

CENTREVILLE NEWS

June/July 2025

Issue 1

Welcome to the neighbourhood! This is our first newsletter introducing our new neighbourhood association to you, our members. Questions? Email centrevilleneighbours@gmail.com.



Events Calendar

Community Meals

last Monday of every month at Gower Street United (Queens Rd. entrance)

Monday, June 30, 5PM-7PM

Monday, July 28, 5PM-7PM

Summer Rec for Kids 9-12!

sign up in person at Gower St. United

LIMITED SPACE July 3, 6PM-7PM

Painting Party & BBQ

Martin's Meadow Park

Saturday, July 12, 10AM-2PM

Community Clean-up & BBQ

Saturday, August 23

Favourite post-snow fun: Playing fetch with my neighbour who's a good softball player. Heidi H.

Report from our "Safety For All" Committee

Ice cream colours are dripping over a few park benches in Martin's Meadow. Thanks to a small band of roving artists (Resident Artistic Lead Freja, sister Aurora and a random passerby) and Dennis at City Parks, we have some fresh paint and a spring in our step.

Watch this melt and spread across the neighbourhood. Don your dungarees and join us!

Michelle T., rogue painter

Important numbers

Bridges to Hope 709-722-9225

food bank on Cookstown Road (Tu-F 10-12:50)

City Hall 311

garbage, parking, city information (24h)

Health Line 811

if you need a referral or non-emerg. advice (24h)

KidsHelpPhone text CONNECT to 686868

anonymous, adults can also use this!

Mental Health Crisis 888-737-4668

if you're experiencing a crisis (24h)

RNC 709-729-8000

non-emergency (24h)

Thrive 709-770-8674

Centreville event coordination (leave message)

Backyard Birds

Our neighbourhood has a significant amount of green space and mature trees, creating a haven for a diverse array of birdlife. This summer, the usual suspects have made their appearances. The iridescent starlings, with their striking glossy black and blue plumage, have been frequent visitors, showcasing their elegant aerial displays. The humble house sparrows add a touch of everyday charm—their presence a constant reminder of resilience and simple joys.

A little yellow warbler graces our yard, cheerful songs erupting from the tiny ball of sunshine. The contrast of its bright colours against the green leaves is a daily treat, a small moment of beauty, amidst a busy urban life. Adding drama to our backyard are the crows, their familiar caws echoing from the large tree behind us. Occasionally, a pigeon or two will drift by, their feathers dancing on the breeze before they're carried away. This month, the melodic dawn chorus of a robin treated our ears before we even caught sight of it.

What other feathered friends will choose to grace our backyard this summer? This ongoing avian spectacle is a reminder of the natural world's ability to flourish even within a bustling urban environment. We invite you to share your backyard bird sightings!

Kelly B., resident bird-watcher