

March 17, 2017– Weekly Amherst Recreation Department Update

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What's up Rec?

Daylight savings time has begun and springing forward is just what we are doing here at the Recreation Department. Spring officially hits Monday, March 20th and we are ready to welcome it with exciting community events and activities throughout the town.

We are pleased to announce that the Town of Amherst has joined the provincial Communities in Bloom NS edition. Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization that encourages the enhancement of communities throughout Canada by providing a platform based on a commitment to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility, and community beautification. This provincial competition will judge communities based on the following 6 criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, and Floral Displays. Along with the 6 criteria, the overall contributions of the town, businesses & institutions, and residents will also be taken into consideration. It is our hope that you will join the community in our efforts to help keep Amherst beautiful and tidy for all to enjoy.

We are currently seeking summer students to join the 'A' team and help Amherst in achieving its goal to be the healthiest, most active community in Nova Scotia. Areas of available employment will include recreation programmers, who will be active in helping to develop and coordinate programs and events in support of family first as well as promoting tourism, recreation, arts and culture throughout Amherst. Grounds maintenance students are also needed to help to make Amherst a healthier place to live, work, and play. Enhancement of green spaces, turf and trail maintenance, planting and maintaining floral displays, and overall beautification of the town will be some of the duties included in this role. Interested candidates are asked to please submit resumes to Amherst Town Hall, attention to Kim Jones, or send by email to kjones@amherst.ca. More information will be released shortly on social media and amherst.ca

Earth Day is on Saturday, April 22nd this year and we hope the whole community will help celebrate and care for our great earth. We are encouraging residents, businesses, and community groups to work with us to help put trash where it belongs and keep Amherst clean and tidy, not only on Earth Day, but everyday. Stay tuned for more information on upcoming events and activities in honour of Earth Day.

Information for this week's column has been provided by Town Horticulturist Chelsea Baird. If you are interested in learning more or have questions about the upcoming growing season and practice, you can reach Chelsea at cbaird@amherst.ca or (902) 667-3352.

Learn what else is happening around the community by visiting amherst.ca, following our social media channels, and by tuning into 107.9 at 8:30am Tuesday mornings. If you have questions, community events and information to share, email amherstrecreation@amherst.ca or call 902-667-6500. Here is a taste of what's happening around Amherst this weekend:

- YMCA Youth Leadership Camp
- St. Patrick's Day Dance
- JC's TaeKwon-Do Breakfast Fundraiser

- Amherst 50+ Club 3rd Annual Cake & Pie Auction
- Play-off Game: Pictou Crushers vs. Amherst Ramblers
- Bates/ Merrill Friendship Tournament