



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Monday, December 13th, 2021 at 4:00pm. The Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st and 15th at 4:00pm. Provincial Covid-19 guidelines will be followed. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

St. Mary's Municipal Office & Transfer Station Closure

All Municipal office and transfer station will be closed on Dec 24th at noon for the holidays. They will re-open on January 3rd.

Holiday Wishes

Wishing you happy holidays & all the best in 2022 from the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's!

Municipal Holiday Community Grant

St. Mary's Municipal Council recognizes that the past two years have been extremely hard on community organizations in the Municipality with limited fundraising opportunities. Municipal Council values the hard work of volunteers and the vital role they play in making St. Mary's a great place to live, work and visit. Council has developed a Holiday Community Grant available to non-profit organizations, community groups, and specific community project sponsors, within the Municipality of St. Mary's who demonstrate financial need or provide a funding breakdown of a particular project. Grant requests up to a maximum of \$4,000 per application will be considered. Funds will be awarded based on project description and demonstration of financial need. Application forms are available through your local councillor, at the municipal office, or online through the Municipal website. Deadline for applications is **Wednesday, December 15th, 2021 at 1pm** and applications must be submitted to your local Councillor. Applications will be reviewed, and only successful grant recipients will be notified the week of Dec 20th, 2021. Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications.

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The deadline for the December issue of the Municipal Newsletter is **Wednesday, December 15th**. Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309 or emailed to mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca

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

Eastern Shore Cartage
1-800-261-0372

December 2021 Solid Waste Collection

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



Solid Waste Fall & Winter 2021/22 Collection Schedule

QUESTIONS? Call Eastern Shore Cartage 1-800-261-0372



Tuesday ZONE 1	Wednesday ZONE 2	Thursday ZONE 3
November 30 Recycling	December 1 Recycling	December 2 Recycling
December 7 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 8 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 9 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
December 14 Recycling	December 15 Recycling	December 16 Recycling
December 21 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 22 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	December 23 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
December 28 Recycling	December 29 Recycling	December 30 Recycling
January 4 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	January 5 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	January 6 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
January 11 Recycling	January 12 Recycling	January 13 Recycling
January 18 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	January 19 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	January 20 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
January 25 Recycling	January 26 Recycling	January 27 Recycling
February 1 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 2 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 3 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
February 8 Recycling	February 9 Recycling	February 10 Recycling
February 15 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 16 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	February 17 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
February 22 Recycling	February 23 Recycling	February 24 Recycling
March 1 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 2 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 3 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
March 8 Recycling	March 9 Recycling	March 10 Recycling
March 15 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 16 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 17 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item
March 22 Recycling	March 23 Recycling	March 24 Recycling
March 29 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 30 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item	March 31 Garbage & 1 Bulky Item

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Municipal News

Municipal Notification System

The Municipality is pleased to announce it has implemented the Voyent Alert Notification service to keep residents informed during times of crisis and for day-to-day notices. Notifications can be sent to a landline, cellphone, or email. You can self-register at register.voyent-alert.com and choose what type of notifications you would like to receive. For more information please call the Municipal Office, 902-522-2049.



Your Emergency Preparedness Guide

Is your family prepared for an emergency?
Do you know the risks?
Do you have a plan if there is an emergency?
Do you have a kit that will last you for 72 hours in the event of an emergency.
Stop by the Municipality for your copy of the Emergency Preparedness Guide.



Low Income & Provincial Property Rebates

There are 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 \$21,000 or less. Deadlines for both applications are December 31st, 2021. For more information, contact the office at 902-522-2049.

Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT) Fund

The Home Energy Assistance Top-Up (HEAT) Fund supports Nova Scotians in need with the added cost of home heating during the winter months. In 2020, the Fund provided assistance for more than 3,500 households in Nova Scotia. The Fund is proudly administered by The Salvation Army.

You may apply if: You live in Nova Scotia and are within the following income threshold: \$29,000 for one-person households; \$47,703 for two to four person households; \$67,937 for households with five or more individuals. If your household is experiencing an emergency heating situation The HEAT Fund offers a maximum assistance in the amount of \$400 for individuals and families. You can apply online at SalvationArmy.ca/Maritime/Heat or via phone at (902) 422-3435.

Property Assessments

On January 10, 2022 Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) is mailing new property assessment notices to Nova Scotia property owners. Here's what you need to know: Property owners are encouraged to review their Assessment Notice and log into their 'My Property Report' at www.pvsc.ca using the Assessment Account Number (AAN) and PIN on their 2021 assessment notice. There is a 31 day appeal period starting January 10, 2022. Appeals must be received by PVSC before midnight on February 10, 2022.

Property owners can submit an assessment appeal by:

- Mailing the signed appeal form to: 6 – 15 Arlington Place, Truro NS, B2N 0G9
- Fax the signed appeal form to: 1-888-339-4555
- Email a photo or scan of the signed appeal form to inquiry@pvsc.ca
- Submitting a paper copy of the signed appeal form in a secure, locked drop box outside the front door of our offices in Dartmouth, Truro, Wolfville, Tusket and Sydney.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? Please consider serving as a volunteer member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee? At least one half of the members of the advisory committee must be a persons with a disability or represent an organization that represents people with disabilities. Disability includes a physical, mental, intellectual, learning, or sensory impairment - including an episodic disability that, in interaction with a barrier, hinders an individual's full and effective participation in society. Application are available at the Municipal office or by email. For more information please contact Mallory at mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

Economic Development

NEWS:

Sherbrooke Streetscapes

The Municipality is happy to announce that it has received \$25,000 in funding under the Provincial Beautification and Streetscaping Program to implement phase 3 of the Sherbrooke Streetscapes plan. This phase includes paving the 16 Main Street Parking lot as well as upgrades to the entrance of the Public Library. Due to quick changes in the fall weather, work could not be started this year, but the Municipality is excited to begin construction in the spring of 2022.

St. Mary's Business Directory

The Municipality has a business directory on the Municipal website and would like to keep it up to date. If you are a new business that would like to be added to the directory or you are an existing business not currently listed or incorrect information is listed regarding your business please email marissa.jordan@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2049.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Employment Opportunity- Wilsons Cove Excavation & Trucking Inc.

Seeking Full-Time Heavy Equipment Operator. Experience running excavator, backhoe, loader, roller, etc. Mechanical skills are an asset. Class 1 or 3 Driver's license is also an asset. Contact Jason Wilson for more information. Email: jason@wilsonscove.ca or call 902-209-3260

B & B On the Hill, Forge and Stable

We are looking for a Helping Hand to Conduct Simple Labour. Hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 2pm and pay is \$14 per hour.

BUSINESS RESOURCES:

Nova Scotia Works/Career Connections

Career Connections is a leading provider of career development services in Nova Scotia and are committed to the delivery of innovative programs and outstanding services in an inclusive environment. Their Employer Engagement Specialists help employers hire people. They meet the needs of employers and provide the following services:

- ⇒ Free job advertising on social media and websites
- ⇒ Help developing competency-based job descriptions
- ⇒ Recruitment and referral of potential candidates
- ⇒ Matching clients' skills with employer needs
- ⇒ Employee transition support during closure or layoffs
- ⇒ Employment maintenance support and retention
- ⇒ Information on wage subsidy programs- START Program, Job Creation Partnership, Graduate to Opportunity and Work Smarts

Office locations:

Antigonish Office

50 James Street
Antigonish, NS, B2G 1R7
Phone: 902-863-8244
antigonish@careerconnections.ca

New Glasgow Office

138 Campbell Street, Unit 202
New Glasgow, NS, B2H 5X9
Phone: 902-752-6826
pictou@careerconnections.ca

Guysborough Office

9996 Highway 16 Unit C
Guysborough, NS, B0H 1N0
Phone 902-533-2805
guysborough@careerconnections.ca

Employment NS START Program

The START Program helps connect employers with unemployed Nova Scotians who can fill their job vacancies. For employers, START offers a wage incentive and other types of funding if they hire an unemployed Nova Scotian. For more information on this program, please visit: <https://novascotia.ca/programs/start/>

Small Business Can Save Big With Efficiency Nova Scotia

Energy efficiency means more than just savings on bills - small businesses also gain a competitive advantage, with additional benefits such as: more comfortable space for employees and customers, savings on their bottom line, equipment that is more reliable, has a longer life and needs fewer repairs, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Until December 31, 2021, incentives for eligible small businesses have increased to cover up to 80% of the total project cost on select lighting and all Commercial Heating measures. Learn more about the energy efficiency upgrades available to Nova Scotia small business here:
<https://www.energycyns.ca/business/business-types/small-business/>

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation

The CBDC Learning Library offers a variety of learning opportunities for clients and rural small business owners or aspiring entrepreneurs. Some of these free business training modules that are available on demand include:

- ⇒ Marketing Strategy
- ⇒ Finding Funding and Financing
- ⇒ The Basics of Management
- ⇒ Employment Law
- ⇒ Bottom Line Growth
- ⇒ Digital Marketing
- ⇒ Overview of Financial Statements

There are many more to choose from in the Learning Library which can be found on the CBDC website at <https://cbdc.ca/en/learning>

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



Co-operative Education Incentive

The Co-op Education Incentive (CO-OP) provides wage assistance to organizations that offer career-related work experiences for university and college co-operative students. The Co-op Education Incentive helps employers hire post-secondary co-operative education students for work placements.

Employers can hire a co-op student for a work term of 12-16 weeks. You'll receive a subsidy of \$7.50 an hour (\$9.00 if the student is a member of a designated diversity group) for the wages you pay the student. 32 week terms are available in some education programs – please confirm with the Co-op Coordinator at the post-secondary institution. Organizations can apply for the subsidy if they are private-sector, government-funded, non-profit, or charitable organization, a social enterprise or a municipality; want to hire a co-operative education student for a work term of 12-16 weeks; and will pay the student at least \$15 per hour, plus vacation pay, for 32.5 to 40 hours of work per week. The student you hire must be enrolled in a work term as part of a co-operative education program at a Nova Scotia university or college.

****Apply between 15 December 2021 and 15 January 2022 for the Summer 2022 co-op term****

You can register by completing the External Access Form and emailing it to lampss@novascotia.ca
<https://novascotia.ca/lae/LaMPSS/documents/LaMPSS-External-Access-form.pdf>

Graduate to Opportunity

Graduate to Opportunity (GTO) is helping to build a stronger workforce and retain young people in Nova Scotia with a salary incentive that makes it easier to hire recent graduates. Employers receive 25% of the first year's salary – 35% if the new graduate is a member of designated diversity group – and 12.5% of the second year's salary.

You can apply for the subsidy if you fall into any one of these categories:

- a small business with fewer than 100 employees
- a start-up company incorporated within two years of the application date
- a social enterprise, not-for-profit organization, or registered charity with recognized standing

The position must be new, permanent, full-time and pay at least \$30,000 a year. You are not eligible for this incentive if you will receive other government wage funding for the position, although you may receive funds for related projects.

The graduate hired must have successfully completed a post-secondary program within one year from the day you submit your application. (View the list of recognized post-secondary institutions.) The program can't consider graduate-employees who have been working for the employer on a permanent basis before the GTO application is approved.

RECREATION NEWS

Learn How to Figure Skate

The Community Development and Recreation Department will be hosting a FREE Learn to Figure Skate Program on Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Recplex this season. You may register for this program at any time. Call 902-522-2598 or email kerri.penney@saint-marys.ca to learn more or to register your child. This program is open to all school aged children (P-12) and will run until December 15th and will pick back up in the new year. This program requires proof of double vaccination for those ages 12 and up.

St. Mary's House League Hockey

House league is underway! It takes place on Thursdays from 6-7 pm & 7-8 pm and Saturday's at 9-10 am & 10-11 am. Ages 5-12. are welcome. Pre-registration required. The cost is \$100 per child for the season. For more information please contact Mallory at 902-522-2598 or mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca.

St. Mary's Oldsters Skate

Are you 55+? Join us at the Recplex for a free skate on Thursday mornings from 10 – 11 am. Pre-registration is required. Call 902-522-2598 or email mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca. All provincial covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Youth Curling

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's would like to start a youth curling program after school on Tuesday's. Ages 13+. If you are interested in taking part in this program, please add your name to our sign up sheet at the SMECA main office or call 902-522-2598. We will need a minimum of 5 participants for this program. Proof of Vaccination will be required to participate in this program.

Learn to Skate

Will take place on Saturday's from 11am to noon. Learn to Skate is for youth who are in the early stages of learning to skate. St. Mary's House League Hockey Coaches will lead this program. Children only require skates and a hockey helmet. Rentals are available. Pre-registration is required, call 902-522-2598 or email mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca. All provincial covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Equipment Rentals

All equipment rentals are free. Damage deposits are required– return your equipment damage free and you will receive your deposit back. Contact 902-522-2598 for more information.

Free Skates

Join us for free skates at the St. Mary's Recplex! Skates are open to all and will take place on Wednesday's from 2:30-5:30pm and Saturday's from 12-2 pm. Skates of all sizes are available to rent free of charge at the Recplex as well as helmets (sizes limited). This program requires proof of double vaccination for those ages 12 and up. Please note there will be no free skate on December 25th.

Seniors Socials

The Municipality will once again be sponsoring seniors socials to take place at community centres throughout the Municipality. Each community's social will be included in the newsletter. If your organization is interested in hosting senior socials, please contact Kerri at 902-522-2598.

Female Fun & Fitness

We will be hosting Female Fitness & Fun weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm, starting Dec 7. We will focus on different forms of physical activity & creativity! Each week we will participate in one hour of physical activity and for the next hour we will work on creative projects. For participants that require child care, there will be an open gym for youth aged 4-12. The group is for women 18+. Pre-registration on a weekly basis is required for this program. Spaces are limited! To register contact us at 902-522-2598 or mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca. All provincial covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Let's Move St. Mary's

Let's Move St. Mary's is a program designed to get our residents active in their own community with their family, friends or maybe a new neighbour! Participants will engage in different activities such as walking, cycling & snowshoeing. Participants will meet for one hour. Rental Equipment is available. This program will take place at various hubs throughout St. Mary's, one in each district. A survey of registered participants will be used to determine a meeting time for each district. Pre-registration is required. Proof of Vaccination is required to participate in this program. For more information or to register please call Mallory at 902-522-2598 or email mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca. The Municipality recognizes the support of the Province of Nova Scotia. We are pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to develop and promote our cultural resources for all Nova Scotians .



Christmas Toy Drive

Help us fill our giant stocking with toys! We will be collecting donations of new toys which will be donated to St. Mary's Lion's Christmas Daddies. Deadline to donate is December 15th.

Community Christmas Events

If your organization is hosting a Christmas event, get in touch with the Community Development & Recreation Department. Our recreation staff can assist with activities. Call 902-522-598.

Recplex Rentals

Recplex Rentals are at a discounted rate for the month of December for private rentals. The rate is \$115 per hour, taxes included. Call the municipal office for more Information, 902-522-2049.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

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

Sunday's in December
9:30 am: Kirk, Glenelg
11:00 am: Bethany, East River St.
6:30 pm: St. John's, Sherbrooke
Women's Bible Study is at 10 am on Thursday's at St. John's in Sherbrooke.
Men's Group is on Thursday's at 7 pm at St. John's in Sherbrooke.
Youth group for grades 6-takes place every second Friday at Kirk in Glenelg.
Jam Club—Jesus and Me is our Charge's program for children and all ages Sunday School. JAM Club takes place every second Sunday at Kirk at 2 pm. This year's theme is Celebration!

Goshen Gospel Church

20672 Hwy 316, Goshen. johnluten3@gmail.com
902-783-2972 or 902-318-0711
Our services to the community:
Sunday- 9:45 am: Worship Service on Zoom
11:00 am: Worship Service in our Church building.
Wednesday- 1:00 pm: Midweek Bible Study & Prayer at our building.
Wednesday to Saturday: Bible Study Devotional
If you would like to receive an invitation to our zoom service, please send a request. We will be glad to include you. If we can help in anyway, let us know.
Good news, good news: we will have our second **Outdoor Christmas Eve Program**. The title is 'One Night in Bethlehem'. Dec. 24th at 6 pm. There will be lots of space and lots of fresh air. Please, come join us!

Bayview Baptist Church

Potluck supper on December 4th at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to share. Singing carols will take place following the meal. Provincial Covid-19 Regulations will be followed.

Catholic Church of Sherbrooke

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

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

Rev. Kristin MacKenzie, 902-522-2510
Give us a call or join us on Facebook for online worship, service schedule, Sunday School, bible study information, announcements and special services.
Dec 5th- 9:00 am: St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
11:00 am: St. Thomas, IHL
7:00 pm: St. James, Sherbrooke
Dec 12th- 9:00 am: St. Luke's, Liscomb
11:00 am: St. James, Sherbrooke
7:00 pm: St. Paul's Port Bickerton
Dec 19th- 11:00 am: St. Luke's, Liscomb
7:00 pm: St. Thomas, IHL
Dec 24th- 4:00 pm: St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
6:00 pm: St. Thomas, IHL
8:00 pm: St. Luke's, Liscomb
10:00 pm: St. James, Sherbrooke
Dec 26th- 9:00 am: St. Thomas, IHL
11:00 am: St. Paul's Port Bickerton
7:00 pm: St. Luke's, Liscomb

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 (Angel Tree) , RR1 Liscomb, B0J 2A0 or to a vestry member. Please include return name and address with each memorial. These names will be read and prayed for on Christmas Eve.
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. Please include return name and address with each memorial. These names will be read and prayed for on Christmas Eve.

United Baptist Church

Rev. Scott Chandler. Dec 5— Sonora
Service is at 3 pm. Dec 12— Port Hilford
Dec 19— Port Bickerton
Dec 26— Sonora

Bethel Community Church

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

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

We have reopened the church building. Service time starts at 10:30 am for anyone who would like to attend. We are continuing with Facebook Live, which starts at 10:45 am. We are following all provincial Covid-19 guidelines for gathering limits and mask wearing.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/ihlpentecostalchurch> Email: ihlpentecostalchurch@gmail.com
Phone at 902-318-0066 and ask for Sean.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MacMillan's Depot Recyclables Pick Up

Starting at 10 am MacMillan's Mobile Depot will be having a recyclable collection on December 11th. It will be located at the St. Mary's Recplex parking lot.


Guysborough County Adult Learning Association

We offer the opportunity to upgrade your skills (math, reading, writing, computer, GED prep, etc.). Online learning is available now; in-class learning will develop based on Covid-19 protocols. We strive to meet your learning needs. For more info call 902-533-4252 (GALA office) or 902-783-2360 (Louise– District of St. Mary's GALA Instructor).

Guysborough County Community Health Board

The Guysborough County Community Health Board are looking for new recruits to join their volunteer team. If interested check the Community Health Board online or call Dorothy Bennett at 902-867-4500 ext. 4272.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Eastern Counties Regional Library  is excited to introduce our new logo symbolizing vibrancy, connection, and sharing. Plus, a new and improved website is coming December 2021. Enjoy the same great service with a fresh look. To learn more about library services, email sherbrooke@ecrl.ca or visit ecrl.library.ns.ca/Sherbrooke. For telephone assistance, call the Sherbrooke Library at 902-522-2180 during staffed hours: 10:00am-3:00pm Wednesday-Friday, or call ECRL's Regional Office at 1-855-787-7323, 8:30am-4:30pm Monday-Friday. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Canada Post—Letters to Santa

Make sure to send you Santa letter in time to hear back from Santa. Santa's address is: Santa Claus, North Pole, H0H 0H0, Canada. Include a return address in your letter and Santa will send you a letter back. Send your letters no later than Dec. 10, 2021 to receive a reply before the holidays.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society (SHOPS)

Introducing SHOPS Coloring & Activity Book! We are selling these for \$5 each and they truly were a work of love! These are completely unique, one of a kind and inspired by our team members! The book includes coloring pages, word search, color by number and more! The perfect pass time, stocking stuffer or gift for the little artist in your life! We are very proud of the work and personal touches we put into these! Coloring books can be pre-ordered by messaging here, texting 902-318-3223, emailing ed@shopsonline.ca or by dropping into SHOPS in Sherbrooke.



Kids First at St. Mary's Education Centre

Tuesdays– St. Mary's Kids First 3+ program will start up again on Tuesday's from 9:30-11:30 am, 2021. All children who will turn three by December 31st, 2021 are welcome to attend this drop-off program. It will be play based with a snack provided. To register your child call/text Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca.

Wednesdays– St. Mary's Kids First Parent/Drop-in program will start up again on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 am. Families with children from birth to age six years are welcome.

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

The Parenting Program 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. All participants of Kids First programs must follow Covid-19 guidelines to attend programs.

St. Mary's Education Centre/ Academy

The last day of classes prior to Holiday break is December 21st, 2021. Classes resume on January 4th, 2022.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-833-2920 if you are in need or know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. Boxes to receive food donations are located at Clover Farm & 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, BOJ 3C0. Donations are a great gift option and a card will be sent stating that a gift donation has been made. Thank you for supporting your local Food Bank!

Community News & Events

St. Mary's District Lions Club

The Lions Club "Christmas Daddies" Program would like to help families with children in the St. Mary's District by providing some gifts and food at Christmas. This program is 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 Dec. 8th.

Tickets will also be sold for a "\$50 Lottery Ticket Tree" to help with funding for Christmas Daddies. Tickets will be available from any Lions member. The cost is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Draw will be held Dec. 9th.

The **Calendar Lottery** is available for draws starting Jan. 1st. If you need a gift or stocking stuffer for Christmas please purchase your calendar from any member or at the Sherbrooke Irving Garage.

Regular Bingo will start on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7:30pm. Proof of vaccination and ID will be required. Masks will be required unless eating or drinking.

St. Mary's District Lions Club wishes the community a safe and happy Christmas and thanks you for all your support during this past year.

Christmas Craft Sale

Join us on December 11th from 10 am-1 pm at R.C.L. Branch #86 Liscomb. Limited tables are available, book early by calling Cheryl at 902-779-2677. Tables cost \$10 each. Tickets will be sold on a goodie basket, and a 50/50 draw. Admission is \$1.00. Youth under 12 are free. Proof of Vaccination is required.

Christmas Penny Auction & Dessert Walk

Join us on Saturday December 11th at 7 pm. Proof of Vaccination is required. All proceeds go to the Ecum Secum Playground & Rink.

Thank You from the McGinn Family

The family of the late Howard (Butch) Hatt McGinn would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the support and sympathy we received on our recent bereavement. Thank you to all those who visited, sent us messages and cards, called us, dropped off meals and treats, and to those who supported us from afar. Thank you also to those who donated to the hospital in Butch's memory. We appreciated each and every kind gesture. Special thanks to Dr. MacLean and nurses Valerie and Jessie who provided care and comfort in Butch's final hours. These past years, Butch received the best of care and kindness from his doctor, Dr. Ackerman, and all the staff at the St. Mary's Memorial Hospital, for which he was, and his family will be, forever grateful. Thank you to our team of Home Care nurses and to Dr. Maureen Allen and nurse Patricia MacKay for their house calls, care, and support over these past years. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our family's heartfelt appreciation.

Thank You from the Kaiser Family

We the family of the late Velma Kaiser would like to thank everyone who helped in any way during our difficult time. Expressions of sympathy by phone calls, monetary donations to charities in Velma's memory. Those who provided food and helped at the reception. Rev. Kristin for her many visits and wonderful service. Iris Hayes, organist. The doctors and nurses at St. Mary's hospital, home makers and Giffins Funeral Home for their caring and compassionate service. God bless each and everyone of you, your kindness will never be forgotten. Scott, Chris Vera, Verna, Bobby and families.

IHL/ Jordanville Community Centre

At the AGM on Nov. 19th, Jim Mills and Barry Mills stepped down as committee members and Joanne Jordan (president) and Jody MacDonald (vice president) were newly elected. Sandra Harpell will remain as treasurer and Doreen Mills as secretary/hall bookings. The community would like to thank Jim and Barry for all of their time and devotion spent running the hall and supporting their community members.

The hall will be holding a Christmas Social on December 11th from 10am-2pm with a special visitor for the children! Cards will also begin again Tuesday, Nov. 30th at 7:30pm.

All events require proof of double vaccination, and all covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Maple Manor Bake Sale

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

St. Mary's ATV Club

2022 Registrations are in! Thanks to Fraser's Garage, you can stop in and get yours done today! Also, be sure to get your 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw!!! Be sure to choose St. Mary's ATV Club when you buy your tickets- 40% of sales comes right back to your local club!! Please note- The monthly public meeting will be December 9th 6pm at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre. We'll love to see a good turnout to make some plans for this upcoming winter season! You can also find us on Facebook- St. Mary's ATV Club. See you on the trails!

Stillwater Community Centre

November 26th is your last chance to play cards for this season. We thank all of those who joined us this Fall, for Friday Night Cards. We look forward to seeing you next Spring.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Proof of vaccination is required upon arrival.

Bargain Shop hours are Tuesday—Thursday, 1-3 pm until December 9th and will reopen January 18th, 2022.

Bottles are accepted.

Annual Tree Lighting & Santa Clause on Saturday, December 5 at 6 pm. Santa will be present following Covid-19 protocols.

Thank you everyone for your support with the Turkey Supper. Please follow the Goshen Community Centre Covid protocols.

Thank You from the MacDonald Family

On behalf of the family of Jessie MacDonald of Sherbrooke, who passed away Nov. 9th, 2021 in St. Martha's hospital. We'd like to thank our wonderful community here who have been kind and generous in supporting us through these difficult days.

Jess was born and raised in Sherbrooke, and was a marvelous storyteller with an archival knowledge of the people and culture of St. Mary's Municipality. Her wisdom, humour and insight will be greatly missed. Thanks also to the staff of the St. Mary's Regional Hospital.

Country Harbour Gun Club Christmas Prize Bingo

Country Harbour Gun Club Christmas Prize Bingo being held on Sunday, December 5, 2021 starting at 2pm. You must show proof of full vaccination to attend.

Ecum Secum Fire Hall

Chase the Ace on Monday nights at 8 pm. Tickets will be on sale from 7:00—8:00 pm.

R.C.L. Branch #56 Sherbrooke

We would like to thank those who supported our poppy campaign and everyone who attended our service of Remembrance. A special thank you to Sherbrooke Village Commission for allowing us use of the church, Derek Elsworth and Iris Hayes for the beautiful service; the Lion's Club, the 1st St. Mary's Scouting Group, and the Sherbrooke RCMP for their assistance and participation. "For those who leave never to return. For those who return but are never the same. We remember."

Goldenville Heritage Society

Just in time for a special Christmas Gift Heritage Goldenville Society will offer an amazing Bev Cameron limited supply realistic print- 'Historic Goldenville Mine Works'. For purchasing details please contact Keith Gallant at 902-328-4516 or Neil Black at 902-522-2265. Merry Christmas from all the Goldenville Volunteers.

Thank You

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has helped us welcome Malcolm Christopher Lomas to Sherbrooke. Born October 24th at St. Martha's weighing 7lbs and 3oz. He is comfortably settling in to his home at Hilltop. We are grateful for the thoughtful gifts, words of wisdom, and well wishes we have received and look forward to introducing Malcolm to all our wonderful community has to offer. Adam Lomas & Leigh Ellen Walsh

1st St. Mary's Scouts Fall Camp at McKeen Lake Lodge

Back row: Tim Sawlor, Amanda Snow, Brian Moon, Sean Ashe & Dave Smith.

Front row: Warden Greg Weir, Deputy Warden James Fuller & Denise Dunn-Moon.





1st St. Mary's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Newsletter

December 2021

The Scouters would like to thank the District of St. Mary's community for the amazing support we have received over the past three years. We have made great progress in getting the Scouting Program established after about 30 years of inactivity in our area.

Scouter's Baloo (Dave Smith), Sunshine (Amanda Feltmate-Snow), Rainbow (Denise Dunn-Moon) & Kaa (Brian Moon) had a blast at Fright Night in Sherbrooke Village handing out treats on **October 30**.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts attended Fall Camp on **November 5-7th** at St. Mary's ATV Club's McKeen Lake Lodge. Saturday was packed with camping, knife and fire skills, play in the forest & by the lake followed with our first full ceremonial campfire lead by Scouter Baloo complete with songs, skits and cheers! We followed with an informal campfire where we tried foods crafted over fire, our delicious Scout Popcorn, cupcakes to celebrate Scouter Baloo's birthday and wrapped up with folk stories from Scouter Tim Sawlor. We were excited to have guests joining us from the District of St. Mary's. Warden Greg Weir and Deputy Warden James Fuller as well as current and new volunteers for our program Scouter Denise Sawlor, Tobias Clarke and Jerry Clarke assisted us in the forest with our Survival Challenge component of the Scouts Canada Around the World in 60 Days Challenge.

#ScoutsDoStuff and we love to share adventures with our community.

Scouters, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony held in Sherbrooke Village on **November 11**. We honour Veterans and current members for their service and sacrifice on this day and everyday.

Fortunately, we have been increasing our Scouters this fall! We are good to go and continue adventures through June 2022!!



We are now entering the possibility of youth sitting on a waitlist hoping to join their friends. We need your help to allow more young people to experience the challenge and adventure of scouting.

Our volunteers are exposed to a wide range of different activities, new experiences and training opportunities themselves. You don't need previous experience in scouting, just energy and enthusiasm. Given the size and scope of Scouts Canada, we can offer a big range of opportunities to develop your skills, boost your confidence, and enhance your Résumé.

Like adventure, teamwork and working with children ages 5-14? Contact Sean or Dave to join the fun!

Sean Ashe: 902-318-0066
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Dave Smith: 902-779-2149
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For more information please visit Scouts Canada Website at www.Scouts.ca



1st St. Mary's Scout Group



@1stStMarysScout

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Free Skate 2:30-5:30 pm Kids 1 st Parent Drop In 9:30-11 am. Figure Skating 6-7 pm COTW Meeting 4 pm	2 St. Mary's Oldsters Skate 10-11 am HLH Hockey 6-8 pm L.L. Auction Cards 8 pm	3 Bake Sale 11 am – 3 pm	4 HLH 9-11 am Learn to Skate 11am-12pm Free Skate 12-2 pm G.C.R.C Annual Tree Lighting 6 pm L. L. Cribbage 8 pm
5 C.H.G.C. Christmas Prize Bingo 2 pm	6 Curling 5:30-9 pm E.S.F.H. Chase the Ace 7-8 pm	7 Kids 1 st 3+ Program 9:30-11:30 am Curling 5:30-7:00 pm Female Fun & Fitness 6:30-8:30 pm	8 Kids 1 st Parent Drop In 9:30-11 am. Free Skate 2:30-5:30 pm Figure Skating 6-7 pm	9 St. Mary's Oldsters Skate 10-11 am HLH Hockey 6-8 pm St. Mary's ATV Club Meeting 6 pm L.L. Auction Cards 8 pm Lion's Lotto Tree Draw	10 Bake Sale 11 am – 3 pm	11 HLH 9-11 am Learn to Skate 11am-12pm MacMillan's Depot 10 am Free Skate 12-2 pm L.L. Christmas Craft Sale 10 am-1 pm L.L. Cribbage 8 pm E.S.F.H. Christmas Penny Auction & Dessert Walk
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