

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

December 2019 Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

Visit our website for agendas and approved minutes: www.saint-marys.ca

There will be no regular meeting of Council for the month of December.

Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday December 4th and December 18th at 1pm.

The Municipal office will be closed on Dec. 24th from 12-4pm as well as Dec. 25th, 26th 27th and January 1st.

The Warden, Council and staff would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

Virtual City Hall

Please note there was a typo in the previous newsletter for the address to register an account with Virtual City Hall. The appropriate link is:

<https://vch.saint-marys.ca/> This service enables clients to access their own tax account information. This will allow you to view information on your tax levies and payments. For more info, please contact the office at 902-522-2049.

2020 Municipal Tax Sale

Please be advised that the 2020 Municipal Property Tax Sale will be held on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 at 11am in the Municipal Council Chambers, 8296 Hwy 7, Sherbrooke. A listing of all properties to be sold at the tax sale will be published in the January and February Municipal newsletters.

Property Rebates

Please note there are still two property tax rebates available to apply for. One is provided by the province for residents that are receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement. The second rebate is provided by the Municipality and is based on a household income of \$20,500 or less. Deadlines for both applications are December 31st, 2019. For more info, contact the office at 902-

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Submission deadline for the January issue of the Municipal Newsletter is Dec. 18th at 4pm.

Submissions can be dropped off at the office or to:

municipal.clerk@saint-marys.ca
or 522-2309 (fax)

Please note we reserve the right to edit submissions.

Solid Waste November 2019 Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372

The Transfer Station is open:
Monday & Tuesday and Friday & Saturday: 9:00-4:30

The transfer station will be closed from 12-4:30 on December 24th for the holiday. Reopening regular hrs on the 27th.

Please note that garbage is now being picked up every other week with a limit of 8 bags per property.

Tuesday	Zone 1	December 3 Recyclables	December 10 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	December 17 Recyclables	December 24 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	December 31 Recyclables
Wednesday	Zone 2	December 4 Recyclables	December 11 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	December 18 Recyclables	December 28 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 4 Recyclables
Thursday	Zone 3	December 5 Recyclables	December 12 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	December 19 Recyclables	December 26 1 Bulky Item & Garbage	January 2 Recyclables

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

RECPLEX UPDATE

Upon start up for the 2019/2020 season, it was discovered that the ice plant chiller needed to be replaced before ice making could begin. This process took 2 weeks which resulted in the delay of opening. Programs are now under way this month at the Recplex with the opening date beginning Nov 23rd, 2019.

In December 2015 the St. Mary's Recplex was honored to receive a \$100,000 donation from the Roy Steed Personal Trust. Over the past 4 years the Recplex has been very fortunate to have these funds to help aid in major upgrades to the facility. The Roy Steed fund has been used on the following items/upgrades over the past number of years; re-build of the ice plant compressors, community enhancements projects/maintenance, sprinkler tank maintenance, purchase of a Zamboni and most recently major ice plant repairs to the chiller. It is with great thanks to the Roy Steed family that the Municipality has been able to complete these repairs and keep our community rink operating for everyone to enjoy.

Another addition to this year's Recplex is an exciting new machine that will make ice maintenance much more efficient. With again, great thanks to the Roy Steed fund, the Municipality was able to purchase a Zamboni for the Recplex. Come out to enjoy a hockey game and see the new machine in action!



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COORDINATOR

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY

The Municipality has recently applied for a Community Works grant through the Province of Nova Scotia. This grant will provide funding to hire a Development Project Coordinator on a one year term with the possibility of extension. Hiring this position is dependent on the Municipality receiving the grant funding and the term is anticipated to run from February 3rd, 2020 to January 29th, 2021.

Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the Development Project Coordinator will coordinate planning and tourism initiatives within the municipality and lead efforts in facilitating economic and business development to secure growth and to increase local employment opportunities. The position will encourage appropriate planning, promote tourism, accessibility, beautification, streetscapes, municipal plan management, new business opportunities and provide support to existing businesses in the area to help with retention/ expansion efforts.

Education and Qualifications: Post-secondary education (business administration diploma, project management diploma or equivalent) or a combination of relevant education and experience. Excellent project management abilities, advanced computer and technology literacy, ability to exercise independent judgment and discretion; strong time management, organizational skills and a strategic thinker; and working in a team environment.

The salary range for this position is \$38,000 to \$40,000 per year, based on qualifications and demonstrated ability. Work hours are 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday (some exceptions may apply)

Application by resume and cover letter along with references will be accepted until 4pm on *Monday, December 16th, 2019.*

Applications accepted by: Email: marvin.macdonald@saint-marys.ca or in person during office hours. 8:30-4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

Recreation News

Winter Trailblazers - Grades 4-6

Let's get our trailblazers back together for a winter trek through the trail. Dec. 16th come join us on the trail where we will take part in some fun winter activities and enjoy the outdoors! Come prepared for cold weather with snow pants, coats, hats and mitts! This special trailblazers will take place from 2:30-4:00pm right after school at SMECA.

Open Gym

Open gym will continue each Wednesday evening from 6-7pm in the SMECA small gym until Dec. 18th and will return in January. Open gym is a great opportunity for free play with friends and is open to all students.

Christmas Parties

Join us for some family friendly holiday spirit. On December 8th, we will be partnering with Port Bickerton Community Club to host a party from 1-3 at the community centre. A party will be held at the Ecum Secum Fire Hall on Thursday, December 14th from 2:00 p.m. We will host a part at the Indian Harbour Lake Jordanville Community Centre on Friday, Dec. 20th from 7-8 p.m.

Girls Group

St. Mary's Recreation is starting an after school program for girls aged 12-18. Our first meeting will be Dec. 12th after school from 2:45 to 5:00pm. Join us in the SHOPS room for snacks, a fun painting project, and an opportunity to discuss what a fun, girl-centric group would look like to you. You must RSVP to attend, the sign-up sheet will be located on the SMECA bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact ashley.maclennan@saint-marys.ca or call 522-2598

Streetscapes Plan

The Municipality officially unveiled the newly development Streetscapes plan at an open house at the Sherbrooke Fire Hall on November 14th. The plan is now available for viewing on our website www.saint-marys.ca. Implementation of the plan will be done creatively and through opportunities that may arise such as partnerships and grant funding. We would like to hear your questions or comments on the plan, email kerri.penney@saint-marys.ca if you have any questions regarding the plan or comments. Development of the plan was a partnership between the Government of Canada and the Province of NS and the Municipality of St. Mary's

Congregational Services

United Church of Canada

Sunday's in December

9:30am St. John's-Sherbrooke, 11:00am Kirk-Glenelg

6:30pm Bethany-East River St. Mary's

Christmas Eve Service: Tuesday, Dec. 24th, will be held at Bethany United Church, East River St. Mary's, 7 pm.

Women's Bible Study: 10 am Thursdays at Mary Ann Cameron's in Sherbrooke.

Men's Group: 7 pm Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke. Will resume on October 3!

UCW-December 5th, 2 pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg

Junior Youth Group: (our charge's program for youth, grades 6-8)... 7-8:30 pm every second Friday at Kirk.

JAM Club : Jesus And Me (our charge's program for children and all ages Sunday school)... 2 pm, every second Sunday at Kirk... This year's theme: "Blast Off!"

Senior Youth Group: 7:30 pm every second Friday at Kirk. Our charge's program for youth, grades 9-12.

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.

Bayview Baptist Church

Dec. 7th- 5:00pm. Potluck and Carol Sing. All are welcome, please bring a dish to share.

Dec. 24th- 6:30pm. Christmas Candle Light Service. All are welcome to share with us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. For more information or questions, please call Pastor Dave Smith at 902-779-2709

Catholic Church Mass Times

St. Paul's (Sherbrooke): Mass Sunday at 11:30am

St. Patrick's (Lochaber): Mass Sunday at 10:00am

St. Joseph's (Ohio): Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 8:30am

Parish Priest: Fr. Lazarus Guria, Cell: 902-776-0228

Bethel Community Church

13692 Highway 7 ~ Lochiel Lake

Sunday services, 11:00am Sunday school, 10:00am

Weekly bible study, Fridays 7:00pm at church building

Christmas Eve Service : Tuesday Dec. 24th -7:00 pm.

Everyone is welcome. For more info contact Pastor Freda Steeves 902-783-2745. www.bethelcommunitychurch.ca

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

Sunday, Dec. 1, 8, 22 & 29 - 11am Morning Worship

Sunday, Dec. 8th - 11am "Christmas is About Receiving"

Children's Christmas Presentation

Weekday Activities

Wednesday, Dec. 4th - 7pm- Bible Study, King David: A Character Study. All are Welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Dave Connolly at 522-2759 or ihlpastordave@gmail.com

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

Goshen Gospel Church

Regular Schedule of Services:

Sundays- 9:45am Sunday School-all ages, including adults
11:00am Worship service

Wednesdays- 6:30pm Bible study and prayer

Thursdays- 6:00pm Eagles Youth Program

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM -Dec. 15th (22th as a snow date)
Time: 6:00pm, Title: "Story of the Saviour". The play will cover the time from the beginning of creation of the world until YOU. It will mention the main people, promises, and prophecies about our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It will be an all-church production. Come and see the real reason why Christmas can be a time of peace, love and joy for all.

Baptist Congregations of Port Bick. Port Hilford & Sonora

Dec. 1st- Sonora- 11am Dec. 8th- Port Hilford- 11am

Dec. 15th- Port Bickerton- 11am Dec. 22nd- Sonora- 11am

Dec. 29th- Port Hilford 11am

Rev. Ron Ford: (H) 902-522-2805 or (C) 902-318-3488

The Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Dec. 1st- 9:00am-St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

11:00am-St. Thomas, IHL

7:00pm-St. James, Sherbrooke

Dec. 8th- 9:00am-St. Luke's, Liscomb, HC

11:00am St. James, Sherbrooke HC

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

Dec. 15th- 9:00am-St. James, Sherbrooke

11:00pm-St. Luke's, Liscomb

7:00pm-St. Thomas, IHL

Dec. 22nd- 9:00am-St. Thomas, IHL, HC

11:00am-St. Paul's, Port Bick., HC

7:00pm-St. Luke's, Liscomb

Christmas Services:

Dec. 24th- 2:00pm-St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

4:00pm-St. Thomas, IHL

6:00pm-St. Luke's, Liscomb, HC

8:00pm-St. James, Sherbrooke

Dec. 29th- No service

St. Luke's, Liscomb will have their Christmas Angel Tree in memory of a loved one. Donations and names may be sent to: St. Luke's Church, RR1 Liscomb, B0J 2A0 or to a vestry member.

St. Thomas, IHL will have their Christmas Memory Tree in memory of loved ones. Donations and names may be sent to: St. Thomas Church, c/o Sandra Harpell, 1261 Hwy 211, Sherbrooke, NS B0J 3C0.

These names will be read and prayed for on Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you January 5th. Rev. Sinclair 902-485-6007

Community Services

CBDC Guysborough County

Are you interested in starting your own business?

- Need financing for your business? Loans available to businesses operating in Guysborough County - Some sectors include, fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.
- Business loans up to \$450,000 with flexible interest rates starting at prime + 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 information and counseling available.
- Self-Employment Benefits Program-SEB. Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business start-up. Guysborough Office: phone: 533-2770 fax: 533-2016. Email: wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca

SHOPS

Our program runs Mon., Wed. & Fri. from 8:30am-2:30pm. We are located at the Memorial Place entrance of SMECA. Starting Oct. 2nd, Muffins(\$1.00) and fresh coffee/tea(\$2.00) will be available every morning at SHOPS. Stop by for hot drink, a muffin and a chat! Shredding services also available. Small box-\$5 Large -\$10

TOONIE DRAW: Every Wed. Play locations: Bud's Quikway; Sherbrooke Garage; Clover Farm; St. Mary's Memorial Hospital; Feltmate & Son Enterprise; Rhynold's Gas & Convenience; Whitney's Corner Store; Sherbrooke Village; SHOPS. REGISTER NOW & play each week for your chance to win! If you don't play and your # is drawn then the pot goes up the next week. Pay in advance by leaving cash or cheque at locations, or call Jacqueline or Jeff 902-318-7467. Players 19 or older. All proceeds go to SHOPS.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-328-4148 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. Food donation boxes are located at Clover Farm and St. Mary's Hospital. 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. Donations are a great gift option and a card will be sent stating that a gift donation has been made. Thank you to all who support the Food Bank.

High-Crest Sherbrooke

Please join us at High-Crest Sherbrooke for our Annual Christmas Tea and Sale on Friday, Dec. 6th, from 1-3PM. Admission is \$5 per person. We will be selling handmade crafts, baked items, fresh donuts, and tickets on a basket. Memory tree ornaments are also available for \$5 each.

High-Crest December Birthdays:

Lauretta Baker-Dec. 9th Benjamine Pelrine-Dec. 13th
Edmund Langille-Dec. 14th Doris Johnson-Dec. 28th
Vi Fraser-Dec. 30th

Sherbrooke Library

Paint Group- Tuesdays 11am-2pm

GALA- Thursday and Friday 12:30-3, Contact Guysborough Adult Learning Association for more info- 902-533-4252

Children's Holiday Storytime - Saturday Dec. 7th- 11am

Book of the Month Club- Dec 16 2pm, 3 Alden Nowlan Poems, available in print at the library

Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve: 9-12pm

For the most up to day info please follow us on Facebook for new library activities!

Library Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs and Fr. 11-4, Saturday 9-2

Kids First

Tuesdays – All children age 3 as of Dec. 31/19 and up are welcome to come to a two hour drop-off play-based program from 9:30-11:30am. A healthy snack will be provided. For more info call or text Paula at 902-870-7437 or message the St. Mary's Programming Facebook page. No need to register, just come on Tuesday morning, please use the Memorial Place entrance. Funding available for travel if requested.

Wednesdays – Parent/Tot Drop-in from 9:30-11:30am at the Kids First room at St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy. All parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years are welcome. Funding available for travel if requested. Please use Memorial Place entrance. Christmas party will be held on Dec. 11th. Watch our Facebook page for more details.

The Guysborough County Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call Emilie at 902-533-3881 or toll free at 1-888-533-3881 for more info.

The Parenting Journey Program is a support for parents with children up to 16 years. Self-referrals are welcome. For more information call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca Like and share the Facebook page St. Mary's Programming to keep up to date on when programs and supports.

MacMillan's Depot

MacMillan's Mobile Depot Saturday December 14th and December 28th at 10am in the NSLC parking lot.

Community News & Events

Goshen Community and Recreation Centre

Game Day on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00.

Annual Tree Lighting- Dec. 8, 2019 - Starting at 5:30 with visit from Santa, Christmas Tree lighting and Cookies.

Bargain shop: Open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 to 3:00. December 12 will be last day before Christmas break, reopening January 7. Christmas ornaments available. Contacts for Shop: Laurie Ann-783-2291 or Elizabeth 783-2369. Bottle Donations are still welcomed. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Turkey Supper and all the Volunteer who helped.

Ecum Secum Fire Hall

Annual Christmas Penny Auction for the Fire Dept. will be held on December 8th at 7pm in the Ecum Secum Fire Hall. We will have a chocolate walk and the canteen will be open. Everyone welcome.

Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville Community Center

Auction 45's -Tuesdays at 8pm, light lunch served.

December 7th- Christmas Tea and Bake Sale, 2-4pm. \$5 admission with door prizes.

Paint Night- every second Monday- Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd, Dec. 16th. Starting up again after the New Year.

Greenfield Oldsters Club – Melrose

Auction 45's – Tuesday at 1:15pm. No partner needed.

Cribbage – Thursday evenings at 7:30. Bring a partner!

Auction 45's – Saturday at 8 pm. No partner needed. Cash prizes for all events. Join us for a fun filled time.

Sonora & St. Mary's River Community Center

Christmas Social- Dec. 4th – 10am-2pm

Sponsored by St. Mary's Municipality. Everyone welcome

Port Bickerton Community Club

Dec. 1st- Christmas Market & Tree lighting. Gift card draw. 1-5

Dec. 8th- Children's Christmas party. Games, crafts, snacks & Santa 1-3pm

R.C. L Branch #86 LISCOMB

Next General meeting-Tuesday Dec. 3rd -7pm. All Welcome.

AUCTION 45s -Thursdays at 8pm \$5

CRIBBAGE -Saturdays at 8pm \$5

SENIORS CHRISTMAS:

November 26 at Liscomb Legion. All seniors are welcome to enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, fellowship; a Christmas dinner and a visit from a special guest. Bingo starts at 2 pm followed by Christmas dinner around 4 pm. Volunteers are welcome to help with the games and supper

LISCOMB TREE LIGHTING -DEC 6

6:30 pm at Liscomb Legion followed by hot chocolate and a special guest. All ages are welcome!!

CRAFT & BAKE SALE – DEC 7

At the Liscomb Legion: 10 am - 1 pm. Lots of crafted items, Homestead Lavender products and other vendors as well as baked goods. Come enjoy and have tea/coffee and a muffin.

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

St. Mary's District Lion's Club accepts used Eye Glasses, Hearing Aid's, Postage stamps and Cpap Machines. These items are collected and refurbished and sent to help the less fortunate. You can contact any Lion's Club member to pick up or you can drop off at the collection box located inside the front door at the Royal Bank, Sherbrooke. Thank you!!

St. Mary's ATV Club

Club meeting-Thurs., Dec. 12th at 6pm-SHOPS room SMECA
If anyone has questions about the on-going "Shoulder-of the road PILOT PROJECT" – Sherbrooke site, you may call St. Mary's ATV Club President, Jim Kirk at (902)364-2574. If you require more info on the rules and regulations they are available at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke. You may also go to the All-Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia (ATVANS). Their website is: <https://atvans.wildapricot.org>

Country Harbour Gun Club

Christmas Tea: Saturday Dec. 7th from 2-4pm at the Country Harbour Gun Club. Admissions \$8.00, lunch included, cake walk and door prizes. In support of the Anglican Church. For more info call Judy 328-2389 or Samantha 328-2063

Liscombe TOPS

Need help and support on your Healthy Weight-Loss journey? We are a friendly group and would love to see you.
Meetings Tuesdays- Bayside Baptist Church Hall-5:30-6:30pm
For info: 902-364-2015 or 902-779-2255 or 902-779-2709

St. Mary's Community Choir Christmas Concert

The Community Choir is meeting weekly on Monday evenings at the Port Hilford Baptist Church at 7:00 PM
December 9th, 2019- Monday at 7:00pm- St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke. Come and enjoy an evening of choral Christmas music. (Snow date: December 16th)

St. Mary's Dart League

St. Mary's Dart League Monday-7:30pm for members. To put your name in as a spare call, Melanie at 902-318-3835

Sherbrooke Main Street Saturday Market

Winter Location: Sherb. Village Exhibit Centre-9am-12pm

December 7th, December 14th, December 21st

Enjoy live music while shopping for foods, plants, crafts, art, second hand items and treasures. Please join the Facebook group "Sherbrooke Mainstreet Saturday Market"

To the vendors/performers:

Bring your own tables, chairs, lots of small change for your floats and your items with price-tags. You can also set up in the front yard, weather permitting. There is no fee, simply share your support by buying other vendors' items or donating to the foodbank via the music. If you can't stay until 12pm, please let us know in advance, If you would like to join in on the music, please talk to Michael Porter.

Let's support our own local economy and have a great time!

St. Mary's Shooters Association

There were 7 scheduled events for 2019 two were cancelled due to weather the skeet shoot June 2nd, and the silhouette shoot Sept.8th for Hurricane Dorion.

The Turkey Shoot results are as follows with 18 people competing:

Turkeys: Jeff Kenny ,Bob Michaud, Sandy Hodgson Hayden Kenny & Mike Kiley

Chickens: Liz Michaud, Archie MacLellan, John Day, Ron McConnell & Barry Myatt

Door prizes were drawn for. Special thanks to Sandy Hodgson from Wayjax Equipment for his donation. Members who haven't renewed are reminded to do so please. Dues \$20 send to John Day Box 12 Goshen,B0H 1M0

Thanks to all who helped this to be a successful season.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

Every Friday at 2pm, Maple Manor Community room.

Keith Jordan Memorial Hockey Tournament

Our annual men's hockey tournament will be postponed until January 17th-19th. If you would like to put in a team or sponsor the tournament, please contact David Jordan 902-968-1190. The House league Hockey Committee will be putting on a dance for November 30th from 9pm-1pm, \$10 admission at the Sherbrooke Lion's Hall.

Port Hilford Old School House Update

If you have had the chance to drive by the school house you will notice that repairs have been done! The roof is now screwed down, sections replaced and new soffit and fascia on the front of the building. It is secure for the weather and winter! Our thanks to Rick Stewart (Upright Construction) for his generous contribution of time with his Dad, Martin Stewart. They have been part of our community for many years now. We are hoping to see you all in Port Hilford next August for our 2nd annual concert and our next project will be to paint the roof! Thank you all for your continued support for this historic building. Have a wonderful holiday season and healthy winter.

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Port Bickerton and Area Planning Association for its on-going work to make the Port Bickerton Lighthouse site more accessible to the physically-challenged. With the recent completion of a wheelchair-accessible path from the Lighthouse Interpretive Centre to the lightkeeper's residence, the Association is helping to make the world of the physically-challenged less challenging. The hard work and dedication of the Association's volunteers in assisting to achieve this goal is much appreciated. Good job, folks! Ron Stansfield and Julie Dionne-Stansfield

Senior's Safety Program

Mulgrave and Area Medical Centre will be hosting community consultation meetings to identify the interest and viability of bringing a Senior's Safety Program to Guysborough County. The Seniors' Safety Program is a community-based program that addresses the safety concerns of seniors by promoting education and awareness about senior abuse prevention, crime prevention, and safety and health issues. Sessions are public events, open to everyone. The hope is to answer the following questions: Do you feel this program is required in your area? What role do you see this position playing in your community? What programs and services are important in your community? For more information, please contact Dana Pettipas at 902-747-2211 or mamc.dana@gmail.com
November 27th at 6:30pm – Shamrock Senior's Club, Canso
December 2nd at 6:30 – Maple Manor, Sherbrooke

Compass Rose Quilters Guild

We will meet on December 9th & 23th at 1:00pm at the Municipal Office. New members welcome.

Maple Manor Tea

9:30 am every Tuesday everyone welcome.

Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas Festivities continue November 30th

Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas is back for another great day of activities, on Saturday Nov. 30th. Activities will include breakfast, lunches, Christmas craft market & workshops, decorated house tours, Amazing Santa Race, closing night parade and fireworks followed by a Victorian Yuletide Feast, Guided Lantern Tour and dance. Be sure to visit "Whoville" and the Artists Co-op. 65,000 Christmas lights will be lit from 6 till 10 pm every evening from November 22nd until January 6th. There's something for everyone this Holiday Season so make plans now to attend this year's Sherbrooke Village Old Fashioned Christmas! For reservations or more information call 1-888-743-7845, visit our website oldfashionedchristmas.sherbrookevillage.ca/ or Facebook page: facebook.com/ofc.at.sv/

Thank You

We are sending a huge thank you to our children, Stacey & Rick, Curtis & Andrea, Craig & Michelle, Chris & Marlene for planning our 50th wedding anniversary party. For all who brought food and helped decorate or helped in any way. The hall was decorated beautifully. To all the families and friends a special thank you for all the cards and best wishes. It was a wonderful night we will never forget. Love Asa & Sandra, Charlie & Liz.

Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club's next Seniors Luncheon is Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Noon at the Ecum Secum Firehall. Menu is Turkey, veggies, dessert, etc. Donation box at the door. Free bingo following.

Christmas Concert

Stormont Union Church will be holding two Christmas Concerts with different performers at both. Saturday December 7th at 7pm and Sunday Dec. 15th at 2pm. Mark your calendar! Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas.

Library Assistant Job Ad

Do you enjoy helping people get information, use technology, and discover books? If you said yes, ECRL has the perfect part-time job for you! We need a community-oriented person with great computer skills to work part-time (regular 15hrs per week) at the Sherbrooke Public Library. For the full job add please visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/employment-opportunities.html>

Chase the Ace

Fridays- 7:00-8:30pm. Sponsored by Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Dept. and St. Mary's Lions.



1st St. Mary's Beavers and Cubs Monthly Newsletter

This is our first of Monthly newsletters to let our community know what is happening with our Colony and Pack. We have 20 Beavers and Cubs and meet on Tuesday nights at the School in Sherbrooke from 6-7pm.

We have been very active in October and November with our weekly meetings which include indoor and outdoor activities and games. Making Thanksgiving crafts, bowling in Antigonish and participating in Remembrance Day ceremonies in Sherbrooke are a few of the many activities we have been up to. We also carried out our annual Popcorn Campaign in which the youth sold over \$2000 of popcorn. This resulted in over \$900 coming directly into our group to help us in organizing and funding camps, tours and activities within the group. Popcorn will be delivered and distributed in late November.

All of us leaders would like to thank the St. Mary's District community at large and especially SHOPS for the excellent support we have received. We are attempting to get the Scouting Program established again in the area after about 30 years of inactivity. But we still need some help in the leader area. We would love to get a Scouting Group established by Apr/May 2020 as a number of our cubs will have nowhere to progress after June. If you love the outdoors and working to develop outdoor skills in boys and girls age 11-14 please give us a call. There is also a need for leaders in Beavers (5-7) and Cubs (8-10). There is lots of information on the Scouts Website at Scouts.ca

Come along and join the Adventure. We would love to have you on board. If you are interested please call one of the numbers below or drop up to the school on Tuesday night and see us there.



Sean Ashe 902-318-0016

Dave Smith 902-779-2149





We'd like to thank the community and residents of the District of St. Mary's for all the support SHOPS has received since it opened its doors officially in August of 2018. Your interest in what we do continues to bring us comfort and energy to push forward.

Don't forget to play your toonie in the weekly toonie draw!

Your toonie must be played by 4 pm on Tuesday to make the draw

Please remember to tell your friends and family about SHOPS and remind them that we accept donations and provide income tax receipts. Donations to the program can now be made through e-transfer at shopstoonie@gmail.com. Due to Lottery NS rules we are unable to accept online payments this way for the toonie draw. Consider making a donation on behalf of a loved one who has passed away; on behalf of a newly married couple instead of a wedding gift; instead of a Christmas gift or maybe someone you know has some money they want to invest before income tax season. What better way than to invest directly in your community and watch the investment grow.

A special thank you to Brett & Kelsey Jordan and their wedding guests this past summer. A total donation of \$255 was made from that wedding, which included a donation of \$100 by the couple and tips at the bar that evening by their guests. Very much appreciated and all the best. A thank you to Sherbrooke Village as well, who donated to SHOPS instead of buying guest speaker gifts for their recent convention. All kinds of wonderful ideas!

SHOPS hosted a strategic planning day on Monday, Oct. 21st with staff, board members and municipal representatives that was facilitated by Phillip Hochman and proved to be a very informative day for all. We felt it was time to re-evaluate our mission, vision and values and to set some updated goals, which are posted on our Facebook page and website.

We'd like to inform everyone that SHOPS is taking a Christmas recess from December 2nd to January 6th. The Toonie Draw will continue through the month of December except for Christmas Day and New Year Day and you can play your toonie at current locations. The first draw date for 2020 will be Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Please do not forget to continue your support for this excellent fundraiser. Phone messages will be checked once a week and addressed accordingly. Check us out on Facebook or call (902) 318-SHOP (7467). President Keith Gallant @ 328-4516, Vice President Kim Horton @ 867-7713 or Secretary Lisa MacDonald @ 522-2079. Emails can also be sent to lisamac@seasidehighspeed.com.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!!



Municipal Calendar

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Christmas Market & Tree Lighting- Port Bickerton 1:00 pm	2 Seniors' Safety Program Meeting 6:30 pm Paint Night- IHL 7:00 pm Darts- St. Mary's 7:30 pm	3 Maple Manor Tea 9:30 am 45's - Greenfield O.C 1:15 pm Beavers & Cubs Meeting 6:00 pm Liscomb Legion-General Meeting 7:00 pm 45's- IHL 8:00 pm	4 Sonora Christmas Social 10:00 am Goshen Game Day 1:00 pm	5 GALA- Library 12:30 pm Crib- Greenfield O.C 7:30 pm 45's- Liscomb Legion 8:00 pm	6 GALA- Library 12:30 pm Highcrest-Tea & Sale 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Maple Manor Bake Sale 2:00 pm Liscomb Tree Lighting 6:30 pm Chase the Ace-Sherbrooke 7:00 pm	7 Main Street Market 9:00 am Liscomb Craft & Bake Sale 10:00 am Children's Storytime- Library 11:00 am IHL Christmas Tea & Sale 2:00 pm IHL Christmas Tea & Sale 2:00 pm Christmas Tea- C.H. Gun Club 2:00 pm Bayview Baptist Church Podluck 5:00 pm Stormont Christmas Concert 7:00 pm 45's - Greenfield O.C 8:00 pm Crib- Liscomb Legion 8:00 pm
8 Christmas Party- Port Bickerton 1:00 pm Goshen Tree Lighting 5:30 pm Ecum Secum Christmas Penny Auction 7:00 pm	9 Compass Rose Quilters Guild 1:00 pm Community Choir Christmas Concert 7:00 pm Darts- St. Mary's 7:30 pm	10 Maple Manor Tea 9:30 am Senior's Luncheon 12:00 pm 45's - Greenfield O.C 1:15 pm Beavers & Cubs Meeting 6:00 pm 45's- IHL 8:00 pm	11 Goshen Game Day 1:00 pm	12 GALA- Library 12:30 pm Girl's Group 2:45 pm ATV Club-Meeting 6:00 pm Crib- Greenfield O.C 7:30 pm 45's- Liscomb Legion 8:00 pm	13 GALA- Library 12:30 pm Maple Manor Bake Sale 2:00 pm Chase the Ace-Sherbrooke 7:00 pm	14 Main Street Market 9:00 am Christmas Party-Ecum Secum 2:00 pm 45's - Greenfield O.C 8:00 pm Crib- Liscomb Legion 8:00 pm
15 Stormont Christmas Concert 2:00 pm	16 Book Club-Library 2:00 pm Winter Trailblazers 2:30 pm Paint Night- IHL 7:00 pm Darts- St. Mary's 7:30 pm	17 Maple Manor Tea 9:30 am 45's - Greenfield O.C 1:15 pm Beavers & Cubs Meeting 6:00 pm 45's- IHL 8:00 pm	18 Goshen Game Day 1:00 pm	19 GALA- Library 12:30 pm Crib- Greenfield O.C 7:30 pm 45's- Liscomb Legion 8:00 pm	20 GALA- Library 12:30 pm Maple Manor Bake Sale 2:00 pm Chase the Ace-Sherbrooke 7:00 pm Christmas Party- IHL 7:00 pm	21 Main Street Market 9:00 am 45's - Greenfield O.C 8:00 pm Crib- Liscomb Legion 8:00 pm
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