

SummerFest 2016 -- Friday, August 19 (Rain Date: Saturday, August 20)

When summer comes to a close and the school shopping ensues, Scarborough Community Services gears up for their annual SummerFest event. Held on the third Friday in August for the past 19 years, SummerFest has served as one of the best places to gather with friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate another beautiful summer season come and gone.

This event is not only the perfect place to catch up with everyone, it also functions as an annual fundraiser for many local non-profits, including service organizations, school sports groups, and several local churches. Event vendors offer everything from fun activities, games, and crafts to dinner and dessert items.

This year's SummerFest is scheduled for Friday, August 19, and everyone involved is crossing their fingers for great weather and a great turnout.

Along with our tried-and-true vendors who come year after year, we have some new groups and offerings for 2016:

- The Gym Dandies will be joining us this year. They will be showing off their juggling and unicycling skills and will be soaking people in a dunk tank throughout the evening.
- Come meet Julie Kukenberger, Scarborough's new superintendent! She is excited to become a member of the Scarborough leadership team and looks forward to serving the students and the community. Be sure to stop by and say hello!
- Books are just the beginning of what the Scarborough Public Library offers, as visitors to their tech booth will discover. Tom Corbett, System Librarian, will be on hand with Dash and Dot, small robots used to teach children about coding and robotics. The public will be invited to try their hand at operating the bots through an obstacle course. The Library will also offer details about its eBook platforms and online learning tools, including Lynda.com, all free to residents with a Scarborough Public Library card.
- Looking for more activities for the kids to do? Along with carnival games and activities such as henna tattoos and face painting, there will also be pony rides, a climbing wall/air jumper, a giant inflatable slide, and a kiddie train roaming the field.
- *Andy Happel/Plus 3G* will be performing on the Main Stage from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Andy Happel, a Scarborough resident, is a concert violinist and fiddler who has shared the stage with symphonies, pop stars, and country music luminaries alike and has toured extensively with the likes of Guster, Train, Matchbox 20 and the Dave Matthews Band.

We will wrap up the evening with a fantastic fireworks show, scheduled to begin at 9:15 pm. Please be sure to bring your blanket or folding chair and find your spot early.

Scarborough Community Services hopes all non-profits, booster groups, and commercial vendors will take advantage of such a large gathering of the community and commit to a designated booth space as soon as possible. Vendor applications may be picked up in the Community Services Office or accessed on the town's website:

www.scarboroughmaine.org/departments/community-services/special-events

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 19!