



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

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Meetings of Council

The next regular meeting of Council is Wednesday, September 17 at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 6:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, and Wednesday, September 17 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, 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.

Municipal Closure

Municipal Facilities & Services are closed on Natal Day, August 4.

Warden's Message

Welcome to the Dog Days of August. Being naturally curious, I looked it up and saw that the term came from the Romans who associated this time with the rising of the star Sirius (also known as the "Dog Star") alongside the sun. Although this has absolutely nothing to do with what's going on in St. Mary's, you now have a topic of conversation at the supper table. Speaking of goings on in St. Mary's, we're working with the Shoppers Drug Mart people to ensure that folks can get their prescriptions locally in the best manner they can under the circumstances. Twice a week prescriptions and vaccines can be picked up at the municipal office (call Antigonish and tell them you want them delivered!) Now, since I am physically writing this in July, the circumstances may have changed before delivery of the newsletter, but we will keep everyone informed. If you are in need of personal hygiene products (supplies getting low and Antigonish or New Glasgow is too far to drive,) stop at the Sherbrooke Library. You can pick up what you need at no cost. They have a supply of feminine and other products in stock. You can also pick up a book to read. Go, the librarian is nice. The St. Mary's River Community fair is happening again along with the ever popular cardboard boat race on August 9. The country fair starts at 11:00 and the race at 2:30pm. Who will win? Who will even make it to the other side? You will need to be there to find out. Also be there for Ecum Secum Days 22-23 August (and beyond.) Kids games, dances, and I am told... a dunk tank. Now I am a bit concerned. Benefits the local fire department. Please continue to keep an eye out on the provincial burn map. It goes without saying this has been a dry summer so far and it won't take much for a fire to start and get out of control. We've had a few close calls so far this year and none of us want a catastrophe. While we're on this topic, all of our fire departments need volunteers. It doesn't matter if all you can do is hold a sign, or watch the pressure gauges, you could be of help. Just pick up the phone or stop by at a meeting. Remember, real heroes don't need superpowers, they just need to care. All of our first responders are heroes. OK. Enough prattling. Have a great month!
-Warden, James Fuller

Property Tax Bills—Past Due

Municipal Property Tax payments were due July 31. All taxes not paid by the due date will accrue interest at 14% per annum. If you have any questions regarding your Property Tax Bill please contact the Municipal Office.

Municipal Low Income Property Tax Exemption

The Municipal Low Income Property Tax Exemption forms are available. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2025.

NS Provincial Property Tax Rebate

The Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors is open. Drop by the Municipal Office to complete your application.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for September Newsletter submissions is Wednesday, August 20. Submissions can be submitted to the Municipal Office, faxed to 902-522-2309, or emailed to newsletter@saint-marys.ca.

Municipal Transfer Station Hours

Monday, August 4: 9am-4:30pm
Saturday, August 9: 10am-3pm
Monday, August 11: 9am-4:30pm
Monday, August 18: 9am-4:30pm
Saturday August 23: 10am-3pm
Monday, August 25: 9am-4:30pm

Solid Waste Collection

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

MacMillan's Recyclable Collection

Recyclable collection will be held each Saturday for the month of August from 10am-2pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. For more info call 902-863-1127.

Sherbrooke Water Utility

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

Department of Community Development & Recreation

Co-Ed Youth Rec Softball League

This program offers young athletes the chance to build skills, stay active, and enjoy the fun of team play in a supportive, environment. Open to youth from ages 5-12, of all skill levels, at the Liscomb Softball Field. The league focuses on teaching the fundamentals of softball—including hitting, fielding, and teamwork. The final day of this program is August 27. Skill Development will be on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm with a game each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm.

Tee-Ball Program

For children aged 3-6 and will run until August 28 at the SMECA Back Field on Thursday's from 6-7pm.

Guysborough County 55+ Adult Games

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

Before & After School Program

The Municipality is offering the Before and After Program (BAP) for the 2025-26 school year. This program is funded by the Province of Nova Scotia. This is a paid program currently offered after school to children in pre-primary to grade 6. BAP will begin on Thursday, Sept 4 in the Kid's First Room at SMECA. The program will take place from 2:30-6pm, Monday to Friday on school days. Registration for the Before and After Program is open and can be completed on the municipal website or in person at the Municipal Office. You must register each year for this program. This year, staff are working to determine if it is feasible to host before school care. Please email Mallory.Fraser@saint-marys.ca if you are interested in signing up for before school care for your child between 7-8:30am by August 15.

Year 2000 Time Capsule Grand Opening

Step back in time and see what life was like in the year 2000! Join us for the Grand Opening of the Time Capsule at the St. Mary's Community Fair at 11am. This special event will reveal memories, mementos, and messages that were carefully packed away 25 years ago.

Summer Day Camp

Running until August 29, Monday to Thursday at SMECA from 8am-4:30pm, for children aged 5-12 and offers a variety of games, crafts, outdoor adventures, and theme days to keep kids active, and engaged all summer long. Camp is just \$10 per day for non-residents of the Municipality. Children must be registered by Friday for the following week. For more info or to register, visit the Municipal Office or <https://forms.office.com/r/1AXxKyfdta>.

Summer Hike Series

Enjoy the outdoors, get active, and connect with others in the community on these guided hikes. The series kicks off Friday, August 8 at the Mayflower Trail in Liscomb Mills followed by a hike on Friday, August 15 at the Port Bickerton Lighthouse. The final hike will take place Friday, August 22 to Archibald Lake. All hikes will begin at 10am. All are welcome. Please wear appropriate footwear, bring water, and be prepared for varying trail conditions. Email victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca or call 902-522-2598 to register.

Summer Sprouts Program

This fun and gentle drop-off program for ages 3-4 runs from 10am to 2pm at SMECA, Monday to Thursday until August 29 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. Summer Sprouts is a great first step into camp life—designed with little ones in mind. Summer Sprouts is \$5 per day for non-residents of the Municipality. To register your child, please visit the Municipal Office or <https://forms.office.com/r/yPJbJheuj8>.

Co-Ed Adult Rec Softball League Registration

The first-ever season of the St. Mary's Co-Ed Adult Recreation Softball League is in full swing! The league runs Tuesday evenings until September 2, in Liscomb. Games are at 6pm & 7:15pm. Spectators are welcome! Come out and cheer on your local teams!

First Responder Celebration

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will host the Second Annual First Responders Celebration on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m., recognizing the dedication of local First Responders. Nomination forms have been distributed and must be submitted by a Chief, Manager, or Supervisor from a First Responder organization. Award categories include Valour, for a lifesaving act performed at personal risk; Outstanding Service, for going above and beyond regular duties; and Time in Service, recognizing 10, 20, 30, or 40+ years of service. This is an opportunity to honor those who selflessly serve our community.

Equipment Loan Program

Looking to get outside and enjoy the summer? The Municipality of St. Mary's offers free short-term loans of outdoor equipment to help you make the most of the season. You can borrow bikes, scooters, paddleboards, kayaks, fishing rods, tents, screen tents, yard games, and more. Perfect for family outings, weekend adventures, or trying something new. There is now also have youth paddleboards and both right- and left-handed youth golf clubs, making it even easier for youth to get active this summer! There are no rental fees, just a small refundable deposit is required. Calling ahead is recommended to make sure we have the equipment you need ready to go. For more information, contact Victoria at 902-522-2598 or victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca.

THE ST. MARY'S RIVER COMMUNITY FAIR and Cardboard Boat Regatta

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

11 am- OLD TIME COUNTRY FAIR

Taking place in the Performance Centre Field, with a FREE BBQ, games, crafts, fly tying demonstrations, information booths, prizes and much more!

2:30 pm - CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK TO SEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Decorating/costume theme is "**GHOST SHIPS**" Register at the Boat Club Wharf between 1:45 -2:15 pm for the 2:30 launch.

Children and adult categories are: under 7, 8-15, and over 16. Prizes for best design, best sport, and fastest time. Costumes welcome and boat descriptions encouraged



for any questions please contact

Sherbrooke Village (902) 522.2400

MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING PARTNERS:



Department of Economic Development

St. Mary's Tourism Website

Are you a tourism-related business and would like to be apart of <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com>? Do you have an event you'd like to see added—or need an edit—please visit the Contact Us page at <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/contact-us/> to submit your request. Be sure to check out our Tourism social media channels on Facebook and YouTube for local highlights and features. Let's show the world what makes St. Mary's special!

Municipal Business Directory

Did you know the Municipal website has a business directory? Check to make sure your contact information is up to date. New businesses can submit their details at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business-directory.html>.

St. Mary's Photo Contest

Congratulations to Joanna Nickerson, our photo contest winner! Thanks to everyone who participated. The winning photo will be shared on the Municipal Tourism Facebook page and website. Keep sending your favourite shots of the region to tourism@saint-marys.ca—you might even see them in a future ad!

Services for Businesses

Coastal Nova Scotia

Have an event you'd like to share? Submit your details to Kara at kara@coastalnovascotia.ca.

Skills Online NS

Skills Online NS provides all Nova Scotians with an opportunity to acquire in-demand skills by offering thousands of free courses. Visit www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca.

Centre for Entrepreneurship Education & Development (CEED)

Each year CEED helps to increase the number of businesses operating in NS through training, financing and networking opportunities. CEED is a unique community for like minded entrepreneurs brought together by peer-to-peer learning opportunities, professional development strategies and a passion for entrepreneurship. Whether starting your business, supporting your new business or supporting your existing business you can find the right program. Visit www.ceed.ca.

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

Join us at Bar M Ranch in New Ross. for a laid-back, family-friendly evening with supper, lawn games, and the chance to catch up with others who understand the pressures of the season. This event kicks off our We Talk. We Grow: Over the Gate series, offering relaxed opportunities for connection across our farming community. No talks, no pressure. Just good food, good company, and a chance to slow down, free of cost. Mark your calendars for Friday, August 22. Registration details will be posted at <https://nsfa-fane.ca/farm-resources/>.

Invest Nova Scotia

In partnership with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, Invest Nova Scotia is organizing a trade mission to CHFA NOW Toronto, taking place September 19–21. There are still spots available for Nova Scotia businesses to join as co-exhibitors at the event. Learn more at <https://investnovascotia.ca/calendar/chfa-natural-organic>.

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA)

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

CBDC

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

Tourism Nova Scotia Experience Toolkit

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

Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture

The Get Growing Program helps small farms grow by supporting the purchase of specialized equipment or infrastructure. Projects must focus on increasing local food production. To qualify, farms must be registered under the Farm Registration Act, earn \$30,000 or less in annual eligible income, and be actively farming in the program year. Learn more and apply by September 30, 2025 at novascotia.ca/programs/get-growing.

PORT BICKERTON LIGHTHOUSE ART FESTIVAL AUGUST 23 & 24TH ARTIST CALL



Come join us to celebrate art, creativity and community,
our coastal gem.

Visit our website for a growing list of things to do:

<https://www.portbickertonlighthouse.ca/annual-arts-festival/>

Community News & Events

St. Mary's ATV Club

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Show your support by attending the next meeting on August 13 at 6pm at the Indian Harbour Lake/Jordanville Community Centre. Support the club by purchasing 50/50 tickets for the ATVANS monthly draw and selecting St. Mary's ATV Club—40% of sales go directly to the club. 2025 registrations are available at Fraser's Garage and through Milton Gallant. You'll need your ATV license number, make, model, and year. Register today and help support your local ATV club—funds go directly back into club activities and trails.

Stillwater Community Centre

We're excited to invite you to our first Fall Card Party on Friday, September 5, 2025. Doors will open at 7:00pm., and the game of 45's will begin at 7:30pm. Join us for an evening of cards, prizes, and a few good laughs! If you're looking for a space to host a family event or meeting, our recently renovated hall is available to rent. The cost is \$75 for a full day or \$50 for a half day. To book the hall, please contact Gordon MacIntosh at (902) 497-1201.

Goshen Community & Recreation Centre

The Bargain Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-3pm. Donations of items can be dropped off during these hours. Game Day takes place on Wednesdays from 1-4:00pm. Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. No partner is required. Admission is \$5.00. Coffee Breaks are held every second Monday, with upcoming August 11 & 25 at 9:30am. Recyclable bottles are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the Centre. Volunteers and committee members are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers at 902-318-4401.

Shore Days

Sunday, August 24 features free family yoga at the Liscomb Ball Field at 6pm, and a Free Outdoor Movie Night on Monday, August 25 at dusk. Tuesday, August 26 is the movie rain date and also features a Free Family Paint Night at the Liscomb Legion at 6pm (pre-register with Emma at 902-328-4177 or Terri-Lynn at 902-779-2516).

Water Aerobics takes place Wednesday, August 27 from 11am-12pm at Liscombe Lodge (\$10, pre-register). On Thursday, August 28, join Trivia Night at Beanie's Bistro at 6pm.

On Friday, August 29, take part in a Community Clean-Up at 11am, followed by fireworks at dusk.

The Henry Tibbo Memorial Ball Tournament runs August 30-31, with an Adult Dance featuring music by Brent Collins & Brian England at the Liscomb Legion from 8pm-12am, \$20 admission. Children's activities will be held on Sunday from 11am-3pm at the Liscomb Ball Field.

Annual Old School House Concert

Get ready for another Old School House Concert! The date is set for Tuesday evening, September 23 at 7 pm at the IHL Community Centre. This will be the seventh annual concert, and the musicians are already getting ready for a great night of music. It's sure to be another fun evening for everyone to enjoy. Stay tuned—more details will be shared in the September newsletter!

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6pm to 11pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. Cribbage Thursday and Saturday at 7:30pm. WIFI available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available, No credit card. Membership Renewal & Donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com.

The General Membership Meeting is on Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Your ideas, input, and willingness to volunteer are always appreciated and help support the continued success of the branch. For more updates and event information, please check our Facebook page. The Liscomb Legion is also pleased to present Cape Breton author, filmmaker, and musician David Doucette on Wednesday, August 20 from 7-9pm. Admission is \$15 at the door. To learn more about David and his work visit <https://smokeystudios.ca/about>.

Port Bickerton Lighthouse Arts Festival

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

Smokey Hollow Holidays

There's plenty of fun lined up this August in Country Harbour!

On Friday, August 1, the Men's Ball Tournament kicks off at 6pm, followed by a lively Trivia & Pub Night at 8pm. The tournament continues on Saturday, August 2, starting at 8am, with a Hootenanny at 2pm and an Adult Dance at 9pm to keep the good times rolling. The final day of the tournament is Sunday, August 3, starting at 8:30am, with theme basket draws happening throughout the day.

Be sure to check out the Water Poker Rally on Saturday, August 9, and don't miss Kids Day from 10am to 2pm—a perfect family outing!

Theme baskets will be on display all week—tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Come out and celebrate summer with us at the Smokey Hollow Holidays!



The Little White Cross

The tradition of laying wreaths at a Cenotaph, to commemorate the lives of our Veterans

is one that is time honoured. Currently, Poppies and Wreaths, along with a number of associated items have been offered through your local Royal Canadian Legion Branch

to organizations and members of the community.

Last year, we had a very successful rollout, of an idea which allowed us to address the increasing cost of commemorative wreaths and the associated concern of disposal

following the service period.

Those who wish, can purchase a small white cross, which will be attached to a large community wreath of commemoration, and would be presented during our Remembrance

Service, at the altar, in the same manner as we now present our wreaths.

There would be no set price for these crosses, however a donation will be accepted toward a special community fund. All donations will be recorded with the name of the person(s) being commemorated, and published in our Municipal newsletter.

Proceeds will be used to support special projects in your community. Currently we are

working with Sherbrooke Village, to design and install a new community Cenotaph.

Prior to Remembrance Day, Poppy Trays will be available across the community, to provide additional support to our deserving Veterans and entrance funding for graduating St Mary's Academy students attending NSCC.

Our Legion representative will offer the Little White Cross as an option, as well as a traditional wreath, when they call to confirm your order.

Executive Committee,

Sgt Maudie Matthews Memorial Legion

Branch 56, Sherbrooke

We will be offering wreaths and crosses both in our act of remembrance. The wreath have to ordered by last week of August, I would like to have the total by August 25

June Tate at 902-328-7122 or email

junemtate@icloud.com will be getting the order ready Thank you for your support .

Community News & Events

Sherbrooke Village

There's something special happening this summer at Sherbrooke Village! Victorian Nights run Friday evenings in July and August with extended hours until 8:00pm. Until August 29, enjoy artisan spaces open late, live music, hands-on activities, themed evenings, and dining at McDaniel's Tea Room. Reduced admission applies. Looking for a unique adventure? Try the Gold Rush! Escape Room Experience. Travel back to 1867 and solve the mystery of a botched gold heist before the thieves return. Available during open hours (Wednesday to Sunday) until September 14, and by appointment until December.

Join us for a series of Courthouse Concerts:

Aug 2: Doris Mason Aug 14: Joe Henry,
Aug 8: Art Bouman Aug 21: Steve McClintock

All shows begin at 7pm and are \$15 at the door.

St. Mary's River Days takes place on August 9, featuring Todd Labrador's birch bark canoe building, a cardboard boat regatta, BBQ, games, and more! On August 23, enjoy the Harvest Celebration with heritage games, crafts, the Eighty Fourth Regiment Encampment, and a baking competition for the Sherbrooke Plate, in partnership with the Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society.

Visit sherbrookevillage.ca for details on any of our experiences.

Catch "The Importance of Being Earnest / Tea & a Show" on Sunday, August 3 in the Exhibit Centre. Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door.

Ghost Tour auditions are happening August 6 & 7 from 5-7pm in the Courthouse. Book a 10-minute audition by contacting lanny.boyer@novascotia.ca or call 902-522-2400 ext. 226. Opportunities are available even if you can't attend the audition.

An Old Fashioned Christmas info session will be held on Monday, August 11 from 5-6pm in the Exhibit Centre. All are welcome; light refreshments provided.

Thank You From the Reid Family

The family of the late Freeman C. Reid wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits and donations made by our friends and neighbors during the time of Freeman's passing. Special thanks to St. Mary's Hospital for the compassionate care given to Freeman. Thank you to all. Sincerely, Sharon, Becky, Melodie and families.

Goshen Market

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

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

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

St. Mary's Shooters Association

The schedule for the rest of 2025 is as follows:

August 3 – Benchrest Shoot (100 m)

September 7 – Falling Targets (25 & 50 m)

October 5 – Plywood Deer Shoot (100 m)

November 2 – Turkey Target Shoot

All competitions run from 9am-2pm. There will be certified Range Safety Officers on duty and a BBQ at noon. For more information, please call 902-783-2820 or 902-522-2172, or email johnday577@gmail.com.

Greenfield Oldsters

Join us for Auction 45's on Tuesdays at 1pm 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 7pm with cards at 7:30pm. No partner required. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with 8 games, a 50/50 draw, and cash prizes. The Greenfield Oldsters Club has a 200 sq. ft. office space for lease at 7575 Highway 348, Melrose, including heat, lights, access to washrooms, and a kitchen. Ample parking is available. For inquiries, contact John Watson at john.jd.watson@gmail.com or 902-823-2247.

Sherbrooke Saturday Market

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

Ecum Secum Fun Days

Get ready for two days of fun and community spirit in Ecum Secum! Friday, August 22 kicks off with Open Play at the Ecum Secum Community Park from 6-8pm. Be sure to bring a change of clothes, as there will be water activities to enjoy! Later, teens aged 11 to 17 can join the Teen Dance at the Ecum Secum Firehall from 8-10:30pm. On Saturday, August 23, join us at the Firehall from 10am-2pm for games, bingo, a dunk tank, and a BBQ. Please note this is a cash-only event. At 6pm, the popular Duck Race will take place at the bridge in Fleet Settlement. If you'd like to purchase a duck to enter the race, please contact Tiffany at 902-885-7070. The day wraps up with an Adult Dance at the Ecum Secum Firehall from 9pm-1am, featuring a Bluetooth DJ spinning great tunes for a night of dancing and fun! Don't miss out on these exciting community events!

Thank You from the Carpen Family

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and acts of kindness. Your enduring love and support will always be remembered by the family of Bill Carpen.

Community Yard Sale

Community Yard Sale on Saturday, August 16, 9am-1pm at 10 McKinley Point Rd. Bring your own table!



The Liscomb Legion Presents:
Cape Breton Author, Filmmaker, Musician

DAVID DOUCETTE

'A Night of Music'

DATE: August 20th

TIME: 7-9PM

COST: 15\$ at door

Community Services

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Visit Sherbrooke Public Library this summer to borrow a new release, relax with our selection of word puzzles and coloring sheets, or bring a friend and try some of our puzzles or board games. Sign up for TD Summer Reading Club, drop in to our Fibre Arts Club on Tuesdays, or visit the monthly Seniors Social! Don't forget to stop by to restock on menstrual or incontinence products for you or someone you know.

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

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

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

Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and more. We also have a Community Use Room that individuals or groups can book at no charge. Find up-to-date information about your local branch at <https://ecrl.ca/locations/sherbrooke-public-library>. For more information about library services, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit ecrl.ca. Stay current by following ECRL on social media: facebook.com/ECRLibrary | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

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

Fire Restrictions

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

Canada Strong Pass

From June 20 to September 2, 2025, enjoy free or discounted admission to some of the country's most iconic places. The Canada Strong Pass lets you explore the richness of the country — from museums to nature to railroads. Just visit participating locations! Simply visit any participating Parks Canada site, museum, gallery, or VIA Rail to benefit from free admissions or discounts. Learn more at <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/canada-pass.html>.

Family Service Nova Scotia

The Men's Health Centre operates on Tuesdays and offers Health Care Services for males 12 years and older. A variety of services are available to support your well-being, including physical health check-ups, cancer screening, and blood pressure testing. Mental health supports include counselling, addiction programs, and help managing stress or life changes. Sexual health services such as STI screening, HIV testing, and gender or sexuality counselling are also offered. Navigation support can help with accessing shelter, social assistance, or legal resources. Opportunities for social connection and referrals to other services are also available. For more information call 902-863-2358.

St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy

The first day of school for the 2025-26 school year is Thursday, September 4, 2025. For the 2025-2026 school year, students will be required to bring a few essential items, including a backpack, lunch box, headphones or earbuds, indoor sneakers for Physical Education class, and a water bottle.

Nova Scotia Guard – Volunteer Opportunity

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

RCMP: From the Cruiser Report

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

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections

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

Coastal Nova Scotia

Looking for fun things to do this weekend? Check out the events listed at www.coastalnovascotia.ca!

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our recent Estate Sale held on June 28, 2025. We brought in just over \$7,000.00 with a few items pending sale. Also, a huge thank you to Darrell and Betty for making the sale possible. We are blessed to live in such a giving Community.

Naomi Society

Are you experience domestic violence? The Naomi Society can help you with safety planning. Having a conversation can help you to identify things you can do to increase your own safety and the safety of your children. Call 902-863-3807 for support.

Youth Weekend

Indian Harbour Lake Pentecostal Church invites
all youth (Grades 6-12) to a fun filled weekend
on August 23-24



Pastor Kurt Arnold and his youth
group from Full Gospel in Bedford will
be joining us for the weekend

Sign up by using QR Code to receive a
reminder about the event

Pizza, Popcorn and Purpose



Movie night on August 23

6:30 pm

Free pizza, popcorn and
pop

IHL Pentecostal Church
1643 Hwy 211

August 24—Morning service @ 10:30 am

Community BBQ with free burgers, hot-
dogs and pop to follow service

ALL WELCOME!

Bonfire Beach Party Sunday evening
(fire hazard dependent)

Port Hilford Beach



Employment Opportunity

Position Title: Before and After Program Leader

Reports to: Community Development and Recreation Director

Classification: Part/time, Seasonal

Hourly Wage: \$16.00 – \$20.00

Position Summary:

The Before and After Care Program Leader will assist with the delivery of the Before and After Care Program at St. Mary's Education Centre Academy according to the delivery standards.

Duties of Position:

- Assist with the delivery of Before and After Care programming according to standards provided by operator including both indoor and outdoor play.
- Support the development of participants through active play, physical literacy and culturally responsive programming.
- Ensure the safety and well-being of all participants.
- Prepare nutritional snack daily for program participants.
- Communicate with parents and guardians of participants according to the Before and After Care Program communications plan.
- Ensure that program space and equipment is clean and tidy.
- Adhere to policies and procedures as outlined in program manual.

Requirements:

- Be aged 16 and older
- Applicants must pass a Criminal Record check
- Applicants must pass a Vulnerable Sectors check
- Applicants must pass a National Child Abuse Registry check
- Standard First Aid and CPR training

Applications:

Applications including resume, cover letter and three references will be accepted until August 20, 2025, or until position is filled. Submit application to Mallory Fraser, Director of Community Development & Recreation by email to Mallory.Fraser@saint-marys.ca or mail to 8296 Highway #7 Sherbrooke NS B0J 3C0, or in person during regular office hours.

To view the complete job description go to <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business/employment-opportunities/>.

Congregational Services

St Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada

Sunday Services:

9:30am at Bethany/Zion in East River St. Mary's

11:00am at St. John's in Sherbrooke

6:30pm at Kirk in Glenelg

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

St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke

Parish Priest Fr. Tom Stephan

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

Mass is each Sunday at 11:30am.

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

Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church

Pastor Terry Rideout

August 3 at 10:30am

August 10 at 10:30am

August 17 at 10:30am: Ninetieth Anniversary Celebration with speaker Pastor Kevin Johnson, District Superintendent. Reception to follow the service at the Indian Harbour Lake/ Jordanville Community Centre.

August 24 at 1030am

August 31 at 1030am

Sonora Calvary Faith Church

Pastor Wayne Bray (P)902-522-2520

Bible Study and Prayer Meetings at 7pm.

Sunday Services:

August 3 at 6pm August 24 at 11am

August 10 at 11am August 31 at 6pm

August 17 at 6pm

United Baptist Church

Reverend Scott Chandler.

Services at 3pm.

August 3: Port Hilford

August 24: Sonora

August 10: Sonora

August 31: Port Hilford

August 17: Port Hilford



2025 Fall Solid Waste Collection Schedule



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
August 5	August 6	August 7
August 12 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	August 13 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	August 14 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
August 19 Garbage and Recyclables	August 20 Garbage and Recyclables	August 21 Garbage and Recyclables
August 26 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	August 27 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	August 28 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
September 2 Garbage and Recyclables	September 3 Garbage and Recyclables	September 4 Garbage and Recyclables
September 9 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	September 10 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	September 11 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
September 16 Garbage and Recyclables	September 17 Garbage and Recyclables	September 18 Garbage and Recyclables
September 23 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	September 24 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	September 25 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
September 30 Recyclables Only	October 1 Recyclables Only	October 2 Recyclables Only
October 7 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	October 8 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	October 9 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
October 14 Recyclables Only	October 15 Recyclables Only	October 16 Recyclables Only
October 21 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	October 22 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	October 23 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
October 28 Recyclables Only	October 29 Recyclables Only	October 30 Recyclables Only
November 4 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	November 5 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	November 6 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
November 11 Recyclables Only	November 12 Recyclables Only	November 13 Recyclables Only
November 18 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	November 19 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item	November 20 Garbage Only and 1 Bulky Item
November 25 Recyclables Only	November 26 Recyclables Only	November 27 Recyclables Only

- 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.

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

August 2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Smokey Hollow Holidays	Smokey Hollow Holidays Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Court House Concert 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm
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Smokey Hollow Holidays Benchrest Shoot 9am S.V. Tea & a Show 1:30pm Goshen Market 1-3pm	Natal Day	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Oldsters 45s 1pm Adult Softball 6pm & 7:15pm Liscomb Legion Meeting 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm COTW Meeting Youth Softball 5pm 6:30-7:30pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Tee Ball 6-7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Mayflower Trail Hike 10am Court House Concert 7pm	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm St. Mary's River Community Fair 11am Cardboard Boat Race 2:30pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm
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Goshen Market 1-3pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am OFC Info Session 5pm Youth Softball Skills 6:30-7:30pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Oldsters 45s 1pm Adult Softball 6pm & 7:15pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm ATV Club Meeting 6pm Youth Softball 6:30-7:30pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Summer Day Camp 8am-4:30pm Summer Sprouts 10am-2pm Tee Ball 6-7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Court House Concert 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Port Bickerton Lighthouse Hike 10am	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm
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Henry Tibbo Memorial Softball Tournament Children's Fun & Games 11am-3pm Goshen Market 1-3pm						