



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's July Newsletter 2025

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## **Meetings of Council**

The next regular meeting of Council is Wednesday, July 16 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 5:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, July 2 and Wednesday, July 16 in Council Chambers. Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings are held at 5:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday at 5:00pm, the Council meeting is held first, followed immediately by the COTW meeting. Agendas, packages, minutes and audio files are available at [www.saint-marys.ca](http://www.saint-marys.ca).

## **Warden's Message**

Summer is finally here! It's time to get out and enjoy the warm weather and many activities available to you throughout the Municipality. No matter if it's hiking, biking, kayaking, or just spending time outside reading, do it. We all know how short this time is. Speaking of getting outside, SOFTBALL! We had a great sign up for our summer softball lessons/leagues. Thirty-five kids and enough adults for four teams signed up. Mallory (our Recreation Director) and her team are working on many activities for you all to take advantage of this summer. Check them out and get outside! Heck, we have kayaks and more to rent. What's stopping you? In other newsworthy news, did you know that you can borrow a Wi-Fi hotspot device from the library? You can. You can either request online or by contacting our local library. There are a limited amount of these devices so you'll probably need a reservation. These units can be borrowed for up to three weeks. But beware, unlike that romance novel you've been "meaning to return," if you're late with the device, service will be cut off and you'll be charged a fee. Regardless, if you want to read that overdue book at a shady spot while streaming some music, check it out. And on the topic of shady spots, there's a new incentive from Parks Canada. Big news for anyone dreaming of wide-open trails, walks through history or ocean views. Admission to all Parks Canada administered places will be free from June 20 to September 2, and camping reservations will be discounted 25%. There's more so check out the Canada Strong Pass. But come to St. Mary's first please. One last shady spot note, ticks are everywhere. This year it seems there are more of them. After outdoor activities use a repellent and check yourself. Stay safe and well, and let's enjoy this month!  
- Warden Fuller

## **4400 Square Feet Of Rubber Matting For Sale By Sealed Tender**

The Municipality is selling approximately 4,400 square feet of rubber matting from the St. Mary's Recplex (164 Old Road Hill, Sherbrooke), made up of full and partial 4'x6' mats, including over 140 full mats. Mats will be sold as one bundle only— there will be no individual sales. Viewings are on July 9, 2025, from 2–4pm or by appointment. Bid forms will be available and must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Rubber Mat Sealed Tender" to the Municipal Office by noon on July 17, 2025. There is a minimum bid is \$3,000 + HST. Bid forms can be picked up at the Municipal Office. Payment is due within three business days of the awarding of the tender and prior to removal of the mats. The buyer is solely responsible for removal of the mats in their entirety within two weeks of the tender being awarded.

## **Municipal Low Income Property Tax Exemption**

Low Income Property Tax Exemption forms are available at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/news/3012-low-income-exemption-2025-2026/file.html> or the Municipal Office. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2025.

## **NS Provincial Property Tax Rebate**

The Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors program opens July 1. Drop by the Municipal Office to complete your application.

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## **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for the August Newsletter is Wednesday, July 16 at 4:00pm. Submissions can be made at the Municipal Office, faxed to 902-522-2309, or emailed to [newsletter@saint-marys.ca](mailto:newsletter@saint-marys.ca).

## **Municipal Transfer Station Hours**

Monday, July 7: 9am-4:30pm  
Saturday, July 12: 10am-3pm  
Monday, July 14: 9am-4:30pm  
Monday, July 21: 9am-4:30pm  
Saturday July 26: 10am-3pm  
Monday, July 28: 9am-4:30pm

## **Solid Waste Collection**

Solid waste collection details can be found at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html>.

## **MacMillan's Recyclable Collection**

Recyclable collection is scheduled for the second and fourth Saturday monthly starting at 10am at the St. Mary's Recplex. For more info call 902-863-1127.

## **Sherbrooke Water Utility**

The Sherbrooke Water Utility asks all customers to contact the Water Treatment Plant at 902-522-2156 before filling any swimming pools. This helps staff monitor increased water use and ensures consistent service for all residents. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Employment Opportunity:

<b>Position Title:</b>	<b>CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</b>
<b>Reports to:</b>	Municipal Council
<b>Classification:</b>	Permanent/Full-Time (40hrs/wk)/Salary
<b>Salary Range:</b>	\$108,000 - \$135,000 per annum

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### **Position Summary:**

The Municipality is seeking the right person to lead our municipal administration team in the position of Chief Administrative Officer. This is a permanent full-time position. As the administrative head of the municipality, the CAO ensures that the policies and programs of the municipality are implemented; advises and informs Council on the operation and affairs of the municipality; and performs the duties and functions and exercises the powers assigned to a Chief Administrative Officer by the Municipal Government Act and other enactments, or those assigned by Council. The combined annual operating, water and capital budget is approximately \$4.5 million/ annum.

### **Duties of the Position:**

- Administers the day-to-day business affairs of all departments of the Municipality, in accordance with the policies and plans approved by Council.
- Co-ordinate and direct the preparation of plans and programs to be submitted to Council for the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of all Municipal property and facilities.
- Ensure that the annual budgets are prepared and submitted to Council.
- Be responsible for the administration, accountability and control of the budget adopted by Council.
- Present to Council for its consideration recommendations from staff, along with appropriate commentary from the CAO, concerning any aspect of internal operations, including proposed by-laws and resolutions to give effect to such recommendations as may be adopted by Council.
- Meet with Directors and staff regularly, for discussion of matters of policy and for coordination of all Municipality activities.
- Attend, or be adequately represented at, all meetings of Council and any other meetings that Council may establish, and with the permission of the presiding officer make such observations and suggestions as the CAO may deem expedient on the topic under discussion.
- Make written recommendations to Council, when CAO or the Council deems it appropriate with respect to a chosen topic and those recommendations shall be recorded as part of the minutes of the proceedings.
- Have power to regularly study the Municipality's administrative organization structure and operations and recommend any changes that would, in the opinion of the CAO, improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the internal operations.
- Recommend to Council the appointment, employment, suspension or dismissal of Directors.
- Appoint, employ, suspend or dismiss all other employees in accordance with procedures laid down in the Municipal Human Resources Policies, with power to further delegate this authority.



- Subject to policies adopted by Council, make or authorize the making of expenditures for the purchase of equipment, supplies or other items required for carrying on the business of the Municipality, and enter into contracts therefore on behalf of the Municipality where the amount of such expenditure does not exceed the amount as stipulated in the CAO policy provided it is a budgeted item.
- Submit a recommendation to Council respecting any proposed expenditure, for any purpose, in excess of the amount as stipulated in the CAO policy, and respecting any contract involved therein, however notwithstanding the above, the CAO is empowered to make emergency expenditures as per the CAO policy and must report the expenditure immediately to Council for ratification at the next meeting.
- Subject to policies adopted by Council, sell any personal property belonging to the Municipality not exceeding a value as stipulated in the CAO policy which, in the opinion of the CAO, is no longer needed by the Municipality or which is obsolete or unsuitable for use.
- Subject to policies adopted by Council, personally or by agent, negotiate and execute leases of real property owned by the Municipality that are for a term not exceeding one year, including renewals.
- Supervise the performance of all contracts entered into by the Municipality and ensure that all the conditions relating thereto have been fulfilled in accordance with the provisions of such contracts or agreements and the CAO shall report to the Council respecting such contracts.
- Obtain information regarding all boards and commissions which affect the interests of the Municipality and report to Council regarding same when, in the opinion of the CAO or Council, such reports are deemed necessary.
- Review drafts of the proposed by-laws and policies and make recommendations to Council with respect to them.
- Act as the Human Resource Manager for the Municipality, ensuring adequate policies are in place.
- Act, or appoint a person to act, as bargaining agent for the Municipality in the negotiating of contracts between the Municipality and any trade union or employee association and recommend to Council agreements with respect to them.
- Carry out such additional duties and exercise such additional responsibilities as Council may assign.

**Experience/ Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:**

Relevant University Degree, preferably in Municipal Administration, with five years' experience in a senior management capacity. Knowledge of local government management or equivalent formal education and experience. Strong leadership and management skills are required to lead the team of Municipal staff. Must have the ability to communicate with the public and Council in presenting advice and recommendations on all matters affecting local government. Research and computer skills are required.

**Applications:**

Applications by resume and cover letter along with references will be accepted until **4:00pm on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 or until the position is filled**. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. Applications accepted by Email to: [employment@saint-marys.ca](mailto:employment@saint-marys.ca), or Mailed to: 8296 HWY 7, PO Box 296, Sherbrooke NS, B0J 3C0.

# Community Development & Recreation

## **Co-Ed Youth Rec Softball League Registration**

Did you miss the deadline for registration? No need to worry! This exciting program offers young athletes the chance to build skills, stay active, and enjoy the fun of team play in a supportive, community-focused environment. Open to youth from ages 5-13, of all skill levels, the league focuses on teaching the fundamentals of softball—including hitting, fielding, and teamwork—while encouraging confidence and good sportsmanship. This program will run until August 27 at the Liscomb Softball Field. Whether your child is new to the game or looking to grow their skills, this is a great opportunity to get involved, have fun, and make new friends. Skill Development will be on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm with a game each Wednesday starting at 6:30pm. The cost is \$25 per participant for the season.

## **Swim Program**

Make a splash this season with the Swim for Life Program developed by the Life Saving Society. This program provides high-quality swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels, with a strong focus on water safety, swimming skills, and physical fitness in a fun and supportive environment. Lessons that will be offered include Parent & Tot: for parents and children up to 3 years of age, Preschool: for children 3-5 years; and Swimmer: for children 5 years and older. All classes are led by certified instructors to ensure a safe and engaging experience. Let us know which location would work best when you register or reach out with feedback. To register go to <https://forms.office.com/r/EgskGUx3Rd>. There will be four sessions throughout July & August. The cost is \$40 per session.

## **Tee-Ball Program**

Our Tee-Ball program for children aged 3 to 6 has officially kicked off for the season at the SMECA Back Field! Taking place Thursday evenings from 6-7pm, this fun and beginner-friendly program introduces young players to the basics of softball—hitting, throwing, catching, and running the bases—all in a supportive and safe environment. Thank you to everyone who registered! We're looking forward to a great season filled with fun, learning, and teamwork. Missed the deadline? Did you miss the deadline for registration? No need to worry! To sign up, visit <https://forms.office.com/r/Znm1kf1keY>. The cost is \$15 per participant for the season.

## **Guysborough County 55+ Adult Games**

The Guysborough County 55+ Adult Games are set to take place on October 1 & 2, 2025, at the beautiful Liscomb Lodge. This two-day event promises fun, friendship, and friendly competition in a relaxed and scenic setting. The \$50 registration fee includes the games and activities, a delicious banquet, live music, boat rides, snacks, and more! Whether you're coming for the competition or the camaraderie, this is a great opportunity to stay active, connect with others, and enjoy a fun getaway. To register go to <https://forms.office.com/r/JjUqbVgkuF> or visit the Municipal Office.

## **Summer Day Camp**

Summer Day Camp is back and better than ever! Running from July 7 to August 29, Monday to Thursday at SMECA from 8am-4:30pm, this fun-filled camp is open to children aged 5 to 12 and offers a variety of games, crafts, outdoor adventures, and theme days to keep kids active, engaged, and smiling all summer long. Camp is just \$10 per day for non-residents of the Municipality. Children must be registered by Friday for the following week, so be sure to plan ahead to reserve your spot! Give your child a summer to remember—full of creativity, friendships, and fun. Spaces are limited, please sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot. For more information or to register, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/1AXxKyfdta> or stop by the Municipal Office.

## **Canada Day Celebration**

Mark your calendars for July 1, 2025! We are calling on all businesses and organizations in St. Mary's to help make this year's Canada Day Parade the biggest ever! Register to walk or enter a float or vehicle in this year's Canada Day Parade. We will be bringing back prizes for the best overall float as voted for by residents. To register visit <https://forms.office.com/r/> or stop by the Municipal Office.

## **Summer Sprouts Program**

Introducing Summer Sprouts—a special summer program designed just for our littlest campers! This fun and gentle drop-off program for ages 3-4 runs from 10:00 am to 2:00pm at SMECA, Monday to Thursday, offering a playful, age-appropriate version of day camp where young children can explore, create, and grow. Each day is filled with stories, crafts, games, and outdoor play, all in a safe and nurturing environment. It's the perfect way for preschoolers to enjoy summer fun, make new friends, and build confidence in a small-group setting. Summer Sprouts is a great first step into camp life—designed with little ones in mind. Summer Sprouts is \$5 per day for non-residents of the Municipality. To register your child, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/yPjBjheuj8>.

## **Co-Ed Adult Rec Softball League Registration**

The first-ever season of the St. Mary's Co-Ed Adult Recreation Softball League is in full swing! This fun and inclusive league runs Tuesday evenings from June to September, on Tuesday evenings in Liscomb. Games are at 6pm & 7:15pm. Spectators are welcome! Come out and cheer on your local teams as they enjoy a summer filled with softball, community spirit, and friendly competition.

## **Equipment Loan Program**

Bikes, kayaks, adult and youth paddle boards and much more is available to rent. Equipment can be rented between the hours of 8:30am-4pm, Monday to Friday at the Municipal Office. For more info visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/equipment-rental.html>.

# St. Mary's Summer Bingo



Complete a line or four corners for a chance to win a summer prize. Entry's must be submitted by July 31. Only residents of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's are eligible for prizes.

Beach Day	Outdoor Meditation	Picnic in the Park	Water Balloon Fight	Outdoor Movie Night
Visit an Outdoor Market	Go for a Hike	BBQ Party	Build a Sandcastle	Go Swimming
Campfire & S'mores	Garden Planting		Day Trip	Outdoor Concert
Bike Ride	Visit Sherbrooke Village	Stargazing	Play Outdoor Sports	Nature Walk
Read a Book Outside	Ice Cream Treat	Photography Walk	Canoeing or Kayaking	Visit Pioneer Park

# Economic Development

## **Tourism Supports**

The new St. Mary's Tourism website is now live at <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com>! If you are a tourism-related business and would like to be added to the site, have an event you'd like to see added—or if you're already listed and need to make an edit—please visit the Contact Us page at <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/contact-us/> to submit your request. Be sure to check out our Tourism social media channels on Facebook and YouTube for local highlights and features. We're also looking for high-quality digital content to help showcase the beauty and experiences of St. Mary's. If you have photos or videos you'd like to share on our platforms, please email them to [tourism@saint-marys.ca](mailto:tourism@saint-marys.ca). Let's show the world what makes St. Mary's special!

## **Coastal Nova Scotia**

Looking for fun things to do this weekend? Check out the events listed at [www.coastalnovascotia.ca](http://www.coastalnovascotia.ca)! Have an event you'd like to share? Submit your details by visiting the website or contacting Kara at [kara@coastalnovascotia.ca](mailto:kara@coastalnovascotia.ca).

## **Nova Scotia Works Career Connections**

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections is a leading provider of career development services. They are committed to the delivery of innovative programs and outstanding services in an inclusive environment. Services are available for both Students (scholarships listings), Clients and Employers. NS Works Career Connections can be found on Facebook or contact the Guysborough County Office at 902-533-2805 or [guysborough@careerconnections.ca](mailto:guysborough@careerconnections.ca).

## **Nova Scotia Farm Association**

Fire Safety Info Session with Farmer and Volunteer Firefighter Davis Newcombe. Farms, agricultural buildings and equipment have specific fire risks. Join farmer and firefighter David Newcombe on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:30pm via Zoom for an overview of the common fire risks in agriculture, how to stay prepared, and how to protect your farms. For more info got to <https://farmsafetyns.ca/event/fire-safety-info-session/>.

## **Skills Online NS**

Skills Online NS is an online portal that provides all Nova Scotians with an opportunity to acquire in-demand skills by offering thousands of free courses. Visit [www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca](http://www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca) for more information.

## **Centre for Entrepreneurship Education & Development (CEED)**

Each year CEED helps to increase the number of businesses operating in Nova Scotia through training, financing and networking opportunities. CEED has a unique community for like minded entrepreneurs brought together by peer-to-peer learning opportunities, professional development strategies and a passion for entrepreneurship. Whether starting your business, supporting your new business or supporting your existing business you can find the right program visit [www.ceed.ca](http://www.ceed.ca).

## **Municipal Business Directory**

Did you know the St. Mary's Municipal website has a business directory? The Municipality recently had several new businesses start-up in our community. If you haven't reviewed the directory recently, it's encouraged you to go to the website and check out the recent additions and be sure your contact details are up to date. If you are a new business and would like to be added submit your information to <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business-directory.html>.

## **Canada Strong Pass**

This summer, plan a vacation in Canada! From June 20 to September 2, 2025, enjoy free or discounted admission to some of the country's most iconic places. The Canada Strong Pass lets you explore the richness of the country—from museums to nature to railroads. Just visit participating locations! The Canada Strong Pass is not a physical pass that you need to purchase, sign up for, or collect. Simply visit any participating Parks Canada site, museum, gallery, or VIA Rail to benefit from free admissions or discounts. Learn more at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-strong-pass.html>.

## **Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)**

ACOA provides financial assistance to businesses operating in a variety of sectors, including manufacturing and processing (with value-added activity), ocean industries, oil and gas, aerospace and defence, life sciences, tourism, aquaculture and fisheries, innovation (such as the development of new or improved products, services, or processes), information and technology-based industries, and non-commercial services to businesses that are not personal in nature. For more information, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities.html> or call 1-800-565-1228.

## **CBDC**

Are you thinking of starting a new business in Guysborough County? If you are unemployed, underemployed or have been within the last 5 years, you may be eligible for the Self Employment Benefit program. This program aids in developing a business plan, many training opportunities and guidance from a business development officer, as well as financial assistance while you get your business off the ground. For more information contact Daphne or Janice at the Guysborough County CBDC at 902-533-2770 or visit [www.cbdc.ca](http://www.cbdc.ca).

## **Tourism Nova Scotia Experience Toolkit**

Deliver new experiences to set your business apart from the competition, create more demand for your business, and connect with your best customers. Gain insights with experience development planning and pricing tools, industry best practices, and marketing tactics. Visit [tourismns.ca/experiencetoolkit](http://tourismns.ca/experiencetoolkit) for the Nova Scotia Experience Toolkit.

**Back By Popular Demand  
Nimrod's Campground  
Penney Auction!!!!**



**Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm**

**Donations can be dropped off at the office between 9am-6pm  
until July 25th**

**Brought to you by  
St. Mary's Fish & Game Association**

# Community News & Events

## **St. Mary's ATV Club**

Meetings are now held on the second Wednesday of each month. Show your support by attending the next meeting on July 9 at 6pm at the Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre. Support the club by purchasing 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw and selecting St. Mary's ATV Club—40% of sales go directly to the club. 2025 registrations are available at Fraser's Garage and through Milton Gallant. You'll need your ATV license number, make, model, and year. Register today and help support your local ATV club—funds go directly back into club activities and trails.

## **Thank you from Family of Ralph Jack**

The family of the late Ralph Jack would like to thank all of the community, friends and neighbors for helping and supporting us in so many ways during Ralph's illness. You will never know how much your care and kindness meant to all of us. We appreciate the visits, the cards, the food and conversations that helped us to celebrate his life. Sincerely Gweneth, Connie, Kurt, Randi-Lee and Audrey-Lee; Becky, Matt and Nathan; Sandy and Peggy, Myles and Wendy, Darla and Ricky, Rhonda and our extended families.

## **Stillwater Community Centre**

To all of you who joined us for cards this spring, we thank you for supporting us and enabling us to keep our Centre open. We will be having our first Fall Card Party on Friday, September 5, 2025. Doors open at 7pm. Cards start at 7:30pm. We hope you will join us. If you are in need of, our recently renovated hall, for a family event or a meeting place, please contact Gordon MacIntosh at 902-497-1201. The cost of a full day rental is \$75 and a half day rental \$50.

## **Goshen Community & Recreation Centre**

The Bargain Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-3pm. Donations of items can be dropped off during these hours. Game Day takes place on Wednesdays from 1-4:00pm. Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. No partner is required. Admission is \$5.00. Coffee Breaks are held every second Monday, with upcoming July dates on the 14th and 28th. Start time is 9:30am. A Friday Night Supper on July 18 featuring spaghetti and dessert (take-out only) will be available from 4:30-6:00pm. The Canada Day Parade will begin at 11:00am on July 1, starting at the Fire Department and ending at the Community Centre. Celebrations will follow at the Centre. Recyclable bottles are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the Centre. Volunteers and committee members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers at 902-318-4401.

## **Sherbrooke Culture Club**

The last day of the Art Show with Painter Heidi Holloway at 17 Main Street is July 5, 7-9pm. All welcome.

## **Coffee and Connection**

Every Friday from 10am-12pm at the Greenfield Oldsters Clubhouse in Melrose for a welcoming morning of connection and community! Whether you're interested in bulk purchases, chatting with neighbors, or enjoying a coffee or tea, it's a great way to meet new people. Kids and babies are welcome. For updates, visit our "Coffee and Connection" Facebook page.

## **Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86**

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6-11pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. Cribbage Thursday and Saturday at 7:30pm. Crib for July 5 has been moved to July 4. WIFI is available, inquire at the bar. Debit only is available. Membership Renewal & Donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at [branch86rcl@gmail.com](mailto:branch86rcl@gmail.com). The July General Membership Meeting of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86 will be Tuesday, July 8th at 7pm. All members of Branch 86 are encouraged to attend, your opinions, contributions and offer to volunteer are appreciated. Dance Night July 5 for Members and Guests with DJ Gary B. Bar opens at 6pm, dance starts at 8pm to midnight. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. A mix of DJ music & Karaoke by request. Put your dancing shoes on and come to Liscomb Branch. Proceeds to go to the Roof repair fund. Seniors Social for those 55+ on Wednesday July 16 from 10am to 2pm. Games starting at 10am, lunch at noon, more games after lunch. Games include Cribbage, Shuffleboard, Auction Forty-Fives, Crokinole. Free for Seniors. Come and join us! Check our Facebook page for updates.

## **St. Mary's Garden Club**

Meeting at Maple Manor Community Room at 7pm on July 9, 2025. All gardeners are welcome! Join us for tea. We're trying to organize Community Gardens. Join us to discuss the possibility!

## **Port Bickerton Lighthouse Arts Festival**

The Second Annual Port Bickerton Lighthouse Arts Festival will take place on August 16 & 17. Organizers are currently seeking participation from artists and artisans of all kinds, including painters, crafters, dancers, musicians, jewelers, and more. If you are interested in showcasing your talents and contributing to a weekend of creativity and community spirit, please email [pbartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:pbartfestival@gmail.com). The goal of the festival is to "keep the light on" creative and spiritual growth in our community.

## **Country Harbour Gun Club**

The Country Harbour Gun Club will be hosting several upcoming events. On July 18th, Ty Wallace will perform from 7-9pm in memory of Brenda Tatlock. On July 19 the Club will hold a Country Breakfast from 8:30 to 10am. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for children aged 5 and under. Smokey Hollow Holidays will begin on July 26.

# SMOKEY HOLLOW HOLIDAYS

*Country Harbour  
Gun Club*

**2025**

<b>26</b> July	<b>WOMEN'S BALL TOURNAMENT</b> <b>MUSICAL BINGO 8:30M</b>	<b>31</b> July	<b>BINGO NIGHT</b> <b>7:30pm</b>
<b>27</b> July	<b>RIVER FLOAT 11am</b> <b>PENNY AUCTION 3pm</b>	<b>01</b> August	<b>MEN'S BALL TOURNAMENT</b> <b>STARTS at 6pm</b> <b>TRIVIA &amp; PUB NIGHT at</b> <b>8pm</b>
<b>28</b> July	<b>CRIB NIGHT IN MEMORY</b> <b>OF THE JIMS</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>02</b> August	<b>MEN'S BALL Starts at 8am</b> <b>HOOTENANNY at 2pm</b> <b>ADULT DANCE at 9pm</b>
<b>29</b> July	<b>DART NIGHT</b> <b>7:30pm</b>	<b>03</b> August	<b>BALL TOURNAMENT at</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>THEME BASKET DRAWS</b>
<b>30</b> July	<b>Kids Day</b> <b>10am to 2pm</b>	<b>WATER POKER RALLY</b> <b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH</b>	

**THEME BASKETS ON DISPLAY ALL WEEK**  
**TICKETS \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5**

# Community News & Events

## **Sherbrooke Village**

There's something special happening this summer at Sherbrooke Village! Victorian Nights run Friday evenings in July and August with extended hours until 8:00pm. From July 4 to August 29, enjoy artisan spaces open late, live music, hands-on activities, themed evenings, and dining at McDaniel's Tea Room. Reduced admission applies. For full details, visit [sherbrookevillage.ca/pages/victoriannights](http://sherbrookevillage.ca/pages/victoriannights). Looking for a unique adventure? Try the Gold Rush! Escape Room Experience. Travel back to 1867 and solve the mystery of a botched gold heist before the thieves return. Available during open hours (Wednesday to Sunday) until September 14, and by appointment until December. Learn more at [sherbrookevillage.ca/pages/escaperoom](http://sherbrookevillage.ca/pages/escaperoom). Don't miss The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, directed by Elizabeth Bennett. Two performances of this staged reading in period costume take place July 31 (6–8:30pm) and August 3 (1:30–4pm) in the Exhibit Centre. An authentic Victorian Tea will be served during intermission. Tickets: \$30 in advance / \$35 at the door. Call 902-522-2400 or visit [sherbrookevillage.ca](http://sherbrookevillage.ca).

## **Thank You from Donna Cadieux**

I wish to express my appreciation for all the cards, flowers & food received from neighbours both near and far during the loss of my husband Ed Cadieux. A special thanks to St. Mary's Memorial Hospital & St. Martha's Hospital for their care and compassion. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

## **Sherbrooke Saturday Market**

Sherbrooke Saturday Market is now open! Join us from 9am to noonish at Heritage Park. Weather permitting, we will run until the end October. For information, contact Gabriela Schupbach on Facebook Messenger or call 902-338-0290. See you soon!

## **St. Mary's District Lion's Club**

Join us for our weekly Bingo on Wednesday's. Doors open at 7:00pm. Games start at 7:30pm.

## **Stan Rogers Folk Festival Roadshow**

The historic Sherbrooke Village Church sets the stage for an unforgettable evening with two of North America's most beloved songwriters. Folk hero Valdy and the inimitable Mary Gauthier will come together to deliver the ultimate Roadshow soundtrack in this charming bygone village. Step back in time and experience a night of music you won't want to miss. Join us Wednesday, July 23 at 7pm at the Sherbrooke Village Church. Tickets are available at Cook's Gas Bar in Guysborough or online at [stanfest.com](http://stanfest.com) for \$30.

## **Best of Boxwood Concert**

We are delighted that the Best of Boxwood will be coming to Sherbrooke Village this summer on Monday, July 28 at 7pm, doors open at 6:15pm.

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

Upcoming events at the DNRR Range in Stillwater include a pistol shoot on July 6 from 9am–2pm featuring a timed event with .22 caliber and centerfire classes. A work and clean-up day will take place on July 12 9am–2pm at the range. Free lunch for all that help. On August 3, there will be a benchrest shoot with centerfire and rimfire classes at a distance of 100 meters. Results from the Bob Michaud Skeet Shoot are as follows: first went to Rick Day of the Newdy Quoddy Sporting Club; second place went to Mike Hawkins of the Antigonish Marksmen Association; third place went to George Ferguson, also from the Antigonish Marksmen Association; and fourth went to place to Ken MacPherson of the same club. The St. Mary's Shooters Association would like to thank all the competitors!

## **Thank You from the Pryde Family**

The family of the late Jean Pryde would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls and emails, especially the staff of St. Mary's Memorial Hospital as they were so kind during Moms last days. Thank you very much!

## **Greenfield Oldsters**

Join us for Auction 45's on Tuesdays at 1:00pm with 8 rounds of 8 hands each. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. For more information, contact Gloria MacKeen at 902-870-1512. Cribbage is held at the Greenfield Oldsters Club on Thursday evenings. Registration starts at 7:00pm with cards at 7:30pm. No partner required. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with 8 games, a 50/50 draw, and cash prizes. The Greenfield Oldsters Club has a 200 sq. ft. office space for lease at 7575 Highway 348, Melrose, including heat, lights, access to washrooms, and a kitchen. Ample parking is available. For inquiries, contact John Watson at [john.jd.watson@gmail.com](mailto:john.jd.watson@gmail.com) or 902-823-2247.

## **Goldenville Interpretive Centre**

Don't forget to grab a 50/50 ticket in our monthly online raffle! When you purchase a ticket, you're not just taking a chance to win—you're helping preserve the incredible history of Goldenville. Every dollar raised supports the maintenance of our historic building and the development of community programs. Our efforts are entirely volunteer-driven, powered by pride and passion. Get tickets today at [www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs).

## **Goshen Market**

Join us on Sundays from 1–3pm at the Goshen Community & Recreation Centre—weather permitting! Each week, you'll find a variety of garden-fresh vegetables, baked goods, and locally crafted items for purchase. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CqXiMEyEM/>.



Another season is fast approaching and I'm late getting this out to you. Lots has happened during the off season. Blessed with a beautiful week of weather back in October a small group of volunteers were able to get a fresh coat of paint on the working light. Paint and supplies was generously donated by Kaiser Marine. Our friends at the coastguard were busy building us another swing. It's located in the lower parking lot overlooking the harbour. We start the year in great shape around the property. We have been very lucky not to have any nor'easters during the winter months and there is little to be done in the way of removing tree falls.

We would like to thank everyone who has choose to support our project over the years and hope that you will be able to do so again as we move forward. Visit us at [www.portbickertonlighthouse.com](http://www.portbickertonlighthouse.com) or follow us on FB at Port Bickerton Lighthouse. Have a safe summer and come visit us sometime. Our hours are 9am to 5pm, 7 days a week from July 1 to Sept. 30, 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn of the Port Bickerton Lighthouse?

- Local Resident       Visitor Centre
- Former Resident       Another Lighthouse
- Family or Friends       Tourism Literature (i.e. Doers and Dreamers)
- Online       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to other lighthouse organizations?  Yes  No

If yes, please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?  Yes  No

Do you have any comments, concerns or ideas?: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yearly membership fee is \$30.00, payable by cheque, money order or cash handed directly to one of the Association's members. **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH!**

Return this application form to: Port Bickerton and Area Planning Association  
 397 Lighthouse Road  
 Sherbrooke, N.S. B0J 3C0

# Community Services

## **Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)**

Visit Sherbrooke Public Library to borrow a new release, relax with our selection of word puzzles and coloring sheets, or bring a friend and try some of our puzzles or board games. Drop in to our Fibre Arts Club on Tuesdays, or the monthly Seniors Social! Don't forget to stop by to restock on menstrual or incontinence products for you or someone you know. TD Summer Reading Club is now launched! Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and more. We also have a Community Room that individuals or groups can book at no charge. Find up-to-date information about your local branch at <https://ecrl.ca/locations/sherbrooke-public-library> for more information about library services, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at [sherbrooke@ecrl.ca](mailto:sherbrooke@ecrl.ca), or visit [ecrl.ca](http://ecrl.ca). Stay current by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | [twitter.com/ecrlibrary](https://twitter.com/ecrlibrary).

## **St. Mary's District Food Bank**

For support, call 902-833-2920. All calls are confidential. Food donations can be dropped off at Clover Farm—please check expiry dates. Cash donations can be mailed to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. Gift donations are welcome; a card will be sent to the recipient. Thank you for your

## **Fire Restrictions**

There is no domestic brush burning or campfires allowed between 8am-2pm. Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2pm, you can check the restrictions at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>.

## **Sherbrooke Opportunity Society (SHOPS)**

There's always something happening at SHOPS! Don't forget—we offer a friendly wash, dry, and fold laundry service and collect refundable bottles and cans, with proceeds supporting programs and providing real paid work for Participants. You can also support us through the Toonie Draw—every toonie helps!

## **Nova Scotia Guard – Volunteer Opportunity**

Are you a resident of St. Mary's interested in giving back to your community during times of need? Consider joining the Nova Scotia Guard as a volunteer. The Guard is looking for individuals with special skills and training, such as firefighting, operating heavy equipment, or providing medical assistance. They also need volunteers who can help with general tasks like delivering food and essential goods, sorting donations, shoveling snow, assisting in community centres, and offering comfort and personal support to affected individuals. To register, simply complete and submit a registration form. If you are 18 years of age or older, you'll receive an email with instructions on how to complete an Enhanced Criminal Record Check. Once your registration is processed, you'll receive a confirmation or notification email from the Nova Scotia Guard. Online registration is available at <https://nsguard.ca/>. Please note that you'll need to create an account or sign in to register.

## **RCMP: From the Cruiser Report**

To read the "From the Cruiser" Report visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/protective-services.html>.

# Congregational Services

## **St Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada**

Sunday Services:

July 6 at 11am at Bethany in East River

July 13 at 11am at St. John's in Sherbrooke

July 20 at 11am at Kirk in Glenelg

July 27 at 11am at Bethany in East River

St. Mary's Weekly programs at St. John's include Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 10am, Men's Group on Wednesdays at 7pm, and the UCW meets monthly on the first Thursday at 2pm at Jo-Ann MacGrath's in Aspen. At the Kirk, children and youth are invited to JAM Club (an all-ages Sunday school) every second Sunday at 2pm, and Youth Group for Grades 9-12 meets every second Friday from 7:30-9pm. Special gatherings include The Living Room, a contemporary worship and community time held in the lower hall of St. John's, and AA: Finding Freedom, a closed meeting for those wishing to stop drinking, held Thursdays from 7-8pm at St. John's.

## **St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke**

Parish Priest Fr. Tom Stephan

(P)437-366-0731 (E)tomstephan1june@gmail.com

Mass is each Sunday at 11:30am.

Rennie Beaver, Parish Council Chairperson: 902-833-2341

## **Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church**

Pastor Terry Rideout

June 6 at 10:30am

June 13 at 10:30am

June 20 at 10:30am

June 27 at 10:30am

## **Sonora Calvary Faith Church**

Pastor Wayne Bray (P)902-522-2520

Bible Study and Prayer Meetings at 7pm.

July 1 July 16

July 2 July 23

July 8 July 30

July 9

Sunday Services:

July 6 at 6pm July 20 at 6pm

July 13 at 11am July 27 at 11am

## **United Baptist Church**

Reverend Scott Chandler.

Services at 3pm.

July 6: Port Hilford

August 3: Port Hilford

July 13: Sonora

August 10: Sonora

July 20: Port Hilford

August 17: Port Hilford

July 27: Sonora

August 24: Sonora

August 31: Port Hilford

# SMART-GO

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## SUMMER *Sale*

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Within Sherbrooke starting at \$5 per person

Sherbrooke to Antigonish starting at \$40 per person

Port Bickerton to Antigonish starting at \$60 per person

Goshen to Antigonish starting at \$30 per person

Ecum Secum to Antigonish starting at \$70 per person

Indian Harbour Lake to Antigonish starting at \$50 per person

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# July 2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Goshen Canada Day Parade 11am Sherbrooke Canada Day Parade 4pm Canada Day Celebration 5pm Oldsters 45s 1pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Youth Softball 6:30-7:30pm <b>COTW Meeting 5:00pm</b> Lion's Bingo 7pm	Tee Ball 6-7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Coffee & Connection 10am-12pm Farm Fire Safety Session 12:30pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Liscomb Legion Dance 8-12pm
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Pistol Shoot 9am-2pm Goshen Market 1-3pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Youth Softball Skills 6:30-7:30pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Oldsters 45s 1pm Adult Softball 6pm & 7:15pm Liscomb Legion Meeting 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Youth Softball 6:30-7:30pm ATV Club Meeting 6pm Lion's Bingo 7pm Garden Club Meeting 7pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Tee Ball 6-7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Coffee & Connection 10am-12pm St Mary's ATV Club meeting 6pm	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Shooter Association Clean Up Day 9am-2pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm
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