

# KENTVILLE CONNECTION

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## Message from the mayor



On October 18, 2008 I was certainly pleased to be re-elected, along with Councillors Bolland, Cooper, Folker-

Hill and Pearl.

New to the council table are Tony Bentley and someone not new to the inner workings of the Town, former chief administrative officer Bill Boyd. I am looking forward to this group working together as a team in the best interests of our town.

And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the 11 years of spirited effort provided to our town by former councillor Dennis Kehoe.

We are also certainly very pleased to see our new employees working out so well. We are so fortunate to have, in my opinion, one of the top chief administrative officers in the province, Keith Robicheau, lead our town staff in what will be a great time of development and exciting new challenges. Our new director of public

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## Plowing primer

**D**o you wonder what happens in Kentville when the snow starts falling? Are the streets salted beforehand? How long will it take before your street gets plowed? Will your sidewalk get plowed? Why is the snow pushed into big piles throughout the downtown rather than trucked away immediately?

The Town of Kentville Public Works Department does what it can, with what it has, when it can, to provide its citizens with safe roads and sidewalks.

Snow plowing and sanding/salting is the direct responsibility of the Town of Kentville Public Works Department and is done with both staff and contractors. The Town employs 11 Public Works staff, including two water commission employees and one supervisor, and owns four road plows and two sidewalk plows. The Public Works Department consistently monitors Internet sites

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# Everything you wanted to know about plowing

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for weather and prepares for impending storms as best as it can by ensuring salt sheds are full, equipment is operational, and crews and contractors are standing by and ready to act.

Often times the roads will be

salted as the snow begins to fall so there is little or no accumulation. However, once there is a significant amount of snow on the ground, there is a priority system for snow plowing and salting/sanding roads. Main thoroughfares and streets with steep grades are the top priority, followed by streets with a slight grade that are lightly traveled, and finally flat, lightly traveled streets.

Although Public Works does not plow all sidewalks, it is standard procedure to clear some sidewalks along main thoroughfares and within the downtown.

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of property owners and occupiers of properties adjacent to sidewalks in the downtown to keep them clear. In its plowing efforts, Public Works will also do its best to remove snow from parking lots to ensure there are as many available parking spaces as possible.

During snowstorms it isn't unusual for Public Works crews to pile snow on Town streets to ensure the roads are passable. Crews do their best to pile snow in areas where there are no crosswalks and where there will be minimal impact on residents and local businesses, while maintaining public safety.

Typically piles are removed within one day, during the night when businesses are closed, there are very few cars on the road, and the streets are safe. Heavy equipment and dump trucks are used to remove hundreds of loads snow, and contractors are hired to assist

with the hauling and disposing of it.

It's also important to remember that during snowstorms and snow removal operations, other incidents such as water main breaks can occur. Such incidents will take priority over snow removal operations and leave a skeleton crew available for plowing. If your street doesn't get plowed right away, please be patient as there could be other circumstances delaying it.

Potholes are another concern and are becoming increasingly worse due to the freezing and thawing we're experiencing this winter. The Public Works Department is aware of them and will work to repair them in a timely manner, once snow removal and other priority procedures are completed.

The Town of Kentville Public Works Department's average annual cost of snow removal is \$215,000.00. If it looks as though the department might go over budget, services do not get cut. The main priority of the Public Works Department is to maintain public safety at all times, therefore the department will keep council abreast of any potential overruns that may happen and snow removal operations will not suffer.

If you have any questions about snow removal operations, please call Public Works at 679-2520.

The Town's Policy Statement G9 "Ice and Snow Control Procedures" is available online at [www.town.kentville.ns.ca](http://www.town.kentville.ns.ca) under the Town Notices link.

## Mayor

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works, Greg Kehoe, also brings with him a wealth of experience and ability. Our other new employees: community development coordinator Tiffany Connell, public works employee Richard Little, active living coordinator Jill Trinacty, and integrated community sustainability coordinator Brennan Vogel have already shown great enthusiasm and will be huge assets to our staff team.

I believe that Kentville is on the brink of great development and is well positioned with infrastructure, staff and council, to handle the challenges and celebrate the successes that are sure to come our way. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve as your mayor. It is an honour and a privilege to be the mayor of Kentville and I look forward to working with you over the next four years.

**Mayor David Corkum**



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# Planning for tomorrow, today



Imagine for a moment what Kentville will be like in 25 years. What will make this community a great place that you are proud to come from, will want to live, and call your home?

Most importantly, what is the legacy that you would like to leave for your children and grandchildren?

What is your vision for the town.

Over the coming months, the Town will be seeking your thoughts, opinions and ideas about the future sustainability of Kentville. You are invited to get involved and use your imagination. By working together, we will collaboratively develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) that will provide a vision and an action-plan..

There is an old saying that we do not inherit the Earth from our elders, but we borrow it from our children.

Sustainability planning is about looking holistically at the bigger picture and planning for the long-term. It is about understanding the important roles and responsibilities that we all must play to ensure that in meeting our own needs today, we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs tomorrow.

The air, water, soil and resources that we depend on for our survival are limited in nature; therefore we must care for and manage these natural assets so that they may endure for our children and grandchildren. Sustainability planning is about achieving a balance between environmental, social/cultural and economic goals and objectives in a way that everyone can agree on.

Across Canada and around the world, municipalities are rising to the current challenges of becoming more sustainable. In so doing, many regions are sponsoring innovation in business, becoming more economically efficient and in turn, are seen as more attractive places to live and work.

Achieving sustainability requires the active participation of citizens and governments at all levels. The planning is a ground-breaking process that involves three levels of govern-

ments working together towards the common goals of cleaner air, water and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Upon completion of the ICSP, Kentville will be eligible to receive funding for environmentally sustainable Municipal infrastructure projects that will help the town. Eligible projects include public transit, improving traffic flow through better infrastructure design and technology, improving water treatment & distribution systems and wastewater and sewage treatment systems and developing community energy systems.

Kentville and the Annapolis Valley are well positioned to become leaders in sustainability planning and initiatives. The possibilities for imagining and creating a sustainable future for the Town of Kentville are endless. But the time for collective action is now.

At its heart, the ICSP is driven by the vision that the community sets forward to take ownership for a sustainable future. Your input as a citizen of Kentville is vital in setting the vision and priorities for the sustainable future of the town. You are encouraged to get actively involved by sharing your vision for a sustainable Kentville. You can do this by attending upcoming sustainability events hosted by the Town of Kentville and joining the community conversation about what a sustainable future means for Kentville.

For more information or to learn how to get more involved in the process, contact Brennan Vogel, sustainability co-ordinator by email at: [icsp@town.kentville.ns.ca](mailto:icsp@town.kentville.ns.ca) or call 679-2512.

## New library update

Plans are in the works for a new library in Kentville. The Friends of the Kentville Public Library Society has been laying the groundwork for the project and it is moving ahead with the support of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, the Town of Kentville and the Municipality of the County of Kings.

Public workshops last year gave citizens of Kentville and surrounding areas in Kings County the opportunity to contribute ideas for the new building. The building committee made a recommendation of a site to the Town and the County, and the Society is now awaiting approval and hopes to announce the location soon.

Today's libraries are far more than simply the storage of books. They are multipurpose gathering places, providing all citizens with the resources and technologies to compete in the complex world today. This will be your library, the heart of your community, your passport to a world of ideas.

Anyone interested in getting involved can inquire at the Kentville Library or contact Frances Schagen at 678-1607 or [frances@cleartoyou.com](mailto:frances@cleartoyou.com), or Ginny Evans at 678-4411 or [evanscg@eastlink.ca](mailto:evanscg@eastlink.ca)

# Get to know your council

With the election now behind us, there are both new and returning faces around Town Hall. We thought readers would enjoy learning a little bit more about their councillors, so we've asked each of them to briefly recap what she or he would like to see happen over the next four years, and a few questions that will help us get to know each of them a little better.

## Mayor Dave Corkum

*1. What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

I would like to see the ongoing development of the CP Lands completed, with further commercial development on the property. I am looking forward to the commitment from the Province to have our new school finished in 2011. And also, I would like to see either a second river crossing or an expansion of the existing river crossing. It's important to me that developments such as the new library and the Miner's Marsh/Ducks Unlimited project continue to receive the support and involvement from our community members that they have to date, so they can reach their full potentials and be completed. All this being said, it is also important to me that we maintain our low tax rate while carrying out these important developments. We are very fortunate to have the infrastructure and land that we have in downtown Kentville, and it will be exciting to see where these opportunities lead us over the next number of years.

*2. What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*  
Math.

*3. What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*

A mayor. I used to go to Berwick Gala Days and watch Mayor Earl Robinson give speeches.

*4. What do you like to do in your spare time?*

Play table tennis (almost went to Canada Games) and golf.

*5. Tell us 3 things people don't know about you.*

1. I once rode an elephant down Webster St.
2. I coached minor baseball for years
3. I used to golf about 100 rounds per year. Now I'm lucky to get in 12-15.

## Deputy Mayor Bernie Cooper

*1. What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

In addition to what is already on the agenda (i.e. school, library) I visualize for the next four years a sportsplex that includes two ice surfaces and a curling rink. I would also like to see a new outdoor swimming pool (a swimming pool included in the sportsplex is not feasible.) A parkade is also one of my visions, as having one in Kentville would help our parking problem. Last but not least, a hotel in the centre of town would be nice, so we can keep our visitors in the Town of Kentville.

*2. What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*  
Drawing.

*3. What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*  
A police officer.

*4. What do you like to do in your spare time?*  
Woodworking.

*5. Tell us 3 things people don't know about you.*

1. My Nickname is Blue.
2. I go to aerobics three times a week with approximately 35 women.
3. I love boxing.

## Councillor Tony Bentley

*1. What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

I would like to see the Town continue to be a pleasant place for people to visit and live. The new school will be a great asset and the Dyke is great for West Main Street. Let's build upon these successes. I believe the Town could be beautified a little more, with more trees and green spaces. I would also like to see the empty commercial buildings around Town occupied. Let's work to keep attracting people and businesses to Kentville.

*2. What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*  
Phys. Ed.

*3. What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*  
A professional soccer player for Stokes City, a professional soccer player for England, and an owner of an English pub.

*4. What do you like to do in your spare time?*  
Go out for dinner.

*5. Tell us 3 things people don't know about you*

1. My age.
2. I owned The Manor Pub in England.
3. I coach 65+ kids in soccer on Saturday mornings.

## Councillor Eric Bolland

*1. What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

I hope to see council help Kentville maintain the "Number #1 Town in NS" rating, which would result in the maintenance and improvement of our

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quality of life, Town services and reasonable tax rates. I would like to see a new recreational facility and the new library come to fruition. I'd also like for the Town to continue its sustainability efforts and continue to keep Kentville healthy and environmentally friendly for future generations.

2. *What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*

Phys. Ed.

3. *What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*

An entrepreneur - in particular, a sporting goods store owner.

4. *What do you like to do in your spare time?*

Read and spend time with my family.

5. *Tell us 3 things people don't know about you.*

- 1. In Grade 11, I was the Atlantic Canadian cross country ski champion
- 2. I enjoy shopping and sampling pizza in various cities during my travels
- 3. I enjoy liver and onions with HP Sauce.

**Councillor Bill Boyd**

1. *What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

I want Kentville to be known as a safe and environmentally friendly town. A place where our youth, young families and seniors can live and enjoy. I want Kentville to develop a sustainability plan that will guide us for the next number of years, and I want Kentville to continue promoting itself as a great place to live and do business.

2. *What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*

Math.

3. *What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*

A hockey player.

4. *What do you like to do in your spare time?*

Play hockey and golf; carpentry and travel.

5. *Tell us 3 things people don't know about you.*

After working in Town Hall for 31 years, there really aren't three things to tell that people don't already know!

**Councillor Nola Folker-Hill**

1. *What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

Over the next four years I would like to see the completion of the development of the DAR lands, the new school come to fruition, all business locations in the downtown be occupied, a method of public consultation put in place to involve public input and provide public information on a regular basis, and completion of the sidewalks to the Town boundary in the west end of Town.

2. *What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*

Science.

3. *What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*

A Medical Laboratory Technologist.

4. *What do you like to do in your spare time?*

Spare time.....what's that?

5. *Tell us 3 things people don't know about you.*

- 1. I used to tap dance, and even teach it!
- 2. I once sank a basketball from center court in the final seconds of a game.
- 3. I am the current chair of the Board of the Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists.

**Councillor Mark Pearl**

1. *What are your hopes for the Town of Kentville over the next four years?*

Over the next four years I plan to continue to work hard to maintain the low tax rates in Kentville for both residential and commercial tax payers. This should be possible through the additional revenues coming from new developments currently under construction and by carefully controlling expenditures.

2. *What was your favourite subject in elementary school?*

Math.

3. *What did you aspire to be when you were in high school?*

A university graduate.

4. *What do you like to do in your spare time?*

Spend it with family.

5. *Tell us 3 things people don't know about you.*

- 1. I don't like pizza
- 2. I caught (and released) the Murphy Lake Monster last July
- 3. I don't buy lotto tickets.

**National Volunteer Week**

This year National Volunteer Week takes place from April 19th - 25th. The primary purpose of this specially designated week is to thank and honour people who donate their time to help others by supporting the causes in which they believe. The Town of Kentville is happy to be honouring area volunteers again this year at the Annual Volunteer

Dinner and Awards Ceremony on April 21. Service groups are encouraged to nominate a Volunteer from their organization to be recognized at the dinner. For information about how to nominate a Volunteer, or for tickets to the event, contact Lindsay Young at the Kentville Parks and Recreation Department by phone at (902) 679-2540 or email at recreation@town.kentville.ns.ca. Nominations must be submitted by April 1 2009.

# Several new staff members come to Town

In addition to a new Council and a new year, there are also a few new faces around Town Hall.

**Keith Robicheau** became CAO in September 2008. He brings with him 14 years of experience as CAO of the County of Annapolis, where he provided administrative leadership in the transition from a council-committee to a council-manager system; strategic planning; infrastructure takeover and community development of a former military base; innovative regional economic development initiatives such as the FUNDYweb broadband network; and active living programs and infrastructure. He also has seven years of municipal experience as CAO of the Town of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, where he spearheaded planning and infrastructure renewal efforts for the downtown and waterfront. Prior to St. Andrews, Keith spent four years with the Government of New Brunswick, and before that, began his professional career with Coopers & Lybrand Chartered Accountants. Keith has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Mount Allison University, with majors in accounting and management.

**Greg Kehoe** is the Town's new director of public works. He comes to Kentville from the City of Yellowknife, NWT, where he spent 20 years — the last seven as director of public works — working as a civil engineer. Greg is pleased to be working for the citizens and Town of Kentville and looks forward to improving services for the public.

**Richard Little** is also a new public works employee. Richard comes to the Town with considerable water/sewer experience, in addition to having the skills and ability to run various pieces of heavy equipment.

**Tiffany Connell** joins the Town as its community development coordinator. Tiffany has several years of experience in community and economic development, marketing and communications, and project management. In her role as community development coordinator, Tiffany is the

main liaison between Kentville businesses and the Town, as well as the person responsible for business district advertising and promotions, business retention and attraction initiatives, and community and economic development projects. Before moving to Kentville, she lived and worked in Halifax for five years, after spending five years living and working in Calgary and Toronto. Tiffany has a Bachelor of Public Relations degree from Mount Saint Vincent University.

The Town is pleased to have **Jill Trinacty** in the new role of active living coordinator with the Parks and Recreation Department. Jill comes to us as a recent graduate of Saint Francis Xavier University and looks forward to working in the community to increase physical activity. Jill is involved in the development of after school programs, programs for seniors and active transportation. In addition, she will be developing a physical activity strategy that will guide the Town in creating programs and infrastructure to increase physical activity.

**Brennan Vogel** is the Town's sustainability coordinator. Brennan joins us after spending the last two years at Saint Mary's University where he was studying climate change adaptation and development. Brennan has previously worked with Environment Canada on environmental emergency planning and response as well as many years of experience in environmental education. Over the next year, Brennan will be working with the Town to prepare an integrated community sustainability plan as a requirement of the federal gas tax agreement. The ICSP plan recognizes the connection between environment, social, cultural and economic development within a community, and focuses on integrating these 'pillars' to achieve a 20-50 year vision for the Town. The development of these plans is an exciting opportunity to engage citizens and build trust by opening dialogue about community values and what residents really want their community to look like in the future. Over the next

few months he will be soliciting community members, organizations and businesses to discuss these issues. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to call Brennan at 679-2512 or e-mail him at [icsp@town.kentville.ns.ca](mailto:icsp@town.kentville.ns.ca)

## Princess Kentville candidates

The applications are in and Princess Kentville 2009 candidates are Olivia Floyd, Kara Hill, Sarah Kingsbury and Lindsay Pearl.

Being named Princess Kentville provides young ladies with the opportunity to gain valuable public speaking experience that will aid them in both personal and professional endeavours.

For the duration of the year, Princess Kentville attends many community events acting as an ambassador of the town and a role model for community youth. The chosen candidate will receive accommodations at the Old Orchard Inn for the duration of the Apple Blossom Festival, participate in all official functions of the festival, compete for the title of Queen Annapolis and receive a bursary from the Town of Kentville.

### PRINCESS TEA

Join us at the 2009 Kentville Princess Tea as we say farewell to Princess Kentville 2008, Kristi Gould, and crown our new Princess Kentville 2009!

This annual event, hosted by Parks and Recreation, will take place Thursday April 30, 2009 at the Kentville Fire Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. start. Cost of Admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

# Department updates

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

We have been working hard to promote active, healthy lifestyles in the Town of Kentville through initiatives such as active transportation. New bike racks were installed throughout the town to facilitate biking to and from many popular destinations. Stay tuned for further projects as the weather warms up. The Ducks Unlimited site has been constructed and provides a great opportunity to be active and enjoy the local wild life. The development of a new soccer field at Oakdene park continues as we look forward to expanding our capacity to provide quality sport infrastructure.

The Parks and Recreation Department is very excited to be partnering with the AVRSB and Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection to provide after-school programs that emphasize physical activity. Each Wednesday students in the after-school skating program have had the opportunity to improve their skating skills while having fun at the Kentville Arena. On Mondays students in Grades 3 through 5 are invited to take part in after-school activities at KCA. We look forward to continuing this program and encouraging students to live a healthy lifestyle!

Summer is fast approaching, and with the sun comes fun and exciting programs at the Kentville Parks and Recreation Department. This year we will be offering day camp, kiddie camp, tennis lessons, swimming lessons and public swims. Registration for camps and lessons will be held June 18 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. More information will be coming out in the Spring.

The department is currently accepting applications for summer employment for positions including recreation intern, day camp and kiddie camp counselors, tennis director and instructors, pool director and lifeguards, visitor information centre customer service representative and park attendants.

To apply for any of those positions, please e-mail your cover letter and resume to [recreation@town.kentville.ns.ca](mailto:recreation@town.kentville.ns.ca), or mail to 354 Main St., Kentville, B4N 1K6, or drop it off at the Parks and Recreation Department in Town Hall.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Council has approved a rezoning application for the Crows Nest Golf Course for future commercial and residential development. The applicant has proposed five, 5 story residential buildings and a commercial development, which has yet to be determined, on Park Street. Staff is anticipating construction to begin this spring.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Richard Little joins us as a new employee in our department as well as a new director, Greg Kehoe. As we welcome these two new employees, we say good bye to Hal Henderson our former director, who retired in October

2008. We want to thank Hal for his years of service and wish him all the best in the future.

Balsor & Eaglecrest subdivision connections to the Kentville Water Commission were completed in November. This project may add on an additional 50 residences.

We are working on a dyke that runs from River Street to West Main Street. Once this is completed, people will be able to use this as part of the walking trail.

Both Oakdene and Crescent Avenues are in the process of having new sidewalk and curbs completed that will assist pedestrians.

## **Seasonal Reminders**

Winter Parking Regulations; Sections 202(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act, effective December 1 until April 15, no person shall park upon any highway or street in the Town of Kentville from 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. This is strictly enforced during snow plowing operations and violators will have their vehicles towed. This is to allow for snow plowing to take place. The placement of snow from a driveway or parking lot onto Town streets is strictly forbidden.

Notice to Builders and Construction: The Town of Kentville wishes to advise all builders and contractors that the Department of Public Works will not issue street opening laterals to be installed between December 01, 2008 and April 15, 2009.

For further information on snow and ice removal, please see the Town of Kentville's Ice and Snow Removal Policy on our website at <http://www.town.kentville.ns.ca/documents/notices/snowremovalpolicy.pdf>

## **POLICE SERVICE**

The Kentville Police Service was very busy last fall. One of the most recent programs it hosted was Operation Christmas. This was a partnership between the Kentville Police Service, the province of Nova Scotia and MADD Canada. Together, they conducted a significant number of road checks across the Valley to remind motorists to drive safe and drive sober.

The Street Crime Unit was also busy. It was actively involved in the harvesting of marijuana and other drugs within the Valley area, as well as dealing with a number of break and enters due to the drug trade.

The Nova Scotia Crime Prevention Council provided a Train the Trainer session on identity theft in January. Both Sgt. George Dunfee and Const. Angie McWaid took part in this, so they are now able to educate the community about fraud and teach you how to protect yourself.

In January, the Kentville Police Service raised more than \$3,500 for Cops for Cancer, and Const. McWaid shaved her head, donating her hair to Locks of Love.

# Community policing update

The Kentville Police Service is committed to making our streets and communities safer places to be. As Community Policing Officer, it is my job to provide and organize programs in the communities and schools.

It is important to remember to drive safe and drive sober all year long. While we are out doing road checks, not only are we looking for impaired drivers, we are also making sure you're wearing your seat belt

and that your vehicle is safe for the road. And if you ever suspect an impaired driver, don't hesitate to call 911!

A few safety tips to keep in mind:

- When out walking in the community, please press the flashing light at the cross walk before stepping out into the street. It is sometimes difficult for drivers to see pedestrians in cross walks, especially now with the snow banks.
- Lock your vehicle doors at all times. It is a proven fact that criminals will look for unlocked doors first.
- Always have your gas tank full in case you get stuck somewhere and need to keep warm.
- Keep a first aid and emergency kit in your vehicle at all times.

**Cst. Angie McWaid**  
**Kentville Community Policing Officer**



*Const. Angie McWaid reminds pedestrians to use crosswalk signals when crossing the street.*

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**to these Kentville businesses**  
**for winning an EKCC**  
**Best of Kings Celebration**  
**Award!**

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| <br><b>Best Place To Go For Lunch &amp; Best Bar/Lounge</b> | <br><b>Best Jewellery Store</b>       |   |
| <br><b>Best Clothing Store</b>                             | <br><b>Best Hair Salon/Barber</b>   | <br><b>Best Florist</b>                    |
| <br><b>Best Media</b>                                      | <br><b>Best Entertainment Venue</b> | <br><b>Best Home Décor/Furniture Store</b> |
| <p><i>Everyone wins when we support local business!</i></p>   |  |   |
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