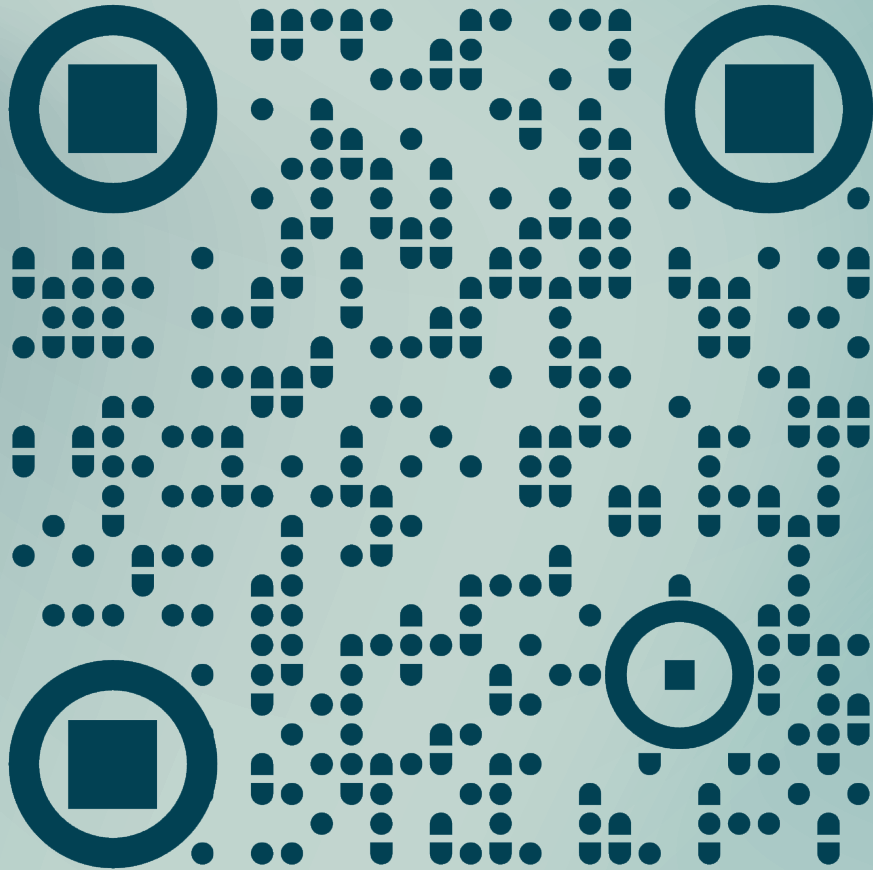


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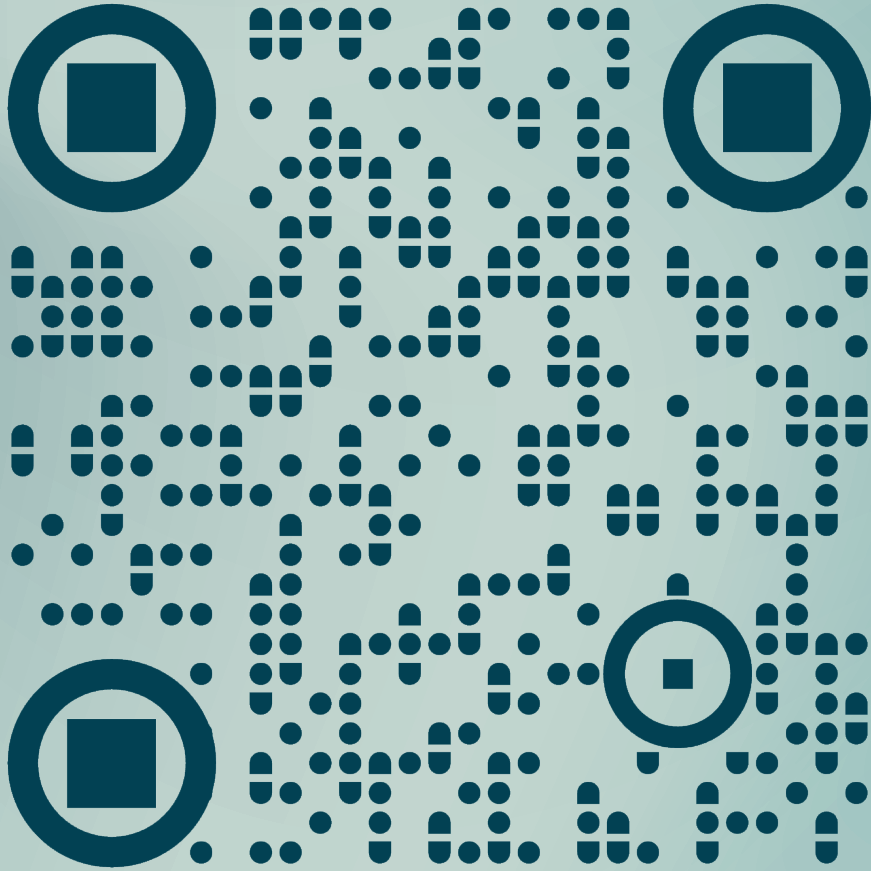
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As Chair and Vice-Chair, we're excited to welcome you back for another unforgettable August long weekend—bringing our community together to celebrate, reconnect, and make lasting memories.

Kick things off Friday at our free Street Party. Saturday features the Grand Street Parade, waterfront fun with the kids' carnival, vendor village, live music, and local food, plus Tug of War, and the Antique Tractor Show, at the Hants County Exhibition Grounds.

On Sunday, don't miss our expanded Car Show, now featuring both classic and import vehicles, along with the Rick Dunham Enthusiast Award and a special display of his collection. We close out the festival with Sunday evening with a fireworks finale and food truck fair on the waterfront.

All weekend, be sure to catch the Regional Firefighting Competition—an exciting event you won't want to miss. Rock the Rink returns with headliner Classified, with Coldstream Clear as our official beverage partner.

This festival is made possible by our dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors—truly powered by our community. Make sure you look at the full list of sponsors in this program and on our website.

This year's festival is proudly presented by Mosaik Credit Union, JES Mechanical, and Tim Horton's West Hants, with Rewind 89.3 FM as the official media partner of Avon River Days.

Enjoy the festivities—we're so glad you're here!



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Abraham Zebian, Mayor,
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Dear friends and visitors,

On behalf of the West Hants Regional Municipality and the wonderful residents of our region, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Avon River Days! This annual celebration is more than just a festival—it is a tribute to the vibrant spirit, culture, and heritage of our beautiful community. Whether you are a lifelong resident or a first-time visitor, you will experience the warmth, hospitality, and community-driven events that make West Hants such a special place.

Take time to relax, explore, and enjoy the many exciting activities planned throughout Avon River Days. From live music, delicious local food, and artisan markets to the waterfront children's carnival and exhibition grounds events, including the car and tractor show, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

We are especially proud to showcase the talents of our local artists, performers, businesses, and volunteers who help bring this celebration to life each year.

As you explore the full schedule of events and immerse yourself in the festivities, we hope you experience the sense of pride, connection, and community that defines West Hants. Avon River Days is an opportunity to celebrate our shared heritage, create lasting memories, and enjoy all that our region has to offer.

Thank you for joining us and helping make Avon River Days a cherished tradition. Together, let's make this year's celebration truly unforgettable!



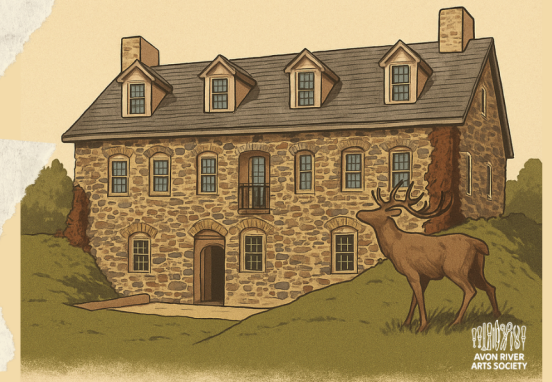
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR WEST HANTS MLA

As the MLA for Hants West, I am delighted to welcome you to the third annual Avon River Days celebration.


Events like this play an important role in strengthening our community, especially when they bring people together to enjoy and make use of our shared public spaces. Avon River Days continues to grow each year, offering a full schedule of activities and entertainment for all ages.

It's a wonderful chance for friends, families, and neighbours to connect and celebrate the many things that make our region special. The festival is a true reflection of the enthusiasm, pride and community spirit that define Hants West.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the sponsors, organizers, and volunteers that have made this weekend possible. Your efforts are greatly valued and appreciated.

I encourage everyone to take part in the festivities and enjoy all that Avon River Days has to offer.

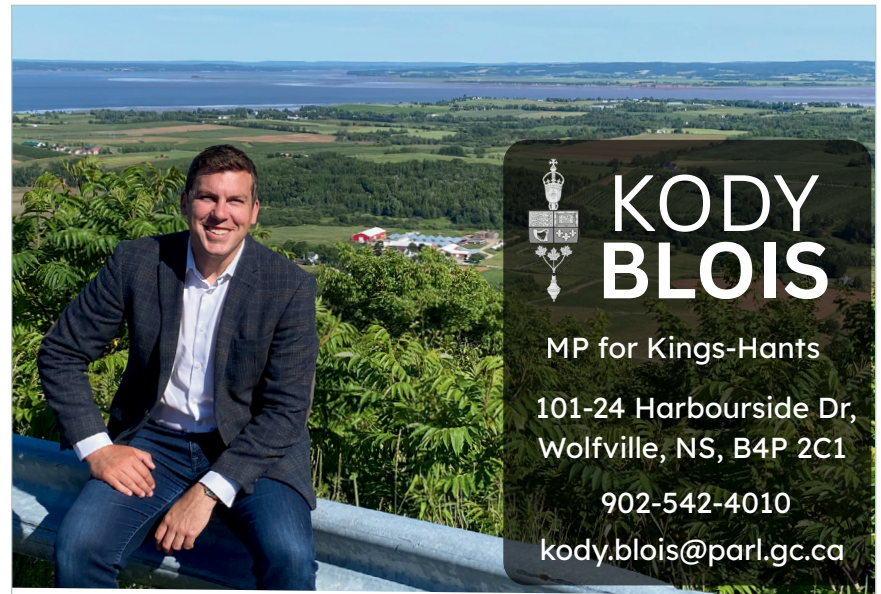



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What a pleasure it is to welcome you to Avon River Days!

As your Member of Parliament, I am honored to be part of this vibrant community celebration, one that brings us all together to enjoy the beauty and spirit of our beloved Avon River.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Avon River Days organizing committee, volunteers, and sponsors. Without your tireless efforts, this event would not be possible. Your commitment to bringing our community together is truly commendable, and we are all grateful for your contributions. Let us use this festival to strengthen our bonds, make new friends and support our local businesses.

Thank you for being here and making Avon River Days a highlight of our community's calendar. Your presence and participation are what make this event truly special. Enjoy the festivities, and once again, Welcome to Avon River Days!



Hon. Kody Blois, P.C., M.P.
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THURSDAY JULY 30

VALLEY GHOST WALK AT FORT EDWARD

Join Jerome the Gravekeeper and his Ghostly friends as they walk through Windsor's fiery past. A family-friendly, historical production.

LOCATION: Fort Edward National Historic Site (Meet in parking lot)

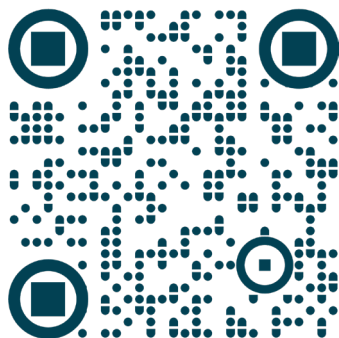
TIME: 7:45PM

COST: \$25 per adult, cash only at gate

TICKETS: www.valleyghostwalks.com



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Join a West Hants Historical Society Interpretive Guide for a 30 to 40 minute guided walking tour of the Fort Edward National Historic Site. Tours are free, just meet in the parking lot. Tours are available Wednesday through Sunday all summer, weather permitting.

LOCATION: Fort Edward National Historic Site, 65 Fort Edward Street, Windsor

TIME: 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM Wednesday through Sunday* **COST:** Free

*Times may be subject to change, check West Hants Historical Society on Facebook

CLIFTON MUSEUM PARK OPEN HOUSE

Explore Windsor's local history with free admission to Clifton Museum Park during Avon River Days, and enjoy outdoor lawn games and family-friendly activities as weather permits. The museum will be open regular hours 10am to 4pm.

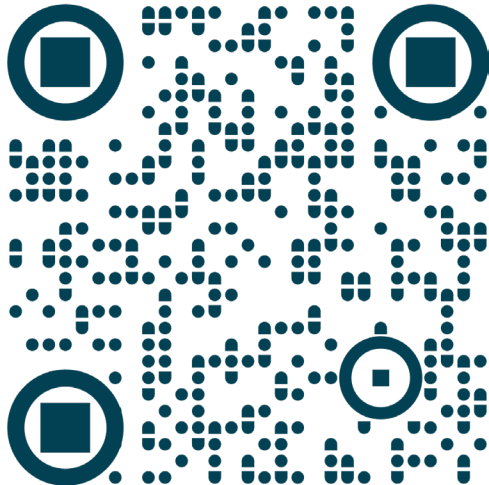
LOCATION: 389 Avon Street, Windsor

TIME: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday July 31, Saturday August 1, Sunday August 2

COST: Free, donations welcome!



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LOCATION: Flag Pole, 4 King Street Extension, Windsor **TIME:** 9:00 AM

PUBLIC SWIM AT HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE

Regular public swim.

LOCATION: Hants Aquatic Centre, 306 Stannus Street, Windsor

TIME: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM **COST:** Drop-in fees apply

FREE SWIM FRIDAY AT HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE

Evening Free Swim Friday.

LOCATION: Hants Aquatic Centre, 306 Stannus Street, Windsor

TIME: 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM **COST:** Free

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Drop by the special exhibits from our Platinum and Diamond Sponsors!

LOCATION: Gerrish Street, from Gray Street to Water Street, Windsor

OPENING CEREMONY TIME: 5:00 PM

MUSIC TIME: 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM

WRASTLIN': 6:30 PM

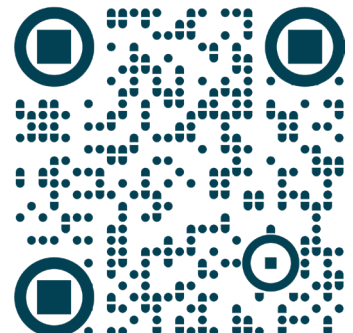
EVENT ENDS: 9:00 PM

COST: Free

PLEASE NOTE: Street closures will be in effect, from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM, at the discretion of the Traffic Authority. A map of parking is available in our print and online programs.



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LOCATION: Windsor Waterfront spanning to the Coach House, Windsor

LOW-SENSORY QUIET CARNIVAL: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

OPEN TO ALL: 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM **COST:** Free

NS ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR ASSOCIATION SHOW

Antique engines and tractors - oh my! Come out and see who wins the top prizes for each category.

LOCATION: Exhibition Grounds, 221 Wentworth Road, Windsor

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM **COST:** Entry by Donation



MUSIC & PERFORMANCES AT THE AVON RIVER DAYS BANDSTAND

Featuring Mini Melodrama, Peter Fillman, Andy Webber, Pots and Pans, The Hemlocks, and John Geddes Band

LOCATION: Downtown Waterfront Gazebo, 9 King Street Extension, Windsor

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM **COST:** Free

AVON RIVER UNFRAMED

LOCATION: The 'Stone House' (also known as the Mission House), 659 Avondale Road, Poplar Grove. **TIME:** 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

COST: Free to Avon River Arts Society members, \$30 for non-members

WINDSOR LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY BBQ

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Pop available.

LOCATION: Near Coach House, 6 King Street Extension, Windsor

TIME: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

VENDOR VILLAGE

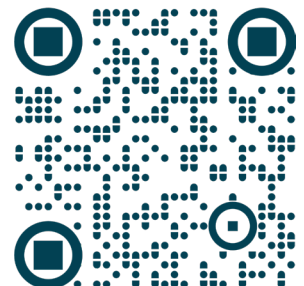
Celebrate local talent and community spirit at the Vendor Village in downtown Windsor. Browse handmade goods, artwork, and unique creations from local artisans and makers, while enjoying delicious eats from food trucks and food vendors.

LOCATION: Windsor Waterfront spanning to the Coach House, Windsor

TIME: 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM **COST:** No Entry Charge



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CHILDREN'S ANY WHEELS PARADE

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LOCATION: Begins at Thomas Street after police proceed ahead (Windsor).

LINE-UP TIME: 10:30 AM **COST:** Free

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- Important: Helmets are a must to ensure everyone's safety. Let's have fun and stay safe!
- All youth aged 18 and under are welcome to join the parade. Youth can be accompanied by their parents/caregivers/guardians.

Please note street closure of Thomas Street prior to Parade.

See Parade route map on page 39.

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ROUTE: Centennial Drive to Wentworth Road, right at Lawton's Drugs, right at Baby Panda, following Gerrish Street (Windsor)

LINE-UP TIME: 10:00 AM **PARADE START TIME:** 10:30 AM **COST:** Free



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LOCATION: King St. Extension, Windsor, NS.

TIME: 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM (First hour - no lights or sirens) **COST:** Free



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LINE-UP TIME: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM **COST:** Free

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LOCATION: Exhibition Grounds, 221 Wentworth Road, Windsor

WEIGH-IN TIME: 12:30 PM **PULL START:** 2:00 PM **COST:** Entry by donation

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PUBLIC SWIM AT HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE

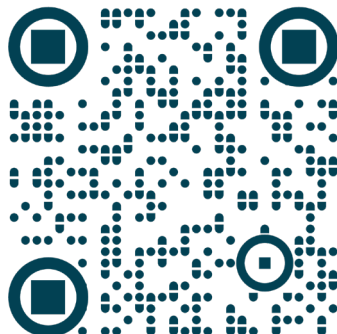
Regular public swim.

LOCATION: Hants Aquatic Centre, 306 Stannus Street, Windsor

TIME: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM **COST:** Drop-in fees apply



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OPENING ACT: 2026 Avon River Days Battle of the Bands Grand Prize Winners

LOCATION: West Hants Sports Complex, 16 Centennial Drive, Windsor

TIME: Doors open at 7:00 PM

PRE-SALE COST: General Admission Floor – \$55 (includes taxes and fees) Some seating will be available but is not guaranteed. The large floor section is designed for standing, dancing, and enjoying the show.

AT THE DOOR COST: \$60 + HST (limited availability)

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE: <https://buytickets.at/avonriverdays/2028650>

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Whether you enjoy classic muscle cars, unique mods or modern imports, there's something for everyone! Come on out and enjoy Tim Horton's coffee, cars, and community. Limited drive up space available - register in advance on the website if you can!

LOCATION: Exhibition Grounds, 221 Wentworth Road, Windsor

TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM **COST:** Entry by donation

WITH FOOD FROM:

BBQ from NS Antique Engine & Tractor Association	Tastylicious Food Truck
Smooshies Ice Cream Sandwiches	Global Street Flavours
	Sugar Hut

NOVA SCOTIA ANTIQUE ENGINE & TRACTOR PULL

LOCATION: Exhibition Grounds, 221 Wentworth Road Windsor

TIME: 10:00 AM **COST:** Entry by donation

AVON COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET

LOCATION: Victoria Park, 78 Thomas Street, Windsor

TIME: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

TRECOTHIC CREEK AND WINDSOR RAILWAY TRAINS

Features a ride-on outdoor model railway suitable for children and adults of all ages.

LOCATION: 133 Centennial Drive, Windsor **TIME:** 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

COST: Donations welcome!



"FUN IN THE SUN" FREE SWIM AT HANTS AQUATIC CENTRE

An extra free swim proudly supported by Avon River Days Society!

LOCATION: Hants Aquatic Centre, 306 Stannus Street, Windsor

TIME: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM **COST:** Free!

FIREWORKS FINALE

PRESENTED BY MAGIC PIZZA, CARMICHAEL ENGINEERING, & AVON RIVER DAYS

Music & Food to close out Avon River Days - Get your bites, beats, and blasts!

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY LOCAL FAVOURITES: 4:00 PM Adhya Praveenkumar, Bharatanatyam Dancer 5:00 PM Voodoo Charmers 7:00 PM Ryan Harvey

WITH FOOD FROM:

Magic Pizza	Sugar Hut
Walker's Restaurant (BBQ only)	Cinderella's Caribbean Pot Jamaican Food
Smooshies Ice Cream Sandwiches	Daisy's Donuts
Tastylicious Food Truck	Cotton Candy 4 U
Curly Swirls Rolled Ice Cream	Big Monkey Kettle Corn

Kids, don't forget to come by the Avon River Days booth to pick up your glow swag! Limited free glow bracelets generously donated by Fireworks FX. Glow gear available for purchase in support of Avon River Days 2027!

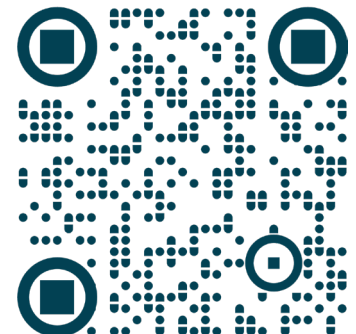
LOCATION: Windsor Waterfront, 6 King Street Extension, Windsor

TIME: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM with fireworks at DUSK **COST:** Free!

Stay tuned for updates on weather. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

NOTE FOR BOATERS: Fireworks cannot begin if your boat is too close to the barge. You may be asked to move further back on the water. Special thanks to the Windsor Fire Department for monitoring from the water this year!

VIEW THE SCHEDULE ONLINE



SATURDAY EVENTS LOCATIONS

- 1 **DOWNTOWN WINDSOR WATERFRONT** Kids Carnival, Vendor's Village & Food Concessions/Trucks, Music at the Gazebo, Lion's Club Barbeque.
- 2 **EXHIBITION PARK** Avon River Days Tug of War, Antique Engine & Tractor Show.
- 3 **CLIFTON MUSEUM PARK** Lawn games, Museum Open 10am to 4pm all weekend.
- 4 **WEST HANTS SPORTS COMPLEX** Rock the Rink featuring CLASSIFIED Presented by R&D Dunham Holdings and M&M Sheet Metal.

SUNDAY EVENTS LOCATIONS

- 1 **DOWNTOWN WINDSOR WATERFRONT** Fireworks Finale (at dusk, weather pending) presented by Magic Pizza, Carmicheal Engineering, and Avon River Days. Adhya Praveenkumar the Bharatanatyam Dancer, Voodoo Charmers, Ryan Harvey.
- 2 **EXHIBITION PARK ARD** Classics & Coffee and Import Authority Car Show, Antique Engine & Tractor Show.
- 3 **CLIFTON MUSEUM PARK** Lawn games, Museum Open 10am to 4pm all weekend.



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Show & Demonstrations
Day 1

10TH ANNUAL SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026
 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Live Equipment Demos
 Displays of Restored & Original Engines
 Tractors and Equipment - Tractor Games
 Same Day and Location:
 ** AVON RIVER DAYS TUG OF WAR **



**ANTIQU
 Engine
 Tractor**

Day 2

Antique Tractor Pull

ADMISSION BY
 DONATION FOR SHOW
 (AT GATES)

PULLS
 Sunday \$5.00
 (under 12 free)

Food & Drinks on grounds
 both days!

Hants County Exhibition Park
 Exit 5A, Highway 101
 Wentworth Road
 Windsor, Nova Scotia

Lots of other activities as the area
 celebrates
 ** AVON RIVER DAYS **

Presented by
 Nova Scotia Antique Engine and
 Tractor Association
 Windsor, Nova Scotia

- 10TH ANNUAL SUNDAY AUGUST 2,
 2026
- REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM
- PULLS START AT 10:00 AM
 Classes 2500 lbs to 14,000 lbs (if
 required)

Awards for TOP 3 placing in each class
 Same Day and Location:
 ** AVON RIVER DAYS CAR SHOW **

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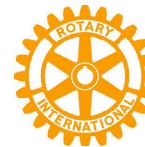
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