for a couple of hours of physical and fun work. I hope that sports teams, Bedford companies, schools, youth groups, service clubs, church groups, and homeowners associations will join our regular volunteers. The volunteer that finds the most unusual piece of trash will receive a prize and it would be great to have groups competing to see who collects the most trash! It is unfortunate that some members of our society feel it is acceptable to throw trash out of the car window, or to drop it while walking. However, we can take a stand and help HRM staff prepare our community for Bedford Days!

Speaking of Bedford Days, I am very pleased to report that many of our new and our traditional events will now have a rain location. The events added last year will be back, including the Rouge and Blanc soiree, the Ice Cream Social, and Teen Coffee House. The Rouge and Blanc promotes and celebrates the musical talent in our community, while attendees enjoy a wine-tasting and sampling the cuisine from our fine Bedford restaurants. Attendees last year raved about this event.

New events this year will include Zumba in the Park, a Hot Yoga class, Battlefield Live, a performance by the Bedford Academy Rock Band (plus a special guest!), and a Salsa Dancing display and lessons. There will be something for all ages and interests – and don't forget about the fireworks.

Full details will be provided in the brochure that will be mailed to every home in Bedford, or you can go to the website at www.bedforddays.ca. Bedford Days would not be possible without the tremendous group of volunteers, HRM staff, and corporate sponsors who work to ensure that this wonderful tradition continues. I look forward to your feedback on this year's events, plus your ideas for next year. See you at the Clean-up and during Bedford Days! Don't forget to stop by Scott Manor and see me again attempting to pour tea.

To help you plan, here is an overview of this year's schedule:

Saturday, June 22, 2013
Mariners 3on3 Basketball Tournament

Councillor's Community Clean Up and BBQ
Vetcetera Annual Charity Dog Wash and BBQ
Bedford Basin Artists Society Plein Air Painting Day & Art Show
Minor Baseball Tournaments

Sunday, June 23, 2013

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Thursday, June 27, 2013

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party
Bouncy Castles
Lions Club Seniors' Dinner & Bingo
Kid's Extravaganza

Friday, June 28, 2013

Halloween in June
Bedford Days Minor Baseball Tournament
Battlefield Live
Teen Coffee House
Rouge et Blanc: A Bedford Summer Soiree and celebration of Bedford cuisine and talent

Saturday, June 29, 2013

Kids of Steel Triathlon
Shanti Hot Yoga Class
Perfect Pairings: Harvest Wines and Spirits and Clearwater Seafoods
Scott Manor House: A Community Georgian Tea
The Glooscap Hot Dogs
Bedford Volunteer Fire Department Beer Fest

Sunday, June 30, 2013

Bedford 5K to Beat Lung Cancer
Ice Cream Social
Battlefield Live
Outdoor Movie - Ice Age 3

Monday, July 1, 2013

Sunnyside Pancake Breakfast
Canada Day at Scott Manor House
Teddy Bear Picnic
Bouncy Castles
Bedford Days Canada Day Celebrations and Fireworks