



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 4:00pm. The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 6th, 2022 at 4:00pm followed by a Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:00pm. The second Committee of the Whole meetings for April is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th at 4:00pm. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on April 15th and 18th for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Community Transit Business Plan

Do you have difficulty getting where you need to go? Do you know someone else who does? We want to hear from you! You are invited to participate in a public engagement session facilitated by Common Good Solutions:

- Wednesday, April 6th, 1-2pm @ Royal Canadian Legion Liscomb
- Wednesday, April 6th, 4-5pm @ Port Bickerton Community Ctr.
- Wednesday, April 6th, 7-8pm @ Sherbrooke Lions Club
- Thursday, April 7th, 1:30 -2:30pm @ Greenfield Oldsters Club
- Thursday, April 7th, 3:30 - 4:30pm @ Goshen Community Ctr

Can't attend in-person? Join us virtually! Find more info at www.saint-marys.ca/community-engagement.html. If you have any questions, please reach out to consulting@commongoodsolutions.ca

Land Development Committee

The Land Assessment & Development Incentive Committee is looking for new members to join us! As a member of this committee you will work with staff and council members to explore opportunities for land assessment & development incentives. Applications to participate on this committee are available at www.saint-marys.ca or by emailing marissa.jordan@saint-marys.ca. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2022.

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The deadline for the May Municipal Newsletter is Wednesday, April 20th at 4:00pm.

Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309 or emailed to recreation@saint-marys.ca.

Subscribe to our newsletter contributor email list by contacting Kerri at 902-522-2607

St. Mary's Municipal Transfer Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

Eastern Shore Cartage
1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	April 5 Recycling	April 12 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	April 19 Recycling	April 26 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 3 Recycling
Wednesday (Zone 2)	April 6 Recycling	April 13 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	April 20 Recycling	April 27 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 4 Recycling
Thursday (Zone 3)	April 7 Recycling	April 14 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	April 21 Recycling	April 28 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	May 5 Recycling

April 2022 Solid Waste Collection

ZONE 1: New Chester, Ecum Secum, Liscomb to Sherbrooke including Sonora and Old Road Hill.

ZONE 2: East Loon Lake, Smithfield, Denver, Newtown, Glenelg Church Rd, Aspen to Goshen to Borneo Rd inclusive.

ZONE 3: Hwy 211, IHL to Port Bickerton, Stillwater, West Melrose, Lead Minds Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

Recreation

Recplex Year End

Thank you to the community for another great season at the Recplex. Thank you to all of the community organizations and their volunteers who take the time to plan and host programs for community members. Stay tuned for information on programs that will take place at the facility over the Spring and Summer.

Happy Feet

St. Mary's Recreation is hosting a free 10 week after school running program for children in grades primary to 5. Happy Feet will take place Thursday's after school from 2:30 - 4:00 at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy starting on April 7th. Children must bring proper footwear, clothing and a water bottle. If the weather is nice, we will be going outside! This program will run from April 7th to June 9th. Registration is required to attend, please find out form online at www.saint-marys.ca under the Recreation tab.

Open Gym

Open Gym is a free play program that allows all school aged children to be the masters of play! Children and parents are invited to attend this weekly program in the new gym at SMECA and choose their own equipment and activity. Equipment will be provided, but must be respected and cleaned up at the end of the program. Open Gym will take place Tuesday's from 6:30-7:30pm starting on April 5th. Registration is required to attend, please find out form online at www.saint-marys.ca under the Recreation tab. This program is made possible through funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Aging in Community, St. Mary's

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is excited to announce that it has received funding through the Province's Age Friendly Communities Grant. \$16,500 will be utilized to expand Seniors Social events throughout St. Mary's to include guest speakers, recreational activities & equipment and to continue to strengthen the relationship with volunteer groups who host these events. A St. Mary's Seniors Informational booklet will also be developed through these funds.

St. Mary's Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Check out the Municipality's website in April for clues to help you locate Easter Eggs throughout St. Mary's. Eggs will be well hidden and will require answering a riddle or trivia question to find. For every egg found, you will have your name entered into a draw for a prize. Visit www.saint-marys.ca to find out more.

St. Mary's Rainbow Club

The Municipality has received funding from the Guys-borough County Community Health Board to create a Rainbow Club for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and their allies in St. Mary's. We want to hear from you, are you a youth within this community? What type of program do you want this to be? Are you an ally, or an interested volunteer? Get in touch with Kerri to find out how you can get involved 902-522-2049.

Female Fun & Fitness

Female Fitness & Fun will take place each Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for women 18+. Each week we will participate in one hour of physical activity followed by an hour of a creative activity. Child care for children ages 4-12 can be arranged for participants who request it. To sign-up call 902-522-2607 or email recreation@saint-marys.ca. This is a free program made possible through funding from the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association.

After School Intermurals

Youth in grades 2-6 are invited to take part in our After School Intermurals Program. Participants will be broken into teams each week and compete in variety of team sports. Individuals statistics will be kept and prizes will be handed out at the end of the program in June. After School Intermurals will take place on Monday's from 2:30-4 starting on April 25th. Registration is required to attend, please find out form online at www.saint-marys.ca under the Recreation tab. This program is made possible through funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Glow in the Dark Teen Dance

There will be a teen dance held at the St. Mary's Lion's Hall from 7-10pm for students in grades 7-12 on April 16th. The theme of the dance is glow in the dark, so bring your white shirts, glow sticks and any other light-up accessories. There will be prizes for the coolest glow -in-the-dark outfit! Snacks and drinks will be available.

Municipal Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Sherbrooke Village! This year our hunt will begin in the Heritage Park on Court Street at 11:00am on April 16th. Eggs will be hidden all throughout the Village, with a toddler only zone in the Heritage Park for all those under 4. The municipality would like to thank the Sherbrooke Village and Whale Sanctuary project for their contribution to this event.

Municipal News

Employment Opportunity **Economic Development Officer (Term)**

The Municipality is seeking an individual to join our administrative team in the position of Economic Development Officer. This is an 8-month term position beginning in May 2022 until January 2023 with the possibility of extension. The Economic Development Officer will lead efforts in facilitating economic and business development to secure growth and to increase local employment opportunities. The position will promote new business opportunities and provide support to existing businesses in the area to help with retention and expansion efforts and long-term economic sustainability for the district. This successful applicant will be expected to work 35 hours/week, Monday- Friday with a salary range of \$40,000- \$50,000 per year based on qualifications and demonstrated ability. Applications including resume and cover letter along with references will be accepted until 4:00pm, Wednesday, April 13th, 2022. Applications accepted by: Email: marissa.jordan@saint-marys.ca or Mail: PO Box 296, 8296 Highway #7 Sherbrooke NS B0J 3C0, or in person during regular office hours. For the full job description, please visit www.saint-marys.ca

Employment Opportunity **Seeds of Literacy Coordinator**

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is seeking applicants for a five hour a week Seeds of Literacy Program Coordinator position. The availability of this position is dependent on funding from the province of Nova Scotia. The term is from May 1st, 2022, to March 31st, 2022. Working under the direction of the Municipal Clerk, the Seeds of Literacy Program Coordinator will undertake initiatives working to improve literacy skills for youth in St. Mary's. Application details: Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15th, 2022. Resumes and cover letters can be dropped off at the municipal office from 8:30 - 4:00 Monday to Friday, sent to PO Box 296 Sherbrooke, N.S. B0J 3C0, care of Mallory Fraser, faxed to (902)-522-2309 or emailed to mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca.

Residential Low Income Property Tax Exemption

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's provides assistance to homeowners to help pay their residential property taxes. Qualified applicants will receive a credit which is applied directly to the tax account. The total annual household income for the 2021/2022 year is \$22,600 with a provided tax exemption of \$150 for those that qualify. Contact the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 for more information on the program and how to apply.

Employment Opportunity **Youth Program Manager**

The Municipality is seeking to fill the role of Youth Programming Manager. This is a 22 week position for a youth aged 15-30 spanning from April-September. The Youth Programming Manager will be tasked with developing/managing summer programming for youth and teens and assist with program delivery and special events. This position is 35 hours/week, Monday-Friday (possible weekend/evening hours) and an hourly wage of \$14.00 an hour + vacation pay. Apply by resume, attached references and a 500-word reflection answering the question "Who have you looked up to in your life? What are some of the special characteristics that person had, and why do you think they made such an impact on your life? Applications can be dropped off at the Municipal Office, by email at recreation@saint-marys.ca, faxed to 902-522-2309 or by mail to PO Box 296 Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. The deadline for applications is 4:00pm, Wednesday, April 6th, 2022. This position is 100% funded by Canadian Parks and Recreation's Youth Employment Experience Program.

Seniors Care Grant Program

If you're over 65, you can get up to \$500 towards household chores like lawn care, grocery and laundry delivery and more. Call 1-800-670-4357 or www.novascotia.ca/seniorscaregrant to apply now! Applications close May 31, 2022.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Please consider serving as a volunteer member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Contact Mallory at mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2496.

Your Civic Address

Maintenance of civic addresses are important to the delivery of effective emergency services, mail delivery, and other municipal services. The Municipality provides civic signs for businesses and residents of the District. These signs made specifically for each owner can be purchased from the Municipal Office, complete with a 2-metre angle iron post to be secured in the ground, at a cost of \$40.00. To order your sign call 902-522-2049.

Divert NS Scholarship

Divert NS is offering up to \$20,000 over seven scholarships to Grade 12 students in Nova Scotia who have exemplified dedication in protecting our environment. Deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 1st, 2022 by midnight. Visit divertns.ca for more details.

St. Mary's Recreation Plan

REConsulting and UPLAND Planning + Design, in partnership with the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, are currently undertaking a Recreation Plan for the area. The project is focused on assessing the current state of recreation in the municipality and the needs and desires of community members moving forward. Is there an activity you'd you like to try but isn't offered? Do you prefer to access recreation programs, or do you prefer to go for a hike or work out at home? We want to hear from you! Throughout April and May there will be a community survey open for you to share your experiences, challenges and ideas to help shape the Recreation Plan. This is an exciting opportunity to directly impact the way recreation services are delivered in St. Mary's, as well as the types of programs, equipment, and facilities that are offered. The official project will launch in April with the public survey link. The survey link will be posted on the Community Engagement page on the District of St. Mary's website, as well as through their social media. You can keep an eye on the project's progress at: <https://www.saint-marys.ca/community-engagement.html>

Tourism Scholarships

Over 40,000 Nova Scotians work in the Tourism Sector. The Canadian Tourism Industry offers a variety of rewarding careers and will create more than 90,000 new jobs over the next two years. The Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council offers three Tourism Scholarships for graduating high school students pursuing post secondary education in tourism. The Council also offers a scholarship for Tourism Professionals working in the Industry who are interested in pursuing a professional development opportunity to enhance their career. In addition to the Council's Scholarship the Industry offers a number of scholarships as listed below. For more info, visit <https://tourismhrc.com/tourism-scholarships/>

Canadian Internet Registration Authority Grants

CIRA Grants are awarded for internet-related projects and are available in amounts of up to \$100,000, including one grant of up to \$250,000. The program considers projects that align with four funding areas:

- Infrastructure projects or research to help improve internet access, speed, and affordability.
- Digital literacy tools, research, and training programs to develop digital skills.
- Cybersecurity projects or research, tools and training that promote online safety.
- Community leadership initiatives including events or research that engage Canadians in domestic internet policy issues.

Projects that benefit rural, Northern and Indigenous communities, and students (K-12 and post-secondary) will be prioritized. Since the program started in 2014, CIRA has funded 185 projects with \$9.2 million. Learn more about how to apply for a CIRA Grant by visiting cira.ca/grants. Grant deadline is April 13th, 2022.

Nova Scotia Power/Emera Scholarships

Nova Scotia Power is proud to foster education, diversity and inclusion to help empower students to follow their dreams. Providing opportunities to learn and grow is essential for creating a workforce that will help build strong, healthy and successful communities of tomorrow. In 2022, the following scholarship and bursaries are available: African Nova Scotian Scholarship, emerging leader scholarship, Mi'kmaq bursaries, family scholarship, women in trades, engineering & Technology scholarships and the Chris Huskilson Emera Scholarship. Visit nspower.ca/scholarships to apply. Deadline is April 20th, 2022.

Economic Development

Green Jobs, Clean Foundation

The Green Job program looks to place young Canadians in roles in the natural resources sector. Employers and interns are invited to apply through this Program by April 4th, 2022. For employees, wage subsidies of up to \$20,000 per intern hired. Interns can apply for paid positions. Email greenjobs@cleanfoundation.ca.

Advertise Employment Opportunities

Are you a local business looking for local qualified employees to fill positions with your company? Utilize the Municipal Newsletter. Contact Marissa at 902-522-2049 or marissa.jordan@saint-marys.ca

Mashup Lab - Unleash Rural Potential

The Mashup Lab Virtual Business Incubator program is designed with a single purpose: Activate untapped entrepreneurial talent to transform great ideas in to great businesses in rural communities. Through this intense, hands-on process we work with groups of up to 15 people at a time, helping them to understand foundational underpinnings of their business model and the next steps they need to take to begin to validate the viability of their business idea. Visit <https://mashuplab.ca/novascotia/> for more information.

CBDC Guysborough County

Need financing for your business? Loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County. Some sectors include, fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.

- Business loans up to a maximum of \$600,000 with flexible interest rates starting at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.
 - Loans available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc.
 - Quick approval Micro Loans available up to \$10,000.
 - Business start-up info and counseling available.
- Self-Employment Benefits Program -. (SEB) - Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business startup.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited. PO Box 199, 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0. Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016 Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca

Wilson's Cove Excavation & Trucking Property Manager

Duties include: maintaining property boundary lines, laying out building sites for development, marking off cut blocks for harvesting, tree thinning, wellness checks on customer sites. Experience: Must have experience with chainsaw, drivers license. Please contact Jason at 902-209-3260 or send resume to Jason@wilsonscove.ca

Employment Opportunities

Nimrod's Campground Operator Position

\$14.00 hour, 40 hours/week including weekends and holidays. Start Date May 9th, 2022. The Operator is responsible for all aspects of the campground, including answering telephone inquiries, checking in guests, sales of ice, firewood, snacks etc., handling cash, keeping accurate records, janitorial duties, grounds keeping and general maintenance. The applicant needs to take pride in the work and in the presentation and success of the campground. Nimrod's Campground has 60 sites, most with power and water. Please include your qualifications, job history and references. Applications may be emailed to stmarysfishandgame2020@gmail.com or sent to St. Mary's Fish and Game Association, PO Box 86, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Deadline is April 30, 2022. For a full job description, email Carola at stmarysfishandgame2020@gmail.com.

Wilson's Cove Excavation & Trucking Flagger - Signers

Looking for 4-5 People interested in part-time employment working as a flagger or signer. No experience required—will train as needed. Work will be on an as-needed basis. Opportunity for other tasks if interested. Please contact Jason at 902-209-3260 or send resume to Jason@wilsonscove.ca

Community Services

Guysborough Co. Community Health Board

We are now accepting volunteer board members! Are you interested in helping your community with issues related to poverty, food security, early childhood development and social inclusion? The Community Health Board can offer you the opportunity to have your voice heard, promote and improve health and wellness in your community, meet new people, give back to your community and have a say in how wellness grants are awarded. Come join us! We welcome your thoughts and fresh ideas at our table. Please contact our Coordinator; Dorothy Bennett at 902-768-4500 ex 4272 or email dorothy.bennett@nshealth.ca or visit our website <https://www.communityhealthboards.ns.ca>.

MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

MacMillan's Mobile Depot will be having a recyclable collection on April 16th and 30th starting at 10 am. It will be located at the St. Mary's Recplex.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-338-0981 or 902-833-2920 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. The box to receive food donations is located at Clover Farm. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Thank you to those who have made donations in memory or as a gift. Cards are sent to the family stating that a donation has been made. All support is greatly appreciated.

Guysborough Co. Adult Learning Association

We offer the opportunity to upgrade your skills (math, reading, writing, computer, GED prep, etc.). Online learning is available now. We strive to meet your learning needs. For more info call 902-533-4252 (GALA office) or 902-783-2360 (Louise— District of St. Mary's GALA Instructor).

Kids First at SMECA

Tuesdays – The 3+ program is a drop-off program for children 3 and over from 9:30-11am. Please use the Memorial Place entrance. Funding for travel is available upon request. Please do not attend if child is feeling unwell or exposed to Covid19. Call/text 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca if your child has not attended before. **Wednesdays** – St. Mary's Kids First Parent/Drop-in program takes place on Wednesdays from 9:30-11am. Families with children age birth to six years are welcome. Please do not attend if feeling sick or exposed to Covid 19. Due to Covid 19, space is limited, registration required. Call/text 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca. The **Guysborough County Prenatal Program** is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call 902-533-3881 or toll free at 1-888-533-3881 for more information. The **Parenting Journey Program** is a support for parents with children up to 16 years. Self-referrals are welcome. For more info call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca All participants of Kids First programs must follow Covid19 guidelines to attend programs.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Did you know? We have lots of great new library materials at Sherbrooke Public Library. Find entertainment in a thrilling novel, an inspirational biography, or a funny picture book. Cook a nutritious dinner using a recipe from a cookbook. Discover an exciting movie or television series on DVD or Blu-ray. Borrow something new today. To browse the shelves, visit the library Wednesday to Friday from 9:30am-12:00pm, or 12:30pm-3pm. While supplies last, the library is distributing COVID-19 rapid tests during open hours. For more information, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit our website at ecrl.ca. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: facebook.com/ECRLibrary | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society (SHOPS)

We want to thank everyone for your support in purchasing VON Frozen Meals from SHOPS' partner! These delicious frozen meals can be purchased for \$6 each. Contact us for order details and order today! Also, keep an eye out for our Spring fundraiser!

Congregational Services

St. Mary's Pastoral Charge - The United Church of Canada

Sundays in April: 9:30 am Kirk, Glenelg. 11:00 am Bethany, East River St. Mary's. 7:00 pm St. John's, Sherbrooke Weekly Activities: **Women's Bible Study:** 10am Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. **Men's Group:** 7pm Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. **UCW:** First Thursday of every month, 2pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg. **Junior Youth Group** (our charge's program for youth, grades 6-8): 7-8:30pm every second Friday at Kirk. **JAM Club Jesus And Me** (our charge's program for children and all ages Sunday school): 2pm, every second Sunday at Kirk. This year's theme: "Celebrate!". **Senior Youth Group** (our charge's program for youth, grades 9-12): 7:30pm every second Friday at Kirk. **The Living Room**, join us in a relaxed, living room/cafe atmosphere, for contemporary worship, prayer, praise, and time for just being together as community! Held in the lower hall of St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke. For more information email stmaryspastoralcharge@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

Easter Services Schedule. All Are Welcome!
April 10, 10:30am Palm Sunday
April 15, 10:30am Good Friday
April 17, 10:30am Easter Sunday Service
Christ's empty grave is proof that no matter how bad things may seem, there is always hope for a new day. May God revive all your dreams and hopes this Easter.

Bethel Community Church

1369 Hwy 7, Lochiel Lake. Contact Pastor Freda Steeves for an updated service schedule for this month. www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Worship Services April 2022

Sunday April 3 - Fifth Sunday in Lent:

9:00 AM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

11:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sunday April 10 – Palm Sunday:

9:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

11:00 AM St. James, Sherbrooke

7:00 PM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

Thursday April 14 – Maundy Thursday:

7:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Friday April 15 – Good Friday:

9:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

3:00 PM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

Saturday April 16 – Easter Vigil:

7:00 PM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

Sunday April 17 – Easter Sunday

9:00 AM St. James, Sherbrooke

11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb

7:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

Sunday April 24:

9:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

11:00 AM St. Paul's Port Bickerton

7:00 PM St. Luke's, Liscomb

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen. 902 783 2972 or 902 318 0711. Email: johnluten3@gmail.com. Our Services to our Community: **Sunday:** 9:15am – Worship Service on Zoom 11:00am – Worship Service in our church building. **Wednesday to Saturday:** Bible Study devotional **Wednesday:** 1pm – Midweek Bible Study and Prayer at our building. If you would like to receive an invitation to our Zoom service, send a request. We will be glad to include you. If we can in any way help, please, let us know.

United Baptist Church

Rev. Scott Chandler. Service is at 3 pm.
April 3rd: Port Bickerton
April 10: Port Hilford
April 17: Port Hilford
April 24th: Port Bickerton

Catholic Church of Sherbrooke

Parish Priest— Fr. Lazarus , 902-776-0228. Please get in contact for an updated service schedule.

Community News & Events

Thank you - Hallett Family

Words are so hard to find. Thank each and every one of you for all of the love and support given at such a tragic time for us all. Phone calls, text messages, cards, visits, monetary donations, food and so much more; the fundraisers - organizers, donations supporters...Eddie's "fishing family" from one end of the province to the other...we are forever grateful to you all. GW Giffin's Funeral Services, Shelley and Lewis, your kindness and true compassion will always be remembered. The stickers, bracelets, sweaters etc. all show so much love for Eddie. Above all, the love, hugs, shared tears and heartbreak for my son will never be forgotten. All of your love and strength is helping to get through this devastating time. Heartfelt thanks and love to you all. - Kathy, Kyla, Jaxon (mom Kim) & Delaney (Mom Brittney)

Country Harbour Gun Club

Country Breakfast - \$10 Adults, \$3 Children 8:30am to 10am. Saturday, April 16th, 2022

ATV Rally - Saturday, April 23rd, 2022. Leaving from Country Harbour Gun Club.

Saint John's Liscomb Cemetery Society

The Annual meeting of the Saint John's Liscomb Cemetery Society will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, at the home of Judy Hartling, 5055 Highway 7, Liscomb. Please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend, so we can continue to arrange for the on-going care and maintenance of our community cemetery. We are always happy to welcome new members! 2022 dues of \$10 per person are now due and can be paid at that time or given / sent to Rachel Baker, Treasurer. For further information, please call Ruth Legge (779-2931) or Rachel Baker (779-2062).

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop hours - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-3pm. Game day is Wednesday 1-4pm. We would like everyone to please wear a mask. We are still accepting recyclables.

Ecum Secum Community Park

We want to thank everyone who purchased tickets on the Crib Board donated by Everett Baker. Congratulations to Jim Beck on your win! We also wanted to thank everyone who participated and donated to our online auction, the support of our surrounding communities is astounding and we are grateful. **Upcoming events:** Penny Auction and dessert walk at the Ecum Secum Firehall on April 2nd. The doors open at 6pm and it starts at 7pm. We are also having a Drop-in 50-50 Chip Bingo at the firehall on Saturday April 9th from 1-4. Doors open at 12. Cards are 0.25 each. We will have a canteen with fresh chili and hot dogs for sale!

St. Paul's Willing Workers

The St. Paul's Willing workers hosting a free senior social event on April 19th from 10am-2pm at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Join us for social activities and lunch.

Thank you - Harpell Family

The Harpell Family would like to thank everyone for their compassion and loving kindness during Jr's illness. Cards, letters, phone calls, flowers, food, visits and donations to various charities. Also thanks to Continuing Care Nursing Services, Dr's. and staff at St. Mary's Hospital and St. Martha's Hospital. A special thank you to Rev. Kristin Mackenzie and Rev. Sue Channon. As well as G.W. Giffin Funeral Home. Thank You All. Sandra, Curtis. Stacey and Families.

Greenfield Oldsters Club

There will be a meeting on April 7th at 1:30p.m. to discuss community transportation.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

Visit Clara Wulf every Friday between 11 am – 3:00 pm at Maple Manor for fresh baked goods.

St. Mary's Fish and Game Association

Camping season is quickly approaching, and we are looking for new members to join the St. Mary's Fish and Game Association. We are a non-profit organization and have been working hard over the last two years, under its new leadership, to bring Nimrod's Campground back to the great place it used to be. We are excited to find the next crop of members who can continue bringing good ideas to the group! We would be honoured to have you consider serving on the association. As a committee member your only responsibilities are to attend meetings, bring your thoughts and ideas to the group and to volunteer at the campground when needed. Anyone 16+ is welcome to join and is required to pay an annual membership fee of \$20. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to reach out directly. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email us at stmarysfishandgame2020@gmail.com or call by April 1, 2022. After this date we will contact you with a meeting date. We look forward to working with you to make this the best year yet. Carola Morrison, Secretary, 902-789-2207, Colin Fleet, President, 902-759-4422. Art McNeil, Vice-President, 902-880-5090.

Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Comm. Ct

We would like to thank everyone who attended the 4 wheeler rally as a fundraiser for the centre. Thank you to the workers and Douglas MacDonald for looking after the trails and planning. We raised \$911.50.

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department

Please note, there will not be an annual rate payers meeting held this year as the rates are remaining the same for 2022/23.

Stillwater Community Centre

Please join us for some fun, great prizes and cards every Friday night at 8pm from April 1st - June 24th.

St. Mary's ATV Club

The St. Mary's ATV Club needs the help of its members. You can show your support by attending the next monthly meeting at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre, 6:00pm Thursday, April 14th, 2022. Also by purchasing 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw and choosing ST. Mary's ATV Club. When you choose the St. Mary's ATV Club, 40% of the sales goes to the club. 2022 registrations are now available at Fraser's Garage. All you need to register your ATV is your ATV license number, make, model and year. Register now and support the St. Mary's ATV Club.

Port Bickerton Community Easter Egg Hunt

Community members are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 17th starting at 11am at the Community Centre. Donations are welcome. Contact Kerri Penney or Kelly Stevens for more information.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

Open Thursday-Saturday 5pm to 11pm. Video lottery machines and Legion bar are available during these times. General Meeting for April will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7pm. **Cribbage Tournament** - Saturday, April 30 at 2pm - 8 games, supper break, and 8 more games. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, and two 50/50 draws. \$15.00 to play includes a ham and salad cold plate supper. Please call Keith at 779-2844 or Connie at 328-4207 to pre-register. **Cribbage** - every Thursday and Saturday evening at 8pm. **Shuffleboard** - every Friday evening at 7pm. **Lucky Card Raffle** - Now Open - Rules on Facebook and at the Legion Hall, \$5.00 to play. **Rafflebox Online 50/50** - Now Registered - Details on Facebook and at the Legion Hall. Email Notifications: Legion Members can be added to our distribution list by sending an email with your membership number to branch86RCL@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/381388507073984>

Appreciation from Operation Christmas Child

Wow! We had an incredible year! In 2021, we collected 238 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from the surrounding areas! Thank you to everyone who packed shoeboxes, served as a drop off location, and prayed for Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients in 2021! What a blessing to so many children! Did you know that most times this is a child's first gift ever? Incredible! We are already looking forward to 2022! If you or your church/community group would be interested in partnering to pack shoeboxes in 2022 - we would love to hear from you! Please contact Anita (902)318-3803 or Sean (902)318-0066 - Sean & Anita Ashe Eastern Shore Area Coordinators with Operation Christmas Child.

Saint Mary's Shooters Association

Saint Mary's Shooters Association is accepting renewals via phone (902-782-2820). New members are welcome. The range will be open for practice and shoots in the spring. Members are asked to register with DLF (DNR) to confirm proof of vaccination. The Spring Meeting will be in May (tba) as well as a shooting competition schedule. John Day President SMSA

Earth Day 2022:

Residents of Port Hilford and PH Beach Lovers!

Now, more than ever, we all know that every day should be Earth Day. There is, however, one day that is set aside for us to slow down and acknowledge the bounty of our planet. Friday, April 22, 2022 is Earth Day. You are invited to join us for our annual cleanup. From 9:30-12:30, we will be cleaning the ditches and the beach. You do not need to be a resident of Port Hilford to participate. If interested, please join us at the Port Hilford Beach parking lot at 9:30. Please bring gloves, safety jacket and garbage bags.

2022 SPRING UPDATE FROM THE ST. MARY'S RIVER ASSOCIATION

SPRING NEWS

The Interpretive Centre in Sherbrooke will open on May 2nd for the season. We invite you to drop in during the summer, as we have been upgrading the displays and look of the museum over the last couple of years. Our spring newsletter is available on our website. We invite you to read it. It provides the reader with an overview of our initiatives and the projects that our volunteers continue to work on.

AGM

The River Association's AGM has been scheduled for May 28th (public health guidelines permitting). This will be the first AGM in over 2 years. All are welcome.

SMRA AND DFO JOINT KELT PROJECT

The St. Mary's River Association is once again participating in a project with the Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO) to catch kelt (salmon that have overwintered in the river system) that are leaving the lakes and the river to go to the ocean. Our intention is to start on April 1st, and continue until the required number of kelt – approximately 50 – have been caught. Watch for our anglers who are authorized by DFO via a special license to fish — they will be wearing orange vests and will have an identifying card in their vehicle window.

DFO surgeons will be on hand to surgically insert both acoustic tags and satellite tags this season. The goal is to track salmon further out to sea with particular emphasis on whether salmon are coming in close proximity to oil and gas exploration sites. At some point in the future, the results of where SMR Atlantic salmon travel will be available once the project is completed. We will certainly share this data with you when it becomes available.

Archibald Lake BIOBLITZ

Join the St Mary's River Association on a hike-in Bioblitz at Archibald Lake!

We are going to go twice this spring, to see the variety of species as they emerge from winter rest. Join us for either or both, 11am on April 3rd, and 1pm on May 22nd.

A Bioblitz is a biological inventory. The primary goal of a BioBlitz is to get an overall count of the plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms that live in a place. This Bioblitz will take place at Archibald Lake, a unique natural beauty within the St Mary's River Watershed. At least 300 hectares surrounding the lake is old hardwood forest on drumlin terrain, with mature softwood on the flats. This crown land forest provides outstanding habitat for a highly biodiverse network of species. It is home to the mainland moose population, as well as the endangered wood turtle, and some interesting and vulnerable species of lichen.

Directions: The trailhead is 5km in off Indian River Rd (3.8km from Melrose-Country Harbour Rd, east of 7).

We will be documenting our finds using the phone app, iNaturalist. You're welcome to download this free app before the hike and bring your phone. Use it to familiarize yourself beforehand by uploading photos, maybe just of observations in your own backyard – iNaturalist website has helpful intro tutorials. iNaturalist is an open and shared database of species observations. You can take photos of plants, animals, or fungi while on the app, or you can upload the photos later. You then select what the species is from a general list – plant, fungi, mammal, etc – and the iNaturalist community will help identify the species. This software is used by researchers, scientists, conservationists, and enthusiasts and it helps gather observations of species all around the world.

We hope to see you there!

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm Stillwater Card Play 8pm	2 Ecum Secum Penny Auction 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
3 Archibald Lake Bioblitz 11am	4	5 Kids First 3+ program 9:30-11am Open Gym 630-730pm Female Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	6 Kids First Parent/Tot Drop in 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Liscomb Transit Mtg 1pm Port Bickerton Transit Mtg. 4pm Sherbrooke Transit Mtg. 7pm Municipality AGM 4pm COTW meeting 5pm	7 Greenfield Transit Mtg. 130pm Happy Feet 230-4pm Goshen Transit Mtg. 330 pm Liscomb Crib 8pm	8 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm Stillwater Card Play 8pm	9 Ecum Secum Chip Bingo 1-4pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
10	11 Council Meeting 4pm	12 Kids First 3+ program 9:30-11am Open Gym 630-730pm Female Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	13 Kids First Parent/Tot Drop in 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm	14 Happy Feet 230-4pm ATV Club Meeting 6pm Liscomb Crib 8pm	15 Good Friday	16 Gun Club Breakfast 830- 10pm Municipal Easter Egg Hunt 11am Glow in the Dart Teen Dance 7-10pm Liscomb Crib 8pm
17 Port Bickerton Easter Egg Hunt 11am	18 Easter Monday	19 Kids First 3+ program 9:30-11am Port Bickerton Senior Social 10am-2pm Open Gym 630-730pm Female Fun & Fitness 630-830pm	20 Kids First Parent/Tot Drop in 9:30-11am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm COTW Meeting 4pm	21 Happy Feet 230-4pm Liscomb Crib 8pm	22 Maple Manor Bake Sale 11am-3pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm Stillwater Card Play 8pm	23 Gun Club ATV Rally Liscomb Crib 8pm
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