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## The Year in Review

January 2026

**Happy New Year!** We enjoyed a busy and successful 2025 and deeply appreciate the support of our community. Meeting attendance grew, and new people became involved in activities and event planning.

The Friday evening Guitar Circle is a great example of this spirit. Started in January 2025 by Derek Muise and Wayne Crocker, the Marion Bridge Guitar Circle offers a welcoming space for musicians and a place for neighbours to gather, along with a 50/50 draw. Special evenings supported worthy causes, and some winners even donated their prizes back. It's a true win-win, and we thank Derek and Wayne for their hard work and dedication. Drop by on Friday @ 7pm.



*Friday Night Marion Bridge Guitar Circle - Free Event*

Other 2025 highlights include:



CBRM Recreation hosted several events, one of which was a senior's afternoon complete with music, games and a luncheon. There was a full house for the event and attendees

enthusiastically voiced their appreciation.

We received a grant from CBRM to help offset the cost of a new roof for the Community Hall. The contractor is expected to be on site this month. Thank you to Dist. 7 Councillor, Steve Parsons, for his help and support throughout the year.

The Community Hall was a venue for yet another sold-out Celtic Colours concert. Outstanding talent!



Our annual Christmas Tree Light-up took place on December 6. Children enjoyed visiting with Santa, decorating ornaments, hot chocolate and treats.

The Mira Players continue to entertain. Dinner theaters were held in May and November, plus they organized four Robert Munsch plays performed during the Mira Gala. Practices are underway for their 2026 Spring production scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 2025 By the Numbers

- 8 MB Comm. Council meetings
- 25 community organizations participated in events
- 30 Mira Gala events over 11 days
- 50 Year anniversary of Mira Gala celebrated
- 95 Marion Bridge School Phys. Ed days
- 285 Usage/bookings - MB Comm. Hall

**Together we can make a difference!**



The Kitchen renovation is complete. We are awaiting inspection and final approvals. The work was completed by local people and businesses. Thank you to everyone involved.

## Mira Gala 2026 Update

Planning is well underway for **Mira Gala 2026**. Mark your calendar for **June 25 to July 5**. We're happy to report that the Marion Bridge Guitar Circle, KitchenFest, and Beef-on-a-Bun are already on the 2026 event schedule.



A Mira Gala Christmas Basket draw was held on December 19 at the Guitar Circle. Jeff Wadden drew the winning ticket, and the lucky winner was **Leijsa Wilton**. Proceeds from ticket sales totaled **\$1,416**. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported this fundraiser.

We will soon be reaching out to potential sponsors for Mira Gala 2026. Without their commitment and support, many festival events wouldn't happen. We appreciate our 2025 sponsors.

Thank-you to our 2025 sponsors —



50 years of Family Friends & Fun

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If you have any suggestions for Mira Gala 2026, please contact Marilynn at 902-727-2461. All ideas and suggestions are welcome!

## Marion Bridge Council AGM

The Marion Bridge Community Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for **Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 7:00pm**. At our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting it was decided to proceed with a by-law review to ensure the articles meet the Council's mandate and reflect current operations.

A nominating/recruitment committee is in place to search for interested community members who may wish to play a role in the Council's activities. To put your name forward or for further info, contact Adam-[Marionbridgecommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Marionbridgecommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

Need to book the Community Hall for a celebration or event? Call Delia at 902-304-1798.

## Community Events

### Weekly

- **Tarabish** - Every Tuesday @ 7:00pm - Marion Bridge Community Hall, Thursdays @ 7:30pm - St. Margaret Community Hall, Grand Mira
- **Guitar Circle** - Fridays @ 7:00pm - Marion Bridge Community Hall (19&over) Free Event
- **Tea & Talk** - Tuesdays at 10am, St. Columba Hall

### Upcoming

- **50s/60s Dance**-January 24 (19&over) Details below.
- **4 Weeks of Free Exercise Classes** - Beginning Thursday, January 29 at the Mira Centre 10am-11am Everyone welcome - no charge. Sponsored by CBRM.
- **Storytelling** - Sunday, February 15 from 2pm-4pm, Mira Centre. Topic: Famous people you have met. Share your story and have a cup of tea. Free event.
- **Vaccine Clinic** - Wednesday, February 25 11:00am-5:30pm - Mira Centre
- **4 Weeks of Free Yoga Classes** - Beginning February 25- Chair Yoga 6pm-7pm; Gentle Mat Yoga 7:15pm-8:15pm - Mira Centre



For ticket info, contact Delia at 902-304-1798.