



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Municipal Council is Monday, February 12th at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 4:00pm. Committee of the Whole meeting will take place Wednesday, February 7th and Wednesday, February 21st at 4:00pm in Council Chambers. Agendas, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca. The Municipal Office, Transfer Station, and St. Mary's RecPlex will be closed on February 19th for Family Day.

Municipal Grants to Organizations

The Grants to Organizations deadline for applications is February 15th, 2024 as per the terms laid out in the General Government Grants Policy. The policy and application form can be found on the website www.saintmarys.ca.

PVSC - 2024 Property Tax Assessment Notice

January 9th, 2024 – Assessment Notices have been mailed to property owners by Property Valuation Services Corporation. February 8th, 2024 is the deadline to appeal your 2024 assessment with PVSC. Contact information for assessment questions i.e. classification, appeals, mailing address changes, ownership, or value call PVSC at 1-800-380-7775 or visit www.pvsc.ca. All information can be found on the back side of your assessment notice.

St. Mary's Monthly Moment:

Celebrated on the third Monday in February, Nova Scotia Heritage Day is a great way to remember noteworthy Nova Scotians and spend time with family. This day is devoted to honoring Nova Scotia's history and culture, which makes it an ideal opportunity for family time. There are many ways to make the most of this important day, like going to family-friendly events, learning about Nova Scotia's past, or engaging in outdoor activities with your loved ones. Nova Scotia provides a variety of family-friendly activities, making it the ideal destination for making enduring memories with your loved ones. These activities range from touring historical sites to going on outdoor adventures.

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The deadline for the March Municipal Newsletter is Wed., February 21st at 4:00pm. Submissions can be faxed to 902-522-2309, dropped off in person at the Municipal Office or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca.

Municipal Transfer Station

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

MacMillan's Recyclable Pickup

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

February 2024 Solid Waste Collection

Eastern Shore Cartage: 1-800-261-0372

Tuesday (Zone 1)	January 30 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	February 6 Recyclables Only	February 13 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	February 20 Recyclables Only	February 27 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item
Wednesday (Zone 2)	January 31 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	February 7 Recyclables Only	February 14 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	February 21 Recyclables Only	February 28 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item
Thursday (Zone 3)	February 1 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	February 8 Recyclables Only	February 15 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item	February 22 Recyclables Only	February 29 Garbage Only & 1 Bulky Item

ZONE 1: New Chester, Ecum Secum, Liscomb to Sherbrooke including Sonora and Old Road Hill.

ZONE 2: East Loon Lake, Smithfield, Denver, Newtown, Glenelg Church Rd, Aspen to Goshen to Borneo Rd inclusive.

ZONE 3: Hwy 211, IHL to Port Bickerton, Stillwater, West Melrose, Lead Minds Rd, to Waternish inclusive.

Municipal News

Provincial Infrastructure Grants Open

The Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage (CCTH) has opened its Community Infrastructure and Access-ability grants for the fiscal year 2024-25. This is a fantastic opportunity for local organizations and entities to enhance and improve community facilities, helping to support a more accessible and vibrant future for everyone. Grants include the Community ACCESS-Ability Program to support renovations and improvements to make community buildings more accessible. The Community Facility Improvement Program aids in repairs and upgrades to community facilities open for public use, such as community halls. Legion Capital Assistance Program assists Royal Canadian Legions with capital upgrades. Recreation Facility Development/Rink Revitalization Fund supports repairs and upgrades to community facilities and rinks. Eligible applicants include Registered non-profit societies, Mi'kmaw Band Councils, Municipalities & villages, and schools & post-secondary institutions with facilities available for community recreation use. Applications opened on December 11th, 2023, and the deadline is February 14th, 2024.

St. Mary's Municipal Audit Committee

The Municipality is currently looking for community members to volunteer to be a part of the St. Mary's Municipal Audit Committee as per the terms laid out in the policy for the committee. For more information, please contact Marian Fraser at marian.fraser@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2049.

2-1-1 Day

211 Nova Scotia is a non-profit, funded through the Government of Nova Scotia and United Ways, that offers a free and confidential service that connects people in Nova Scotia to the community and social programs and resources they need. Through information and referrals, 211 helps connect residents to local community groups, non-profit, and government organizations. This can include information about mental health support, access to food, financial aid, employment resources, and more. Please join the Municipality in celebrating February 11th, 2024 as 2-1-1 Day in support of the great services they provide.

Community Development & Recreation

Family Recreation Night

There will be something for everyone in the family on Monday' nights in February. Family Recreation Night will take place on Monday, February 5th, 12th & 26th from 6-7pm. There will be family open gym in the small gymnasium, where children and parents/guardians can use sporting equipment at their own leisure. There will be craft supplies set up in the SHOP's room for families to participate in crafts/activities. Parents can also choose to take part in a circuit bootcamp in the Fitness Centre. Staff will supervise children in both the craft and open gym program if parents would like to take part in the circuit. Only parents can participate in the circuit activity. This is a free program open to all school aged children and their parents or guardians. The Municipality does not have the capacity to monitor children ages 3 and under at this time. A short registration form is required to participate in this program, you can skip the paperwork and complete the online registration form on the Municipal website, www.saint-marys.ca under the recreation tab. Call 902-522-2598 for more information.

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Non-profit organizations and volunteers are asked to keep an eye out for invitations to the Municipality's upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Event. All volunteers within the Municipality will be honoured for their contributions to their community. There will be music, refreshments and a presentation to St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year, Mike Porter. Call 902-522-2598.

Grant Support for Non-Profits

Grant season is upon us. If your non-profit organization is applying for a grant and would like support with editing, idea generating, determining which grant is appropriate or budgeting, the Municipality can help. Call 902-522-2598 to discuss your project and schedule a grant support session.

Fitness Centre

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

St. Mary's RecPlex Rentals

Private rentals available until the end of March.

To book, contact Tim Wilson at emo@saint-marys.ca or (902)328-4099. For more information, visit www.saint-marys.ca/facilities.html

Before and After Program

The Before and After Program is a provincially funded program that takes place in the Kids First Room at St. Mary's Education Centre & Academy in the afterschool time period. BAP, as it is known, gives families a safe and reliable childcare option in an environment that they are familiar with. The program costs \$7.50 per child, and a provincial subsidy is also available to families who need it. When asked, participants said some of their favourite things about the program were: "eating yummy snacks, playing, making crafts (especially for the community), and playing outside". One parent described the program as helpful in times of need, "I feel safe knowing that, in a pinch, (my daughter) can stay there until I can come pick her up." Another parent said that program staff are accommodating and make the program enjoyable, "Staff breath belief and encouragement into the children, while also holding the line." One staff member laughs when explaining why they enjoy working at the program, "When a parent comes to pick up their child, and the child begs to stay, that's how you know you have done a good job." In addition to great staff, BAP is made successful by a great working relationship with SMECA Staff. Of the program, administration says "the BAP program is an excellent addition to what we can offer the community as far as extra programming for students." The Municipality is proud of the success of the Before and After Program and are thankful for the province's support and the funding that allows the program to take place. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Kerri Jack at 902-522-2598 or kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca.

Surplus Equipment

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's has deemed a Vision Fitness T9800 Treadmill (Est. year 2006) surplus and will be selling by sealed bid. Bids can be submitted online at www.saint-marys.ca/residents/recreation/submit-bid-for-treadmill.html or emailed to tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca until 4pm on February 13th, 2024. There is no minimum bid required. All bids must be in Canadian dollars and HST will be added. Treadmill is where is, as is and the pick-up will be at the expense of the purchaser. Full purchase price to be paid within 3 business days from the successful award and buyer has 2 weeks to remove the machine from the facility.

Snowshoe Rentals

The Municipality has a wide variety of snowshoes available to rent. Adult snowshoes are available for \$3 per day and children/youth are free. There are a number of adult and children sizes along with walking poles. Take the roof off winter and explore some of our amazing trails this winter. For more information, call 902-522-2598.

3v3 Hockey

After-school recreational hockey will begin on February 8th from 2:45-4pm at the St. Mary's RecPlex. This program is for students in grades 7-12. Full hockey gear is required. Skates and helmets are available to use free of charge. Registration can be done on the Municipal website, www.saint-marys.ca, under the Community Development and Recreation tab. For more information, contact Tyler MacLaughlin at 902-522-2598 or tyler.maclaughlin@saint-marys.ca.

House League Hockey

If your child is interested in playing House League Hockey, it is not too late to join! Fees for the remainder of the year are \$50 for registration and a \$50 deposit for jersey's and socks. Families can pay by cash, cheque or debit at the Municipal Office. This program qualifies for Canadian Tire Jumpstart funding. Confidential assistance can be provided, contact 902-522-2598.

Adult Hockey

Payments for the second half of the Adult Hockey League are now due. \$100 can be paid at the Municipal Office by cash, cheque or debit, at the St. Mary's Recplex by cash or using online banking. For instructions to pay online, please contact Kerri at kerri.jack@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598. Thank you to all of the players who have been committed to playing in the league each week, and those that have refereed games. Adult hockey takes place on Wednesday's each week from 7-9pm. Fans are encouraged to come on out and watch a game.

Senior Socials

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's funds Senior Social events in communities throughout the municipality each winter. Socials are hosted by non-profit organizations and offer seniors an opportunity to socialize, play games and activities, work on independent projects and get out of the house during an isolating time of year. Thank you to all of the organizations that work hard to offer these events. Senior Socials are open to all to attend and are completely free. Checkout the Community News section of the newsletter to find a social near you this winter.

Skate Sharpening

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

Economic Development

Secondary or Backyard Suites

Did you know that secondary or backyard suites are permitted in St. Mary's anywhere a single detached dwelling permitted? Funding is available from the province for up to 50% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$25,000. The applicant needs to fund the remaining balance of the project. The funding provides a forgivable loan. Terms of up to 5 years are available. Funding for more than 1 secondary or backyard suite may be available. Eligible projects need to provide secondary or backyard suites that: (1) meet all municipal requirements (2) are on the property of the homeowner's primary residence. A primary residence must be a single-family home that meets health and safety standards. It also needs to have enough space to accommodate a secondary or backyard suite. For more information about funding visit www.beta.novascotia.ca. or call 1-844-424-5110. For more information about land uses in St. Mary's visit www.saint-marys.ca/MunicipalDocuments/LandUseBy-law

DigiPort Nova Scotia

Looking for information and advice to help you effectively promote your tourism business and serve your customers online? Sign-up with Nova Scotia Digiport for free resources and a free 30-minute consultation with a digital expert. <https://nsdigiport.ca/>. Also on NS Digiport, free webinars including "The Basics of Social Media Strategy – Video Series" by DigiPort, Tourism Nova Scotia. <https://youtu.be/fbm3EfZwh94>

Quick Train Canada

Quick Train Canada education is fully funded, offered through select Canadian colleges, and comes in multi-week courses with options to learn virtually, in-person or both. Microcredentials are accelerated training programs offered by post-secondary education institutions that are intended to help people retrain or upgrade their skills. www.quicktraincanada.ca

2024 Small Business Awards

Voting is open until Tuesday, February 6, 2024 for your favourite businesses in St. Mary's! Vote online at forms.office.com/r/99u1dA3QeJ or your vote can be cast by phoning 902-522-2607, email to denise.dunn@saint-marys.ca or paper form at the front desk of the Municipal Office. The four categories are Best New Business, Best Customer Service, Best Community Impact, Best Long-Standing Business. Voters will have their name entered into a random draw for a \$50 gift certificate to the local business of their choice.

Skills Online NS

The Province is supporting Nova Scotia employers and job seekers with the new home for skills development in Nova Scotia including thousands of FREE online courses, at your fingertips! Skills Online NS is an online upskilling portal that provides all Nova Scotians with an opportunity to acquire today's in-demand skills. The program is offered through a partnership between the Department of Labour, Skills, Immigration and the NS Association of CBDCs. Visit www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca for details and course catalogue.

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections

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

Tech Company Support

Volta is helping more tech founders in Atlantic Canada drastically improve the probability of building a highly valuable startup. Volta's is a start-up hub with dedicated Growth Coaches working closely with you as a founder on a continuous basis, providing support to remove obstacles, minimize risks, and enhance growth using their network of experts and funding partners. For more info visit www.voltaeffect.com or call 902-702-0194 or find on Instagram, X, LinkedIn, YouTube & Facebook.

Business Navigators

Want to start a business? The Province's Business Navigators can help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for new businesses, including what regulations you need to follow, what licences and permits you need to operate your business and any inspection requirements. In addition to bringing clarity to applicable regulations, they can connect you with support for financing, taxes and staffing, as well as resources to help with start-up funding. For more information, visit novascotia.ca/businessnavigators, email busnavigation@novascotia.ca, or call toll-free at 1-844-628-7347.

Community Services

Eastern Counties Regional Library

2024 is here, and so is ECRL's winter programming! Join us for a monthly senior social, sponsored by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, for treats from Beanie's Bistro, join our new fiber craft club and share your skills, check out our homeschool drop-in to meet like-minded folks (Wednesdays at 2pm), or stop in and work on our community puzzle. Don't forget to stop by to restock on Covid tests, menstrual or incontinence products for you or someone you know!

Tuesday 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30pm-5:30pm

Saturday from 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm

Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and so much more. We also have a Community Use Room that can be booked (free of charge) by individuals or groups. Find up-to-date information about your local branch at <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, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay up to date by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Programs at St. Mary's Kids First

Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs when requested.

Tuesdays – Three + drop-off program open to all children age 3 by December 31, 2024. 9:30-11am

Wednesdays – Play group open to all parents/caregivers and children age birth to six years. 9:30-11am. For more information on these programs' text/call 902-870-7437. Follow us on Facebook at St. Mary's Kids First Programming for update information

The Guysborough County Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call Emilie 902-533-3881 or toll free at 1-888-533-3881 for more information. The Parenting Journey Program is a support for parents with children up to 18 years. Self-referrals are welcome. For more information text/call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca

St. Mary's Food Bank

Please contact 902-833-2920 if you know of a need in the community. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. The box to receive food donations is located at Clover Farm. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. If a donation is made in memory or as a gift, a card is sent to the family. Thank you to the organizations and community members for the food and financial support that you give throughout the year and thank you to the volunteers who ensure that food is made available throughout the District of St. Mary's including SHOPS participants for packing boxes. Great job! Wishing all a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2024.

Sherbrooke Opportunities Society

SHOPS would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We hope everyone had a great January. SHOPS will be making and selling bags of chocolates @ \$3.00/bag for Valentines Day. Starting on February 7th and ending February 13th, and we offer local delivery. To place an order call 902-318-7467 or message us on our Facebook page. SHOPS will be hosting a social on February 14th from 11-2 (everyone welcome). If you would like to volunteer to help us with this, please call 902-318-7467, we would love any extra help. Reminder that toonies are due on Tuesdays by noon. Boxes are located at Clover Farm, Sherbrooke Garage, Bud's Kwikway, Home Hardware, Whitney's and Smokey Hollow General Store. Or come visit us at SHOPS. The draw takes place every Wednesday in the afternoon and is posted on the SHOPS Facebook page. Flyers are also posted in the community. SHOPS is looking for some expert bread and biscuit makers, who would like to volunteer to share your expertise and teach us a few things. If you have this talent and would like to show us a few things, please call 902-318-7467. A great big SHOPS thank you to all our supporters and volunteers.

Congregational Services

Anglican Parish of Liscomb/Port Bickerton

February 4th: 9am, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
11am, St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

February 11th: 9am, St. Luke's, Liscomb
7pm, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton

February 14th (Ash Wednesday):
11am, St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake

February 18th: 9am, St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
11am, St. Luke's, Liscomb

February 25th: 9am, St. Thomas, Indian Harbour Lake
11am, St. Paul's, Port Bickerton
3pm, St. Luke's, Liscomb

Port Hilford United Baptist Church

Sunday Services in February will be held weekly at 3:00pm at Port Hilford United Baptist Church. Pastor Scott Chandler

Goshen Gospel Church

Please note that our weekly schedule has changed a bit.

Thursday: Bible Study and Prayer at 1pm

Sunday: Morning Worship Service at 11am

Our morning service is also available on Zoom. If you would like to join, please call John Luten at 902-318-0711

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Sherbrooke

Mass Time: Sunday at 11:30am
Parish Priest: Fr. Tom Stephan: Cell 437-366-0731; Residence: 902-783-2631
Parish Chairman: Rennie Beaver 902-833-2341
**Reminder: Ash Wednesday February 14/2024

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church

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

Calvary Faith Baptist Church

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7pm
February 4th – 6pm
February 11th – 11am
February 18th – 6pm
February 25th – 11am
Pastor: Wayne Bray: 902-522-2520

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

February Schedule
9:30am – Kirk, Glenelg
11am – Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's
6:30pm – St. John's, Sherbrooke
Weekly Activities
Women's Bible Study: 10am Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke
Men's Group: 7pm Thursdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke
UCW: First Thursday of every month, 2pm at Claire McKeen's in Glenelg
JAM Club: Jesus and Me (our charge's program for children and all ages Sunday school): 2pm, every second Sunday at Kirk. This year's theme: "Hooked on Jesus!"
Youth Group: (our charge's program for youth, grades 9-12): 7:30-9pm every second Friday at Kirk. The Living Room: Join us in a relaxed living room/café 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.

Community Events

Greenfield Oldsters Space Available

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

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that donated and contributed to our Lions Christmas programs. We were able to provide a brighter Christmas to 7 St. Mary's District families, totalling 24 children. Another part of our Christmas Programs that we started is a Seniors Christmas Social. This year we hosted 150 St. Mary's Seniors, with a hot turkey dinner, door prizes, local musicians, treats and a Christmas skit. We were able to assist the St. Mary's Food Bank as well. The community support was amazing and we thank you all. Happy New Year and much peace and joy in 2024.

Country Harbour Gun Club

Country Breakfast: Saturday February 17th, 8:30-10:30am
Bingo: February 29th, starts at 7:30pm
12 Book games are worth \$50 each
Three specials. Two are winner takes half and one is winner takes all.

Sonora Community Centre

Will be hosting a Seniors Valentine Social on February 14th at 10am. Crokinole will be held on Thursday evenings at 7pm

Coastal Nova Scotia-DEANS

Every weekend along the Northumberland and Eastern Shores there are festivals and events for all interests. Musical events take centre stage for many visitors and locals alike, and there is sure to be an event with music for all tastes each week. From weekly farmers markets, agricultural exhibitions, traditional Scottish events to large (and small) community celebrations, feel free to join in on all that our shores have to offer. We guarantee you will feel right at home! Submit events here: www.coastalnovascotia.ca/submit-your-events/

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 86

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6-11pm
Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen and bar
Cribbage: Thursday and Saturday at 8pm
Shuffleboard: Fridays at 7pm
WIFI now available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar
Debit is available, no credit card or tap available
Liscomb Branch 86 Entertainment:
Liscomb Branch 86 is on the lookout for interested vocalists, skilled guitarists, versatile keyboardists, a groovy drummer, or any other talented instrumentalists. Bring in your material you like to perform. Must have your own equipment. Striving for a diverse repertoire, including Old time Rock n Roll, Classic Party Rock from the 60's, 70's & 80's, Country music, Easy listening, and even some Waltz music. This is all about having a great time, if you're interested, feel free to reach out at; branch86rcl@gmail.com. Let's make some music magic! Membership renewal and donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. The membership fee is \$50. We thank you for your continued support. Together we make a difference! Check our Facebook page for notable dates in February.

Thank you, the family of the late Dorothy Morrison

The family of the late Dorothy Morrison would like to send a sincere thank you to the staff of St. Mary's Memorial Hospital for their kind and compassionate care, with special mention to her nurses, Jessie, Val, Andrea, Beth and Dawn. Also thank you to Dr. Ackermann and Dr. MacLean. Thank you to the palliative and continuing care workers for their support during Mom's time at home. Thanks to Glen and Grant from H.W. Angus Funeral Home for their kind support and guidance through this difficult time. We would also like to thank the congregation of Glenelg Presbyterian Church for the beautiful reception after the service. We are also grateful for Rev. Barb and Rev. Derek for their visits to Mom in the hospital and at home and the wonderful service they held. Special thank you to Marilyn, Jenny Lynn, Joy, Frankie and the choir for the lovely music. A heartfelt thank you to our extended family and members of the community for the calls, visits, food, and prayers. We appreciate you all. Sincerely, Bert and Family

Go For The Gold

Goldenville Interpretive Centre will be hosting a monthly online 50/50 money raffle! 100% of funds raised after winner payout will go directly to the revitalization of our beloved museum and its exciting new programs. Here is where you can fund us! www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs We truly appreciate your support and wish you good luck in winning!

Port Bickerton Darts League

Port Bickerton Darts League takes place on Thursdays at 7:30pm at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Cost is \$5 per week.

Sherbrooke's Source Water

Plants, animals and insects that are not native to a region are considered invasive. They often grow rapidly as monocultures, while out-competing native species. They are often spread unintentionally. Once established, removal of invasive species is costly and the impacts to the local ecosystem can be irreversible. Three things you can do to prevent the spread of invasive species: don't move firewood, clean your footwear and hose your bike or ATV down with water or compressed air.

Municipal Transfer Station

Location: 150 Cape Gegogan Road, Goldenville. The Municipal Transfer Station accepts various waste types to help you and keep our environment clean. **Bagged garbage** (\$2/bag), bulk garbage (Prices vary per item), household Hazardous Waste, **electronics** (TV's, computer monitors, printers, scanners, telephones, fax machines, etc.), **metals** (scrap metal, fridges, stoves), **used tires, Fiona brush, wire lobster traps, paint cans, compost**. The Municipal Transfer Station is not currently accepting any Construction or Demolition debris until further notice. Please see the Residents tab on the Municipal website for more information or call 902-522-2049.

Culture Club Sherbrooke Program February 2024

Friday, February 2nd 7-9pm Opening Reception Art Show with Painter Joy Wier Solo Show Title: "Reflecting of the Eastern Shore"

Sunday, February 11th 3-5pm Literature Event/Book Reading

All events are admission free – Public are welcome!

St. Mary's Shooter's Association

SMSA Members are reminded that 2024 membership dues are due. The range use agreement for 2024 with DNRR is being finalized. The events schedule is in draft form. New members are welcome to join, \$30 per year. Call John Day 902-783-2820 or Mike Ackermann 902-522-2172.

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

Bargain Shop Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 1-3pm

Game Day: Wednesday 1-4pm

Cribbage No Partner Required: Tuesdays at 7:30

Recyclable Bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at Centre.

Volunteers and Committee members are always welcomed. Please contact Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers at 902-318-4401 if you would like more information.

Greenfield Oldsters

Greenfield Oldsters Club will host Auction 45's on Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm. We will play 6 rounds and 8 hands per round. Admission is \$5 per person and there will be cash prizes. If you have any questions, please call Gloria MacKeen at 902-870-1512.

Flood Mapping

Valuable input is requested from the public on the Social Pinpoint Flood Mapping Tool for the Phase 2 of the Eastern Shore Flood Line Mapping project. This online platform offers you the opportunity to (1) engage in Interactive Mapping by sharing specific locations of flooding events and areas of concern. (2) Participate in the Survey by sharing your input and local knowledge through the short survey. If you have photographs that require digitizing contact your local Councillor for assistance. The platform can be accessed at <https://cbcl.mysocialpinpoint.com/esw-flood-mapping>

Ecum Secum Fire Hall

There will be a meeting about the future of our Firehall. The building is in need of major repairs and would like the community to be involved in the topic. The meeting will take place February 24th at 7pm at the Ecum Secum Firehall.



Are you interested in starting your own business?

THE CBDC Guysborough County can help...

Loans available to any legally operated business in Guysborough County. Some sectors include fishing, trucking, retail, manufacturing, service, accommodations, food service, etc.

Business loans up to 150,000 (larger loans are available if required) with flexible interest rates start at prime plus 2% with flexible re-payment schedules.

Loans available for business start-up, expansion, renovations, line of credit, etc.

Quick approval Micro Loans available up to \$10,000.

Business start-up information and counseling available.

Self-Employment Benefits Program - (SEB) - Qualifying participants can receive benefits and training opportunities during business startup.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation Limited

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ST. MARY'S WINTER FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 23-29TH

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ST. MARY'S IS HOSTING A WEEKLONG WINTER FESTIVAL THIS YEAR! THERE WILL BE PUBLIC EVENTS, CHALLENGES TO COMPLETE ON YOUR OWN, INFORMATION AND EDUCATION & RESOURCE SHARING AND LOTS OF FUN!



ACTIVITIES:

Subject to change, more details to be announced



Friday, February 23rd: Indoor Movie Showing
(title, time & location to be announced)

Saturday, February 24th 12:30-2:30pm: Winter Carnival Themed
Community Free Skate and Fun at the St. Mary's Recplex

Wednesday, February 28th - SMECA Curling at the Recplex

Thursday, February 29th - SMECA Skating at the Recplex

SELF LED ACTIVITIES:

Winter Reading Challenge - Youth are invited to read winter inspired books during the festival for a chance to win a prize.

Winter Geo-Caching - Use your favourite Geocaching app to find our newly hidden winter themed caches throughout St. Mary's

Winter Walking Challenge Launch - Sign up for our winter walking challenge and track your steps for a chance to win prizes.

Participants who register during the Winter Festival will be entered to win an early-bird prize



ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LEADING UP TO THE START OF THE ST. MARY'S WINTER FESTIVAL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED, CALL 902-522-2598.

February 2024 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Sonora Crokinole 7pm Port Bickerton Darts 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm	Culture Club Art Show 7-9 pm Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 pm	Free Skate 12:30-2pm Sherbrooke Library Craft Club Drop-In 12:30-2:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Kid's First 3 + 9:30 am – 11 am Greenfield Oldster's Auction/45's 1:30pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30 am – 11 am Lion's Club NS Heart & Stroke Luncheon 11:30 am Sherbrooke Library Homeschool Drop-In 2pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Committee of the Whole Meeting 4:00 pm	3v3 Hockey 2:30-4pm Sonora Crokinole 7pm Port Bickerton Darts 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm	Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 pm	Free Skate 12:30-2pm Sherbrooke Library Craft Club Drop-In 12:30-2:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2-1-1 Day Culture Club Literature/Book Reading 3-5pm	Regular Council Meeting 4:00 pm	Kid's First 3 + 9:30 am – 11 am Greenfield Oldster's Auction/45's 1:30pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30 pm	Kid's First Play Group 9:30 am – 11 am Sonora Seniors Valetine Social 10am SHOPS Social 11 am – 2 pm Sherbrooke Library Homeschool Drop-In 2pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Sherbrooke Library Senior's Tea 2-4pm	3v3 Hockey 2:30-4pm Sonora Crokinole 7pm Port Bickerton Darts 7:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm	Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 pm	Country Harbour Gun Club Breakfast 8:30 am – 10 am Free Skate 12:30-2pm Sherbrooke Library Craft Club Drop-In 12:30-2:30pm Liscomb Cribbage 8 pm
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