



# ***What's Happening***

## ***December 2025 and January 2026***

**Brought to you by Aspotogan Heritage Trust — “Investing in Community Visions”**

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- Nov 30     **Annual Holiday Market** 12—4 pm at Black Harbour Distillers.
- 4th Annual Children's Holiday Movie** 6:00 pm at The Savary Plate. This year's movie is Rudolph The Rednosed Reindeer. Complimentary chips and juice boxes given out during the movie. Completely FREE! Non-perishable food items welcome for the food bank.
- Dec 3     **Senior's Luncheon** 12:00 pm at Hubbards Area Lions Club. Watch their Facebook page for details. The cost is a donation at the door.
- An Evening of Music** 7—9:30 pm at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Music featuring Peter Grant, Shaun Richards, Mike Purdy and friends. Admission is by donation with proceeds going to the Lions Club Christmas Hamper Program. Cash Bar and silent auction. Seating may be limited. Presented by St. Luke's Outreach Mission Group.
- Dec 5     **45s for Lobsters** Games begin at 7:00 pm at the Ocean Swells Community Centre. \$10 per person. There will be lobsters for 1st to 4th place and door prizes. Storm date—December 12th. Contact Lawson at 902-228-2146 for more information.
- Dec 6     **Breakfast with Santa** 9—11 am at the Hubbards Area Lions Club. Cost is a donation at the door. 50/50 available.
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Matinee** 1—4 pm at Black Harbour Distillers. Festive themed music show. You are encouraged to wear an ugly Christmas Sweater and bring in a food donation for the food bank.
- Christmas Night Market At The Barn** 4—7 pm at the Hubbards Barn.
- Dec 6 & 7     **Christmas at the Village Hall** 9 am—2 pm (both days) at East River Village Hall. Christmas festivities and indoor yard sale. Lots of Christmas décor and other treasures for sale, along with a bake table and a craft table. Lobster Roll luncheon for \$15; includes 2 salads and a cookie and is available between 10 am and 2 pm. Lunch MUST be pre-ordered by December 4th by calling Sheila Hirtle at 902-275-5720 or 902-275-5966 or Mary Zinck at 902-275-7600. Limited quantities and take-out only.
- Dec 7     **Christmas Gazebo Lighting** 4:30 pm at Bishop's Park (across from St. Luke's Church). Celebrate the season with your friends, family and neighbours with live music, Christmas Carols and hot chocolate! There may even be a guest from the North Pole! Supported by the Hubbards Heritage Society.
- Dec 10     **Coastal Regulations: Public Engagement** 6—8 pm at Hubbards Area Lions Club. The Municipality of Chester Municipal Council has asked staff to host a community meeting to provide information on coastal threats (erosion, flooding & loss of sensitive coastal wetlands). They are seeking input to assist in creating a draft set of regulations that would ensure development on or near the coast is done responsibly and safely. Regulations would also provide protection for sensitive coastal ecosystems. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting to play an important role in developing these rules by providing input and comments.  
For more information: [www.engagechester.ca/coastal-regulations-for-the-municipality-of-chester](http://www.engagechester.ca/coastal-regulations-for-the-municipality-of-chester)
- Dec 11     **Resin Workshop at BHD** 7—9 pm at Black Harbour Distillers. Join Shore Thing Sea Glass and Woodland Lights for a limited Resin Class Workshop. Jess and Tammy have combined their creative styles to offer a mixed media event. Class fee is \$45 and includes all supplies. Registration online or via the Shore Thing Sea Glass booth at the Hubbards Farmers Market.
- Dec 12     **Kids Christmas Craft & Movie Night** 6—8:30 pm at St. Luke's Parish Hall. FREE. Registration required; please contact Susan 902-441-4580 or Lyda 901-471-1674.
- Bingo at BHD** 6—8 pm at Black Harbour Distillers. Free to all.
- Dec 13     **Winter Wonderland Matinee** 1—4 pm at Black Harbour Distillers. Festive themed music show. You are encouraged to wear white and sparkles and bring in a food donation for the food bank.
- Dec 14     **Community Social Dance** 1—4 pm at the Hubbards Area Lions Club. \$10 per person, cash bar, canteen will be open, 50/50 draw and door prize. Dance to the music of The Cruisers.

- Dec 18 **Christmas Music Sing-Along** at Two Coves Café. Café opens at 9 am, music begins at 10 am. No charge. Free coffee, tea, muffins and cookies. All welcome.
- Dec 20 **Christmas PJ Party Matinee** 1—4 pm at Black Harbour Distillers. Festive themed music show. You are encouraged to wear Christmas PJs and bring in a food donation for the food bank.
- Dec 31 **88.7 CoveFM New Year's Eve Bash** Doors open at 8:30 pm at Black Point & Area Community Centre. Music by Maurice Aucoin & The Persauders. Tickets are \$50 per person; tables of 8—\$350. Tickets available at The Savary Plate & Lola's Landing (Cash only!) Online tickets available at: [www.covefm.com](http://www.covefm.com). Sponsored by The Savary Plate and The Gratto.
- New Years Dance** Doors open at 9 pm at Blandford Community Centre. Live music from 10 pm—1 am with music by Beaver & Tails featuring Danny Banfield and Darlene Guite. Tickets in advance \$20 or \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Blandford Marine or by emailing Darlene Guite at [Darlene@dannybanfield.com](mailto:Darlene@dannybanfield.com). Cash or E-transfer only.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

- January 1 **New Year's Day Levee** 11:30 am—3:30 pm at the Hubbards Area Lions Club. They will be serving haddock chowder and chili with fresh rolls and homemade biscuits. Admission is free, but donations are always greatly appreciated. Cash bar and 50/50 available.
- January 3 **Pancake Breakfast** 9—11 am at the Hubbards Area Lions Club. Cost is a donation at the door. 50/50 available.
- January 7 **Senior's Luncheon** 12:00 pm at Hubbards Area Lions Club. Watch their Facebook page for details. The cost is a donation at the door.
- January 17 **Community Centre Breakfast** 9—11 am at District 1 Blandford Community Centre. Eat in or take out. Includes eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, beans, hash browns, coffee, tea & juice. \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids under 10, FREE for kids under 3; cash or debit at the door.
- January 18 **Community Social Dance** 1—4 pm at the Hubbards Area Lions Club. \$10 per person, cash bar, canteen will be open, 50/50 draw and door prize. Dance to the music of The Cruisers.
- Re-Visioning Retirement** An Athenæum Society of Nova Scotia presentation at 2:30 pm in the Ocean Swells Community Centre. Dr. Susan Reid will highlight what re-visioning retirement means, why it's essential and her unique method for empowering people to navigate the transition into retirement with clarity, confidence and impact. All are welcome. For more info call: 902-476-4465.
- January 24 **2nd Annual Family Feud** 7 pm at St. Luke's Parish Hall. Admission by donation. Canteen and lots of fun to be had. To enter your family, contact Clair MacInnis at [clairmacinnis@yahoo.ca](mailto:clairmacinnis@yahoo.ca).

### MUNICIPALITY of CHESTER CALL FOR VOLUNTEER NOMINATIONS Volunteer Week April 19 to 25, 2026

The Municipality of Chester is planning for National Volunteer Week, April 19 to 25, 2026. April seems like a long way off, but we want you to start thinking about ways to celebrate all the volunteers in the community that make an impact.

#### Nominate A Volunteer!

One thing you can do is nominate a volunteer who will be recognized by the Municipality.

Nominations can fall under five categories:

- (Individual) Representative Volunteer of the Year Award
- Newcomer Volunteer Award (Resident for less than 5 years)
- Youth Volunteer Award (Ages 13-24)
- Family Volunteer Award (Volunteering as a family for at least 5 years)
- Nova Scotia Strong Award (Individual or group that has demonstrated resiliency in community during a time or event of tragedy or struggle)

We will be celebrating all our community volunteers during National Volunteer Week – stay tuned for exciting event updates! From all the individual volunteers that are nominated, one will be selected by Municipal Council to represent the Municipality of Chester at the Provincial Volunteer Awards. The deadline to get your nomination in is Friday, March 6, 2026. Here is the link to the online fillable form: <https://portal.laserfiche.ca/p7156/forms/6HfZs>



### Health & Wellness

**Strength & Sculpt Workout Class**, a mix of strength training with weights and core exercises on the mat, to build full body strength and endurance. Location: Shaina Falcone Fitness, Hubbards, Mondays 7—8 pm. To sign up for a class please visit the website at <https://shainafalconefitness.com/in-person-classes/>

**Taoist Tai Chi®** arts, St. Stephen's Parish Tuck Hall, 54 Regent St. in Chester. On the first Thursday of every month from 10 am—12 pm. Call 902-417-2682, email [halifax@taoist.org](mailto:halifax@taoist.org) or visit [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org).

**Aspotogan Fitness Club** at the Hubbards Area Lions Club on the lower level. Just \$25 per month! Open 5 am to midnight, 7 days a week. For more information email: [aspotoganfitness@gmail.com](mailto:aspotoganfitness@gmail.com)

Cathy Guest teaches **yoga** on Tuesdays at the Sail Loft Studio, #2117 Route 329. Class times are 10—11:15 a.m. and 6:15—7:30 p.m. Drop in fee is \$10 and all levels are welcome. Chair Yoga at the Hubbards Area Lions Club on Thursdays from 11:45 am—12:45 pm (cost is by donation) and on Fridays at District 1 Blandford Community Centre from 10—11 am (cost is \$7). For more information about yoga at the Sail Loft Studio or in the Hubbards community, contact Cathy at [www.sailloftyoga.com](http://www.sailloftyoga.com).

### Black Point & Area Community Centre

#### **Pickleball** \$2 Drop-In Fee

- Sundays 7:15—9:30 pm
- Tuesdays 6:30—9:30 pm
- Thursdays 12:30—3:30 pm & 6:30—9:30 pm
- Ladies Only: Wednesdays 1—3 pm  
Fridays 3—5 pm
- Men Only: Fridays 6—8 pm
- Bring indoor shoes and water bottle, water cooler on site. Paddles and balls are provided.

#### **Chair Aerobics** \$ 2 Drop-In Fee

- Sundays 5:45—6:45 pm
- Bring your own weights.

#### **Bay Seniors Drop-In** \$10 yearly membership; all ages welcome

- Tuesdays 10 am—12 pm > Crafts, games, indoor walking, puzzles, darts and more
- Tuesdays 1—3 pm > Pickleball
- None on December 23 or 30

### Ocean Swells Community Centre

#### **45s Card Game** \$5 per person

- Wednesdays and Fridays: Doors open at 6:30 pm and games start at 7:00 pm
- Contact 902-228-2146 or 902-228-2373

#### **Aspotogan Arts and Crafts Open Studio**

- 10 am—4 pm (January 26th only)
- Please bring whatever art project and your materials that you are working on and your lunch.

### St. Luke's Parish

#### **Two Coves Café**

- Thursdays: 9—11 am
- Offering free coffee, tea and muffins. Everyone welcome!

### Hubbards Area Lions Club

#### **Breakfast / Coffee Club** By donation

- Mondays 8—11 am (Dec 1, 8 only & back on January 5)

#### **Cribbage** \$7 per person

- Tuesday evenings. Doors and canteen open at 6 pm, crib starts at 7 pm. Cash bar and 50/50 available.
- None on December 16, 23, 30

#### **Bingo**

- Thursdays: Doors and canteen open at 6 pm, mini bingo starts at 6:30 pm, regular bingo starts at 7 pm
- 50/50 also available.
- None on December 18, 25, January 1

### Blandford Community Centre

#### **Tabletop Gaming** \$2 Drop-In Fee

- Mondays 7—9 pm
- Any game that can be played on a table.
- Participants encouraged to bring their favourite game and hopefully others will join in the fun
- You may bring snacks and drinks (no alcohol!)

#### **Heritage Handcrafts** \$4 Drop-In Fee

- Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month (January only)
- Go for an hour, or bring a lunch and stay for the day.
- Hooking, knitting, embroidery, quilting or any portable handwork.

#### **Pickleball** \$3 Drop-In Fee

- Thursdays: 6—7:30 pm. Wear non-marking sneakers. Minimum 4 players required; register to play with [pickleball@bellaliant.com](mailto:pickleball@bellaliant.com)

#### **Chair Yoga** \$7 per session

- Fridays: 10—11 am. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one.

The board and staff of Aspotogan Heritage Trust wish everyone a safe, happy holiday season and prosperous, healthy 2026!

The office will be closing at 4 pm on Tuesday, December 23rd, 2025 and will remain closed until 9 am on Monday, January 5, 2026.

HAPPY  
*Holidays*

## J. D. Shatford Memorial Public Library

**JDS Run Club** Mondays 9—10 am  
**Exploratory Storytime** (Preschoolers) Mondays 11 am—12 pm (None on December 15, 22, or 29)  
**Drop-in Bridge** Tuesdays 1:30—3:30 pm (None on December 23 or 30)  
**Babies and Tot Playgroup** Wednesdays 10 am—12 pm (None on December 24 or 31)  
**Scrabble & Quiddler** Wednesdays 1—3 pm (None on December 24 or 31)  
**Needle Niche** Thursdays 6:30—8:30 pm (None on December 18, 25 or January 1)  
**Fabulous Fridays** (School Age) 2:30—4:30 pm (None on December 26 or January 2)  
**Play Café** Saturdays 11 am—12 pm



### Children's Programming

Dec 6                      2—4 pm                      Magic: The Gathering

### All Ages Programming

Dec 6                      1—4 pm                      Jigsaw Puzzle Swap

### Adult Programming

December 15	7—8:30 pm	JDS Book Club—This month's book: "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan**
January 21	7—8 pm	Make Your Own Skin Care Products **
January 26	7—8:30 pm	JDS Book Club—This month's book: "What Strange Paradise" by Omar El Akkad**

### Movie Nights—Tuesdays @ 7 pm

December 2	The Christmas Candle	January 6	I am Bruce Lee (Documentary)
December 9	A Christmas Carol (1951)	January 13	The Life of Chuck
		January 20	The Mercy
		January 27	To Catch A Thief

\*\*Registration required. For library hours and the complete list of events call 902-857-9176 to speak to the staff or visit their website: [www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/locations/hu/](http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/locations/hu/)

**Live Music** at Black Harbour Distillers every Saturday (all year long) 1—4 pm. For information on the lineup or to make reservations, check their website at [www.bhdistillers.ca](http://www.bhdistillers.ca) or call 902-702-3202. Bingo every other Friday starting again the week of January 9th & 10th. BHD will be open Monday December 22nd and Tuesday December 23rd for last minute holiday shopping.

**Cooking In The Bay** at St. Luke's Parish on December 15th from 9:30 am—3:30 pm. Grow your confidence in the kitchen. Pre-registration required to ensure enough for everyone. Call 902-225-6320.



We offer free classes to help you succeed in the workplace and daily life:

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[www.westernhalifaxcln.com](http://www.westernhalifaxcln.com)



Need a ride?

Call 902-273-2440 or e-mail [info@communitywheels.ca](mailto:info@communitywheels.ca)

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 All submissions are to be e-mailed by Wednesday, January 21, 2026 to  
[info@aspotogan.org](mailto:info@aspotogan.org)  
 All events can also be found on the digital community calendar at [hubbards.ca](http://hubbards.ca)