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North Country Community Recreation Center Newsletter

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## Community Winter Fun at the Brooks-Gadwah Sliding Hill

The Brooks-Gadwah Sliding Hill has quickly become one of the most joyful gathering places in our region this winter. Since opening, the hill has welcomed more than 300 community members, transforming it into a lively hub of sledding, laughter, and shared winter fun.

Over the past month, several local organizations have helped bring even more energy to the hill by hosting community sledding days. The Community Builder's Hub kicked things off on January 31, followed by a wonderful afternoon hosted by Hope Baptist Church of West Stewartstown on February 21. The hill also served as the backdrop for the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook's annual Box Sled Derby on February 14, a beloved Winter Carnival tradition filled with creativity

and friendly competition.

And the fun isn't slowing down ; Northern Tire and Belknap Electric will host the next community sledding day on February 28, giving families another chance to enjoy the hill before the season starts to wind down.

The growing excitement around the Brooks-Gadwah Sliding Hill continues to show what's possible when our communities come together with enthusiasm and care. Families, neighbors, and local groups have all helped shape the hill into a welcoming winter gathering place, creating moments of joy that ripple far beyond the slopes. Each sledding day, each shared laugh, and each new connection reflects how deeply our region values accessible,

family-friendly spaces. As the Rec Center's revitalization moves forward, the Sliding Hill stands as a reminder of the strength we build when we show up for one another and invest in places that bring our communities to life.

To stay updated on sledding days, weather conditions, and community events at the hill, join our NCCRC Sliding Hill group on the TeamReach app:

TeamReach Group: NCCRC SLIDING HILL

Access Code: Nccrcslide1



## NHVT Covered Bridge Half Marathon Returns September 26

We're excited to share that the **NHVT Covered Bridge Half Marathon** will be held on **September 26** this year. This beloved regional event brings runners, families, and volunteers together for a day that celebrates community spirit, outdoor adventure, and the beauty of our local landscape.

As we prepare for race day, we're looking for volunteers who can help both in the weeks leading up to the event and on race day itself. From course setup to runner check-in to cheering along the route, every helping hand makes a meaningful difference in creating a smooth, welcoming experience for participants.

If you're interested in supporting this year's race, we'd love to have you join the team. Message our Facebook page or email us at [info@northcountryreccenter.org](mailto:info@northcountryreccenter.org) for more information.

**Did you know...**  
Pickleball players are still going strong, with open play available on Sundays from 11-2 at the Canaan School Gym. Everyone is welcome to drop in and join the fun.

## Join the Action

We're deeply grateful to every volunteer whose dedication and energy have helped fuel the Rec Center's revival. We're actively seeking helping hands of all kinds, whether you have specialized skills or just a few hours to spare. Here are some key roles we're looking to fill:

- Board Treasurer: Bookkeeping experience is a plus.
- Grant Team Member: Assist with our HUD grant and future funding proposals. Grant writing experience preferred.
- Board or Support Team Member: Join our leadership team to shape the Rec Center's future.

Ready to jump in or learn more? Message our Facebook page or email us at [info@northcountryreccenter.org](mailto:info@northcountryreccenter.org)



LaPerle's IGA is teaming up with the North Country Community Recreation Center for a Round Up for the Rec campaign. From Feb 20–March 6 and April 3–17, shoppers can choose to round up their total at checkout to support the Rec Center's revitalization. Every bit of spare change helps bring this important gathering place back to life and expands opportunities for local youth, families, and neighbors.

Thank you for helping strengthen our community, one round-up at a time!

## Stay Connected

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