

The Ladybug Loop

Maggie's Place: A Resource Centre for Families
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Call to register for programs or for more information!

Hours of Operation:
Monday to Thursday 8:30-12:00, 1:00-4:30
Friday 8:30-12:00, Closed Saturday & Sunday



What's Happening at Maggie's? Summer 2026

Family Fun Picnic Days

Parrsboro – Parrsboro Harbour Beach
Thursday July 16th 11:00am-1:00pm

Oxford – Oxford Skate Park

Wednesday July 22nd 11:00am-1:00pm

Springhill – DCMM Community Centre
Thursday July 30th 11:00am-1:00pm

Wallace – Wallace Recreation Field

Thursday August 6th 11:00am-1:00pm

Advocate – Advocate District School

Wednesday August 26th 11:00am-1:00pm

Join us for a family-friendly morning of healthy picnic-style snacks, activities, games, and fun! We plan to host these events outdoors, so please come dressed for the weather. No registration required and all ages welcome!

Snack Attack! Ages 12-18

When: Wednesday July 8th, 3:00pm-4:30pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Create delicious, easy snacks that you can make at home. Perfect for easy summer meals or for on-the-go! Registration is required.

Sushi & Gimbalp Adult Workshop

When: Thursday August 13th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

You asked and we delivered! Join Heeyeon at Maggie's Place to make your own sushi & gimbalp! We will provide everything you need to make delicious dishes that you can recreate at home. Registration is required. Early Childhood Development program will be offered.

Healthy School Lunches Workshop

When: Wednesday August 26th, 9:30am-11:00am

Where: Maggie's Place

Preparing to send your child back to school and already wondering what to do for their lunch box? Join us for an informative workshop on healthy & simple school lunches your child will love! Registration is required & an Early Childhood Development program offered. A healthy snack will be provided (and created!).

Ages & Stages

Developmental Screenings

Call us for an appointment time to complete a developmental screening with your child, aged 0-5 years! Developmental screenings provide insight into milestones and can provide referrals.

When & Where:

River Hebert Community Centre

Mon July 13th 10:00am-12:45pm

Springhill Community Centre

Tues July 14th 9:00am-12:45pm

Pugwash Sunset Training Centre

Wed July 15th 9:00am-12:45pm

Wentworth Learning Centre

Thurs July 16th 12:30pm-3:45pm

Parrsboro Fundy Geo Museum

Fri July 17th 9:30am-12:45pm

Family Dinner Event

When: Wednesday August 5th
5:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Join us for a delicious meal at Maggie's Place! Fun for the whole family, we will cook and share a delicious meal together. Registration is required.

Movies in the Park

*Presented in partnership with
Cumberland County Animal Hospital
& The Town of Amherst*

When: Every Friday from July 17th –
August 28th with family-friendly
activities from 6:30pm-8:20pm &
movies starting at dusk.

Where: Rotary Park

(25 Willow Street, Amherst)
Free of charge. Cash canteen on
site. Just bring your chairs, blankets,
and bug spray!

Once Upon a Time

When: Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am (Drop-In)
Where: Four Fathers Memorial Library Amherst
Children and caregivers join us at the library for songs, dancing, and a story. A healthy snack will be offered.

Once Upon a Time: On-The-Road!

The same Once Upon a Time that you've come to know and love – but on the road! Stop into a library location near you for songs, dancing, and a story. A healthy snack will be offered. Stay tuned for locations and dates near you!

Baby Friendly Drop-In

When: Thursdays 1:00-3:00pm (Drop-In)

Where: Maggie's Place

Stop by to chat with the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program staff, have your baby weighed by a Public Health Nurse, receive information, ask questions, and obtain feeding support.

Friday Fun Playgroup

When: Fridays 9:30-11:30am (Drop-In)

Where: Maggie's Place

This program emphasizes the importance of social development, play, and positive interaction between child and caregiver, while participating in free play, circle/story time, and enjoying a healthy snack. **Prepare for outdoor play, weather permitting.**



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The Tea – Sip. Chat. Connect. (Ages 14-18)

When: Mondays July 6th – July 27th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Join us for The Tea, a fun & welcoming space where youth can get creative by making trendy drinks like boba tea, fruit teas, iced matcha, and more – all while having real, meaningful conversations about the topics that matter the most. Each week we will “spill the tea” on a different subject – including topics like self-esteem and friendships, allyship and sexual health, healthy relationships and social media, body image and consent, and mental wellness. Through activities, games, and open discussions, participants will build confidence, learn new skills, and connect with peers in a supportive and judgement-free environment – all while enjoying fun drinks too! Registration is required.

Girl Dinner (Ages 12-16)

When: Tuesdays July 14th – August 18th, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

A fun, supportive, and empowering 8-week program designed to bring girls together to build confidence, connection, and life skills. Each week participants will create & enjoy a meal together and engage in meaningful conversations exploring topics that support self-esteem, coping skills, healthy relationships, and wellness – all of which will boost confidence, self-expression, and community connections. Registration is required.

The Art Of... Series (Ages 12-18)

When: Mondays July 6th – August 24th

Join us for a series of programs focused on different skills & areas! We will build confidence, explore new hobbies and interests, and enjoy snacks together. Each program requires separate registration. Visit our Facebook & Instagram for more information on each specific program.

July 6th – 1:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Amherst

July 13th – 2:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Gardening

July 20th – 2:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Felting

July 27th – 2:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Fishing (Springhill)

August 3rd – HOLIDAY – NO PROGRAM

August 10th – 2:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Summer (Oxford)

August 17th – 2:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Summer (River Hebert)

August 24th – 2:00pm-4:00pm – The Art of Summer (Parrsboro)

Self-Care Club (Ages 9-14)

When: August 4th – August 6th (daily) 12:30pm-3:30pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Join us for a 3-day crash course in self-care! Explore ways to relax, hobbies that promote wellness, and enjoy comfort food together for a tasty lunch. From beginner yoga to mindful art, journaling to soap making, there is something for everyone! Registration is required.

Cut, Stitch, Create! Upcycling Workshop (Ages 10-16)

When: August 11th & August 12th – 10:00am-1:00pm

Where: Pugwash Library

(10182 Durham Street Pugwash)

Our Amherst Upcycling Workshop was so much fun, we've decided to take it on the road! Sign up for our 2-day program focused on creativity and upcycling. Interested in learning how to use a sewing machine or new skills to make your old things feel new again? This is the program for you! Registration is required.

Outreach Summer Day Camps (Ages 5-12)

Join us for a three-day, drop-off “day camp” in a location near you! Fun activities, art, games, and more! Families should plan for outside activities. Registration is required.

River Hebert & Joggins Area Community Centre

(1808 Hwy 242, River Hebert)

July 21st – July 23rd, 10:00am-2:00pm

Fundy Geological Museum

(162 Two Islands Rd, Parrsboro)

August 11th – August 13th, 10:00am-2:00pm

Garden Club (Ages 5-12)

When: Tuesdays July 7th – August 25th 9:30-11:00

Where: Amherst Community Garden

From soil to seeds to plants to food! Join us for a summer of gardening fun. This program will include seed starting, planting, garden crafts, tending garden beds & learning about garden care, growing food, and eating it! A healthy snack is offered. Registration is required.

Maggie's Summer Science Week (Ages 5-12)

When: August 17th – August 20th, 1:30pm-4:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Come dabble in the sciences! We have a variety of fun experiments planned to tickle every blooming scientist's fancy. Whether it's physics, chemistry, or biology, we will have jam packed afternoons of STEM fun! Registration is required. A healthy snack will be provided.

Maggie's Summer Art Club (Ages 5-12)

When: Mondays July 6th – August 31st 10:00am-12:00pm

No program on August 3rd due to holiday

Where: Maggie's Place

Join us for a weekly Maggie's Summer Art Club program with a special focus on learning new art skills, creating unique pieces, and learning new ways to express yourself! Youth will be exposed to a variety of mediums, learn new techniques, and have a chance to explore their creative side! Registration is required. A healthy snack will be offered.

Tinker & Take Apart Workshops (Ages 5-8 & 9-13)

When: Monday July 27th 1:30pm-3:30pm – Ages 5-8

Monday August 10th 1:30-3:30pm – Ages 9-13

Where: Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre

When: Thursday July 30th 1:30pm-3:30pm – Ages 5-8

Thursday August 13th 1:30pm-3:30pm – Ages 9-13

Where: Maggie's Place

Enjoy learning how things work? Explore the inner workings of technology through STEM with our Early Childhood staff! From keyboards to screens, old computers to phones, tinker and take apart these outdated or out of commission items to see the parts inside! Fostering creativity, curiosity, and exploration – one old electronic at a time! Registration is required and a healthy snack will be provided.

Fun with Photos (Ages 12-18)

When: Monday August 17th, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Amherst Point Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Join us for a fun afternoon of photography. Walk the trails, feed the birds, and take photos that inspire art and creativity! Registration is required. A healthy snack will be provided.

Cultural Connections Initiative

The Cultural Connections Initiative (CCI) is a project that focuses on creating connections with and events for the African Nova Scotian & Black community within Cumberland County.

Events through CCI prioritize access to Black/African Nova Scotian children, youth, families, and communities & strive to provide safe spaces, informed conversations, and culturally responsive programming. Look at what our CCI staff are up to!

ANS Workshop Series

Where: Maggie's Place

Join us for a series of fun, creative workshops for adults to connect, discuss, and create together! Registration is required for each program. An Early Childhood Development program and healthy snacks are offered for each workshop.

Mosaic Tile Coaster DIY Workshop

Celebrate creativity, culture, and community! Join us to create your own mosaic tile coaster in a fun, welcoming space for Black & African Nova Scotian community members. No experience necessary, and all materials are provided!

Wednesday July 15th – 5:00pm-7:00pm

Paint Night: Black Excellence Edition

Join us for an evening of creativity, culture, and connection as we celebrate African Nova Scotian & Black excellence through art. Whether you're an experienced artist or picking up a paint brush for the first time, this event offers a fun and welcoming space to express yourself, connect with community, and create your own masterpiece. All materials are provided.

Wednesday August 19th – 5:00pm-7:00pm

African Nova Scotian Beach Day: Sun, Sand, & Community

When: July 21st, 10:00am-3:00pm

Rain date: July 23rd

Where: Heather Beach Provincial Park
(700 Heather Beach Road, Port Howe)

Join us for a family-friendly event for Black & ANS families - we will have snacks, conversation, and lots of fun for the whole family!

Black Girls Rising: A Black Girls Empowerment Day for Ages 8-13

When: Friday July 24th, 10:00am-3:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

A celebration of mental wellness, self-love, and self-acceptance. Come connect, grow, and be inspired in a supportive space where Black girls are encouraged to shine, embrace their uniqueness, and recognize their limitless potential.

Registration is required.

Rooted in Self-Love. Growing in Confidence.

Emancipation Day Family Fun Day

Presented in partnership with CANSA

When: Saturday August 1st

Where: Dickey Park

Come join the fun! Participate in a Black Lives Matter walk/run starting at 10:00am, followed by a BBQ, family-friendly games & activities, and a foam party starting at 11:00am!

African Nova Scotian Family Hike & Picnic

When: Thursday August 13th, 10:00am-2:00pm

Where: Pugwash Estuary Trail
(2169 Crowley Road, Pugwash)

Come explore nature, connect with community, and celebrate culture with family and friends. A fun & welcoming outdoor experience for all ages!

Critter Crawls (Ages 5-10)

Springhill – Dr. Carson & Marion Murray
Community Centre

Monday July 13th – 10:00am-2:00pm

Advocate – Advocate District School

Wednesday July 15th – 10:00am-2:00pm

Wentworth – Wentworth Provincial Park

Monday July 27th – 10:00am-2:00pm

Parrsboro – Fundy Geological Museum

Wednesday July 29th – 10:00am-2:00pm

Amherst – Dickey Park

Wednesday August 5th – 10:00am-2:00pm

We're going on a critter crawl! Join us on our hunt for bugs, arachnids, beetles, snails, and more! We will spend the day exploring nature outside searching for interesting critters that live in our backyards. We plan to scoop them up, study their habitats, and leave no stone unturned! All critters will be put back into their homes before the end of program. Registration is required and is limited to one location per child. A healthy lunch will be provided.

Graffiti Art with Tyler (Ages 13-18)

When: Wednesday July 29th, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Stop by Maggie's Place to learn about Graffiti Art! Tyler is a local artist who grew up in Cumberland County and now specializes in graffiti. Learn the tricks of the trade from a pro with this workshop! All materials are provided. Registration is required and a healthy snack will be provided.

Jam Nite at Dayle's (Ages 12-18)

When: Thursdays July 2nd, July 16th, July 30th,
August 13th, August 27th – 4:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Dayle's Grand Market (Drop-In)

We're getting the band together! Local musicians will be joining us for this five-part series where musical youth are invited to share their talents, try something new, and meet new people! Healthy snacks are provided.

Connecting Cultures Event

Presented in partnership with SOAR Community Health Board, Anchor Youth Space Cumberland, and the YMCA of Cumberland.

When: Friday August 21st, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Maggie's Place

Come join us to learn more on Indigenous traditional teachings. Teachings include smudging, significance of the eagle, and sacred objects/regalia. Bannock and berries will be provided as a snack, alongside a teaching & tutorial on how to make your own. Registration is required.

School Supplies with Maggie's Place



Back to School Supplies Giveaway

When: August 24th – September 2nd, 2026

Where: Maggie's Place (pick-up)

Pick up locations & times TBA in Wentworth, Oxford, Pugwash, Parrsboro, River Hebert, Springhill, Wallace and Advocate.

Please CALL starting Wednesday August 19th @ 9:00am. to reserve a backpack & school supplies.

Please ensure a staff member receives your request.

Social media messages will not be accepted as a means of reservation.

Pick-up will begin Monday August 24th @ 9:00am.

Available while supplies last. For more information, call 902-667-7250

Visit the **Cram-a-Cruiser BBQ Event** in support of the Back to School Supplies Drive

Friday August 14th 10:00am-3:00pm

@ Amherst Superstore (126 S Albion St)

We will be accepting monetary donations and donations of school supplies/backpacks during the event as well as at various drop off locations across the county including Maggie's Place!

Donations can be made via e-transfer to cumberland@maggiesplace.ca with School Supplies in the note.

Maggie's Place accepts donations of new or gently used school supplies year round at 11 Elmwood Dr., Amherst!

July 2026

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12	13 Maggie's Art Club 10:00-12:00 Ages & Stages River Hebert 10:00-12:45 Springhill Critter Crawl 10:00-2:00 The Tea 1:00-3:00 The Art of Gardening 2:00-4:00	14 Ages & Stages Springhill 9:00-12:45 Garden Club 9:30-11:00 Girl Dinner 4:00-6:00	15 Ages & Stages Pugwash 9:00-12:45 Once Upon a Time 10:00-11:30 Advocate Critter Crawl 10:00-2:00 CCI Mosaic Coaster DIY 5:00-7:00	16 Ages & Stages Wentworth 12:30-3:45 Parrsboro Family Fun 11:00-1:00 Baby Friendly Drop-In 1:00-3:00 Jam Nite at Dayle's 4:00-6:00	17 Friday Fun Times 9:30-11:30 Ages & Stages Parrsboro 9:30-12:45 Movies in the Park 6:30-8:20 + movie	18
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