



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's May Newsletter 2025

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Wednesday, May 21 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 6:00 pm. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at and Wednesday, May 21 in Council Chambers. Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings are held at 6:00PM on the first Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday at 6:00PM, the Council meeting is held first, followed immediately by the COTW meeting. Agendas, packages, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

Warden's Message

After so many cruel gestures in April by Mother Nature, it might actually (finally) be spring! Let's start with good news and more good news. Construction and Demolition (C&D) disposal and brush disposal.

Brush: Effective May 1, the Transfer Station will again be accepting yard brush. You can bring those branches and deadfall to the Transfer Station (and after a brief inspection to make sure there are no hazardous materials) drop them off and be on your way. There is just one catch, this service is for residents and residential brush only. Cars, pickups, and small trailers are welcome. However, if you pull up with a big 'ol commercial dump truck, keep driving. And, some more good news on **Construction & Demolition Disposal.** Staff have been working diligently to open a Construction & Demolition Disposal Service for residents and it seems like the end may be in sight. Keep an eye on the municipal website & Facebook for updates! Continuing on the theme from last month; if you are interested in a valuable volunteer spot that can be of real benefit to your neighbors consider volunteering with **Canadian Red Cross Disaster Relief.** A disaster does not have to be large. A house fire that displaces a family is a very large disaster for them. As a Red Cross volunteer, you can help a neighbor obtain food, shelter, clothing or transportation in that time of need. There are volunteers scattered all over the country who are ready to assist in this or any other emergency to help folks get through the initial painful stages. However, there are only two who live in St. Mary's who could respond locally. I'm sure we could stand a few more. If this type of community service appeals to you, contact the regional Red Cross Emergency Coordinator Marylynn Vickers at marylynnvickers@redcross.ca.

Some other happenings in the municipality, congratulations to Tammie Vautour at Beanies Bistro for receiving recognition as a Community Excellence Optimizer by Costal Nova Scotia tourism agency. In newsletter news, we know that some residents up in the Denver/Newtown areas haven't been receiving the newsletter. After months of back and forth with Canada Post we came up with a solution (printing one for every person on that mail route whether they live in St. Mary's or not!) So, welcome all you Pictou County residents to our newsletter and of course you can come to our events too.

St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Do you know an amazing volunteer? The Municipality is now accepting nominations for our Volunteer of the Year Award! Each year, we take time to celebrate the individuals who generously give their time, energy, and heart to make our community a better place. If you know someone who consistently goes above and beyond to help others, now is the perfect time to recognize their contributions. We invite you to nominate an outstanding volunteer from your community and tell us how they've made a difference. The deadline to submit nominations is May 14, 2025. You can access the nomination form online at <https://forms.office.com/r/YF6k4JsMAi> or paper copies are available at the Municipal Office. Let's come together to shine a light on the incredible volunteers who make St. Mary's strong, vibrant, and caring!

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June Newsletter is Wednesday, May 21 at 4:00pm. Submissions can be made at the Municipal Office, faxed to 902-522-2309, or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca.

Municipal Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is open Mondays (except holidays) from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and every second Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. May Saturday dates: May 3, 17, and 31. Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities for details.

Solid Waste Collection

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

MacMillan's Recyclable Collection

Recyclable collection is scheduled for the second and fourth Saturday monthly starting at 10:00 am. at the St. Mary's Recplex. For more info contact (902) 863-1127.

Sherbrooke Water Utility

The Sherbrooke Water Utility asks all customers to contact the Municipal Office before filling swimming pools. This helps staff monitor increased water use and ensures consistent service for all residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

Municipal News

Call for Grants to Organizations

Council has amended the General Government Grants policy to expand eligibility. The Deadline to apply is May 14, 2025. The General Government Grants Policy is available at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/municipal-documents.html>. The Application form is available at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/government/municipal-administration/applications-and-forms.html>

Municipal Brush Service

With spring upon us and fire restrictions now in place, the Municipality is pleased to restore Brush Services at the Municipal Transfer Station starting May 1 to help residents safely manage their yard waste. The service is offered at no cost to residents. Only residents of St. Mary's including year-round residents & seasonal residents may use this service. Residents must provide their residential civic address. This is a residential service only. Commercial brush will not be accepted. Vehicles with attached dump buckets are not eligible.

Department of Public Works - Job Opportunity

The Municipality of the District of St Mary's is seeking an energetic and teamwork-oriented individual to join the Public Works team. This is a permanent part-time position which will report to the Director of Public Works. The Public Works Labourer will work to support all areas of public works including the operations of the Water Treatment Plant, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the St. Mary's Recplex, the Municipal Transfer Station and other maintenance of municipal facilities, municipal properties and parks. View the job ad on page 3 or for more info visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business/employment-opportunities/>.

Low Income Property Tax Exemption

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

Community Development & Recreation

Mallory Fraser, Director of Community Development & Recreation
mallory.fraser@saint-marys.ca 902-522-2598

Call for Committee Members: Join the IDEAA Advisory Committee

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is seeking passionate and engaged individuals to join our newly formed Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Hate & Accessibility (IDEAA) Advisory Committee. This committee will play a vital role in advising Municipal Council on how to make our programs, services, and community more inclusive, equitable, and accessible for all. We are looking for up to four community members to serve alongside one Municipal Councillor and the Director of Community Development & Recreation (ex-officio). Individuals with lived experience from underrepresented or underserved communities—including persons with disabilities, people from racialized or diverse cultural backgrounds, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, and others—are strongly encouraged to apply. Committee members will meet quarterly (or as needed), and are eligible for mileage reimbursement. Participation is on a volunteer basis, and applicants must reside in or represent organizations serving the Municipality. Help shape a more welcoming and inclusive future for St. Mary's. To apply, complete the IDEAA Advisory Committee Application Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/ejQA87eAhj>. Please apply by May 16. For more information or to request an application form, please contact Mallory.

St. Mary's Recreation Fee Subsidy Policy

At a Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 5, 2025, Council directed staff to develop a Recreation Fee Subsidy Policy. The aim is to have this policy developed and approved by Council by the end of May 2025.

Tee-Ball Program

The St. Mary's Tee-Ball Program is now open for registration! Designed for children aged 4 to 6, this fun and beginner-friendly program is a great way to introduce your little ones to softball. Kids will learn the basics of hitting, throwing, catching, and running the bases—all while building confidence, and , having fun! No experience is needed, and all skill levels are welcome. Our coaches create a supportive and safe environment where kids can learn and play at their own pace. The program will take place at Liscomb Softball Field beginning in June on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm and the cost to participate is \$15. For more information please contact Mallory, or to sign up visit <https://forms.office.com/r/Znm1kf1keY> or visit the Municipal Office.

Girls Group

Are you in grades 7-9 and looking for something fun after school? Join us every Wednesday from 2:30-4:00 at SMECA for the Girls' Group Recreation Program! This program will wrap up on May 28. Don't miss out on the chance to connect with friends and try new activities! For more info or to sign up, contact Mallory.

Step Into Spring Walking & Rolling Challenge

Shake off the winter blues and step into a healthier you this April and May! Join our Spring Walking Challenge and stay active all season long. Whether you enjoy walking through blooming trails or taking laps around your neighborhood, every step counts!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

PUBLIC WORKS LABOURER

The Municipality of the District of St Mary's is seeking an energetic and teamwork-oriented individual to join the Public Works team.

Key Responsibilities: This is a permanent part-time position which will report to the Director of Public Works. The Public Works Labourer, in conjunction with public works staff, will work to support all areas of public works including the operations of: the Water Treatment Plant, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the St. Mary's Recplex, the Municipal Transfer Station and other maintenance of municipal facilities, municipal properties and parks.

Hours and Working Conditions: Hours and days of work will vary based on seasonal municipal services and range from 20-30 hours per week. This permanent part time position's shifts will include regularly scheduled weekends, weekdays and evening work, shift schedules will be provided in advance.

Qualifications Include:

1. College diploma or certificate in Industrial Mechanical, Pipe Fitting, Plumbing, Carpentry, or other trades would be an asset but not required. Minimum education required is completion of high school or equivalent
2. Water and/or Wastewater operator certification would be considered an asset.
3. Must have a clean criminal record and vulnerable sector check. Must hold a valid driver's license for operation of the Backhoe and Zamboni.
4. Must be dependable and able to work independently with minimal direct supervision and oversight.
5. Able to operate lawn care and trail maintenance equipment.

Rate of Pay: \$23.50 per hour plus 4% vacation pay for 20-30 hours per week. Pension and health/dental benefits as per the Municipal Human Resource Policy. A complete job description is available on the municipal web page under the business tab/job opportunities at www.saint-marys.ca.

Applications Deadline: Position will be advertised until filled.

Please forward applications including cover letter and resume to: By email to attention; Director of Public Works: Teddy.Stevens@saint-marys.ca. By mail to Teddy Stevens, Director of Public Works 8296 HWY 7, PO Box 296, Sherbrooke NS, B0J 3C0.

We thank and appreciate all applicants. However, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Community Development & Recreation

Co-Ed Youth Rec Softball League Registration

St. Mary's Youth Softball League is now open for registration! This exciting program offers young athletes the chance to build skills, stay active, and enjoy the fun of team play in a supportive, community-focused environment. Open to youth from ages 5-13, of all skill levels, the league focuses on teaching the fundamentals of softball—including hitting, fielding, and teamwork—while encouraging confidence and good sportsmanship. Games and practices will be held at the Liscomb Softball Field, please note, this location may change depending on field availability. The season will run from May to September. The cost to register is \$25. Whether your child is new to the game or looking to grow their skills, this is a great opportunity to get involved, have fun, and make new friends. Skill Development will be on Monday evenings from 7-8 pm and Games will be played on Wednesday's. Age categories will be determined based on registration. Register by May 16 to secure a spot! For more information contact Mallory. To sign up visit <https://forms.office.com/r/jqsgDudYPv>.

Swim Program

Make a splash this season with the Swim for Life Program developed by the Life Saving Society. This nationally recognized program provides high-quality swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels, with a strong focus on water safety, swimming skills, and physical fitness in a fun and supportive environment. Lessons that will be offered include Parent & Tot: for parents and children up to 3 years of age, Preschool: for children 3-5 years; and Swimmer: for children 5 years and older. Whether your child is just learning to swim or you're looking to build confidence and technique in the water, Swim for Life offers progressive levels designed to help participants develop essential skills. Lessons are available for preschoolers, children, and youth. All classes are led by certified instructors to ensure a safe and engaging experience. We're currently considering two possible locations for lessons this summer—Liscomb Lodge or Nimrod's Campground—and we'd love your input! Let us know which location would work best for your family when you register or reach out with feedback. There will be four sessions throughout July & August]. The registration deadline for the first session is June 27. For more information or to register, please contact Mallory.

Rec Floor Hockey

Rec Floor Hockey is back every Wednesday evening at the gym beginning May 7. Kids ages 5 to 15 can hit the floor from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Then from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, players aged 16 and up are invited to join the adult game. No experience is needed—just bring your energy and enthusiasm for a great time! To register go to <https://forms.office.com/r/xBHF8EYYNs> or visit the Municipal Office. For more info contact Mallory.

Summer Day Camp

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

Canada Day Celebration

Mark your calendars for July 1, 2025! It's going to be a celebration you won't want to miss! We are calling on all businesses and organizations in St. Mary's to help make this year's Canada Day Parade the biggest ever! Register to walk or enter a float or vehicle in this year's Canada Day Parade. We will be bringing back prizes for the best overall float as voted for by residents. To register visit <https://forms.office.com/r/5gygntyb1i> or stop by the Municipal Office.

Summer Sprouts Program

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

Co-Ed Adult Rec Softball League Registration

We're excited to announce the first-ever season of the St. Mary's Co-Ed Adult Recreation Softball League! Open to anyone aged 14 and up, this fun and inclusive league welcomes players of all skill levels. The season will run from May to September 2025 on Tuesday evenings, with games currently scheduled to take place in Liscomb—please note, this location may change depending on field availability. Players can register as a team or sign up individually to be placed on a team. The registration fee is \$40 per person, and all games will follow SPN Slow Pitch Rules. The deadline to register is May 16, 2025, so don't wait to get involved! Whether you're looking to stay active, meet new people, or just enjoy a summer of softball and community spirit, this is a great opportunity to get in the game. For more information or to register, please contact Mallory or register at <https://forms.office.com/r/9raPWCWeir>.

Economic Development

Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association

The Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association is hiring two students to work at the Port Bickerton Lighthouse. Applicants must be at least 16 years old and returning to school in September. The employment period is from July 1 to August 30, 2025, with a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. Duties include conducting tours at the Interpretive Centre, assisting with gift shop sales, light housekeeping, and property maintenance. Knowledge of spreadsheets and P.O.S. transactions is an asset. Please send your resume to Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association, 397 Lighthouse Rd., Sherbrooke, N.S. B0J 3C0.

2025 St. Mary's Tourism Website Coming Soon

The municipal District of St. Mary's is building a new dedicated tourism website to showcase all St. Mary's has to offer visitors. Keep an eye on the municipal website and Facebook in the coming weeks for a detailed announcement on how businesses and organizations can sign up to have their business showcased. If you haven't provided the municipality with your business email address, please do so to get on the distribution list.

Tourism Guysborough County

Now is the time to review and update or add your tourism business listing. Go to Visit Guysborough and you'll find the links at the bottom of the page to keep your business up to date. Events calendar is linked through Coastal NS, see the link on the Experiences page. Visit: <https://visitguysborough.ca/st-marys/>

Agricultural Career Expo

The Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture and the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture are hosting a career expo to showcase agricultural careers. Students in grades 7 to 12 are invited to the Some Beach Somewhere Pavilion at the NS Provincial Exhibition Grounds on May 14 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm to explore the skills and knowledge needed in the sector. For questions, email Margaret at mells@nsfa-fane.ca.

Thrive in Nova Scotia- Invest Nova Scotia

From starting up and raising capital, to incubation and acceleration, export development and investment attraction. We support the growth and momentum of NS businesses of all sizes. For more info visit <https://investnovascotia.ca/>

Coastal Nova Scotia - Discover Days

Coastal Nova Scotia is hosting two Discover Days: Sherbrooke Village on May 29 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, and at the Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex on June 5 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Local businesses and organizations will set up booths to showcase their services. Each participant is required to provide a door prize, such as baked goods or a gift certificate. Tourism operators interested in a booth can email Kara at kara@coastalnovascotia.ca.

Municipal Business Directory

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

Access Nova Scotia Online Service for Business

Access Nova Scotia offers secure online services that make it easier to manage and grow your business at your convenience. Through their Online Business Services Portal, you can apply for provincial and municipal licenses and permits, register or renew a business with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies, and complete multiple transactions in one session—including payments. You can also register a new sole proprietorship or partnership, sign up for tender opportunity notifications, request WCB clearance letters, and complete Employer Registration. If you're starting or operating a business in the restaurant or accommodations industry, the Restaurant and Accommodations Bundle can guide you through the process. This tool provides a step-by-step overview of licensing, inspection requirements, and key government interactions. It also generates a personalized checklist to help you stay on track with what's needed for your specific business. Visit https://accesstobusiness.snsmr.gov.ns.ca/a2b_web/portal/home.jsf for more info.

Tourism Nova Scotia (TNS)

Tourism businesses and attractions in Nova Scotia can list on NovaScotia.com for free. The site receives over 10 million visits annually and is the main call to action in all of Tourism Nova Scotia's marketing efforts. To be featured in marketing campaigns or photo shoots, your business must have a listing on the site. To apply for a listing and review eligibility criteria, visit tourismns.ca/promote-your-business-tourism-nova-scotia. For questions about listings, contact Stephanie Wadden at tnsportal@novascotia.ca. Businesses can also create free Package & Experience Listings, which are attached to their main listing and help boost visibility. These packages are a great way to promote tourism experiences—such as an ATV getaway package offered by accommodations with trail access—to attract more visitors. For support in developing packages, check out the [Nova Scotia Experience Toolkit](#), which includes helpful tipsheets and worksheets. For more guidance, contact Emily Hiltz on the Experience Development team at emily.hiltz@novascotia.ca. If you need to create or update your listing in the *Doers & Dreamers Travel Guide*, email tnsportal@novascotia.ca. You can also find more details at tourismns.ca/news/intouch-blog/2025-digital-doers-dreamers-guide-available-online. To stay updated on opportunities and resources, sign up for the Tourism Nova Scotia newsletter at tourismns.ca.

Community News & Events

Greenfield Oldsters:

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

Thank You

The family of the Late Pearl Cook wish to express our appreciation to all those who supported us by attending the visitation and funeral. A special thanks to those who prepared food and helped with the reception. Thank you for the cards, the beautiful flowers and donations made to St. Mary's Hospital in our mother's memory. Thank you to the hospital staff, G.W. Giffen's Funeral Home, and Pastor Jeff Reason for the service. With Grateful Hearts, Jo -Anne, Debbie, Buddy and Families

Goshen Community Recreation & Centre

The Bargain Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Donations can be dropped off during these hours. Join us for Game Day on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Cribbage on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm (no partner required, \$5.00 admission). Coffee Breaks will be held on May 5 and 19 at 9:30 am. The Ty Wallace Concert is on May 17 at 7:00 pm and the Goshen Farmer's Market opens Sunday, May 18. The Turkey Supper is scheduled for June 7 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. The Goshen Community Centre Annual Meeting will be held on May 14 after the Annual Ratepayers meeting, starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. We are still accepting recyclable bottles at the Centre. Volunteers and committee members are always welcome. For more information, contact Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers at 902-318-4401.

Ecum Secum Fire Department

50/50 chip bingo on May 5 from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Cards are 0.25 each and a light lunch is provided. Jackpot is winner takes all. Members of the Fire Brigade are selling tickets on Lobsters for Mom. There will be at least 3 draws worth of 20lbs of lobster. Please contact Tiffany at 902-347-2110 or Mike at 902-347-2789.

Goldenville Interpretive Centre

50/50 - When you grab a 50/50 ticket in our monthly online raffle, you're not just in it to win it - you're helping us preserve the incredible and important history of Goldenville! Your support means so much to us and truly makes a difference. Every dollar raised goes directly toward preserving the building and developing programs, as our dedicated team is entirely volunteer-based, driven by pride and passion. It's an easy, fun way to give back to your community - and who knows, you might even walk away with an awesome prize! Visit: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/hgs> to get your ticket today! Spring Tea - Join us for our Heart of Gold Spring Tea on June 1 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at the Goldenville Interpretive Centre (199 Goldenville Road). Enjoy an afternoon of delicious treats, great company, and a celebration of our community's history. We'd love to see you there!

Country Harbour Gun Club

A Country Breakfast will be held on May 17 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Bingo Night will take place on May 29 at 7:30 pm.

Sonora Community Centre

Chair Fitness at Sonora Community Centre starting May 5 for 6 weeks, Mondays at 10:00am.

All fitness levels welcome, work out safely and improve your flexibility, balance and help protect your bones by building muscle. This program is FREE courtesy of Antigonish Women's Resource Centre.

Free foot clinic sponsored by Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, at the Sonora Community Centre, Wednesday, May 7. Appointments required. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/awrcsasa> or call: 902-318-8710.

Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association—Chase the Ace

Friday evenings at the Port Bickerton Community Center. Tickets are sold from 7-8:30 pm.

Internet Safety & Scams Presentation

Join us on May 5, 2025 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Maple Manor, Sherbrooke for an important session on protecting yourself and your family from online scams. Hosted by the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre in partnership with the RCMP and the Guysborough Adult Learning Association. To register, contact Alice Mailman at 902-318-1223. All are welcome!

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

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

Community News & Events

St. Mary's ATV Club

The St. Mary's ATV Club now holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Members are encouraged to show their support by attending the next meeting on May 14, 2025, at 6:00 pm. at the Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre. You can also support the club by purchasing 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw and selecting St. Mary's ATV Club—40% of sales go directly to the club. 2025 registrations are now available at Fraser's Garage and through Milton Gallant. To register, you'll need your ATV license number, make, model, and year. Register today and help support your local ATV club!

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86

Membership Renewal & Donation can be made by cash, debit, cheque or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. Join us at Liscomb Branch 86 for our Spring Clean-Up! May 31 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Reserve a table for just \$10 and turn your unwanted but still valuable items into cash. It's the perfect opportunity to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Contact: Cheryl at 902-779-2677 or Cindy 902-779-2844 to reserve your table.

St Mary's Garden Club

Meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:00pm at Maple Manor.

Culture Club Sherbrooke

Traditional Gaelic Music Session – May 11, 3:00–4:00 pm. Featuring Mairi Britton (song, harp) & Bradley Murphy (song, fiddle, piano). RSVP by May 9.
Literature Event – May 18, 7:00–8:00 pm. Book reading: Strong Roots: Drawings and Thoughts In Praise of Trees with Linda Johns & Jeff Parker. RSVP by May 16.
Admission is free, donations welcome! Contact: 902-318-1699 | ccs21@mail.com | cultureclubsherbrooke.com

Stillwater Community Centre

The Stillwater Spring Card Parties run from April 4 to June 27 on Friday's at 7:30pm. Join us for some fun and an evening of cards.

Coffee and Connection

Every Friday from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at the Greenfield Oldsters Clubhouse in Melrose for a welcoming morning of connection and community! Whether you're interested in bulk purchases, chatting with neighbors, or enjoying a coffee or tea, it's a great way to meet new people. Kids and babies are welcome. For updates, visit our "Coffee and Connection" Facebook page.

St. Mary's Shooters Association

The SMSA Spring Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 pm at the Stillwater Center, 9558 Hwy 7. The Military Rifle Shoot is scheduled for May 18 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the DNRR range, 9240 Hwy 7. Register before 1:00 pm and compete for medals and special belt buckle prizes. A BBQ will be available at noon. The Canadian Restricted Firearms Safety Course will be held on June 7 at the Stillwater Center. Register and pay online at safetyservicesnss.ca.

1st Annual Rhubarb Festival on the 211

Join us for the 1st Annual Rhubarb Festival on the 211 on Saturday, June 14 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (rain date: Sunday, June 15). This fun new event will take place along Highway 211 and will feature rhubarb-themed treats like desserts, jams, jellies, sundaes, and more. Coffee and tea will also be available. We're looking for vendors, as well as residents along the 211 interested in setting up yard sales, crafts, plants, or other items. If you'd like to take part, please contact Deborah Jordan at 902-522-2761 so we can help promote your location or product. Watch for event updates on Facebook!

Congregational Services

St Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada

Sunday Services in May:
9:30am – Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's
11:00am – St. John's, Sherbrooke
6:30pm – Kirk, Glenelg
Weekly Programs at St. John's:
Women's Bible Study – Thursdays, 10:00am
Men's Group – Wednesdays, 7:00pm
UCW – First Thursday monthly, 2:00pm at Jo-Ann MacGrath's, Aspen
Children & Youth Programs at Kirk:
JAM Club (all-ages Sunday school) – Every second Sunday, 2:00pm | Theme: Team Jesus!
Youth Group (Grades 9–12) – Every second Friday, 7:30–9:00pm
Special Gatherings:
The Living Room – Contemporary worship & community time, lower hall of St. John's
AA: Finding Freedom – Closed meeting, Thursdays, 8:00–9:00pm at St. John's (for those who wish to stop drinking.

Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church

Pastor Terry Rideout
May 4 at 10:30 am
May 11 at 10:30 am
May 18 at 10:30 am
May 25 Community Interdenominational Service Lions Club, at 11:00am.

Calvary Faith Church Sonora

Pastor Wayne Bray 902-522-2520
Weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meetings are on Wednesday's at 7:00pm.
May 4 at 11:00am
May 11 at 6:00pm
May 18 at 11:00am
May 25 at 6:00pm

ALL WELCOME

Community
Worship
Service

MAY 25TH, 11 AM

LIONS CLUB , SHERBROOKE

**Come and join us as we worship together and
hear the testimony of Pastor Scott Chandler.**

Community Services

Nova Scotia Early Childhood Development Intervention Services (NSECDIS)

NSECDIS provides province-wide specialized services to families of young children between birth to school entry, who are experiencing delays in their development or are at biological risk for delays. **Our Services Include:** Information to support your child's development, connections to services in your community, home visiting services, service coordination and program, planning for your child and family, consultation to child care and other, community programs, assistance with your child's transition to community programs, including pre-primary & primary. **Additional Services:** Toy Libraries, Resource Libraries, and Family Events. Visit: www.NSECDIS.ca or call: 1-844-292-6730. Funded by the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development. There is no fee for our services.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-833-2920 to access services. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. There is a donation box 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. 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.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Spring is here, and so is ECRL with activities for all ages! Stop by Sherbrooke Public Library to borrow a new book, enjoy word puzzles and coloring sheets, or try a board game or puzzle with a friend. Join the Fibre Arts Club on Tuesdays or come to the monthly Seniors Social. Free menstrual and incontinence products are available, along with seeds from the Seed Library (while supplies last). Library hours are Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00 am–12:00 pm & 12:30–2:30 pm, and Wednesday to Friday from 12:30–5:30 pm. Use the computers, borrow books and movies, or book the Community Use Room at no cost. Learn more at ecrl.ca/locations/sherbrooke-public-library, call 902-522-2180, or email sherbrooke@ecrl.ca. Follow ECRL on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

Access Nova Scotia - Your Energy Rebate

Your Energy Rebate is a program designed to help Nova Scotians with the rising cost of home energy. <https://beta.novascotia.ca/programs-and-services/your-energy-rebate-program-yerp>

Guysborough County Home Support Agency

GCHSAS provides clients services in their homes throughout Guysborough County. Services include Personal Care, Meal Preparation, Family Relief (respite), Home Support Exercise Program (HSEP), Light Housekeeping & Laundry. For info call 1-800-225-7225.

Sherbrooke Opportunity Society (SHOPS)

SHOPS offers laundry service at \$7 a load, this includes wash, dried & folded. SHOPS also offers confidential shredding at \$1 per pound. You can give us a call at 902-318-7467 or send us a message on our Facebook page Sherbrooke Opportunities Society – SHOPS. Reminder that our toonie draw collection happens on Tuesdays at Noon, so play your toonies before then by dropping by SHOPS or in any of the boxes throughout our community, If you have any questions, please give us a call. Thank you for supporting SHOPS.

NS Burn Safe

During wildfire risk season no domestic brush burning or campfires are allowed between 8:00am and 2:00pm. Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2:00pm. To report a wildfire or violations of the fire restrictions, call 1-800-565-2224 or 911. Check before you Burn at <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>.

RCMP: From the Cruiser Report

This newsletter details what the RCMP in our area have been up to/ To read the "From the Cruiser" Report please visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/protective-services.html>.

Naomi Society

Naomi Society supports women, children, and all genders through trauma-informed community prevention, outreach, support, and advocacy. We provide services to those who have experienced domestic, family, intimate partner, and sexual violence. For more information call 902-863-3807 or visit <https://naomisociety.ca/>

St. Mary's Association for Rural Transit

All trips are booked based on the total distance travelled in a round trip. One of the drivers will pick you up at your door and take you to your destination! Call 902-522-2000 or email: info@smart-go.ca. One rider: \$5 base charge + \$0.75 per km / person. For multiple riders in a trip, a discount will be applied automatically. For 2 or more riders: \$5 base charge + \$0.40 per km / person. Medical Attendants ride free! Please let us know at the time of booking.

Goshen & Area Volunteer Fire Department

The Annual Ratepayers meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00pm at the Goshen Community Centre. The annual financial statements for 2024/2025 and the proposed budget for 2025/2026 will be presented and reviewed. The tax levy for 2025/2026 will also be set. Following this meeting, the annual meeting of the Goshen Community Centre will be held. All interested residents are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

May 2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Greenfield Cribbage 7pm	Greenfield Coffee & Connection 10am-12pm Stillwater Cards 7pm Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7-8:30pm	
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Stillwater Spring Meeting 2pm St Mary's Shooters Meeting 2pm	Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am Chair Fitness 10am Internet Safety & Scams Presentation 11am-2pm Ecum Secum Bingo 7-9pm Garden Club Meeting 7pm	Greenfield Auction 45s 1:pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30pm	Girls Group 2:30-4pm Goshen Game Day 1pm-4pm Youth Floor Hockey 6-7pm Adult Floor Hockey 7-8pm COTW Meeting 6:00pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Greenfield Cribbage 7pm	Greenfield Coffee & Connection 10am-12pm St Mary's ATV Club meeting 6pm Stillwater Cards 7pm Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7-8:30pm	
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Culture Club Gaelic Music 3- 4pm	Garden Club Meeting 7pm Chair Fitness 10am	Greenfield Auction 45s 1pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30pm	Career Expo 10am-2pm Girls Group 2:30-4pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Youth Floor Hockey 6-7pm ATV Club Meeting 6pm Adult Floor Hockey 7-8pm Goshen Fire Dept Ratepayers Meeting 7pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Greenfield Cribbage 7pm	Greenfield Coffee & Connection 10am-12pm Stillwater Cards 7pm Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7-8:30pm	Country Harbour Country Breakfast 8:30-10am
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Rifle Shoot DNRR 9am-3pm Culture Club Literature Event 7-8pm Goshen Ty Wallace Concert 7pm	Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am Chair Fitness 10am Garden Club Meeting 7pm Chair Fitness 10am Victoria Day: Municipal Office & Facilities Closed	Greenfield Auction 45s 1pm Goshen Cribbage 7:30pm	Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Girls Group 2:30-4pm Youth Floor Hockey 6-7pm Adult Floor Hockey 7-8pm Regular Council Meeting 6pm COTW Meeting Directly After the Council Meeting Lion's Bingo 7pm	Greenfield Cribbage 7pm	Greenfield Coffee & Connection 10am-12pm Stillwater Cards 7pm Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7-8:30pm	
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