



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings will take place Wednesday, October 4th and 18th at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office and Transfer Station will be closed on October 2nd for National Truth and Reconciliation Day and October 9th for Thanksgiving.

Consultation Phase for Active Transportation Plan Open

Residents can now provide feedback, ideas and suggestions about Active Transportation in St. Mary's as part of the development of a St. Mary's wide Active Transportation Plan. Active Transportation is defined as any human powered methods of transportation, such as walking, cycling, utilizing a wheelchair, snowshoeing and sometimes water travel such as canoeing and kayaking. Residents can visit www.activestmarys.ca to learn more about the project and for information on all of the ways to provide feedback on Active Transportation. One of the tools is online interactive map. Residents can complete an online survey and place comments, ideas and suggestions on a map of St. Mary's. A link to this mapping tool is available on the project website. Residents can also attend one of the Municipality's Walk and Roll events to learn more about the project and provide feedback and suggestions. There will be four Walk and Roll events held in October.

Goshen: Oct. 23rd, 6pm starting at the Goshen Community Centre

Sherbrooke: Oct. 24th, 2:30pm starting at the Sherbrooke Library

Liscomb: Oct. 25th, 6pm, starting at the Liscomb Legion

Port Bickerton: Oct. 25th, 6pm, starting at the Port Bickerton Community Ctr.

Take home activity kits are also available at the Municipal Building located at 8296 Hwy. 7, Sherbrooke. Activity kits can be picked up and dropped off during business hours, 8:30am-4pm, Monday to Friday. A youth consultation will be held at SMECA on October 3rd at 12:00pm. Pizza will be provided for youth who participate. The development of an Active Transportation Plan for St. Mary's is fully funded through the Government of Canada's AT Fund.

Provincial Senior Property Tax Rebate

The Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors helps low-income seniors with the cost of municipal residential property taxes. Rebates are 50% of what you paid on last year's property taxes, up to a maximum of \$800. You can apply until December 31st, 2023. For more information visit beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors or call 1-800-670-4357.

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The deadline for the November Municipal Newsletter is Wed., October 20th 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.

Municipal Transfer Station

The St. Mary's Transfer Station is open Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. For more information on the Transfer Station and what items are accepted, visit saint-marys.ca/facilities.

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

Recyclable collection will take place on the second and fourth Saturday in October starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex.

October 2023 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	October 3 Recyclables Only	October 10 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	October 17 Recyclables Only	October 24 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	October 31 Recyclables Only
Wednesday (Zone 2)	October 4 Recyclables Only	October 11 Recyclables & Garbage	October 18 Recyclables Only	October 25 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	November 1 Recyclables Only
Thursday (Zone 3)	October 5 Recyclables Only	October 12 Recyclables & Garbage	October 19 Recyclables Only	October 26 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	November 2 Recyclables Only

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

Municipality Remembers the Late Lloyd Hines

Lloyd Hines passed away on Monday, September 11th. Lloyd was a long-time local figure and a strong contributor to local government. Lloyd began his political career as an elected member of the local school board in 1982. He was elected to the council of the Municipality of the District of Guysborough in 1988 and served as warden from 1997 to 2013. Lloyd was elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as the MLA of Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie in 2013 and again in 2017. Lloyd served as minister of natural resources and minister of transportation and infrastructure renewal during his time as MLA. Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Warden Greg Wier says Lloyd's impact on the region has been substantial, "During his time as MLA, Lloyd always represented his riding with pride. Lloyd was sure to shed light on projects and issues from our area and was able to secure support for many local projects. Lloyd never missed an opportunity to visit our Municipality, always being quick to accept invitations for local events. On behalf of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Council and Staff, I send sincere condolences to Lloyd's family and friends." In 2020, Lloyd announced \$994,000 in funding for the Sherbrooke Village as a part of nearly \$230 million dollars in provincial stimulus for local economies during the pandemic. The Municipality made special storm preparations to delay taking our national flag down ahead of post tropical storm Lee so that we could fly the flag at half mast for the day along with other government institutions in the riding of Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie on the day of Lloyd's funeral mass on September 15th. The Municipality offers its lasting appreciation for Lloyd's many years of dedication to our municipality and our region.

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 2023/2024 year is \$24,400 with a provided tax exemption of \$175 for those that qualify. Contact the Municipal Office at 902-522-2049 for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Recreation Leader

The Community Development and Recreation Department is looking for Recreation Leader(s) for the academic year. This is a part/time, seasonal position with hours based on scheduled programs. The hourly wage is \$15 plus vacation pay. This position will be open until positions are filled. Apply with resume and cover letter along with two references. Applications accepted by Email: kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca Mail: PO Box 296, 8296 Highway #7 Sherbrooke NS B0J 3C0. In person at Municipal Office Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm.

Before and After Program Leader

The Community Development and Recreation Department is looking for a Before and After Program Leader for the academic year. This is a part/time, seasonal position, with hours typically running from 2:30-6pm, Monday-Friday. The hourly wage is \$17.37 plus vacation pay. This position will be open until it is filled. Apply with resume and cover letter along with two references. Applications accepted by Email: kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca Mail: PO Box 296, 8296 Highway #7 Sherbrooke NS B0J 3C0. In person at Municipal Office Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:00pm.

Community Development & Recreation

Volunteer Appreciation Event

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will be celebrating volunteers at a Volunteer Appreciation Reception on October 26th, 2023 starting at 7pm at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre. All those who volunteer within the Municipality are encouraged to attend. There will be light refreshments, live entertainment and a special presentation to St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year, Michael Porter. No RSVP is needed, all are welcome to attend.

House League Hockey Registration Night

There will be a registration night held on October 11th at the Municipal Office from 6-7:30pm for the upcoming House League Hockey season. Fees are \$100 for the season, with a \$50 deposit for jersey's and socks which is returned at the end of the season when jerseys and socks are returned. Families can pay by cash, cheque or debit at the registration night. This program qualifies for Canadian Tire Jumpstart funding. Confidential assistance can be provided, contact 902-522-2598.

Softball Skills Program - Day Change

Softball Skills is an afterschool program to help teach youth basic softball skills such as catching, throwing & batting. The program is for students in grades 7-10. Softball Skills started on Tuesday, September 26th, outdoors at the SMECA soccer field 2:30 – 4:00 pm. The program will continue in October on the 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca under the recreation Tab. For more information about this program, contact Tyler at (902)-522-2598 or email tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca.

Eco Explorers

Eco Explorers is an outdoor education program for youth in grades 3-7. This program will start on Thursday, October 19th and takes place from 2:30-4pm for 6 weeks. This is a free program. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca under the recreation tab. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and clothing as we will be outside no matter what the conditions are. Call 902-522-2598 for more information.

2023/24 Adult Recreation Hockey League

Registration is now open to participate in the Adult Recreation Hockey League. The goal is to put together four teams this year. There are sponsorship opportunities for businesses to support the program again this year. Add your name to the draft list by emailing kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca or texting 902-328-4101.

International Walk to School Day

International Walk to School Day is on Wednesday, October 4th this year! Children and Parents are encouraged to walk to school on this day. Vehicles can be parked at the Municipal Office or the parking lot at 16 Main Street for families to walk together to school. Members of the public are asked to take caution on the morning of October 4th and keep an eye out for pedestrians!

Guysborough County 55+ Games

The Guysborough County 55+ Games take place on October 4th and 5th at the Liscombe Lodge. It's not too late to register for the 2023 Guysborough County 55+ Games! There is no guarantee of available overnight accommodations, but seniors are welcome to still register to participate in events. Call 902-522-2598 for more info.

Family Kickboxing Program

A 9 week Family Kickboxing program will start on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:00pm. This program is free for school aged children. The 9 week session will cost \$50 for adults. All equipment provided, no experience needed. Register online at www.saint-marys.ca under the recreation tab. Payments can be made at the Municipal office. Call 902-522-2598 for more info.

Referees Needed

The Municipality is looking for interested referees for the upcoming season for the Adult Recreation Hockey League. Referees are paid per game and training can be provided. If you are interested in taking the referee course and becoming certified, please contact Kerri at 902-522-2598 or email kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca. Referees are vital to the Adult Recreation Hockey League, without referees, the league cannot continue.

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

The St. Mary's Fitness Centre is located within St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy and offers various types of exercise and fitness equipment. To become a member of the Fitness Centre, all you need to do is complete a registration package, purchase a fob for \$20, complete an orientation and find a workout buddy. To set up an orientation or learn more about the Fitness Centre, please contact Tyler at (902)522-2598 or email: tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca.

Before and After Program 2023-24

The Before and After Program (BAP) is run by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's and takes place at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. BAP is funded by the Province of Nova Scotia and is a paid program offered after school to children in pre-primary to grade 6 in the Kid's First Room in Memorial Place at SMECA. The program takes place from 2:30-6pm, Monday to Friday. Contact Kerri Jack at kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598 for more information.

Economic Development

DigiPort Nova Scotia

Sign-up with Nova Scotia Digiport for free resources to help promote your tourism business and a free 30-minute consultation with a digital expert at www.nsdigiport.ca.

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. For more information, contact Joel Stoddart, Grant Coordinator – Joel.Stoddart@cbdc.ca.

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections

Career Connections is a leading provider of career development services in Nova Scotia. Services are available for Students, Clients and Employers. NS Works Career Connections can be found on Facebook or contact the Antigonish County office at (902) 863-8244 or antigonish@careerconnections.ca. Contact the Guysborough County office at (902) 533-2805 or guysborough@careerconnections.ca.

Coastal Nova Scotia

Looking for something to do this weekend or want an event on the list that visitors are checking? Visit <https://www.coastalnovascotia.ca/> for upcoming Eastern and Northern Shore events. If you would like your event added, email cindy@coastalnovascotia.ca.

Business Navigators

The Province's Business Navigators can help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for developing new businesses. Navigators can connect you with support for financing, taxes and staffing, as well as resources to help with start-up funding. For more info. visit novascotia.ca/businessnavigators, email busnavigation@novascotia.ca, or call toll-free at 1-844-628-7347.

Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development

Book your FREE 30-minute consultation with a business advisor if you are launching a new business, looking for support for a new business or an existing business. www.ceed.ca or find CEED on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & LinkedIn.

Early Learning and Child Care Transformation

The Province is hosting a series of community conversations to hear from parents and primary caregivers of children who are enrolled in early learning and child care or will be in the future. Nova Scotia is transforming the delivery of child care through the Canada-Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement. The intent is to build a high-quality system that is affordable, inclusive and accessible. In-person evening sessions will take place throughout the province in October and will be family-friendly events. Conversations will be specific to early learning and child care involving children from infants to four years in licensed child-care centres and family homes, as well as children aged four to 12 in before and after school care. It does not include items related to the public school system. Registration for the in-person community conversations is open to 30 people per session so that meaningful discussions can take place and all voices are heard. Parents and primary caregivers can register starting Monday, September 18th, at noon. An online survey for public feedback will be available from September 18th at noon until midnight on October 25. This is the first phase of consultation. The second phase, starting in early 2024, will involve early childhood educators, child-care operators and other partners. <https://childcarenovascotia.ca/public-engagement>

Nova Scotia Recovery Fund Announcement

Nova Scotia farmers will receive support through a \$4 million dollar investment from the Nova Scotia Agriculture Recovery Fund. The fund will be used to assist farmers with on-farm emergency preparedness and to lead a collaborative effort to enhance the industry's emergency response plan including communications and mental health support during an emergency.

Sherbrooke's Source Water: Did you know?

Flushable wipes don't breakdown when flushed. Many wipes labelled "flushable" will clog pipelines and pumps then sewage pipes may overflow which can increase the cost of wastewater treatment. The only artificial item that should be flushed in the toilet is toilet paper.

CBDC Guysborough County

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited has loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County including business loans up to a maximum of \$600,000 with flexible interest rates and flexible re-payment schedules. Loans are available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc. There are also quick approval micro loans available up to \$10,000. CBDC has business start-up info, counseling, and information on the Self-Employment Benefits Program. Guysborough County CBDC is located at 46 Main Street, Guysborough County, NS B0H 1N0. Guysborough Office: phone: (902)533-2770 fax: (902) 533-2016 Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca.

Nova Scotia Young Farmers

NS Young Farmers present Cultivate Your Future: Youth in Agriculture Conference on January 11, 2024 - a full day focusing on the supports you need as a young farmer or agricultural professional in Nova Scotia. Featuring local and national speakers, panel discussion, brainstorming sessions, networking, tradeshow, and banquet with entertainment, the day is an opportunity to explore currently existing supports, assess their effectiveness and identify future paths. Registration opening soon! Email info@nsyoungfarmers.ca for information or to become involved.

Helping Women Turn Food Skills into Businesses

A pilot project is helping women, especially newcomers to Nova Scotia, turn their cooking skills into successful local food businesses. The specialized program in cooking entrepreneurship (SPICE) helps women learn how to develop a business plan and follow regulations for running a food business. The Centre for Women in Business at Mount Saint Vincent University runs the program, which had its first graduates in the spring. Each eight-week session can train up to 10 women. There is no cost for participants, and they get ongoing support for up to a year. The Department of Agriculture provided \$5,000 for the program, and \$100,000 to help participants buy equipment for their businesses. More information can be found at <https://www.centreforwomeninbusiness.ca/learning>

Short Term Rentals -TARA Registrations

Under the Tourist Accommodations Registration Act, all short-term rentals in Nova Scotia are required to register with the Tourist Accommodations Registry each year. Changes to the regulations that took effect April 1st, 2023 require accommodations that sell through online platforms to include their registration number in their listings. Accommodations that do not include their 2023-24 registration number in their listings by June 21st, 2023 will be in violation of the Act and Regulations. You could face fines of up to \$7,500 and your listings could be removed from online platforms and on NovaScotia.com. Operators should contact accommodations platforms directly if they are unsure how to post their registration number.

Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership

Nova Scotia farmers will get more support through a new federal-provincial funding agreement. The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership will invest \$46.25 million over five years in Nova Scotia's agriculture sector. For more information visit agriculture.canada.ca.

Tourism Resources

Are you looking for tourism operator resources? Visit Tourism Nova Scotia for free resources, including webinars, printable worksheets for development, marketing and research. www.tourismns.ca.

Community Services

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Sherbrooke Public Library invites you to "Fall" in love with reading again! Visit us today to explore new worlds and find your next adventure. **Tuesday** 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday** from 12:30pm-5:30pm **Saturday** from 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm. Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and so much more. We also have a Community Use Room that can be booked (free of charge) by individuals or groups. Find up-to-date information about your local branch at ecrl.ca/locations/sherbrooke-public-library. For more information about library services, call us at **902-522-2180**, email us at sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

SHOPS holds a Toonie Draw every week. Toonies must be played weekly by 12:00pm on Tuesday's. Weekly draws are made on Wednesday. Call 902-318-7467 for more information.

Guysborough Adult Learning Association

Is going to college on your bucket list? Do online forms make you want to pull out your hair? Are you looking for a leg up at your next job interview? Are you missing out on family video chats and emails? GALA can help you learn the skills to meet your needs. New classes start on October 3rd. Time: Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Location: Goshen Community Centre. Contact GALA at 902-533-4252 or email loisannd@guysboroughlearning.ca for more information.

St. Mary's 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 for your continuing support.

Congregational Services

Anglican Parish of Liscomb – Port Bickerton

Please see the parish Facebook page for weekly services times and locations. For more information leave a voicemail at 902-522-2510.

Calvary Faith Church, Sonora

Church schedule for Calvary Faith Baptist Church Sonora is as follows: Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays 7pm
October 1 - 6pm
October 8 - 11am
October 15 - 6pm
October 22 - 11am
October 29 - 6pm
Pastor: Wayne Bray: 902-522-2520

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Highway 316, Goshen. Sunday - 10:00am, Adult Bible Class. 11:00am, Worship Service in our church building. Available both in person or on Zoom. Thursday - 1:00pm, Midweek Bible Study and Prayer. Call 902-783-2972 or email johnluten3@gmail.com for a link.

United Baptist Church

3pm. Rev. Scott Chandler
October Services:
October 1st: Sonora
October 8th: Port Hillford
October 15th: Port Bickerton
October 22nd: Sonora
October 29th: Port Hillford

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

1643 Highway 211, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Regular service time, 10:30am Sunday mornings. All are welcome! Hope to see you there. Terry Rideout, Pastor (902)522-2759 or ihlpcpastor@outlook.com. ihlpentecostalchurch.ca.

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

Sundays in October:
9:30am Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's
11:00am St. John's, Sherbrooke
6:30pm Kirk, Glenelg
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.

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke

Mass Time: Sunday, 11:30am. Parish Priest: Fr. Tom Stephan. Cell (437)-366-0731, Globe (902)-783-2631. Parish Council Chairperson: Rennie Beaver: (902) 833-2341.

Community Events

St. Mary's Shooters Association

Saturday Oct. 7th - Hunter Safety Course, Stillwater Community Center 9558 Hwy. 7, Stillwater. Starts at 9am. Sunday, Oct. 8th - Plywood Deer Shoot - DNRR Range 9240 Hwy. 7. Starts at 9am. 3 shots standing, any legal deer rifle. Gift certificates for prizes. Members of SMSA who have not renewed their club membership are reminded to please do so.

Sonora & St. Mary's River Community Centre

There will be a penny auction and cake walk on Friday, October 6th at 7pm. Everyone welcome. There will be a senior social on November 8th at 10am. Come and have some fun. Crokinole will be starting on October 12th at 7pm at the community centre and will take place every Thursday. Come and have an evening of fun. Everyone welcome!

Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville Community Centre

Card parties will take place every Tuesday night at 7:30pm starting on October 17th. The hall will be a comfort centre when needed. Hours will be 11am-2pm and 5-8pm. Paint night will be held every second Monday evening at 7pm and started on September 18th. Cost is \$5, no equipment needed. A social will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 10am-2pm. A Christmas Tea will be held Saturday, December 2nd, 2-4pm. The next hall meeting will be Monday, October 23rd at 7:00pm.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday's 1-3pm. Christmas Sale - Saturday October 14th, 2023. 10am to 12pm. Game Day - Wednesday's, 1-4pm. Cribbage - Tuesday's, 7:30pm. Blood Pressure Clinic - October 18th, 2023. 1-3pm. Yard Sale - October 21st, 2023. 10am-1pm. Book a table by calling Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291. All volunteers are welcome for a social to celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Night, Oct 21st, 2023 from 7-9pm. Turkey Supper, Saturday October 28th, 2023 from 4:30 to 6:00pm. Eat-In or Take out. Recyclable Bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at Centre. Volunteers and Committee members are always welcomed. Please contact Laurie Chisholm 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers 902-318-4401 if you would like more information.

Maple Manor Tea

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

Christmas on the 211

Christmas on the 211 will take place on Saturday, November 18th, 10am to 4pm and Sunday, November 19th, 10am to 2pm. Local artisans, foodies and makers will be set up along the 211. Email Cindy Kingwell at kingwellcindy@gmail.com for further information.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 Liscomb

General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7pm. Remembrance Day, November 11th, 2023. A Legion Service will be held at the cenotaph at 11am. Wreaths are available to purchase (\$60), call Connie at 328-4207 or email ecnauffts@gmail.com. Paint & Sip - Friday, October 20th at 7pm. This is a 13+ event. All painting supplies included. Tickets \$30.00, buy now while they last. Pre-Sold tickets get entered in a door prize. Crib Tournament - November 4th Starting at 2pm. Registration is \$15 and includes potluck, 8 games before supper, 8 games after supper. Sign-up Sheet at the bar for the Tournament and Potluck. Halloween Dance - Saturday, October 28th, 8pm to 12am. Get your costume ready for a Monster Mash! Buy your Tickets at the Legion Hall, \$10.00 each. Please Note: Crib scheduled for Saturday, October 28th will be moved to Friday, October 27th. Kids Halloween Dance - Monday October 30th. Primary to Grade 4 from 6pm to - 7:30pm. Grade 5 to 8 from 7:30pm to 9pm. 1st Annual Trunk or Treat - October 31st. Liscomb Branch 86, 31 Mackinley Point Road, Spanish Ship Bay, N.S. Check our Facebook page for details.

Old Fashioned Christmas Fundraiser Tea

An Autumn Tea will be hosted by the Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Fundraising Committee. The Tea will be held at McDaniels Tea Room in the Sherbrooke Village, on Sunday, October 29th, from 12-3pm. An assortment of tasty sandwiches and delectable sweets, tea, coffee, hot apple cider and cold drinks, will be served. All proceeds are in support of this years annual Old Fashioned Christmas event, being held November 24th - 26th, in the Sherbrooke Village. There will be a draw for a door prize, as well as tickets available for purchase on a lovely gift basket. Tickets are \$12 each, and will soon be available for advance purchase, from either Joanne Jordan (email jmJordan1962@gmail.com; text 902-318-8433; FB messenger at Joanne Bishop Jordan), or from Alice Mailman, (FB messenger; phone 902-318-1223 (h) or 902-217-7037 (c)). We hope you'll come out and enjoy a taste of wonderfully rich autumn flavours, while helping to support a longtime, local Christmas celebration!

Mobile Breast Screening Clinic

The Nova Scotia Mobile Breast Screening Program will make a stop in Sherbrooke from October 5-7th at St. Mary's Memorial Hospital. Call 1-800-565-0548 to book an appointment. Visit breastscreening.nshealth.ca for more information.

Country Harbour Gun Club

October 7th - Open Mic for Elenor Chamberlain. Starts at 7pm, donations at the door. October 21st - Country Breakfast, 8:30-10am. October 26th - Bingo, 7pm. October 28th - Adult Halloween Dance.

St. Mary's District Lions Club

Reminder that Bingo is every Wednesday evening. Doors open at 6:45, Bingo starts at 7:45. Saturday, October 21st - The Lions Club will be hosting the annual St. Mary's Memorial Hospital Walkathon (9:30am registration). Pledge sheets and details are available in the newsletter (page11) or on our Facebook page (District of St Marys Lions Club). We will be selling our lottery Calendars for January 2024 – a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer. The draws will be for January 2024 with \$250 being given on January 1st & 31st. The calendars will be \$10 each with only 500 calendars being sold. We hope to be set up at the Sherbrooke Market in October to make it easier for you to purchase Calendar or pick up sponsor sheets for walkathon. The Lions Club "Christmas Daddies" would like to help families with children in the St. Mary's District by providing some gifts and food at Christmas. This program is totally funded by the St. Mary's Lions Club fundraisers and donations from our community. We receive no outside funding to help with this program. If you need help or know of someone who does, please contact Patty-Lou McGrath at 902-870-5729 before December 8th. We will be holding our Christmas Daddies Prize Bingo on Sunday, November 26th during the Old Fashioned Christmas event. The monies from this bingo will go to help our Christmas Daddies program. If you would like to donate a prize please contact Nancy Chaston 902-779-2149 or any member of the Lions Club.

Curling Club Registration Night

There will be a curling club registration night held on October 10th, starting at 6:30pm for the upcoming curling season. Curling will begin on Tuesday, November 7th. See page 9 of the newsletter for more information on the St. Mary's Curling Club and page 10 for this year's registration form.

Fright Night

We are excited to host our 5th Annual Fright Night event on October 31st, Halloween night from 5pm to 8pm. Fright Night provides an opportunity for rural Trick-or-Treating within the safety of the gated Sherbrooke Village. There will be live music and concession stands. It's an entertaining evening for the young and young at heart. This year, donations will go to the St. Mary's Memorial Hospital. We look forward to seeing all the creative trick & treaters again this year! If you are interested in adopting a door for \$20 and handing out treats to trick-or-treaters or would like to make a donation, please contact Amy Simon 902-318-4387.

Mi'kmaw History Month

October is Mi'kmaw History Month! In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaw Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture and heritage. Each October, community activities, events, sharing and showcasing the Mi'kmaw history takes place across Nova Scotia. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to participate in Mi'kmaq History Month events.

New ED hired for Goldenville Interpretive Centre =

Board of Directors of Heritage Goldenville Society and Interpretive Centre are pleased to announce the appointment of Vickie Bruce to the position of Executive Director. Our incredible journey starts now! Greetings from the Executive Director Goldenville Interpretive Centre! I'm really excited about many of the projects we'll be engaging in. You are going to be impressed! We have such great people on our team and I am proud to lead that team as we engage with you, our community. My role will be responsible for overseeing the administration of the organization, including strategic business transformation, developing exhibits and curatorial duties, fundraising, marketing, communications, and community outreach. While we are closed now for the season, we will be busy working on developing our programs and exhibits over the winter. Please reach out to introduce yourself and join us on the incredible journey ahead to honour our local heritage, educate the present and build the future. Warmest Regards, Vickie Bruce, Executive Director.

Goldenville Presbyterian Church Pews Sale

Calling all former parishioners of Goldenville Presbyterian Church! Pews #18-25 will be offered for sale. If one of these pews were used by your family, and you would like to have first right of purchase, please contact Vickie Bruce prior to October 15th. vicbruce66@gmail.com. The remaining pews will be available for sale after Oct 15th, for \$250 each.

Sherbrooke League Darts

League Darts will be starting at the Sherbrooke Lions Hall starting on October 23rd, 2023. Anyone interested in playing this year can either call or text Rod Dunbar 902-870-5462 or Cory Worth 902-328-7033. If interested we'd like to hear from you by no later than October 11th.

28th Annual Bob Breen Yard Sale

The annual Bob Breen Yard Sale will take place on October 1st, 2023 from 10am-2pm. There is lots of space, come and join us! Any questions, call 902-779-2677 or 902-779-2844. If the weather doesn't cooperate, see you next year.

Well Women's Clinic

A Well Women's Clinic will take place on Saturday, October 14th from 8am until 12 noon. RN trained providers Nicole Keefe and V. Chisholm available for those women requiring pap smear and breast examination. Please call 902-522-2882 to schedule an appointment. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your time.

Community Choir

Community Choir will be starting on October 16th at 7:00pm. Practice will take place at St. John's United Church in Sherbrooke. No previous experience required. All are welcome!

Greenfield Oldsters Space Available

The Greenfield Oldsters Club has a space available for lease at their building located at 7575 Hwy. 348 in Melrose. This space is approximately 200 square feet and includes heat and lights. The tenant would have access to a washroom. Interested parties are asked to contact Glen Matthews by email glenmatthews62@gmail.com or by phone at 902-833 2469.

Greenfield Oldsters Club

Starting Thursday, October 12th at 7:30pm, there will be Crib on Thursday evenings at the Greenfield Oldsters Club. You do not need a partner to play. Come one, come all and have some fun.

Thank you from the Lutens

Laurie and I want to express our gratitude to everyone who celebrated our 50th Anniversary with us this past August 19th. First of all we thank our children, grandchildren, and now a great granddaughter for the years of love that they have given us. Together with the Goshen Gospel Church fellowship and the Goshen Community Centre folk, they put on a wonderful party for us. It was so good to see so many come and celebrate with us. A great big THANK YOU to you all. - John & Laurie Luten.

Grandmothers' Day - Rescheduled Event

The St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre at Sherbrooke Village invites you to share memories of your grandmothers and great grandmothers at Grandmothers' Day, October 1st, 2023 at the Exhibit Centre, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring photos, mementos and stories to share with others. Bring your grandmothers. With permission, Research Centre volunteers would like to scan photos and/or record stories to add to the collected history of the Municipality of St. Mary's. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Martha by email at mjmacdonald06@gmail.com

St. Mary's Trails Association Update

The St. Mary's Trail Association wishes to thank everyone who attended the Open House in May. We are continuing to work through the "10 step process" for our request to expand and develop a trail on the old Guysborough Railway from Aspen to Newtown. Our efforts continue as we maintain the developed section of our trail (Trans Canada Trail) from Aspen, east, to Cameron Lakes. Many thanks to our supporters for their generous donations and to our volunteers for their time and effort. Special thanks to Sherbrooke Garage, Clarkes Chimney, McGrath Contracting, New Arch Contracting, Hon. MP Sean Fraser, St. Mary's River Association, Columbia Clothing Co., Shoppers Drug Mart - Sherbrooke, Angie Jack, Canadian Tire Antigonish, AtlanTick, and Warden Wier and St. Mary's Councillors. We invite you to take a hike, cycle or enjoy an ATV ride on the trail this fall! It's not too late to kayak or canoe on one of the beautiful lakes - McKeen, Kirk, MacMullin or Cameron.

Sherbrooke Saturday Market

The Sherbrooke Saturday Market takes place weekly from 9am-1pm at the Sherbrooke Village Heritage Park. Parking in the Sherbrooke Village parking lot. Call Gabriela at 902-338-0290 to participate.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

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

Stillwater Community Center

Join us for an evening of fun and prizes. Cards are held every Friday @ 7:30pm (doors open @ 7pm) until November 24th.

Ecum Secum Community Park

After a busy summer and very successful Funday event, we have a few events for the Fall that you won't want to miss! There will be an online auction happening on our Facebook page (Ecum Secum Community Park) from October 1st-7th. We are having a bottle drive on October 13th, feel free to drop off any bottles you have at the park in the brown shed. If you need to arrange a pick up please call Tiffany at 902-347-2110. A Friday the 13th teens Halloween dance will take place on Friday, October 13th for ages 11-17 from 8-10:30pm. There is a 50/50 chip bingo Monday, October 16th from 7-9pm. The last game is a jackpot, winner takes all. Kids Halloween costume party is happening Sunday, October 22nd from 1-3pm.

Trick or Treat at Highcrest Nursing Home

Stop into High-Crest on October 31st from 5-6:30 for Tricks and Treats! Please check High-Crest Sherbrooke Nursing Home Facebook page for details regarding whether we will be on the front deck or inside.

Heritage Goldenville Afternoon Tea

Join us for a delightful afternoon of good company, good food and of course a warm beverage! October 15th, 2-4pm located at the Goldenville Interpretive Centre, 199 Goldenville Road.

Thank you - MacKenzie Family

We would like to extend our huge thank you to the community for the goodbye party at the community centre in August. Thank you to the Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton for hosting the event and to the members of St. Thomas Church for organizing everything at the centre. Thank you to all of those who shared such kind words and memories of our time serving here together, and thank you to the parish for the beautiful gift. We are so grateful for our years spent in the municipality and hope to keep in touch (and welcome you to visit when you are in the Valley). God bless you all, - Rev. Kristin, Mike, Sammy, and Duncan MacKenzie

The St. Mary's Curling Club

ATTENTION CURLERS: The curling season this year will start on Tuesday, November 7th. The ice will be available on the 7th and 14th from 4:30-5:30pm for new curlers and anyone who would like to come. A volunteer with the club will be available to give a short lesson to anyone who would like one. There will be curling on Tuesday, at 5:30 and 7:00pm. This season will consist of 17 or 18 weeks of fun and exercise. We are planning to finish off the season with our annual fun weekend **Bonspiel**.

Registration fees this season will be:

Students (13 years and up) - \$80.00

Adults - \$160.00 (\$80.00 for first half)

We will be collecting the fees in October and January again this year.

There will be an open registration for all curlers on **October 10th** in the **COMMUNITY ROOM** at the Municipal Office from 6:30 until 7:30pm. Each Curler that registers and pays on that evening or before will have their name entered in a draw for a **free membership** for the year sponsored by the **Municipality of the District of St. Mary's**.

Get active this winter and help us make this a great curling season!

If you need more information feel free to contact:

Maureen Fraser - 902-522-2984, Nancy Chaston 902-779-2149,
Stephen Richard 902-870-0144, Wayne Feltmate 902-522-2281,
Suzanne Gillis 902-522-2322

St. Mary's Curling Club

Registration & Waiver Form

2023-2024 Season

Participant information:

Participant's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Medical considerations (optional): _____

Emergency Contact name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Do you have a Team? YES NO

Team Members: _____

Please check the times you or your team would be able to curl.

TUESDAY

_____ 5:30 pm Draw

_____ 7:00 pm Draw

Waiver:

I, the above named candidate (Age 19+) or one of the parents/guardians of the above named candidate (age 18 or under) for the above specified program(s) hereby give my approval myself or for that child to participate in any and all activities pertaining to the above program.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT THERE IS AN INHERENT RISK IN ANY PROGRAM AND THE ST. MARY'S CURLING CLUB, MUNICIPALITY AND VOLUNTEERS ARE IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, OR INJURY TO PARTICIPANTS. I, THE UNDERSIGNED, THEREFORE, RELEASE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE ST. MARY'S CURLING CLUB, MUNICIPAL STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, AND SPONSORS FROM ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM ANY LOSS OR INJURY SUFFERED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PARTICIPANT ARISING FROM AND OUT OF ANY INJURY SUFFERED BY THE PARTICIPANT WHILE INVOLVED IN ANY RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT _____ DATE _____

October 2023 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Grandmother's Day Event 2pm Ecum Secum Auction Begins	2 IHL Paint Night 7pm	3 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Softball Skills Program 2:30pm Liscomb Legion Meeting 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	4 Walk to School Day Guys. Co. 55+ Games (all day) Goshen Game Day 1pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	5 Guys. Co. 55+ Games (all day) Mobile Breast Screening Clinic	6 Mobile Breast Screening Clinic MM Bake Sale 11am Sonora Penny Auction 7pm Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	7 Mobile Breast Screening Clinic Sherbrooke Market 9am Hunters Safety Course 9am CH Open Mic 7pm Ecum Secum Auction Ends
8 Plywood Deer Shoot 9am	9	10 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Regular Council Meeting 4pm Softball Skills Program 2:30pm Curling Reg. Night 6:30pm Liscomb Paint & Sip 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	11 Goshen Game Day 1pm House League Hockey Registration Night 6pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	12 Sonora Crokinole 7pm Greenfield Crib 7:30pm	13 Ecum Secum Bottle Drive MM Bake Sale 11am Stillwater Cards 7:30pm Ecum Secum Halloween Dance 8pm	14 Women's Clinic 8am Sherbrooke Market 9am Recyclable Depot 10am Goshen Sale 10am
15 Goldenville Tea 2pm	16 IHL Paint Night 7pm Community Choir 7pm Ecum Secum Bingo 7pm	17 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Softball Skills Program 2:30pm IHL Card Party 7:30pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	18 Goshen Game Day 1pm Goshen Blood Pressure Clinic 1pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	19 Eco Explorers 2:30pm Sonora Crokinole 7pm Greenfield Crib 7:30pm	20 MM Bake Sale 11am Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	21 CH Breakfast 8:30am Sherbrooke Market 9am Hospital Walkathon 9:30am Goshen Yard Sale 10am Goshen Volunteer Event 7pm
22 Kids Halloween Party 1pm	23 Goshen AT Walk and Roll 6pm IHL Regular Meeting 7pm Sherbrooke Darts begin	24 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Sherbrooke AT Walk and Roll 2:30pm Softball Skills Program 2:30pm IHL Card Party 7:30pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	25 Goshen Game Day 1pm Liscomb AT Walk and Roll 6pm Port Bickerton AT Walk and Roll 6pm Lion's Bingo 7:45pm	26 Eco Explorers 2:30pm Municipal Volunteer Reception 7pm Sonora Crokinole 7pm Greenfield Crib 7:30pm	27 MM Bake Sale 11am Stillwater Cards 7:30pm	28 Sherbrooke Market 9am Recyclable Depot 10am Goshen Turkey Supper 4:30pm Liscomb Halloween Dance 8pm CH Halloween Dance
29 OFC Tea Fundraiser 12pm	30 IHL Paint Night 7pm Liscomb Kids Halloween Dance 6pm & 7:30pm	31 Maple Manor Tea 9:30am Softball Skills Program 2:30pm Fright Night 5pm High Crest Trick or Treating 5pm Liscomb Trunk or Treat IHL Card Party 7:30pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm				