

# CENTREVILLE NEWS

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Welcome to the neighbourhood! This is our second newsletter keeping you up to date on your new neighbourhood association. Questions? Email [centrevilleneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:centrevilleneighbours@gmail.com).



## a little neighbourly haiku

Two special brothers  
Helped me with my art project  
I will miss them both

*Heidi H., wandering bard*

## 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)

## Every dog has its day

Sometimes when you move into a new neighbourhood you ask "How do I fit in?" How do you become part of your new neighbourhood?

I was trained as an urban social geographer. I did my Master's at Memorial on urban social visiting patterns in St. John's, no less. Naturally, I bought an 1890s house on Long's Hill in 1980.

From my experience, I recommend adopting a local, much-loved street dog.

Or, even better, two. I'm talking about Rex, a sort of German Shepherd-Collie mix, and Carlos, a Doberman-Labrador cross. They were on the street a lot around here. I'd walk to work and home and there they were: everybody seemed to know them.

So one day I'm going down the hill and there they are and I talk to them—and this 12 year old kid says to me, "Do you know those dogs?!" And I say "Well you know, I live here and I've been talking to them," and he says "Do you want 'em?!"

Turns out, he used to live on *the Brow*. He and his family moved down to Long's Hill into public housing. But they weren't allowed to have the dogs. Now I'm always a sucker for dogs—and that's how I got to be known, at least for the next few years, as the guy who'd taken in Rex and Carlos!

And pretty much ever since then I've had dogs.

*Mark S., resident dog-whisperer*

## Events Calendar

### Community Meals

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

*Monday, August 25, 5PM-7PM*

*Monday, September 29, 5PM-7PM*

### Community Clean-up, BBQ & Free Swap Meet

Martin's Meadow Park

*Saturday, August 23, 9AM-2PM*

*(rain date August 24)*

### Painting Party & BBQ

Watch for posters in our parks

*date tba*



Personal Support.  
Community Growth.

**Join us for a...**

# COMMUNITY MEAL

5 PM TO 7 PM AT GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH  
OFFICE ENTRANCE ON QUEENS RD

COMMUNITY MEALS WILL BE HAPPENING EVERY  
LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!



*You're never too old to learn something new. The Rooms is free the first Wednesday evening of every month. Browse their collections of local art and history.  
(August 6 and September 3)*

## 3rd Annual Centreville Swap Saturday, August 23\*

*in conjunction with our Neighbourhood Clean-up and BBQ*

What's a neighbourhood swap? Drop off your gently used items and pick up some new-to-you stuff from your neighbours. Everything is 100% FREE. Why? We are all richer when we share!

How do I participate?

\* 9-11am: Bring donations to Martin's Meadow. Donations should be in gently used or new condition, and could include housewares, clothing, books, kid's things, non-perishable food, and unopened cosmetics.

\* 9am-2pm: Browse what's on offer and pick up anything you need, 100% free. There is no need to donate to participate.

Anything not picked up at the end of the day will be donated to local charities.

*organized by Neria A., friendly upcycler*

*\* rain date August 24*