

# Tri-Community Newsletter

Cherry Brook | East Preston | North Preston

April 2018

## Celebrating Our Community Elders

### Ms. Eliza Victoria Brooks



Ms. Eliza Brooks born on May 13, 1919. She is 98 years old and has lived in East Preston all her life.

She had 4 children 3 boys and 1 girl. Eliza at the age of 98 still lives independently doing everything herself, cooking (Famous for her bread, biscuits, plum pudding, baked beans to say a few). She still likes to shop and travel. Eliza is an active member of the East Preston Seniors Group and a very active member of the East Preston United Baptist Church that's she loves dearly and has been a member of the choir for 70+ years and a member of the church for 79 years.

She recommends everyone put their trust in the good Master and Healer, God. One of her favorite hymns that she often sings

### Ms. Mabel Ashe (Grant) Sparks



Photo taken January 21, Mabel Sparks with grandsons Loren (10) and Lornell (4)

DPAD Tri-Community project would like to wish Mrs. Sparks a very Happy Belated Birthday. Mrs. Sparks date of birth is Jan 31, 1915.

Growing up Mrs. Sparks enjoyed helping family and neighbors, picking berries with the girls. Going to church. Mrs. Sparks stated during the holidays she can remember Family gathering together, dancing all night.

Husband Lawrence Sparks looked after everything. Mrs. Sparks' advice for long lasting community is "Work Together in Unity". Give thanks to God.

For work to provide for the family, Mrs. Sparks took care of domestic work and looked after the sick.

According to Mrs. Sparks the roles and responsibilities of women changed over the years, where women weren't allowed to do much.

A key highlight, Mrs. Sparks remembers the most about her past was the outdoor baptisms and the time she dealt with a house fire.

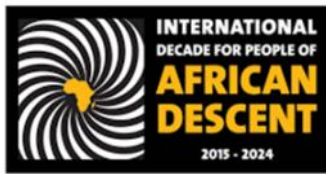
The advice Mrs. Sparks would like to pass on to our youth is to get your education. Live and let live. Cherish life and each other. Pray to the Lord.

### Mr. Thomas Simmonds



Born April 12, 1912, fathered 13 children. Mr. Simmonds just adores his last two surviving sisters Winifred Willis and Ethel Simmonds. Mr. Simmonds favorite foods are sausages, homemade soup, ice cream, homemade banana bread and candy.

He is a Mr. Fix It... Mr. Simmonds loves fixing things around the house and loved to fix cars as a hobby in his younger years, planting flowers and vegetable gardens. Mr. Simmonds favorite time of the year is Christmas because he loves decorating his own wreaths with lights. As well he enjoys being around his children grand children and great grand children. Mr. Simmonds loved going to church, he was a church going man and always was a quiet man. Today Mr. Simmonds is still living in the comfort of his own home. (with the care of his children) at tender age of 105.



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## Celebrating Our Communities



North Preston Ladies Auxiliary 6th annual Black history Month Celebration (left to right top) Patricia Downey, Brenda Colley, Viola Cain, (bottom row) Marjorie Simmonds, Eliza Brooks and Gloria Simmons.



2018 provincial champ North Preston bulls undefeated season

*U12 Girls team brought home championship Medal (East Hants)*



*U12 Boys Team brought Home Championship Medal (Halifax)*

**Congratulations to NP BULL Teams for their participation in the U12 Mini Provincial Basketball Tournament. Great Job Teams, Coaches and Parents.**

# Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

## Profile: Rev. Wayne Desmond Cherry Brook United Baptist Church



I have served as pastor of Cherry Brook Baptist since 2001, so for the past seventeen years. My pastorate is in Cherry Brook but I reside in North Preston, hence my affiliations may overlap. Nonetheless, I serve as a chaplain for the local municipal police service. I am a member of the executive of the African United Baptist Association. I also serve as a member of the Advisory board of the North Preston Community Centre. I am a member of the Annie V.

Johnson Chapter of the I.O.D.E. I served as the former Moderator of the African United Baptist Association; a former board member of the Southeastern Community Health Board; and I served as past secretary/treasurer of the North Preston Medical Society.

God's call on my life coerced me into accepting the role of pastor of the church. He provided the necessary steps that facilitated the transition from secular life into spiritual service via previous job experience and through leadership roles in my home church, at that time, Saint Thomas United Baptist Church.

My passion is to journey with people during times of loss and to offer spiritual support and wisdom.

I release frustration by engaging in reading, playing 8-ball, marksmanship, and traveling.

I believe that it is important for residents and community to understand that we must overcome the myth that government is out to harm us. In order to progress in the new millennium, we must rally together for the good of the community and forsake individual interest. 2018 is a time for cohesiveness and cooperation rather than divisiveness and dissension.

My favorite passage of scripture is the mission of Our Savior, "The Son of Man Himself has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set many others free (Mark 10:45, Philip's Modern English New Testament).

Throughout my life several people had great impact on my life because of their involvement in community affairs. My heroes are Arnold Johnson, a War Veteran, County Councillor, and entrepreneur; and Dr. Calvin Ruck, a Senator and Social Worker. My heroines are Noreen Smith, Community leader and Activist; Irene Reddick, Elementary School Principal; and Dr. Ruth Johnson, Youth Advisor and Spiritual Leader. All fought for what they believed it and left their marks on the communities.

I believe that in 2018, some of the greatest challenges to North Preston are developing an united vision, inclusion into the municipal plan for future growth and development, and to prevent impllosion.

## Profile: Rev. Kirby Spivey III New Beginnings Ministries



A visionary pastor and cultural trendsetter, Rev. Kirby Spivey III is a passionate leader serving his generation. A U.S. citizen, in July of 2012, he was transplanted to Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada and became the second pastor of New Beginnings Ministries. Since then, Pastor Spivey @pastorspivey has led the multi-cultural, multi-generational, and soon to be multi-site congregation to become the exciting and thriving church for "real and regular people." Pastor Spivey holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Anthropology

from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. He has a versatile gift and speaks and teaches frequently in universities, seminaries and churches in Canada and the United States.

Pastor Spivey has brought with him a fresh wind and fresh fire that breathes life into the brokenness of society and the dry bones in hurting people. Two causes that are close to his heart are Youth Advocacy and Mental Illness. A very short time after his arrival, he was confronted with gun violence that took the life of a young African Nova Scotian male, full of promise and potential; and the pervasive and cultural normalcy of sex trafficking. This led Pastor Spivey, with other pastors, to found SOS (Save Our Sons/Sisters Mentoring Society.)

In 2015, a young African Nova Scotian male, who Pastor Spivey had mentored, tragically committed suicide. Breaking his heart, he promised to do everything in his power to break the silence and the cycle of stigma and shame associated with mental illness. Pastor Spivey has brought mental health care providers into the congregation, and started ministry circles for those with, and those affected by mental illness.

He is married to Summer Spivey and they are the proud parents of five sons: Kirby IV, Asante, Tyrin, Khalil and Josiah.

### Events :

**Women of NBM**, are invited to attend the Halifax Region WMS Association Spring Rally being held on Sunday, May 6th @ 2:30 pm in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, 100 Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth.

*(Please use the main doors at the front of the church or the doors off the parking lot at the back of the church).*

**Come and be blessed as we join together in worship, song, prayer and fellowship! #WomensFellowship.**

### Tutoring for Youth

Cultural Academic Enrichment Program which is run by BEA in conjunction with our education committee. Black Cultural Centre every Mon. & Wed. evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**NBM Our Men's Ministry** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month New Beginning Church

# North Preston

## Profile: Rev. Wallace Smith



In 1999 Rev Smith was Ordained into the Christian Ministry under the United Baptist Convention of Atlantic Canada.

With the evidence of his gifts combined with his ability to deliver and teach the word of God, Rev Smith has been on a mission for the King for more than 30 years. He is a former Pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Truro, Nova Scotia and currently serves as Senior Pastor at his home church, Saint Thomas Baptist church in North Preston. This year, Pastor Wallace and First Lady are celebrating their 20th Pastoral Anniversary at Saint Thomas. He is the first ordained minister from his community. The community and church have been blessed tremendously by his ministry. Under his Pastorship the church has grown enormously and many souls have been won, lives changed and delivered. In addition many have since enrolled in studying for the Christian ministry.

In addition to spreading the gospel through preaching the word, Rev Smith continues to minister the word through song. He has been blessed with his musical abilities and had opportunity to bless souls throughout Canada and the United States. He was one of the founding members of the former group the Gospel Heirs and current member of the Sanctified Brothers. In 2012 he was recognized for his musical abilities receiving the African Nova Scotia Music Association (ANSMA) Life time achievement award.

Rev Smith is a Child of God who loves to obey God by Ministering to the needs of Gods Children. He is a humble servant with a strong desire to work and win souls for Christ. He lives by the motto, If I can help someone along the way than my living will not have been in vain.

Rev. Wallace Smith hails from the community of North Preston. He is married to First Lady, Sis Frances M. Smith. From their union they have been blessed with 5 children.

Pastor Smith served as Moderator, and assistant Moderator of the African United Baptist Association (AUBA). Again, the first of his community to serve in this capacity.



## Meetings

**St. Thomas United Baptist Church:**  
First quarterly meeting for 2018 will be held Monday April 9th, 2018—7:00 pm all reports should be submitted to clerk no later than April 2nd, 2018.

**Cain Family Society** (very Important meeting April 14th - 5:00 pm Location: Homestead

**North Preston Community Concerns**  
Meeting April 17th please contact Tessa Smith for more info.

## Recreation

**Couples Badminton NPCC** (perfect time to get into some exercise with family and Friends. Monday 7 pm-9 pm. Rackets provided or bring your own. No Cost – just register. (Open to all Communities)

### Ladies Basketball

Ladies looking to get back into the game or just come out to exercise. Come and shoot hoops on Tuesday's 8 pm -10 pm. No cost. (Open to all communities.)

## Education

**CAEP Tutoring Program**  
Tues & Thurs 4-6 Nelson Whynder Elementary. Contact Stephanie

### Spell Read

Monday Wednesday 4-5:30  
Friday 4-5 and 5:15-6:15  
Saturday 9: -10:30 am

Any Parents needing support Please contact Stephanie Saunders (902)449-4589

Congratulations to all that participated in The spelling bee 1st. Place winner La'Zahiyia Simmonds 2nd place Brown'nesha Willis- Glasgow for CAEP site in North Preston. Keep up the good work Ladies.

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# East Preston

## Profile: Lequita H. Porter, Pastor D.MIN (CAND.)



Pastor Porter loves God, God's people and God's Church! She has a compassionate spirit and is genuinely concerned with the true needs of God's people. She is a staunch advocate for Excellence and Authenticity in Ministry and in all aspects of our lives, and is firmly committed to assisting those who have been oppressed, abused, neglected and left out! She is on assignment for God and responds to an audience of One – the Most High God! Pastor Porter is an ordained minister who in November, 2017, successfully completed the requirements of the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree from ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, to be conferred in May, 2018. She also holds a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree from PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY in Princeton, New Jersey. She is an experienced attorney and business consultant, and holds a Juris Doctor of the Law (J.D) degree, Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree with a concentration in Marketing, and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree with a concentration in Economics. She also has a wealth of practical experience in Christian service, business, law, management and administration.

Pastor Porter has served in various capacities as an Entrepreneur, Pastor, Teacher, Trainer, Child Abuse and Sex Crimes Prosecutor,

Marketing Manager, Business and Strategic Planning Consultant, Mediator, Counselor, Administrator and Workshop Facilitator. She is the founder and former pastor of KINGDOM BIBLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG, FL. She has served as Senior Pastor of the EAST PRESTON UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA since 2010, and currently is the Board Chair of the EAST PRESTON EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY founded in 2014. She is also a member of the HALIFAX REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD. Pastor Porter has spoken in many venues in the church, legal, government and corporate arenas. She is experienced in strategic planning for profit and nonprofit organizations, and also has done extensive motivational speaking and leadership training to groups of adults and youth. She has also worked in the area of sexual abuse and HIV/AIDS, and is the creator of the workshop series "TRANSFORMING PAIN INTO POWER" which is an effective empowerment tool for people dealing with different aspects of pain. Pastor Porter is firmly committed to her call to ministry and uses all of her education, experience and gifts to that end. She has many accomplishments to her credit, but is most blessed by her relationship with God and her family and friends! She is blessed to be married to William Porter and mother to Brian Robert and Nia Michelle, and grandmother to Breland. She is also blessed to be surrounded by a supportive and close extended family, who also love the Lord!

Favorite scripture: "...for when I am weak, then am I strong (in God)..." 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

## News and Events

### • Community Training



East Preston Empowerment Academy – Classes are held every Monday and Friday, 6:30 p.m. Register ONLINE at [www.epeacademy.com](http://www.epeacademy.com) OR [www.epubc.ca](http://www.epubc.ca) and select EPEA OR contact Maxine Maxwell at 902-434-2640. Classes include: Basic Adult Learning Classes (Communications and Mathematics), GED Exam Prep, Red-Seal Trades Certification Prep, Youth Academic Assistance and Career Planning. Special 6-week Modules: April 9 - May 14 (Public Speaking-Confidence Builder, Photography) and April 7 (Resume Writing & Interviewing Skills. All are welcome.

### • New Website!

East Preston Day Care is very proud to now have a Website. It is [www.eastprestondaycare.ca](http://www.eastprestondaycare.ca) please visit the site as there is so much information, sharing the good things that happen in our communities. Please call for info 902-462-7266

### • East Preston Recreation Centre

Flea Market & Crafts Sale: April 21st, 2018

### • East Preston Recreation Centre—Programs

- Men's Basketball drop in every Tuesday 7pm -9 pm (all are welcome)
- Ladies' Volleyball every Sunday 7 pm – 9 pm (all are welcome)



• **East Preston Pacers** will be hosting BNS Basketball Provincial u16 (division 2) Girls April 13th -15th come show your support.

East Preston Recreation Centre

*“ It is my great privilege to announce that Viola Desmond will be featured on Canada's new 10 dollar bill. Her story will remind all of us, and future generations, that big change can start with small moments of dignity and bravery. ”*

Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance

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## North Preston Bulls News



2018 Provincial Playoffs

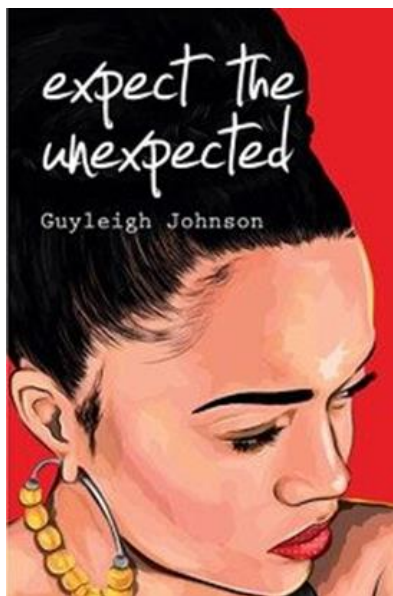
Congratulation to all U12 Mini on your participation in the playoffs Provincials.

Dates

U14 Bantam April 6-8

U16 Midget April 13-15

## New Book From Guyleigh Johnson



Stay tuned for future amazing books.

## Community Pride

Kardeisha Provo has a lot of pride in her community of North Preston, N.S., and she wants others to see it.

Provo recently launched her own YouTube channel to highlight some of the success stories coming out of one of Canada's oldest Black communities.

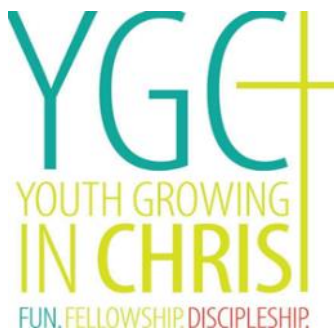


## Youth Football



"Preston Pioneers" Currently recruiting young Boys and Girls Lake Loon Cherry Brook North & East Preston ages 7-15 to in the creation of Preston Football Teams.

Let's try something different.  
Please contact for more info. **902-809-4164**



Our Youth Ministry meets every Friday night

More info: [cherylhuestis@hotmail.com](mailto:cherylhuestis@hotmail.com)



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### Teen Dance

April 6th, 2018 East Preston Recreation  
Centre 8:00 pm till 12:00 am  
\$2.00 ages 12-18

# MOBILE FOOD MARKET



## North Preston

North Preston Community Centre  
44 Simmonds Rd.

Pickup or place an order every  
second Wednesday from  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

To place an order call  
Sharon or Jean  
902-462-5560 or 902-435-4303

## East Preston

East Preston United Baptist Church  
Ministry House  
224 Upper Partridge River Rd.

Pickup or place an order every  
second Wednesday from  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

To place an order call  
Melinda: 902-434-2640

# Employment & Training Opportunities

## The Peace Tournament



The Peace Tournament Organization Currently accepting Resume for summer Employment and web designer / host. Grade 12 & post second. Contact (902) 809-4164

## NPF Community Organization

Currently accepting Resume for summer student employment. Contact Miranda Cain (902)809-4164

## Training

YMCA ongoing training in the following: Orientation, Resume Development , Cover letters, Job search/ networking , Interview Skills , Career Cursing/ Labour market info , MS Word, Social media, e-mail& internet and more.

Location Main Street 35 Wilfred Jackson Way. (902)466-7649 ext. 221

## Research and learning opportunity:

A MicroResearch NS workshop will be coming soon MicroResearch offers research training to support community members in solving local health challenges through measures that fit the local culture, context and resources. The goal is to improve health in Nova Scotia communities. Anyone who has a connection to North Preston/East Preston/Cherry Brook, and is interested in participating should contact Heather Rushton at [heather.rushton@iwbk.nshealth.ca](mailto:heather.rushton@iwbk.nshealth.ca). For information visit [http://www.microresearch-international.ca/index\\_nova\\_scotia.html](http://www.microresearch-international.ca/index_nova_scotia.html)

## Empowering Women's Movement

Making HERstory. (12 session program) targeting African Nova Scotian Women. Program designed to assist ANS females from Preston Township. in the area of pursuing their goals, continuing education & dreams.

For more info please contact Miranda Cain

## East Preston Empowerment Academy

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## Grant Opportunities

**The Culture Innovation Fund** invests in initiatives and projects carried out by organizations, partnerships, and collaborations working to use creativity and our diverse culture to address social issues and opportunities within communities. The fund also supports initiatives intended to strengthen the role of Nova Scotia's museums and libraries.

<https://novascotia.ca/programs/culture-innovation-fund/>

## Community ACCESS-Ability Program

The Community ACCESS-Ability Program reflects the Government of Nova Scotia's commitment to persons with disabilities by providing equal opportunity and improved access to community facilities. This program offers cost-shared grants to community groups for accessibility related capital improvements.

The grants cover up to two-thirds of the direct and indirect costs of renovations, installations, and/or equipment to a maximum of \$10,000. The sponsoring organization must raise at least one-third of the funding from other sources. Organizations can receive funding for one project per year under the program.

Who can apply?

- Non-profit community organizations
- Municipalities For an application to apply this year: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program>

## Special Notices

### North Preston Community Concerns Organization

would like to extend a very thank you to **Ms. Viola Cain** who have been the acting President of this organization for more then 20 + years. We would like to welcome Neville Provo as the new President of the committee alongside of Evangeline Star Downey (Vice President) and Tessa Smith ( secretary)



### The Community would like to welcome MADD.

If you have been impacted by impaired driving and need to talk to someone or to volunteer, please contact us 902-429-6245 or [maddhalifax@ns.aliancinc.ca](mailto:maddhalifax@ns.aliancinc.ca) visit us online at: [maddchapters.ca/halifax](http://maddchapters.ca/halifax)

### Akoma Holdings Inc. and The Akoma Family Centre

are seeking individuals to serve on their Board of Directors. The attached flyer provides information on their requirements.



**Need a Family Practice?** Did you know the Community Health & Wellness Centers located in East & North Preston have physicians and a nurse practitioner accepting new patients? For More information call 811 or visit the website: [needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca](http://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca)

## Concerned have question about your Land Title?

Please don't hesitate to visit: <https://ansa.novascotia.ca/landtitles> for more info

**Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs**  
Wayn Hamilton  
1-866-580-2672

**Nova Scotia Legal Aid**  
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Apply online: [nslegalaid.ca](http://nslegalaid.ca)  
E-mail: [ltca@nslegalaid.ca](mailto:ltca@nslegalaid.ca)

# Save The Date - A Look Ahead

## Save the date



On July 1st the East Preston United Baptist Church and community invites you to come and enjoy A Taste of East Preston. It is on a Sunday this year! All are welcome to join us for 10 am Worship and a Word. Then starting at 11 am...on the menu will be succulent "home cooked" succulent dishes! This year you get to taste them all! Festivities include well-known musical artists, crafts, history, BBQ, loads of fun for children and adults and much more! We look forward to seeing you "Out Home" on July 1st, from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm at the East Preston Recreation Center, 24 Brooks Drive. Stay tuned for more details free admission to grounds

### North Preston Day Parade July 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

Parade starts at 10:00 am. *If you or your Organization would like to participate, donate, or volunteer. Please contact Vivian Cain (902) 435-3193 for more info.*



### 2nd Annual Peace Basketball

Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>

Contact (902)809-4164 for registration or more info.

### "Preston Township Home Coming 2019"

Honoring African Nova Scotian communities of East Preston. North Preston, Lake Loon/Cherry Brook.

"It's our Time" is the rallying cry for what is shaping up to be a historic year for the people in the Preston Area. Plans are in full stream ahead for Aug. 9th – 16th 2019 be sure and save the date.

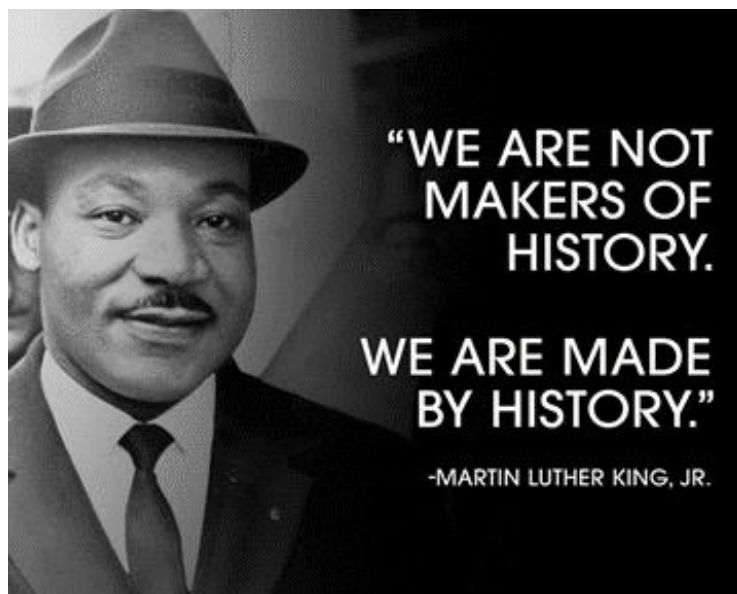
### Flea Market & Crafts Sale

East Preston Recreation Centre: April 21st 2018

### Summer Saturdays

Coming to you each and every Saturday **Summer 2018!** LifeStyle Promotions & Media Group is bringing you something that is much needed for the Grown, Secure & Sophisticated. Catering to the mature clientele of 25 and over, featuring live entertainment & DJ's playing the best R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae, Old School, Throwbacks, Slow Jams and all your favorites from the 80's, 90's & early 2000's. Follow us on Social Media platforms for launch date @lifestylepmg

"It's Not Just An Event, It's a LifeStyle"



## Tri Community Newsletter Contact Information



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