

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's and St. Mary's Recreation

# March 2009 - Newsletter

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The **DEADLINE** to have information submitted for the **APRIL** issue of the **NEWSLETTER** is **THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009** at 4:00 P.M. *Please Note: We reserve the right to edit any and all submissions to this newsletter.*

## Did You Know?.....

Brush piles not only provide year-round cover for birds, they also are excellent nesting sites for small mammals and invertebrates.

*St. Mary's Naturalists Club*

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Guysborough County WALK-A-THON

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Guysborough County Walkathon, under the direction of the Physically Active Lifestyle Society (PALS), is being held on **August 22, 2009**. The funds raised will be divided equally between Guysborough County's three regional hospitals: *Guysborough Memorial, Eastern Memorial and St. Mary's Memorial*.



This enjoyable event will begin on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. from the Jost Building at Guysborough's waterfront. The walkathon will cover a distance of 5km (3.1 miles) traveling by the side of Main Street, next to the harbour, along Lower Water Street, up Peart Point Road and then return back to the Jost Building via the same route.

Please come out to enjoy this event and partake in the activities planned for the waterfront. This is an excellent opportunity to show your support for our hospitals. Simply walk for your health, as a team participation effort or in memory of a special loved one.

**Questions:** Contact one of the following:

Donald Dunbar, St. Mary's Memorial	522-2572
John Bent, Eastern Memorial	366-2249
Jude Avery	525-2074
Ray Bates	533-2528

## AMALGAMATION

### St. Mary's Family of Schools

#### *St. Mary's Education Centre/St. Mary's Academy*

On November 24, 2008, St. Mary's School Advisory Council met with Central Office Staff from SRSB. We were advised that within the next four years St. Mary's Education Centre and St. Mary's Academy could possibly be combined as one. They also advised that the school community continue to be proactive in planning for the future delivery of education in our area.

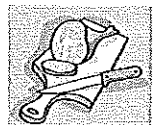
**SMEC** and **SMA** School Advisory Council meets monthly to discuss and advise on issues pertaining to student learning and achievement. Currently we are addressing the issue of a possible amalgamation, which could mean **SMEC** and **SMA** would combine into one facility. In order for our students to receive the best possible education the community and school must work together.

The School Advisory Council meets on the last Monday of every month and amalgamation will be on the agenda. We welcome all parents and community representatives and members to attend these meetings.

Our next two meetings will be on **FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2009** at 3:30 p.m. at **SMEC** school library and **MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2009** at 6:30 p.m. at **SMA** school library.

## ROAST BEEF DINNER.....

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Lions Club, Sherbrooke. Sponsored by St. John's United Church. Adults \$10.00; Children \$5.00.



*Neighbours Helping Neighbours*

## The Guysborough County ADULT LEARNING ASSOCIATION

The Guysborough County Adult Learning Association will be offering a **Computer Training Program**. The course will consist of two 3-hour sessions a week for 18 weeks.

The course will begin on **Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009** from 6pm-9pm at the Country Harbour Gun Club. This course is for anyone that is currently unemployed or underemployed who want to improve their computer skills.

There will be **No Charge** for this program and participants may qualify for a small training allowance. For more information or to register call John at 533-4252.

### THANK YOU.....

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our family and friends for making the Cody Rossong Memorial Dance such a great success. The number of people who attended was amazing. To those who could not attend, but gave a donation, we thank you. Thanks to St. Mary's District Lions Club and also the band "Fuzz Petals", who did a great job providing the music. We certainly appreciate the kindness and support we received from everyone. All proceeds from the door go to St. Mary's Education Centre Breakfast Program as well as the Cody Rossong Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Mary's Academy. A donation was also given to St. Mary's District Lions Club. Once again, "Thank You".

*Eddie, Janice & Chad Rossong*

### The Baptist Congregation of Port Hilford, Port Bickerton & Sonora

## MARCH WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, 11:00 A.M.**

Sonora Baptist Church, Worship & Communion

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 11:00 A.M.**

Port Hilford United Baptist Church

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 11:00 A.M.**

Port Bickerton United Baptist Church

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, 11:00 A.M.**

Sonora Baptist Church

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 11:00 A.M.**

Port Hilford United Baptist Church

There is an Adult Elective study on the Book of Daniel each Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M., preceding the above services. For more information, contact Pastor Norman Pearce at 522-2087 or [hbs.baptist@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:hbs.baptist@ns.sympatico.ca).

## LOW INCOME EXEMPTION

St. Mary's Municipal Council is offering a \$100.00 **Low Income Exemption** for those residents whose income does not exceed \$15,500. Deadline to have these applications submitted is **April 30, 2009** at 4:00 p.m. For more information on application criteria, contact your local councillor or the Municipal Office at 522-2049. When submitting an application your 2007 Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment **MUST** be included.

## CATERING

St. Mary's Lions Club are now in a position to do some catering upon request for banquets and weddings. For further information please contact one of the following:

▶ Heather Laybolt	522-2463
▶ Norah Fraser	522-2757
▶ Yvonne Dunbar	522-2572

## The Guysborough County Triathlon

Start your training; prepare for the challenge, THE GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY TRIATHLON under the direction of the Physically Active Lifestyle Society (PALS), is being held on Sunday, August 23, 2009. The triathlon will begin at the Jost Building in Guysborough.

There will be prizes for the winners of each category plus random-draw prizes which all participants are eligible to win. The first 100 registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Post race food is included with the triathlon's registration for all racers and will be served upstairs in the Jost Building.

The race distances are as follows:

Olympic	9am (1500m swim/40km bike/10km run)
Sprint	9:45am (750swim/20km bike/5km run)
Tri-A-Tri	10:15am(300m swim/15km bike/3km run)
Youth	10:15am (300m swim/15km bike/3km run) (Minimum age 12 years)

For detailed information on the Triathlon go to: <http://tri-us-on-tripod.com/index.htm> Other information or to volunteer or help, contact Ray Bates, Race Director at: Box 44, Guysborough, BOH 1N0, email: [bates@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:bates@ns.sympatico.ca) or phone 1-902-533-2528.

*Experience the Triathlon—Experience the County*

## SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

St. Mary's River Association is now accepting applications for summer student employment. Number of positions are pending approval of funding. Please state if position applied for is for field work or guide. Send resumes by mail to:

SMRA, Box 179, Sherbrooke, NS  
B0J 3C0

or by email:

[stmarysriver@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stmarysriver@ns.sympatico.ca)

*Deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.*

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## Sonora/St. Mary's River COMMUNITY CENTRE

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Penny Auction and Cake Walk!

Everyone welcome! We will be seeking donations from the community for this fund raiser. Your generosity is amazing! The hall will be open that week for anyone to drop off goods. If you need items picked-up, contact:

- ▶ *Elaine Mahar*      522-2245
- ▶ *Fred Jack*        522-2485

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come for an afternoon of friendly socializing and light refreshments. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Also, tickets on an Easter Basket will be sold.



### *World Day of Prayer*

The World Day of Prayer Service will be held at St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke, on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Rev. Norman Pearce. This year the program was written by a group of women of Papua New Guinea. Please join us as we participate in this worldwide time of prayer and worship.

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**A loving heart is the truest wisdom.**  
Charles Dickens

**Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.**  
Albert Einstein

## New Horizons For Seniors

The Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program helps to ensure that seniors are able to benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their community through their social participation and active living.

The **Community Participation and Leadership Funding** will be opening in the Spring of 2009. This program provides grant funding up to \$25,000 for projects that encourage seniors to contribute to their communities by sharing their skills, wisdom, and experience and helping to reduce isolation. Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, community based coalitions, municipal governments and band/tribal councils. *As your organization may be interested in supporting projects with Community Participation and Leadership Funding, we invite a representative from your organization to attend the Information Session below:*

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Goshen**

**Location is: Goshen Community Centre**

**Auditorium, 985 Highway 276, Goshen, NS**

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## R.C.M.P.

The Sherbrooke Detachment of the RCMP is interested in forming a **Community Consultative Committee** to discuss the public welfare and concerns within Sherbrooke and the surrounding communities. This committee will meet periodically throughout the year to discuss these concerns. Tentative date set for March. Time and location to be determined. If there is anyone interested in becoming a part of this committee please contact Cst. Shelley MacDonald at (902) 522-2200.

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## FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is an independent, volunteer-run, non-profit organization providing assistance to families and individuals in the Municipality. If you are in need of assistance or would like to make a donation, either monetary or of non-perishable food items, please call 328-4148 and leave a message. The phone number is exclusive to the



# EARTH HOUR

Food Bank and all calls are confidential.

Turn off your lights on Saturday March 28, 2009 at 8:30 pm-9:30 pm. Millions of Canadians will turn off their lights on March 28th for Earth Hour in support of action on climate change. We hope to make Earth Hour even bigger this year but we need your help!

Encourage your friends and family to participate.  
Get your business or workplace involved.

And don't stop at turning off the lights. Think about what else can be done to reduce your footprint like taking transit, unplugging unused electrical appliances and washing your clothes in cold water. The list is endless and your action will make a big difference. Make every hour Earth Hour with WWF.

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## St. Mary's Trails Association Update

The St. Mary's Trail Association was formed in October 2007. The aim of this committee is to complete an unfinished part of the Trans Canada Trail through the District of St. Mary's from the District of Guysborough/St. Mary's line to the Pictou County line in East River St. Mary's, NS.

An update was submitted earlier in 2008, we stated that we had made slow but steady progress with DNR approval of the trail. Currently we are in the process of final consultation with landowners and as this process could take considerable time, we have decided to proceed in phases. Phase one will be the completion of the trail from the Dist. Of Guysborough/St. Mary's line to Hwy. #7 at Aspen. Phase one is all crown land.

In December 2008 we requested DNR provide us with a letter of Local Authority to enable us to apply for funds and we have recently received this letter. Our next step will be to apply for the necessary funding to get started and hopefully we will begin clearing the right-of-way in phase one when the snow is gone.

*Charlie Hallett*

*St. Mary's Trail Association*

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## ENVIRO-DEPOT

The Enviro-Depot is located at 118 Old Road Hill in Sherbrooke across from St. Mary's Academy. The hours of operation are Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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This is a bottle exchange only!

## **St. Mary's Shooter's Association**

**March 21-22, 2009** Canada Firearms Safety Course & Canada Restricted Safety Course. To be held at the Stillwater Community Centre. Cost is \$50.00 per exam. Please bring two pieces of Government issued ID. Time is 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. The day includes: course, written and practical tests. Students please bring lunch.

**March 28, 2009** Nova Scotia Hunter Safety Course, Stillwater Community Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. . You must have taken CRFC first! Please bring lunch!

**April 4-5, 2009** West Pictou Wild Life Association Gun Show, Michelin Social Club, Granton, Pictou County.

- **9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. Saturday**
- **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sunday**

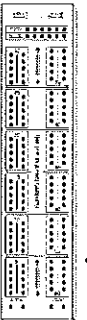
**Contact:** Don 485-8107 Ken 396-3403

## **Royal Cdn. Legion Branch #86 Liscomb**

**Cribbage Tournament** - March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 8:30 pm (8 hands/supper/8 hands). Cost \$10.00 including supper. Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Next Monthly Meeting** - Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**Auction 45's** on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. and Cribbage on Saturday at 8:00 p.m.



Standard Cribbage Board

## SOLID WASTE HAULERS

Municipality of St. Mary's

HAULER	DIST.	AREAS COVERED	CONTACT #	REGULAR PICK-UP DAY
Harry Hatton	1	Sherbrooke	(902) 522-2102	Friday
Harry Hatton	4	Sonora, Wine Harbour, St. Mary's River	(902) 522-2102	Tuesday
Kevin Rudolph	2 & 7	Liscomb through Ecum Secum & New Chester	(902) 522-2116 (902) 870-5141	Tuesday
Kevin Rudolph	4	Indian Harbour Lake, Port Hilford & Jordanville	(902) 522-2116 (902) 870-5141	Wednesday
Jeff Laing	3 & 5	Melrose, Aspen, Denver, College Grant, Smithfield, Caledonia & Surrounding Areas	(902) 522-2670	Thursday
Eddie Hensbee	6	Goshen to Park on Hwy #7, to the Country Harbour line	(902) 783-2034	Friday
Gwyn Parsons	8	Port Bickerton, Fisherman's Hbr., Harpellville	(902) 364-2969 (902) 364-2380	Tuesday

## POT-LUCK SUPPER