



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, March 13th, 2023 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Wednesday, March 1st and 8th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

2023 Municipal Tax Sale – Live Public Auction

The Live Public Auction Municipal Tax Sale will take place on Tuesday, March 7th, at 11am at the Municipal Office, 8296 Hwy 7 Sherbrooke. The full listing for the 2023 Tax Sale is located on pages 3 & 4 of the newsletter. A public binder with details on the properties is available for viewing at the municipal office.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre Re-Opening

The St. Mary's Fitness Centre will be re-opening to the public on March 1st, 2023. Community members who are interested in becoming a member of the facility can now call the Community Development & Recreation Department to add their name to our list. This project is a partnership between the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, St. Mary's Education Centre and Academy, the Strait Regional Centre for Education and funded in part by the Province of Nova Scotia's Active Communities Fund.

Active Transportation Plan Request for Proposals

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's (MODSM) is looking for proposals from qualified consultants to develop a comprehensive plan for Active Transportation that encompasses the entirety of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. The intent of the St. Mary's Active Transportation Plan is to help the Municipality create, enhance and increase opportunities for Active Transportation through the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. This should include active transportation education and programming as well as projects to enhance walking, wheeling, and waterway travel. The final plan should consider trails, roadways and waterways in St. Mary's. For more information, contact Active Living Coordinator, Tobias Clarke at 902-522-2598 or tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca. Deadline to submit proposals is March 10th, 2023 at 4:00pm. This project is funded through the federal governments Active Transportation Fund.

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The deadline for the April Municipal Newsletter is Wed. March 15th at 4:00pm. Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309, dropped off in person at the Municipal Office or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca. Subscribe to our email list by calling 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Municipal Transfer

Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

Recyclable collection will take place the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex.

March 2023 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	February 28 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 7 Recyclables	March 14 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 21 Recyclables	March 28 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Wednesday (Zone 2)	March 1 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 8 Recyclables	March 15 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 22 Recyclables	March 29 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
Thursday (Zone 3)	March 2 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 9 Recyclables	March 16 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 23 Recyclables	March 30 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item

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.

Municipal News

Call for Accessibility Committee Members

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Please consider serving as a volunteer member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. At least one half of the members of the advisory committee must be a persons with a disability or represent an organization that represents people with disabilities. Disability includes a physical, mental, intellectual, learning, or sensory impairment - including an episodic disability that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders an individual's full and effective participation in society. Application are available at the Municipal office or by email. Applications must be submitted by March 25, 2023. Contact Mallory at mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2049.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal Recipients

Congratulations to St. Mary's residents Donald Dodge and Tony Kaiser and for receiving the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal Award. The medal has been created to mark the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne. The focus of this program is to honour those who have devoted themselves to the service of others, especially throughout the pandemic, be it as a result of their job, volunteer work or contributions to their community. Congratulations to all local residents who received this achievement!

One-Time Top-Up to the Canada Housing Benefit

The one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit aims to help low-income renters with the rising cost of renting. You may be eligible for a tax-free one-time payment of \$500 if your income and the amount that you pay on rent qualify. To see if you are eligible go to www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/child-and-family-benefits/top-up-canada-housing-benefit.html

Happy International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) takes place this year on March 8th! This is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. The theme for 2023 is #EmbraceEquity. To learn more, visit www.internationalwomensday.com.

Do you read the Newsletter?

Do you enjoy reading the Newsletter? If so, let us know! Text 902-328-4101 with the following statement: Hello, my name is ___ and I read the March Newsletter. Your name will be entered into a draw for a prize!

NS Heating Assistance Rebate Program

More people than before will be eligible for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP) this year. The amount per household will also increase for this year. The HARP rebate will increase this winter from \$200 to \$1,000. Households with an income of up to \$85,000 will be eligible. Applications for the expanded program will open January 30. Anyone who has already qualified for a HARP rebate this year will automatically receive an additional payment in the new year. The deadline for applications is March 31st, 2023.

Free Heat Pumps for Low-Income Households

Funding has been announced that will help all Nova Scotians move away from oil heat faster, with extra support for low and middle-income households. More information can be found here: www.homewarming.ca or at the Municipal Office.

Sherbrooke Utilities Emergency Contact

Residents who experience an emergency related to Sherbrooke water or sewer services are asked to call 902-522-2156 or the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. The Municipality would like to remind residents and businesses who utilize the sewer utility to **NOT** flush any textiles or wipes.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

Income tax season is approaching. MLA Greg Morrow's Office is offering the Volunteer Income Tax Program for people with a modest income and a simple tax return. There will be a drop off box in our porch starting on March 1st, 2023. Their volunteer Dee will be processing your returns and mailing them back to you once complete. Applications must be submitted no later than April 26th, 2023. For more information contact the office of MLA Greg Morrow at 902-533-2777.

Call for Nominations for Order of Nova Scotia

Nova Scotians are encouraged to nominate community members who have made outstanding contributions for the Order of Nova Scotia. The order is the province's highest honour and recognizes citizens for making exceptional and lasting contributions to their communities. Past recipients have included a Nobel Prize laureate, academics, athletes, volunteers, advocates and artists. Nominations will be accepted by email or mail until March 17. People may re-nominate candidates by submitting a new nomination form and including any updated information about their contributions. Nomination forms and information about the nomination process is available through the Protocol and Honours Secretariat: <https://novascotia.ca/iga/order.asp>



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
NOTICE OF TAX SALE – PUBLIC AUCTION
11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 7th, 2023
8296 Highway #7, Sherbrooke



In the matter of the Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia Part VI and any subsequent amendments, the following lands and premises situated in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will be sold at a *live Public Auction* for arrears of rates and taxes, interest and expenses, as set forth below at the hour of **11:00 am, Tuesday, March 7th, 2023** at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia (8296 Highway #7) unless the amounts respectively due are paid in full on or before said date. A description of the noted properties may be seen at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke, NS between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday, after January 3rd, 2023. Additional details regarding the tax sale and the live public auction can be found at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/tax-sale.html>.

1. **REMOVED**
2. **REMOVED**
3. **AAN #01921959, PID#37524295, *Assessed to Robert Simonds Jr & Maudena Simonds***, Little Liscomb Road, Liscomb, 2022 Assessed Value \$36,300 (Residential Taxable), Containing 1.2 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$2,560.08.** (HST Applicable). Redeemable.
4. **AAN #04697545, PID #37530532, *Assessed to James Turner***, 1691 Hwy 7, Marie Joseph, 2022 Assessed Value \$22,200 (Residential Taxable), Containing 0.26 Acres, more or less, land & dwelling. **Total owing \$2,094.89** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable
5. **AAN #05097371, PID #35220433, *Assessed to Everett L. Tybert***, Hwy #7, West Liscomb, 2022 Assessed Value \$6,000 (Resource Taxable), Containing 1.43 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$718.42** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
6. **AAN #05471613, PID #37551991, *Assessed to Margaret Langille Est.***, Port Bickerton Road, Harpellville, 2022 Assessed Value \$500 (Resource Taxable), Containing 12,000 Square feet, more or less, land only. **Total owing \$574.52** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
7. **AAN #05536693, PID #37523743, *Assessed to Charles Mielke***, Pyes Little Liscomb Road, Liscomb, 2022 Assessed Value \$8,500 (Residential Taxable) Containing 0.40 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$1,374.84** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
8. **AAN #09249532, PID #37540630, *Assessed to Judith A Gazso & Andrew Gazso*** Waternish Road, Waternish, 2022 Assessed Value \$300 (Resource Taxable), Containing 2.0 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$561.92** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
9. **AAN #05105773, PID #37550795, *Assessed to Bryan Scott Ward & Alicia Dawn Ward***, 3928 Sonora Road, Sherbrooke, 2022 Assessed Value \$23,000 (Residential Taxable), Containing 30,000 sq feet, more or less, land and dwelling. **Total owing \$2,991.00** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable

10. **AAN #05447925, PID #37580149**, *Assessed to Donald Raymond Walker & Kyle Walker*, Walker Road, Glenelg, 2022 Assessed Value \$2,700 (Residential Taxable), Containing 1.03 Acre(s), more or less, land only. **Total owing \$839.97** (HST Applicable) Redeemable
11. **AAN #04378199, PID #37522786 & #37511029**, *Assessed to 5747270 Manitoba Ltd.*, 4749 Hwy 7, Spanish Ship Bay, 2022 Assessed Value \$33,100 (Residential Taxable), Containing 7,600 sq feet & 0.34 Acres(s), more or less, land & dwelling. **Total owing \$2,832.78** (Non-HST Applicable) Redeemable
12. **AAN #02688034, PID #37502259**, *Assessed to Leander Phillip Paul* 31 Main Street, Sherbrooke, 2022 Assessed Value \$44,100 (Residential Taxable) & \$44,100 (Commercial Taxable), Containing 5,110 square feet, more or less, land & dwelling/commercial structure. **Total owing \$12,129.14** (HST Applicable) Redeemable. Dwelling/structure is connected to Sherbrooke Water and Sewer Utilities.
13. **REMOVED**
14. **REMOVED**
15. **AAN #09629351, PID #37529005**, *Assessed to Mary Louise Gomes*, Hwy 7, Ecum Secum, 2022 Assessed Value \$13,900 (Resource Taxable), Containing 34 Acre(s), more or less, land only (Grant #15610). **Total owing \$1,186.72** (HST Applicable) Redeemable. As-is - See additional comments by Municipal Legal.

Terms: Taxes, Interest and Cost owing (Amount Advertised) to be paid at the time of sale by cash, money order, debit, certified cheque or lawyer's trust cheque, balance of your bid to be paid within 3 business days after the sale. **The cost to prepare and register the tax deed is the responsibility of the purchaser and is not included in Tax Sale Costs. New Provincial Deed Transfer Tax is the responsibility of the purchaser.** HST may be applicable. Take notice that Tax Sales do not in all circumstances clear up defects in title. A tax deed conveys only the interest of the assessed owner, whatever their interest may be. If you are intending to clear up defects in the title of the property by way of Tax Sale, you are advised to obtain a Legal Opinion as to whether or not this can be done. Note: For properties with less than 6 years owing, the redemption period has been reduced from 12 months to 6 months by the Municipal Government Act, Section 152. The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's makes no representations or warranties to any purchaser regarding the fitness, geophysical or environmental suitability of the land(s) offered for sale for any particular use and are being sold on an "as is" basis only.

Dated: February 16th, 2023 - Marian Fraser, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Economic Development

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations in St. Mary's

EV Charging Stations are now available in Sherbrooke and Port Bickerton! Level 2 Chargers can be found at the 16 Main St. Parking Lot located on the building with public washrooms and at the Sea Shore Volunteer Fire Department/Community Center (located in Port Bickerton) on the front of the building next to the Community Centre exit. If you drive an electric vehicle or are thinking about it, charging locations can be found on apps and websites such as PlugShare or ChargeHub. For more information about electric vehicles, charging and rebates, visit the Electric Vehicle Association of Atlantic Canada (EVAAC) website at www.evaac.ca.

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections

Career Connections is a leading provider of career development services in Nova Scotia. They are committed to the delivery of innovative programs and outstanding services in an inclusive environment. Services are available for students (scholarships listings!), Clients and Employers. NS Works Career Connections can be found on Facebook, or contact the Antigonish County office at (902) 863-8244 & antigonish@careerconnections.ca. Contact the Guysborough County office at (902) 533-2805 & guysborough@careerconnections.ca.

Net-Metering Program for Businesses

A new commercial net-metering program will let Nova Scotia businesses generate more electricity from renewable sources like solar power. Regulations are now in place to create a new commercial net-metering program for businesses that will help pay less for power, support our green economy, and take another step closer to achieving climate change goals. The new program will be administered by Nova Scotia Power. Most businesses, including licensed aquaculture operations and registered farms and wineries, will be allowed installations capable of generating up to 1,000 kilowatts, though most will not need that much capacity. Most businesses, such as many retail stores and restaurants, will have a limit of 200 kilowatts. For more information on this program, visit: <https://novascotia.ca/news>

CEED Innovator Program

Do you have an innovative idea you want to turn into a commercial venture? The Centre for Entrepreneur Education and Development's Innovator Program will help you understand, quantify, and communicate the business value of your innovation. Applications due March 17, 2023. For more information go to Ceed.ca/innovator or on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn.

E-Commerce Grant

The federal government is offering eligible businesses \$2,400 in non-repayable grant money to adopt e-commerce strategies and grow digitally. This could include online ordering or booking systems, e-commerce software, search engine optimization support, software subscription fees, social media/digital ads, development of a new e-commerce website, or any number of other things. To apply directly or for more information visit: <https://digitalmainstreet.ca/atlantic-cdap/> or contact Joel Stoddart, Grant Coordinator – Canada Digital Adoption Program, Joel.Stoddart@cbdc.ca.

CBDC Guysborough County

Need financing for your business? Loans are 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

Tourist Accommodations in St. Mary's

The Province of Nova Scotia has made amendments to the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act (TARA) and Regulations that aim to improve compliance and provide municipalities with a clear picture of the short-term rental situation in their communities. These changes will come into effect on April 1, 2023 to provide time for operators and platforms to come into compliance. These changes include removal of the exemption for accommodations operating in a primary residence so that all short-term-rentals with a fixed-roof are required to register annually. Visit www.tourismns.ca for more details.

Employment Opportunity:

Sherbrooke Restoration Commission:

There are currently two full time positions posted for Sherbrooke Village. To view these postings, check out the website at: <https://sherbrookevillage.novascotia.ca/about-village/jobs>

Community Development & Recreation

Welcome Active Living Coordinator, Tobias Clarke

My name is Tobias Clarke, and I am your new Active Living Coordinator. I am thrilled and honoured to work within the Municipality for you and look forward to getting to know everyone personally. I am very passionate about community involvement and youth voices. I invite anyone to contact me about their ideas, current initiatives, and expectations of what they feel is needed to improve Active Living in our community. My success in this role is nothing without you! If you would like to connect, please call, or email me at 902-522-2598 or tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca.

Tech Savvy

Program Coordinator Sonia Morgan will have technology available for use and to answer any of your technology questions on the following date:

March 1st, Sonora 11am

March 22nd, Goshen Community Centre 1pm

March 28th, Maple Manor, Sherbrooke, 9:30am

Keep an eye out on the Municipal Facebook page and website for additional program dates. Would your organization like to host a Tech Savvy Seniors program, get in touch with us, sonia.morgan@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

Seeds of Literacy Programs

Drop off the kids at the Seeds of Literacy Program to have some fun! Games & books to borrow & read, physical activity, social opportunities and more. For March break events, on March 15th and 17th, there will be a pizza making activity! Seeds of Literacy will take place during the following times:

March 7th, Port Bickerton Community Centre 6-8pm

March 15th, Goshen 11:30-3pm

March 17th, Indian Harb. Lake, 11:30-3pm

Would your community like to host a Seeds of Literacy program? Get in touch with program coordinator, Sonia Morgan at 902-522-2598 or sonia.morgan@saint-marys.ca.

Calling All Artist, Crafters, Writers, and Instructors

The Community Development & Recreation Department is currently creating a list of all the exceptional talent within the community. This list will help staff add to future programs. Please get in touch with Tobias at 902-522-2598 or tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca with your talent/skills and contact information if you wish to be added to the list.

Youth - We Need Your Help!

The Community Development & Recreation Department will be hosting a youth dance scheduled in April. Staff are looking for a youth who would like to be involved in making the dance a unique experience with developing the play list. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Tobias at 902-522-2598 or tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca

The Butterflyway Project – Call for Involvement

The David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflyway Project is a citizen-led movement bringing nature to neighbourhoods throughout the country, one butterfly-friendly planting at a time. As a part of the Municipality's celebration of Earth Day on April 22nd, 2023, the Community Development & Recreation Department will be looking for community partners and organizations who would like to work with us to champion a "Plant A Canoe" within our community, promoting the health and well-being of our pollinators under "[The Butterflyway Project](#)." If you are interested in taking part in this important and exciting community project, please get in touch with Tobias at 902-522-2598 or by email at tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca.

Yoga Classes

An all levels yoga class for ages 12+ takes place weekly in the SHOPS Room at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. Classes are on Thursday's at 7pm. Your first class is free! Following the first class, each session is \$10. Punch cards are available for purchase at the Municipal Office. Call 902-522-2598 for more information.

Open Gym

Families of school aged children are invited to take part in our free Open Gym program in the small gymnasium at SMECA on Monday's from 6-7:30pm A wide variety of equipment will be available; Parents must accompany children 11 years old and under. There will be no Open Gym on March 13th, during March break.

St. Mary's Family Easter Egg Hunt & Youth Dance

The Community Development & Recreation Department is hard at work organizing the 2023 St. Mary's Family Easter Egg Hunt and a Youth Dance. There is an opportunity for community members and partners to contribute or donate to these exciting community events. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to know how you can help, please reach out to Tobias at 902-522-2598 or tobias.clarke@saint-marys.ca.

Community Sport Meeting

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's and Sport Nova Scotia will be hosting a conversation about community sport on March 20th, 2023 from 6-8pm. This event is for community members, parents and volunteers to brainstorm ways to grow sport in St. Mary's, and learn about programs and services that Sport Nova Scotia offers. The session will take place in the SHOPS Room at SMECA. Light refreshments will be offered. Contact Kerri Jack at 902-522-2598 for more information.

Equipment Rentals

The Municipality has lots of equipment available for rent, including snowshoes! Contact 902-522-2598 for more information.

Recplex Program Information - 2022-2023

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday

2:30 - 4:00pm - Junior Curling (ending Feb. 28th)
4:00 - 5:00pm - Drop in Curling (ending March 7th)
5:30 - 8:30pm - St. Mary's Curling Club (ending March 28th)

Wednesday

1:00 - 4:00pm - Rental Opportunities
2:30 - 4:00pm - After School Hockey (ending March 1st)
7:00 - 9:00pm - Adult Hockey (ending March 22nd)

Thursday

10:00 - 11:00am - Adult Only Free Skate (ending March 2nd)
1:00 - 4:00pm - Rental Opportunities
6:00 - 8:00pm - House League Hockey (ending March 25th)
8:00 - 9:00pm - 50+ Hockey League (ending March 23rd)

Saturday

9:00 - 10:00am - Learn to Skate (Ending March 18th)
10:00 - 12:00pm - House League Hockey
12:30pm - 2:00pm - Community Free Skate (ending March 25th)
2:00 - 5:00pm - Rental Opportunities

**This schedule is subject to change*

Junior Curling

In partnership with the St. Mary's Curling Club, the Municipality hosts a free Junior Curling Program at the St. Mary's Recplex after school on Tuesday's from 2:30-4pm. This will be a skill based program for youth in grades 7-12. Children will be walked from SMECA to the Recplex by Recreation Staff. Students must have notes in their agenda. This program will end on February 28th, 2023.

Drop in Curling

Free Drop in Curling takes place on Tuesday's from 4-5pm for community members 12+. This program will end on March 7th, 2023

Skate Sharpening

The Municipality offers Skate Sharpening services. The cost is \$5 per pair. Drop skates off at the Municipal Office Monday - Friday. Skates will be sharpened by staff and available for pick up the next time you go to the Recplex. Pick skates up at the Recplex Office.

Organizations

St. Mary's Curling Club - The St. Mary's Curling Club year end bonspiel will take place on March 10th & 11th. Call Maureen at (902) 522-2084 or Suzanne at (902) 522-2322 for more information on this event. The final day for the Curling Club will take place on March 28th, 2023.

Adult Hockey League - The Adult Hockey League is for any individual age 16+. If you would like to play in the month of March, contact Kerri to discuss payment options. The last day for this program is March 22nd. Thanks to our sponsors: Liscombe Lodge, Smokey Hollow General, Sean Ashe Forestry, Sanctuary Shore General Store, GreenUp Tree Services, John Rolland MacDonald Trucking, Clarkes Chimney Services. Cornect Family Farms, Ross Screen Print and

St. Mary's House League Hockey - House league takes place Thursday's and Saturday's. The year end skills competition will take place on Thursday, March 23rd. The annual Parent vs. Players game will take place on Saturday, March 25th. The end of season banquet will take place on April 1st. There will be no House League hockey on March 9th and 11th, 2023.

50+ Hockey League - Takes place on Thursday's from 8-9pm. \$10 a week. There will be no 50+ Hockey on March 9th, 2023 and the program will come to an end on March 23rd, 2023.

After School Recreation Hockey

School aged children are invited to take part in After School Recreation Hockey on Wednesday's from 2:30-4pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. A recreation student will meet registered children in the front lobby of SMECA and walk them to the Recplex. Children must have notes in agendas to stay after school. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca. This is a free program. The final day for this program will be March 1st, 2023.

Learn to Skate

Free program for youth ages 3+ that are new to skating or would like help with skill development. Takes place on Saturdays at 9am. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca. There will be no Learn to Skate on March 11th, 2023. The final day for this program will be March 18th, 2023.

Community Free Skates

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's hosts community free skates every Saturday at the St. Mary's Recplex from 12:30-2pm. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge. Helmets are mandatory for all skaters. There will be no free skate on March 11th, 2023. The last free skate of the season will take place on March 25th, 2023.

Adult Only Skates

There will be Adult Only Skates held at the St. Mary's Recplex on Thursday's from 10-11am. Helmets are mandatory. Skates and helmets are free to rent. This program will end on March 2nd, 2023.

Private Rentals

Rent the Recplex for your private or corporate event! Hourly rentals are \$135+hst. Rentals are available on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-4pm and Saturday's and Sunday's from 2-5pm. Call the Municipal Office at (902)522-2598 for availability and rental details.

Community Services

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

SHOPS would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our supporters who made our candy gram fundraiser a success. Fire starters are still available for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Toonies are due on Tuesdays by noon for the toonie draw that takes place on Wednesdays. Our toonie draw is our biggest fundraiser year round, which helps us provide our wonderful programming. SHOPS is very grateful for all of our wonderful toonie draw supporters. We at SHOPS support adults with diverse abilities, maybe you or someone you know would like to get out and socialize in a happy, fun and safe environment. If you would like to know more about us, you can always drop-in or give us a call @ 902-318-7467. We also offer a mail out package to people who would like to be a part of SHOPS but are unable to attend regularly. Give us a call if you might be interested or if you know of someone who might benefit from our program. Thank you from all of us at SHOPS! Every day is a good day at SHOPS!

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. If a donation is made in memory or as a gift, a card is sent to the family. Thank you for your continuing support.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Eastern Counties Regional Library joined the #GoHere Washroom Access Program! Now those affected by inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), or other health conditions that may require quick washroom access, have 9 new locations across the geographic areas of Inverness, Richmond and Guysborough counties available on the #GoHere app! If you want to learn how to add your business, organization or location to the GoHere Washroom Access Program map and app? Visit the Crohn's and Colitis Canada website: <https://crohnsandcolitis.ca/Support.../GoHere-Washroom-Access>

Kids First in St. Mary's

Winter Programs at St. Mary's Kids First – Located at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy Kids First room. Parent/Caregiver and Children birth to six years Drop-in Playgroup – Wednesdays from 9:30-11am with a healthy snack. Just Me & My Friends Drop-off for Children age 3+ - Tuesdays. This program is from 9:30-11am with a healthy snack provided. Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs when requested. Masks are welcome and social distancing is encouraged. All families are welcome, we ask you not to attend if you are feeling unwell. 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 information text/call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca

Guysborough County Adult Learning Association

GALA's programs are now open for the year. If you are interested in GED preparation, or in upgrading your skills in computer, math, reading, and other areas, call the GALA office at 902-533-4252. St. Mary's residents can call Louise (instructor) at 902-783-2360. We can provide info and support for your learning goals.

Guysborough Co. Community Health Board

The Guysborough Community Health Board is looking for volunteer members. The Board is dangerously close to not having enough members to operate. This would be a great loss of community voice. The volunteer commitment is 8 meetings a year between September and June. The members have a choice of joining in person or on zoom. Members can be anywhere from high school students in grade 10 and up to seniors. The Board covers all expenses like travel and childcare for the volunteers to attend meetings. We work with the community (mostly community groups and organizations). On priority area such as Food Security, Poverty, Social Inclusion and Early Childhood Development. For more information contact dorothy.bennett@nshealth.ca.

Congressional Services

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

1643 HWY 211 NS. ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com. 902-522-2759 Regular Sunday Morning Services Time 10:30

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke

Mass has resumed on Sunday's at 11:30am. Most Covid protocol's are still being observed. All are Welcome.

Calvary Faith Church, Sonora

March 5 11AM
March 12 6PM
March 19 11AM
March 26 6PM
- Pastor Wayne Bray

United Baptist Church

All January and February services of the United Baptist Church will take place in Port Hillford starting at 3pm. Services by Reverend Scott Chandler.

St. Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada

Sundays in March - 9:30am Kirk, Glenelg. 11:00am Bethany/Zion East River St. Mary's. 6:30pm 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. 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: "Hooked On Jesus!" Youth Group - (our charge's program for youth, grades 9-12), 7:30-9pm 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.

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen. 902-783-2972 or 902-318-071. johnluten3@gmail.com Our Services to our Community: Sunday: 10:00am - Adult Bible Class (Bible book: Revelation. 11:00am - Worship Service in our church building. Available both in person or on Zoom. Thursday: 1pm - Midweek Bible Study and Prayer. If you would like to receive an invitation to our Zoom service, please send a request. We will be glad to include you. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Anglican Parish of Liscomb - Port Bickerton

In Person Worship Services March 2023
Sun. March 5 - 9:00 AM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
11:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
Sun. March 12 - 9:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb
7:00 PM St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
Sun. March 19 - 11:00 AM St. Luke's, Liscomb
3:00 PM St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
Sun. March 26 - 9:00 AM St. Thomas, Indian Hbr. Lake
11:00 AM St. Paul's Port Bickerton
3:00 PM St. Luke's, Liscomb

Community Events

Sonora Community Centre Social

Come out and enjoy great company, games, and a delicious luncheon on Wednesday, March 1st, at 10:00 am - All are welcome! For more information on this event or how to rent the community centre, please get in touch with Audrey Jordan at 902-522-2930.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

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

Calling those interested in Greenfield Oldsters Cards

The Greenfield Oldsters Association is considering having cards on Tuesdays in the afternoon at our center in Melrose. If you are interested, please phone Glen Matthews @ 902-833-2469. Lets fight the winter blues with some auction cards and get out to socialize and see old friends and maybe make some new ones.

Ecum Secum Playground Update

We are having another 50/50 chip Bingo on March 21st from 7-9pm at the Fire Hall. Everyone that comes will be entered to win a Bingo sweatshirt! This month we will be selling tickets on \$200 worth of scratch tickets. Contact a committee member for yours! Keep an eye out for another sweater run! This time, we've partnered with "Everything Under the Sun Group Buys" on Facebook. Please watch this group for ordering details coming soon. Thank you Lacey Landry for approaching us with this collaboration! You can contact a committee member to be connected with this Facebook group.

Indian Harbour Lake Jordanville Community Centre

Paint class will be held on March 13th at 7pm. For more info. on events taking place in March, look up the Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre on Facebook.

Anniversary Celebration for Herb & Alice Scott

Because you have played an important part in their lives, please join us (Shawn, Janice, Mason, Sam, Phil and Colleen) on Friday, March 17th, between 3:00 and 5:00 pm at the Sherbrooke and Area Volunteer Fire Department Community Room to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary for Herb and Alice Scott. All are welcome. Come as you are. Best wishes only. Your love and friendship is the only thing we need. Please feel free to spread the word. *For those who are unable to make it, you are welcome to send along written, audio, or video best wishes to: colleenscott@hotmail.com. Looking forward to celebrating with you, Colleen and Shawn.

Country Harbour Gun Club

Saturday, March 18th, Country Breakfast from 8:30am to 10:00am. Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, 5 and Under Free. Saturday, March 25th - Open Mic Night. Begins at 7pm. Entry Fee \$5 per person. Light Lunch will be served. All musician's welcome.

Maple Manor Tea

There will be a tea held at the Maple Manor every Tuesday from 9:30-11am. Everyone is welcome.

St. Mary's ATV Club

St. Mary's ATV Club needs the help of its members. You can show your support by purchasing 50/50 ticket(s) for the ATVANS monthly draw and choosing St. Mary's ATV Club. When you choose St. Mary's ATV Club, 40% of the sale goes to the Club. 2023 Registrations are now available at Fraser's Garage. All you need to register is your ATV license number, make, model & year. Register now and support the St. Mary's ATV Club.

Winter 2023 Culture Club Sherbrooke Events

Friday Feb 24th, 7-9pm - Art Opening at Gallery 17: "Sacred Spaces" featuring local artist J. Michael McFarlane, painter and former Art Instructor at StFX
Sunday March 5th, 2-3pm - Literature Event, HARP (Healing, Arts, Reconciling People) the People's Press: An interactive presentation by educators and publishers Dr. Dorothy Lander and Dr. John Graham-Pole
Saturday March 18th 7-8pm - Music Session: Magnus LaBillois, a promising student of Professor Jake Hanlon's StFX Jazz program, will perform a variety of guitar pieces including classical, jazz, fingerstyle and popular. Stay tuned as we work to line up a few more cultural events for the community this winter. RSVP for the literature event by February 28th as space is limited for this unique presentation. Like our Facebook page. See you on Friday the 24th at the Art Opening! This is a free and public event so feel free to bring your friends for a walk through the gallery. All events located at 17 Main Street.

Port Bickerton Pub Night

There will be a Pub Night held on Saturday, March 4th starting at 8:00pm. The bar will be open and pub foods will be available for purchase. Dart boards, card and board games will be available to use. A live sporting event will be shown. Proceeds going towards the Ball Field project.

Port Bickerton Play Space

The group fundraising for the Port Bickerton Play Space will be hosting an online auction. They are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Gift cards, hand made items and crafts are all welcome and encouraged! Please contact Kerri at 902-870-9882 or Jenny Kaiser on Facebook to arrange a drop off.

Saint John's Liscomb Cemetery Society

The annual meeting of the Saint John's Liscomb Cemetery Society will be held on Monday, March 20th at 7pm 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 happy to welcome new members! 2023 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 (902-779-2931) or Rachel Baker (902-870-4214).

Calling All St. Mary's Community Members

Would you like to be involved in an exciting documentation project that will involve you and / or your family being spotlighted in a 3-5 minute video on why you call St. Mary's your home. With a concentration on Community, the Saint Mary's River, and the Salmon within it, this is your opportunity to share stories of living along the watershed and celebrate our diverse cultures. If you would like to learn more about the ongoing creative opportunity, please contact Lanny Boyer at: lannyboyer@gmail.com.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop Hours - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-3pm. **Game Day** - Every Wednesday 1-4. **Crib** every Tuesday at 7pm. No Partner needed. Recyclable donations accepted. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey and attend the community meeting on such a cold day. There will be a blood pressure clinic held with a registered nurse on March 15th, 1-3pm. Thanks to everyone who helped rebuild the doorstep so quickly. Contact information: email goshen.community.centre@outlook.com Facebook: Goshen Centre & All Things Goshen NS.

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

Weekly Bingo is held Wednesday evenings doors open at 6:45pm. **Recap on the Lions Christmas Project** - Thanks to the support at our Prize Bingo, Sales of the Lottery Tree tickets and the generous donations from the Municipal & Hospital Staff and the public we were able to assist 9 families with a total of 21 children with a happier Christmas last year. **Pub Night** - The Lion's will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Pub Night on Friday March 17th starting at 7:00pm. The Night Owl's will be performing live. Cost is \$10 per person. Seating is limited so please reserve your tickets. They are available at the Sherbrooke Garage or call Donnie Fraser at 902-867-7427. We welcome groups of 10 but we'll fit you in if you don't have that many for a table. Light Pub Food available for purchase. Come get your Irish on!

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

31 MacKinley Point Road, Liscomb (902)779-2006. Open Thu, Fri & Sat from 5pm. Bring your friends to check out the pool table, dart board, shuffleboards, can-teen, and bar. Cribbage Card Parties: Thursday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Shuffleboard: Every Friday at 7pm. Crib tourney: Saturday, March 25 at 2pm. Sixteen games and a potluck supper. There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes and 50/50 draws. Entry Fee: \$15.00 Lucky Card Raffle Winner! Congratulations to Mary Gifkins on taking the \$130 pot! A new game is open now at the hall. \$5 to claim a card and a chance to win! Thank you to everyone for making the Roast Beef Dine & Dance a tremendous success! All proceeds go to the "Keep 'em Flushing" washroom upgrade and accessibility project. We are having a lot of fun, and we appreciate your support. Congratulations to Cheryl Bowen for winning the 50/50 draw! Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come out and bring ideas (and members are eligible to vote).

Port Bickerton Senior Socials

St. Paul's Willing Workers will be hosting a Senior Social on March 14th, 2023 at the Port Bickerton Community Centre from 10am-2pm. There will be a light lunch served. Bring your favourite game or activity or just socialize! All are welcome.

Ecum Secum Volunteer Fire Department

Ecum Secum Volunteer Fire Department is having an annual meeting on March 19th, 7pm. All are welcome.



Saturday March 18th, 2023

A Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
 Event in Partnership with
 The Whale Sanctuary & S.t Mary's District
 Lion's Club

AGENDA

ACTIVITY	Time	Location
Drop In Crafts	11:00am - 2:00pm	Recplex
The Whale Sanctuary Displays	11:00am - 2:00pm	Recplex
FREE Skate for All	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Recplex
Live Story Telling	2:30pm - 3:30pm	Sherbrook Village Exhibit Building
Marshmellow Roasting & Bannock On A Stick	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Sherbrook Village Exhibit Building
Family Movie Night "Abominable" (Snacks Available to Purchase)	5:00pm - 8:00pm (Movie starts at 5:30pm)	Sherbrook Village Exhibit Building



Contact 902-522-2598 for more information

March 2023 Community Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kids First Playgroup 930am Sonora Social/Tech Savvy 10am Goshen Game Day 1pm Rec Hockey 2:30pm COTW mtg. 4pm Lion's Bingo 6:45pm Adult Hockey 7pm	2 Adult Skate 10am House League 6pm Yoga Class 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	3 MM Bakesale 11am Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm	4 Learn to Skate 9am House League 10am Free Skate 12:30pm Liscomb Crib 8pm PB Pub Night 8pm
5 Culture Club Literature Event 2pm	6 Open Gym 6pm	7 MM Senior Tea 930am Kids First 3+ Program 930am Tax Sale 11am Drop in Curling 2:30pm Curling Club 5:30pm Liscomb Legion Mtg. 7pm Seeds of Literacy PB 6-9pm Goshen Crib 7pm	8 Kids First Playgroup 930am Goshen Game Day 1pm COTW mtg. 4pm Lion's Bingo 6:45pm	9 Yoga Class 7pm Liscomb Crib 8pm	10 MM Bakesale 11am Curling Club Bonspiel Liscomb Shuffleboard 7pm	11 Curling Club Bonspiel Recyclable Depot 10am Liscomb Crib 8pm
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