



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's & St. Mary's Recreation Department

December 2011 Newsletter



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The DEADLINE to have information submitted for the JANUARY issue of the Newsletter is **Monday, December 19th at 4:00 p.m.** Submissions can be received by fax: 522-2309 or email: council@munet.ns.ca Subject line must read NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION. Also please note that we reserve the right to edit any and all submissions to this newsletter.



St. Mary's Municipal Council

The next regular meeting of St. Mary's Municipal Council will be held on Monday, **JANUARY 9th at 7:00.** The public is invited to attend. Visit our website for council minutes, and important updates: www.saint-marys.ca

Municipal Office Christmas Hours

December 23rd-CLOSED at 12:00 pm

December 26th-CLOSED

December 27, 28th, 29th-OPEN

December 30th - CLOSED at 12:00 pm

January 2nd-CLOSED

Have a SAFE and HAPPY Holiday Season from the council and staff of St. Mary's Municipality.

Transfer Station Christmas Hours

Transfer Station is open from 9am - 4:30pm Tuesday thru Saturday

HOLIDAY HOURS:

December 24th - CLOSED

December 26th - CLOSED

December 27th- CLOSED

December 28th, 29th, 30th - OPEN regular hours

December 31st - CLOSED

January 2nd - CLOSED

January 3rd - OPEN regular hours

Recycling Update

As of November 19th, St. Mary's Transfer Station will not be accepting recycling bags for drop off. Please be advised that one can put out unlimited bags of recycling with roadside collection.

Police Advisory Board

St. Mary's District Council is looking for 2 people to serve on the Police Advisory Board. One person to serve on the Municipal Police Advisory Board, and one person for the Provincial Police Advisory Board. Please contact the Municipal Office at 522-2049 if interested.

Building Inspector- Peter Avery

For the winter, as of December 1st, Peter is available on an as need basis **by appointment only.** He can be reached at any time by email: pavery@modg.ca or at the Guysborough Municipal Office at 533-3705 ext 235. Applications and other information available on website.

Newcomer Friendly



The Rural Newcomer Navigator Initiative is aimed at integrating, navigating, and settling newcomers into their new communities in Nova Scotia. The Newcomer Navigator for the quad-county region, Kerry Urquhart, will be holding an event for Newcomers to St. Mary's Municipality and surrounding areas. **Kerry would like you to come and join her for a meet and greet with fellow newcomers, Thursday, December 15th from 6-8pm at the Exhibit Centre in Sherbrooke Village. Refreshments will be provided.** Please stop in and find out more about the Newcomer Initiative and all it has to offer. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Kerry at (902) 631-3464 or Kerry@newcomerfriendly.ca or [facebook.com/NewcomerFriendly](https://www.facebook.com/NewcomerFriendly).

St. Mary's District Food Bank



Give the gift of sharing! Have you ever considered giving a donation to the Food Bank in the name of a friend or relative? The Food Bank will send a gift card to whomever you choose,

indicating that you have made a gift donation in their name.

Money for gift cards or for donation may be mailed to St. Mary's District Food Bank, PO Box 102, Sherbrooke NS B0J 3C0. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 or more.

If you are in need of assistance please call 328-4148 and leave a message. The phone number is exclusive to the Food Bank and all calls are confidential.

Christmas Tree Lighting, Sherbrooke
 Maple Manor, Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm.
 Sponsored by St. Mary's Lions Club and Nova Scotia Power.



Christmas Family Skate at St. Mary's Recplex at 7:00 pm with hot chocolate sponsored by the Lions Club and Santa and treats for children sponsored by the Fire Department.

Karaoke Dance at St. Mary's Lions Club, with Master Blaster 9:00 pm-1:00 am. Gov. ID required. \$10 per person.



I was overwhelmed with the well wishes, cards and prayers from members of the community. I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart, they worked to make me well again!
Rhona Carroll

IHL-Jordanville Community Centre
CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME:

Christmas Tea Bake and Craft Sale
 Saturday, November 26, 11 am-1 pm.



Admission \$5.00

A fundraiser for the Community Centre. Anyone is welcome to donate a craft and/or bake item for our sale table. It will be greatly appreciated!

Next hall meeting: Monday, Dec. 12th, 7:00pm
 Everyone welcome!



We would like to take this time to say a very big thank you to the doctors and nurses at St. Mary's Hospital. Your

kindness and care will never be forgotten. We would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls and the kind words at this very difficult time and for those who brought food and other goodies, a special thank you.

The family of Hazel Rudolph.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
 GOSHEN COMMUNITY & RECREATION
 CENTRE**



Sunday, November 27th 4:00-6:00 pm
 Casserole Supper: 4:00-5:00 pm. Adults-
 \$8.00 Children under 12- \$4.00
 Santa Visit: 5:00 pm

Caroling and Tree Lighting: 5:30 pm
 LED Holiday Light Exchange: 4:00-5:30 pm. Bring in two sets of Christmas lights and exchange them for one set of new LED lights. Quantities are limited

and are provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Goshen Community Center
**To book the Community Centre, please call
 Dorothy Ostewig at 783-2156.**



"The Port Bickerton and Area Planning Association wishes to express its sincere thanks for the public's support of its October 29th roast beef supper, which raised over \$1300 for the Port Bickerton Lighthouse Interpretive Centre. Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in making the supper such a success.

Sherbrooke Library Chat Line

Christmas Crafts and Stories-Sat morning, Nov. 26th from 10-11:30 am. Three age groups: 3-5; 6-8; and 9-12. Pre-registration is necessary so that we will have enough craft supplies for your child(ren).
Village Readers' Club - Friday Dec 2nd at 11am. Come and hear about the books others have read and, if you would like to, share one that you have read.

Seniors' Café- Fridays at 9:30

Knotty Knitters' Club - Wednesdays 2-4pm. If you haven't been able to come before now, bring your knitting projects and enjoy chatting and knitting with fellow crafters.

Story Time for Children - Thurs. Dec. 1st will be the last one before Christmas.

Meditation Class- Tuesday, Nov. 22nd from 11-12, facilitated by Barbara Furlong. All are welcome to this introductory session to learn how to have (more) peace in our lives.

Sherbrooke Library & C@P Site

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.....11am-4 pm

Thursday..... 10am-1pm

Friday.....9:30am-4pm

Saturday.....10am-1pm

Telephone: 522-2180

www.ecrl.library.ns.ca

MAPLE MANOR BAKE SALE



A bake sale occurs every Friday at Maple Manor at 2:00 pm. Expect to see pies, bread, cookies, scones, squares, fudge etc. 50 cents admission.

Seniors Games Afternoon
**Dec 7th. 12:30-4:00 pm at the
 Goshen Community Centre.**



"At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year." Thomas Tusser

**St. Mary's Pastoral Charge
The United Church of Canada
Sunday, December 4th and 11th**

9:30 am- Bethany United Church, East River St.
Mary's

11:00 am- St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke

7:00 pm- Kirk Memorial United Church, Glenelg
Friday, December 16th

Christmas Open House, 7:00 pm, The Manse,
Aspen

Sunday, December 18th

Service of Light and Holy Communion Combined
Service, 7pm Bethany United Church, East River
St. Mary's

Saturday, December 24th

Combined Service, 7:00 pm Kirk Memorial United
Church, Glenelg

Sunday, December 25th

Combined Service, 11:00 am St. John's United
Church, Sherbrooke

*For information or to inquire about Sunday School,
Youth Group or Bible Study, please phone our
minister, Derek Elsworth, at 833-2920 or visit our
website at*

www.stmaryspastoralcharge.blogspot.com



50th Wedding Anniversary

We, Robert & Lois Kelly of Sherbrooke would like to thank our family for planning and hosting a beautiful 50th Wedding Anniversary Luncheon at St. Mary's Lions Hall on September 4, 2011. We are also grateful that so many of our friends, members of our extended family, and our church and community were able to attend. Your presence at the event, as well as your cards, donations, gifts and well-wishes were, and continue to be, so much appreciated. "Thank-you".

Sincerely, Robert & Lois Kelly

Seniors Turkey Dinner

Tuesday, December 13th,
Ecum Secum Firehall.



Donation box at the door.



Card Parties at the Ecum
Secum Fire Hall, Tuesday nights at
7:30 pm. Everyone welcome!

St. Mary's District Lions Club Annual Speak-Out

Thursday, Dec. 1st, 7 pm at the Lions Club
Community Centre.

Open to the public- no charge for
admission



Light lunch provided.

Come and show your support for our high school students. You won't be disappointed!

The Annual Casserole Supper, Christmas Crafts and Bake Tables will be held in the Glenelg Presbyterian Church hall on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 from 4-6 pm. Supper: Adults, \$8.00, Children under 12 \$4.00. Takeouts will be available.



Happy Holidays from High-Crest Sherbrooke!

We have two ladies with Birthdays in December they are:

Lillie MacKeen Dec. 1st

Lucy Gammon Dec. 21st

Happy Birthday ladies, we will have your birthday celebration in January!



Our Annual Christmas Tea & Sale will be held on **Thursday December 8th at 1:30**. The price of the tea is \$5.00. Please come for some tea, sandwiches, sweets, and a visit. We will have a bake table set up by our Homebuddies with some delicious goodies and also a craft/gently used table. Any donations greatly accepted.

Our Christmas Tea is a special event for our residents. It is a great opportunity to visit with the community and welcome people into their home. Please mark the date on your calendar. Look forward to seeing you there!

With the holidays approaching there is always a question of what to purchase for gifts. We have gift certificates available on site for our hair salon!

Please drive carefully over the holiday season!

Sonora/St. Mary's River Community Centre



Join us for "Christmas by the Sea" and view our many

decorated trees. There are prizes to be won and tea and lunch for everyone. We hope to see you there as we spread the Christmas cheer.

When: December 3rd, 2-4 pm

Admission: \$5.00

Country Harbour Gun Club

Dec. 4th- Christmas Prize Bingo starting at 2:00 pm.

Dec. 17th- Country Breakfast 8:30-10:30 am.
Adults- \$6.00, Children- \$3.00

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fun with S.H.O.P.S. bake sale on Nov. 19th, 2011. Congrats to Emily Parsons who won the

11th Annual Christmas Banquet
Bethel Community Church, South Lochaber
Friday, Dec. 9th 6:30 pm.
Attendance is free!



basket of goodies.

Christmas Flea Market/Craft-n-Bake Sale

Where: Ecum Secum Fire Hall

When: Sat., Dec. 3rd at 9:00 am.

For more info or to book tables call Susan at 347-2825 or Carolyn at 347-2390.

CHRISTMAS AT BAYVIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH

4761 HWY 7, LISCOMB 779-2709

Dec. 16th: Potluck dinner and carol sing. 5:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass.

Dec. 22nd: Memorial Service for David Granter at 2:00 pm.

Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 pm.

Dec. 25th: Christmas Day Service at 6:00 pm.

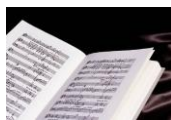


Saturday, November 26,
Christmas in Sherbrooke
– The Historic Sherbrooke
Village Development

Society will be hosting a dinner theatre featuring the **Harbour Players** on Saturday, November 26 at the Lions Hall. Tickets for the play, “**Bed Rock n Roll**” will be available at the Sherbrooke Village Administration Office.

HYMN SING

The monthly old-fashioned hymn sing at the common room of Maple Manor in Sherbrooke will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, beginning at 6:00 pm. There is no cost, and everyone is welcome. Come out and join us for some music and fun!



The Annual Christmas program at the Stormont Union Church will be held on Sat., Dec 17th at 7 pm. This year we welcome Maureen MacKinnon from

New Glasgow to share with us a Charles Dickens Classic, ‘A Christmas Carol’ along with traditional musical selections by our local performers. Admission \$5.00 at the door. Everyone welcome.

Ryan MacGrath Holiday Concert
Goshen Community Centre, Sat. Dec. 3rd, 7:30

Admission \$10.00

Ryan will be joined by The Reeves Family.

A Bake Auction and light lunch during intermission.

Chip Fun Darts

Friday nights 7 pm at Ecum Secum Fire Hall. Ages 15 & up.

Come out and have some fun, for a couple of hours, whether you know how to play or not. Just have fun!

For info: call Susan at 347-2825 or Marlene at 347-2795 or Travis at 347-2188.



ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 56,
SHERBROOKE

The Legion hall is available for birthday parties, baby/wedding showers etc for a fee of \$25.00 Due to low membership, Branch 56, Sherbrooke, is in danger of having to close its doors. Please note that members do not have to be veterans. If you are interested in belonging to an organization that serves your community (ie. Donations to food bank, school scholarships, breakfast program etc) and if you are willing to be actively involved- please contact:

Greg at 522-2797 or Kelly at 522-2553.

ROYAL CAN. LEGION BR. #86 LISCOMB

Next general meeting: Tues, Dec. 6th. Election of officers will take place at this meeting

ACTIVITIES:

AUCTION 45'S- Thursdays at 8 pm \$5.00

CRIBBAGE- Saturdays at 8 pm \$5.00

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, November 29th-2-5 pm

Games, visit with Santa and meal

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

December 10th-Mark your calendars.

House Tours: 1pm-4pm

Craft and Bake Sale: 11am-12:30 pm. Call Cheryl at 779-2677 to book table, space is limited.

Christmas Tea by the Gentlemen- 2pm-4pm

Children's Christmas Concert- 6:30 pm

Lighting of Tree at Parish Hall following concert

NEW YEARS DANCE & BUFFET

Liscomb Legion-Dec. 31st 9-1. Music: Devil's Elbow

Tickets on sale-December 1st- tickets limited

\$35 per couple, \$20 single ticket

Contact Deb Lutes at 779-2231

Foot Clinics are held weekly at St.

Mary's Memorial Hospital. Call

522-2882 to book an appointment.

A \$15.00 fee is payable upon registration.



A Pap Screening Clinic will be held by RN's at St. Mary's Memorial Hospital on November 29th from 3:00-7:00 pm. Call 522-2882 for an appointment.

Clean NS is offering a free program to Small Businesses and Not-For-Profit organizations in St. Mary's area. This program includes the following:

- exchange of incandescent light bulbs to new energy efficient ones
- exchange of thermostats to programmable ones
- the placement of thermal wraps on hot water tanks running on electricity only
- the replacement of light bulbs in "exit" signs with LED ones

All of these items will be replaced free of charge if you fall under one of the two groups above. If you qualify and have not yet been contacted and would like to participate in this program, please contact **Christa Webber at the GCRDA by December 2, 2011 at 522-2432 or christarae.webber@gcrda.ns.ca.** This program will end in the New Year, so take advantage today!

The Guysborough County Adult Learning Association offers training that will improve your chances of finding work: e.g. Basic Math Skills, Communicating More Effectively, Learning and Improving Computer Skills, Preparing to Write the GED. To learn how a workshop or adult learning program can come to your community, call GALA at 533-4252.

The Annual Meeting of St. Mary's Cancer Society will be held on December 8, 2011 at the Sherbrooke Exhibit Centre at 1:30 pm. Guest Speaker Eastern Region Representative Susan Kaiser will be with us to answer any questions.

Refreshments served, all welcome. Further info call 522-2046 or 522-2518.

Watch for Your Assessment Notice in the Mail
Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) will be mailing out your property assessments January 16, 2012. Please take time to confirm correct information on the notice, such as correct mailing address.

If you wish to appeal, take note of the deadline (detach the bottom piece and send to PVSC). PVSC determines your property's market value and the Municipality uses that assessed value as part of a calculation to determine tax rates and to calculate tax bills.

If you have any questions regarding property value, description, number of dwelling units, etc, please contact PVSC at 1-800-380-7775 from 8:30-4:30. Fax 1-888-339-4555 or website www.psvc.ca

Questions regarding tax rate calculations, please contact the Municipal Office at 522-2049.

St. Mary's District Community Christmas Choir Concerts

The Community Choir, under the direction of Iris Hayes, will present their annual Christmas Sacred



Concert at two venues:

Monday, Dec. 12th, at Sonora Baptist Church,
1871 Sonora Road, 7:00 PM

Thursday, Dec. 15th, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Port Bickerton, 7:00 PM

(A free will offering will be received in support of Carol Hayne's liberation therapy.)

All are invited to come and enjoy the concert, which is becoming a Christmas tradition in this area.

December at



Indian Harbour Lake

Pentecostal Church

Sunday

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Service cancelled on December 25th

Weekday Activities

Wed., Dec. 7th 7:00 Bible Study on the Life of Moses

Fri., Dec. 16th 7:00 p.m. Youth Group (Ages 12 – 18) at the parsonage.

Special Christmas Events



Sunday, December 18th – 7:00 p.m.

JFJ (Juniors for Jesus) Club presents the Christmas Story

Saturday, December 24th – 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

All are Welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Dave Connolly at 522-2759

or pastordave@ihlpentecostalchurch.ca

The congregation of Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church wish all a blessed Christmas filled with the peace and hope of Christ whose Birth we celebrate.



Christmas Party

at

JFJ Club

(Juniors for Jesus)

Saturday, December 3rd

12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Center

For Boys and Girls ages 6 and up

Sponsored by Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

The Anglican Parish of Liscomb & Port Bickerton
The Rev.'d Melissa Frankland, Rector
522 2510

Advent II (December 4th)

9am St Paul's Port Bickerton
11am St Thomas' IHL
3pm St Luke's Liscomb (Special Guest Preacher:
Mrs. Shirley Pearce, refreshments to follow)
7pm St James' Sherbrooke (At Maple Manor)

Advent III (December 11th)

9am St. Luke's Liscomb
11am St. James' Sherbrooke (At Maple Manor)
3pm St. Thomas' IHL
7pm St. Paul's Port Bickerton

Advent IV (December 18th)

9am St. James' Sherbrooke (At Maple Manor)
11am St. Luke's Liscomb
3pm St. Paul's Port Bickerton
7pm St. Thomas' IHL

The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord (December 24th)

4pm St. James' Sherbrooke (at the Church)
6pm St. Luke's Liscomb
8pm St. Thomas' IHL
10pm St. Paul's Port Bickerton

*Jammin with Jesus will meet December 1st and
December 22nd, 6pm at the Hall in Liscomb all kids
aged 6-12 are welcome!*

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for David Granter, formerly of Liscomb, who passed away on October 10th, 2011. The memorial service will take place on Thursday December 22nd, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Bayview Baptist Church in Spanish Ship Bay. Doris Granter would like to thank everyone who has supported her since her husband's passing, and invites everyone who knew him to come share their memories of David, and help his family celebrate the life of a man who will be greatly missed.

The Baptist Congregation of Port Hilford, Port Bickerton & Sonora

(Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches)

Best wishes to all residents of St. Mary's District this Christmas Season. May you experience the joy of Christ (Immanuel, God with us) at Christmas and through the New Year.

You are invited to our upcoming Worship Services and events:

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:00 PM at Port Hilford United Baptist Church: Shirley Pearce will share experiences of

her mission trip to **India** in August-September 2011. Everyone is invited.

Dec. 4, 11 AM – Port Bickerton United Baptist Church
Dec. 11, 11:00 AM – Sonora Baptist Church
Dec. 18, 11:00 AM – Port Hilford United Baptist Church
Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 11:00 AM – Port Bickerton United Baptist Church

An Adult Elective study is held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. Topic: "Groups of Hope".

For more information, contact Rev. Norman Pearce, 522-2087 or hbs.baptist@ns.sympatico.ca.



BUSINESSES in Sherbrooke.....The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Recreation Department is having a contest to see what business has the best Christmas decorations. So, whoever

has the best Christmas decorations, will win a prize on behalf of the municipality. We will be judging on December 22. AND.....Communities can get in on the action as well! We are doing this by whoever has the best decorated or best decorations at their household. BUT, people who are doing this, MUST call the recreation department to register in the contest or you will not be considered. A prize will be given to the winner on behalf of the municipality.

RECREATION IN ST. MARY'S In the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's there are many of opportunities to be involved in recreation type activities. So, the recreation department is asking you to ask yourself, "What do I do to stay healthy and active, or what can I do to improve my well-being relating to recreation and leisure?" In addition, what would you like to do to be involved in recreation events and/or activities? The recreation department wants to know the answers to the questions! Please send them to the municipal office in Sherbrooke, attention Josh Corkum. We would like to hear them!

ST. MARY'S RECPLX

Ice Rentals: Private Rentals \$135, no HST. Minor Hockey, Schools, Birthday Parties-\$110.00

A great way to celebrate your child's birthday is to rent the rink for skating, hockey, or both. Ice rental time includes the use of the Hospitality Room.



St. Mary's Recplex has free family skates every Sunday.
