

# The Maitland Trail



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## News from your MERC Board

### Your 2008-2009 Board of Directors are:

President:

**Kevin Gray**

Vice President:

**Geoff Noyes**

Secretary:

**Tina Atchison &  
Anne MacMillan**

Treasurer:

**Nancy Vaughan**

Volunteer Coordinator:

**position open**

Newsletter Editor:

**Guyène Laforce**

MERC Hall Managers:

**Ted Clayton**

Maitland Trails:

**Peter Kupka**

Directors:

**Ted Clayton, Lynn  
Galvin, Peter Kupka,  
and Bonnie Hammerli  
plus the "executive".**

### Next Meeting

The next MERC Meeting  
will be held on  
Monday, Oct. 19, 2009  
at 7:30 p.m.

You do not have to be  
a member of the board  
to attend. We encourage  
all Maitland and area  
residents to come out  
and join in on our  
planning for another  
exciting year.

[www.maitlandhall.ca](http://www.maitlandhall.ca)

## Fall Annual General Meeting Monday, October 19, 2009, 7:30pm – MERC Hall

The MERC Board hosts their annual general meeting on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:30pm at the MERC Hall. At this time the current board is dissolved and a new board is elected. Our group is always open to new people. Generally, we meet about once a month, and perform a few small duties in and around the MERC Hall/Cedar St. park area. These include hall rentals, some general maintenance and helping run sports programs and activities. Offering your expertise, experience or time would be a great service to the community and can be as much or as a little as you can offer.

The current MERC Board has remained the same for over two years now. We are in real need of new people. Without new volunteers, we will soon see MERC not being able to offer activities, events and programs. This could include the soccer program ending, the outdoor skating rinks and ski trails not opening, and the MERC Hall closing.

**Please consider coming out and helping your community.**



**Come enjoy the  
fall colours with  
your families in  
the MERC trails.**

### Newsletter Submissions

We are always looking for community news and events to publish in our monthly edition of The Maitland Trail. Please email submissions to:

Guyène Laforce at  
[guylene@image24.ca](mailto:guylene@image24.ca)  
or call 613-348-3697



[www.image24.ca](http://www.image24.ca)



## Christmas Craft Market

I still have spots open for crafters/vendors who want a booth. Please promote our local craft show to your friends and families. Here is the info...

**What: Christmas Craft Market**

**When: Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 from 10 am to 4 pm**

**Where: MERC Hall, Maitland**

The Christmas Craft Market will host over 25 local crafters and artisans offering their unique, interesting handcrafted items perfect for gift giving. So far items include stunning local photography, creative collage, timeless garden art, hand crafted silver jewelry, mission style furniture, unique folding wooden furniture, sock monkeys and much more.

**A letter has been sent to Santa Claus to see if he might be able to stop by for pictures with the children & there will be a special craft area set up just for the children so parents can shop while the children create an ornament to decorate the tree.**

For details please contact Anne-Marie at (613) 246-5006 or amrennick@gmail.com

## For Sale

### Weight Set & Exercise Equipment

A complete set of weights, bench, belt and exercise equipment; approx. 10 years old. Make an offer. 613-348-3372

## Vandalism at MERC Hall / Cedar Street park

Many Maitland-area residents enjoy the use of the MERC Hall grounds and the Cedar Street park to walk, play and exercise their pets. Some of you may have noticed the graffiti and vandalism that has occurred this summer. Earlier this summer, there were bush parties in the forest north of the hall and more recently, many young people have just been "hanging around" the village at night. The recent acts of graffiti and vandalism at the MERC hall are, in fact, the most that we have seen in quite some time. The MERC Board has done a few things in order to address this problem and we're also asking for community help. Here are the updates and what you can do to help:

- For parents, if your older child is out in the village at night please remind them to stay away from the MERC Hall and Cedar Street park for their **own** safety.
- Safety cameras and signs will soon be posted at these areas.
- All of the above incidents at MERC have been reported to the Grenville OPP.
- MERC will offer a reward of up to \$500 reward to any Maitland resident who reports individual(s) committing any act of vandalism on MERC property. We must be able to the successfully identify the offending individual(s) so that we may report them to the Grenville OPP. Please do not approach these individuals. Please report any incidents by calling the MERC Hall (613-348-3963).
- Finally, if any particular situation on MERC property appears serious, please do not hesitate to call the Grenville OPP directly at 613-925-4221 or 911.



## BLACK TIE 'N BLUE JEANS

Ring in the New Year in your own style!!

Maitland Hall – December 31, 2009  
9:00 pm – 2:00 am  
(doors open 8:30)

Cost: \$75.00/couple or \$37.50/person  
(if tickets purchased before Nov.15,  
\$70.00 or \$35.00)

Music by **DJ Terry Tanglewood**

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres  
all evening

Cash bar

Champagne and party favours  
at midnight

Prizes!

**Tickets available from:**

Pat Allport 613-348-3657

Bonnie Hammerli 613-348-3303

Kevin Gray 613-348-1278

**Tables may be reserved!  
Come celebrate with neighbors  
and friends!**

Well that time of year is upon us again!!!

## It's Chicken BBQ time

October 8, 2009 starting at 4:30 pm at the Maitland Community Reformed Church Highway #2, Maitland

The meal consists of 1/2 Woodlands chicken (they do Spencerville Fair), baked potato, dinner roll, homemade coleslaw and a slice of homemade apple pie. Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$12 each.

Call Rev. Janine Dekker 613-348-1346 if you would like to purchase tickets.

**Don't wait as they go fast!**



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