



# Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

## October 2025

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### Meetings of Council

The next regular Council meeting is Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Municipal Office in Sherbrooke at 5:00pm. Committee of the Whole meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers. Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings are held at 5:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday, the Council meeting is held first, followed immediately by the COTW meeting.

### Warden's Message

I'm writing this a little early (September 10) as I'll be away for the newsletter deadline. If anything has changed by the time you're reading this, thank you for your understanding. The municipality is still providing drinking water for residents whose wells have run dry. Water is available at the municipal office Monday through Friday during business hours, and councillors have also been delivering supplies to several community centres across the municipality. If you're in need and can't get to either location, please call the office and we'll do our best to make arrangements. As of mid-September, more than 4,200 litres of water have been distributed. Much of this has come through the province's EMO, but we are also deeply grateful to the many local businesses and community organizations who have stepped up to help. Their generosity has made a real difference, and I want to extend a sincere thank-you on behalf of council. We are also excited to welcome Lesley McFarlane as our new Chief Administrative Officer, starting October 1. Many of you may have already heard the news, but for those who haven't, Lesley brings a wealth of experience in municipal affairs at both the provincial and local level. We are looking forward to her leadership and the expertise she will bring to our team. Finally, just a reminder that October marks the return of our bi-weekly waste collection schedule—garbage one week, recyclables the next. Please check your collection calendar for the exact dates in your area. Have a great month.

-Warden James Fuller

### Sherbrooke Water Utility

Effective August 16, a mandatory water conservation order is in place for all utility customers. Residents and businesses connected to the utility are not allowed to water lawns, trees, shrubs, or flower beds. Filling or topping up pools, washing down walkways or driveways, and washing vehicles are also not permitted. Residents may continue to water vegetable gardens. The Municipality will be enforcing these measures. Anyone who does not follow the rules may have their water service disconnected and will be required to pay reconnection fees, as outlined in the Water utility's regulations and rate schedule. These conservation measures will stay in effect until the water level in Sherbrooke Lake returns to a safe level.

[Public Notice - Mandatory Water Conservation - The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's](#)

### Water Assistance

If your well has run out of water, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's can provide bottled water to help with your immediate needs. This service is for residents of the Municipality, and your residential address will be required. To arrange support it is encouraged to call the Municipal Office or email [jadzia.rudolph@saint-marys.ca](mailto:jadzia.rudolph@saint-marys.ca).

### From The Cruiser Report

To read the report, visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/protective-services.html>.

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### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November 2025 Newsletter is Wednesday, November 19th at 4:00pm. Submissions can be made at the Municipal Office, faxed to 902-522-2309, or emailed to [newsletter@saint-marys.ca](mailto:newsletter@saint-marys.ca).

### Municipal Transfer Station Hours

Saturday, October 4: 10am-3pm  
Monday, October 6th: 9am-4:30pm  
Closed: October 13th  
Saturday, October 18th: 10am-3pm  
Monday, October 20th: 9am-4:30pm

### Solid Waste Collection

From October 1–May 31, garbage and bulky items will be collected bi-weekly, with recyclables on the opposite weeks.

Sign up for a collection calendar or reminders at: [www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html](http://www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html)

### MacMillan's Recyclable Collection

Recyclable collection is scheduled for the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, starting at 10am-2pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. For more information call 902-863-1127.

### Property Tax Rebates

The Municipal Low Income Property Tax Exemption forms and the Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors forms are available. Visit the Municipal Office to complete your applications by December 31, 2025.

### Municipal Closures

Municipal Facilities & Services are closed on October 13th for Thanksgiving

# Municipal News

## **Thank you**

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many businesses and organizations who have generously donated water to support our community. Your kindness and commitment to helping others during this time are deeply appreciated. A special thank-you goes out to Shoppers Drug Mart in Sherbrooke, Sobeys Atlantic, St. Barbara Gold Mine, The Soap Company of Nova Scotia, The Whale Sanctuary Project, Ever Wind Fuels, and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 59 in Antigonish. Your donations have made a real difference in the lives of our residents, and your support does not go unnoticed. We are truly grateful for your continued partnership and community spirit. Together, we are stronger.

## **Voyent Alert**

Voyent Alert is a mass notification system used to share important information with individuals and communities. It is designed to deliver critical updates during emergencies, such as fire bans, water advisories, and drought conditions, as well as everyday communications like water utility updates or recreation cancellations. By registering, residents receive personalized notifications through the app, email, text, or phone, ensuring timely and relevant information is always accessible.

Voyent Alert provides several key features. It sends urgent notifications about emergencies such as fires, floods, or extreme weather. It also supports day-to-day communication by sharing routine updates on road closures, facility changes, or other important announcements. In addition, messages can include personalized maps, visuals, and attachments to give clear context to the information being shared. Notifications are delivered through multiple channels—app, email, text, and phone calls—so they can reach as many people as possible. To sign up, simply call the Municipal Office at [902-522-2049](tel:902-522-2049) or email [jadzia.rudolph@saint-marys.ca](mailto:jadzia.rudolph@saint-marys.ca).

## **New CAO**

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is pleased to announce the appointment of Lesley McFarlane to the position of Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. McFarlane, who will assume the post full time on October 1st, 2025, comes with a broad background in both provincial as well as municipal operations and support.

"We are excited to have someone of Ms. McFarlane's experience to put that to work in our rural community," stated Warden James Fuller. "Even more so, as she has a residence and family in our municipality, she has beneficial background knowledge ahead of time." McFarlane states, "I'm honoured to serve the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's where I have such deep roots. I look forward to working with Council, staff and residents to continue building a strong, responsive and resilient municipality. My husband and I are thrilled to become year-round residents in this community where we and our daughter have been welcomed for many years. I'm excited to bring my experience in municipal and provincial government to support the important work ahead." Please see the link below for the Press Release: <https://www.saint-marys.ca/press-release-2.html>

## **Shower Assistance**

Showers are now available to residents within the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's at the St. Mary's Recplex (164 Old Road Hill, Sherbrooke). They will be open weekly, Monday to Thursday from 3-9pm during the drought. Two showers/dressing rooms are available, first-come, first-served. Residents must bring their own shower amenities, such as a towel, shampoo, etc. Please keep showers to five minutes so everyone has a chance to use them and help conserve water.. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Filling containers of water at the facility is not allowed. This service will be available as long as there is a need by residents and water is available.

## Department of Community Development & Recreation

### **Before & After School Program**

The Before and After Program (BAP) is back 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 The program will take place from 2:30-6:00pm, Monday to Friday on school days. Registration for the Before and After Program is open and can be completed at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/st-mary-sbefore-and-after-care-program.html> or in person at the Municipal Office. You must register each year for this.

### **Guysborough County 55+ Adult Games**

Thank you to everyone who has registered for the Guysborough County 55+ Adult Games. We are excited to welcome participants to Liscomb Lodge on October 1st and 2nd for two days filled with activities and friendly We look forward to seeing you at the Games.

### **St. Mary's Fitness Centre**

With a one-time fee of \$20, you can receive a fob that gives you access to the facility. During the school year hours are Monday to Friday, 3:00pm. To 10:00pm. For safety, all workouts must be done with a buddy. To get your fob, you'll need to complete a registration package and attend an orientation session. To register, contact Victoria at [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or [victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca](mailto:victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca).

### **Equipment Loan Program**

Make the most of the season with St. Mary's free Equipment Loan Program! Borrow kayaks, scooters, fishing rods, tents, yard games, youth paddleboards, and golf clubs to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. A small refundable deposit is required—call [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or email [victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca](mailto:victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca) to reserve.

# First Responders Celebration

On September 8th, the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's was proud to host our Second Annual First Responders Celebration at the Exhibit Centre in Sherbrooke. We came together to recognize and thank the incredible dedication of our local first responders – the firefighters, paramedics, RCMP & ground search and rescue personnel who keep our community safe. Awards were presented for Outstanding Service and for Years of Service, highlighting the courage, commitment, and community spirit of those who go above and beyond. Thank you to all who joined us, and most importantly, to our first responders – your service does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for everything you do.

## 2025 First Responder Award Recipients

<b>Fire Fighters</b>	
<b>Ecum Secum Fire Brigade</b>	
Blair Fleet	Outstanding Service
Chelsea Herrmann	Outstanding Service
Claude Bezanson	Outstanding Service
Danny Hape	Outstanding Service
Jesse Pye	Outstanding Service
Lawarence Fleet	Outstanding Service
Ronald Bezanson	Outstanding Service
Susan Fleet	Outstanding Service & Time in Service, 40 Years
Tiffany Pye	Outstanding Service
Wesley Fleet	Outstanding Service
<b>Liscomb Volunteer Fire Department</b>	
Evan Tibbo	Time in Service, 10 Years
Tony Hiscock	Time in Service, 10 Years
<b>St. Mary's &amp; District Fireman's Association</b>	
Danny Baird	Time in Service, 20 Years
<b>Sherbrooke &amp; Area Volunteer Fire Department</b>	
Adam Young	Time in Service, 10 Years
Andrew Kaiser	Time in Service, 20 Years
Christopher Fraser	Time in Service, 10 Years
Christopher Fraser Sr.	Time in Service, 50 Years
Chrissy Rudolph	Time in Service, 10 Years
Cory Worth	Time in Service, 20 Years
Darrell Beaver	Time in Service, 30 Years
David Kaiser	Time in Service, 40 Years
Donnie Fraser	Time in Service, 50 Years
Farlie Carroll	Time in Service, 40 Years
Glenda Mills	Time in Service, 10 Years
Ian Fraser	Time in Service, 10 Years
Kenneth Pye	Time in Service, 20 Years
Kevin Rudolph	Time in Service, 20 Years
Laura Banks	Time in Service, 10 Years
Rod Dunbar	Time in Service, 10 Years
Teddy Stevens	Time in Service, 10 Years
<b>Ground Search &amp; Rescue</b>	
Kenneth Pye	Outstanding Service & Time In Service, 20 Years
<b>Paramedics</b>	
Shawn Mills	Time in Service, 30 Years
<b>RCMP</b>	
D'Arcy Doucette	Outstanding Service



# Department of Community Development & Recreation

## **Join the St. Mary's Active Women's Group!**

The Active Women's Group kicked off on September 17th, but it's not too late to join! Meeting every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., the group brings women together for fitness, wellness, and social activities like hikes, outdoor adventures, and workshops. Open to all fitness levels, this is a great way to stay active, meet new people, and have fun this fall. For more information or to register, contact Victoria at [victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca](mailto:victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca) or call 902-522-2598.

## **St. Mary's Youth Club**

Looking for fun, friends, and new adventures? The Youth Club is a great place to hang out and get involved. Each Monday evening, starting October 6th at SMECA youth ages 12 and up are invited to join in games, creative workshops, outdoor activities, and community projects. Locations will vary by activity, and all are welcome to come as they are. For more information or to sign up, contact Victoria at [victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca](mailto:victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca) or call 902-522-2598.

# Department of Economic Development

## **St Mary's fall Tourism Photo contest**

St. Mary's Fall Tourism Photo Contest was a resounding success and closed on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Thank you to all residents who contributed their beautiful photos. To see the winning images please go to <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Tourism/61575905308792/>. Thank you to Sherbrooke Village Inn, Liscombe Lodge and Sherbrooke Village Museum for donation of the generous prizes to promote tourism in the Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's.

## **Call For Nominations: Nova Scotia Pineapple Awards**

The Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia's Pineapple Awards recognize exceptional service in tourism. Have you experienced an extraordinary interaction with a Nova Scotia tourism operator or service provider? Nominate outstanding service and be part of a campaign that rewards service excellence in Nova Scotia.

Visit <https://www.tians.org/industry-resources/pineapple-awards/> to learn more about this program.

## **Tourism**

Nova Scotia is the perfect fall destination. Go to <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/> to see what the Municipality of the District of Saint Mary's has to offer for activities, where to eat, where to stay and be sure to check out the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Tourism/61575905308792/>.

## **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: <https://tourismns.ca/experiencetoolkit> for the Nova Scotia Experience Toolkit.

## **Coastal Nova Scotia**

Have an event you'd like to share? Submit your details to Kara at [kara@coastalnovascotia.ca](mailto:kara@coastalnovascotia.ca).

## **St. Mary's Business Awards Dinner**

The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's will Hosted the Business Appreciation Dinner on October 2, 2025, to celebrate and acknowledge the many businesses that help our community prosper. We extend a special thank you to our keynote speakers, Jane Nicholson and Adele McDonald, for joining us at this event. The winners of the Business Awards will be announced in the November Newsletter.

## **BDC Small Business Week**

October 19-25 2025 is BDC Small Business Week. BDC Small Business Week is an annual event that the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) has organized for more than 45 years to celebrate entrepreneurship. Every year, more than 10,000 entrepreneurs gather to learn, network and recognize the achievements of Canada's dreamers and doers. For more information go to <https://www.bdc.ca/en/small-business-week/resources>

## **CBDC—Project Prep Fund 2025**

Does your business require financing to prepare for future projects within Guysborough County? Loans of up to \$20,000 are available with a maximum term of three years and low interest rates. For additional information, please email [wandamacdonald@cbdc.ca](mailto:wandamacdonald@cbdc.ca).

## **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 defence, 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/atlanticcanada-opportunities.html> or call 1-800-565-1228.

## **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](http://www.SkillsOnlineNS.ca).



# Guysborough County **Home Support Agency**

October is Continuing Care Month

A time to celebrate CCAs and recognize their vital contribution to the provision of health care for Nova Scotians.

Thank You for the  
compassionate care you  
provide to clients in the  
place they call home.



**Contact us:**  
(902) 533-3655

# Department of Economic Development

## **Business Resources**

Get help hiring and training your staff so you can grow your business. <https://novascotia.ca/grow-your-business/>

### **Training resources and support:**

**Inspired to Hire** <https://inspiredtohire.ca/index.html>

Online tips and tools to help you reach, recruit, hire and retain younger workers.

**Microcredentials** <https://novascotia.ca/microcredentials/> Microcredentials are short, focused and cost-effective courses developed in collaboration with post-secondary education institutions, employers and industry groups in response to rapidly changing demands in the labour force.

**SkillsonlineNS** <https://skillsonlinens.skillspass.com/> Free access to hundreds of online training courses on work-related topics. You can set up a free private learning network to assign training to staff and monitor their progress.

**Workplace Education Initiative** <https://novascotia.ca/lae/workplace-education/> Help to plan education programs for your teams, secure funding to hire instructors and support while the training is taking place.

**Workplace Innovation and Productivity Skills Incentive (WIPSI)** <https://novascotia.ca/programs/workplace-innovation-productivity-skills-incentive/> Funding to help train your employees to improve the productivity and competitiveness of your business.

## **Business Resources**

**Incentives for hiring employees:** **Apprenticeship START** <https://www.nsapprenticeship.ca/apprentices/forms-apprentices#accordion4> Funding to help you hire an apprentice from a diverse group or in a rural area. **Co-op Education Incentive (CO-OP)** <https://novascotia.ca/programs/co-op-education-incentive/> Wage assistance when you hire university or community college co-op students for career-related work terms. **Graduate to Opportunity (GTO)** <https://novascotia.ca/programs/graduate-to-opportunity/> A 2-year salary incentive that reduces the cost of hiring recent post-secondary graduates for full-time, permanent jobs.

**Help finding employees:** **Nova Scotia Works Employment Service Centres** <https://novascotiaworks.ca/nsdc/> A range of services, including online and in-person support, to help you recruit, retain and strengthen talented employees (select 'Employer' when you visit the site). **JobBank** <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/browsejobs/province/NS> An online service where you can post your jobs and look for matches with skilled job-seekers. **One Journey Work and Learn** <https://novascotia.ca/lae/one-journey-work-and-learn/> Help recruiting, custom-training and hiring groups of unemployed or underemployed Nova Scotians when there's a labour shortage in your industry

## Community News & Events

### **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 annual falling target shoot at the Stillwater DNRR range was well attended with 20 keen shooters. A safe and fun day was had. Plywood Deer Shoot Sun Oct 5. Any legal deer rifle @100 m. 9-2. Gift certificates as prizes!!!!Restricted Firearms course Oct 11.Register and pay online at safety [servicesns.ca](http://servicesns.ca)

### **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 Fire Brigade**

There will be a 50/50 Chip Bingo on October 20 from 7-9pm. Bingo cards are \$0.25 each, with winners taking half and the jackpot winner taking all. A light lunch, tea, and coffee will be provided. On October 24 from 6-8pm, join us for a Kids Halloween Dance Party—dress up in your costume and come do the monster mash with us!

### **Sonora Community Centre**

There will be a penny auction and cake walk on Oct 10th at 7pm. All donations are greatly appreciated for our fundraiser. Crockinole will start on October 9th at 7pm



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## **SHERBROOKE RESTORATION COMMISSION**

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community, make a difference and expand your professional network?

The Government of Nova Scotia is seeking volunteers from diverse backgrounds and communities to serve on agencies, boards, and commissions (ABCs) including **Sherbrooke Restoration Commission**, which administers Sherbrooke Village as part of the Nova Scotia Museum. The Commission's focus is governance of the Village and planning for its future.

Participating on an ABC is an opportunity to have input on issues that matter to you and to help unite communities through public service.

To learn more and apply, visit: [novascotia.ca/abc](http://novascotia.ca/abc) or call **1-866-206-6844** (toll free)

# Community News & Events

## **Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86**

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6pm to 11pm. CRIBBAGE Every Thursday & Fridays 7:30PM. Membership renewal & donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at [branch86rcl@gmail.com](mailto:branch86rcl@gmail.com). General Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 7th at 7pm. All members of are encouraged to attend, your opinions, contributions and offer to volunteer are appreciated. Crib Tournament 25 October 2025 Start at 2pm Registration \$15.00 includes potluck. 8 games before supper, 8 games after supper Sign-up Sheet at the bar for the Tournament and Potluck. Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale December 13th 2025 10am to 1pm. Vendor tables are limited. Please call Cheryl 902-779-2677 or Cindy 901-779-2844 to reserve your space. Halloween Dance November 1st 7pm to 12am. Tickets \$10.00 for branch members \$15.00 non-branch members. Ticket must be purchased prior to 24 October; no tickets will be sold at the door. Fully refundable. Music by DJ Gary B. Check our Facebook for updates

## **St. Mary's Curling Club**

The St. Mary's Curling Club season will begin in mid November (exact date to follow) with curling every Monday at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for 17–18 weeks, finishing off with the annual Fun Weekend Bonspiel. Registration fees are \$80 for students (13+) and \$160 for adults, or \$80 for the first half of the season, with fees collected in October and January. Open Registration will take place on Tuesday, October 14th from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Municipal Office. Anyone who registers and pays that evening, or earlier, will be entered into a draw for a free membership sponsored by the Municipality of St. Mary's. For more information, please contact: Maureen Fraser (902-522-2984), Wayne Feltmate (902-522-2281), Jessie Kaiser (902-318-0697), Jenny Kaiser (902-968-0138), or Suzanne Gillis (902-522-2322).

## **Chair Yoga and Chair Fitness Classes**

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.– Melrose (Greenfield Oldsters)  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.– Sherbrooke (Maple Manor community room).  
Thursdays at 10:00am– Country Harbour (CH Gun Club). Brought to you FREE by the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre!

## **Sherbrooke Antique Classic Car Show 2025**

On Behalf of St. Mary's District Lions and Jimmy Porter of Rivers edge Campground, we would like to express a heartfelt Thank you to our Sponsors, Our Supporters, the car participants, the Volunteers and the Attendees.

Below is the list of companies/groups/associations and government depts that supported the car show in many ways this year

Highland building/G f Macdonald trucking  
Municipality of the Dist. Of St. Mary's/Scotia Diesel  
Beach Hill Auto/Keltic Motors/Napa  
R.J.Macissac/Nova's Construction/Buds Kwikway  
Sherbrooke Village Inn/System Care/CJFX Radio

## **Goshen Community & Recreation Centre**

The Bargain Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Donations can also be dropped off during these times. Game Day takes place on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00pm., and Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. with no partner required; admission is \$5.00. Coffee Breaks are held every second Monday, with October dates on the 6th and 20th starting at 9:30am. Ty Wallace Concert Saturday October 18th admission \$ 10.00 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm with bake sale. Saturday October 25th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm Halloween party for all kids, come trick or treat and have fun. Anyone living in the area can drop treats off or come and decorate a table and hand out treat themselves. Call Laurie if you need more information. Recyclable bottles are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the Centre. Volunteers and committee members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Laurie Chisholm at 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers at 902-318-4401

## **Stillwater Community Centre**

"Stillwater Cards" will be held on Fridays. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and cards begin at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will join us! There will be no cards on October 31 (Halloween). to all of you who have joined us for cards this fall, thank you for your support in helping us keep the Centre open. If you are in need of a recently renovated hall for a family event or meeting, please contact Gordon MacIntosh at 902-497-1201. Rental rates are \$75 for a full day or \$50 for a half day.

# Community News & Events

## **Country Harbour Gun club**

October Events include an Open Mic for the Harbour view Fire Department on October 11 starting at 7:00 p.m. On October 18, a Country Breakfast will be held from 8:30–10:00 a.m., with admission at \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, and free for kids under 5. A Halloween Dance will take place on October 25 from 9:00 p.m.–1:00 a.m. with an admission of \$10.00 and prizes awarded. Bingo will be held on October 30 at 7:30 p.m.

## **Sherbrooke Village**

Ghost Tours – *The Shadow Returns* will run throughout October and wrap up on Halloween. Tickets can be purchased online at [sherbrookevillage.ca](http://sherbrookevillage.ca), by phone at 902-522-2400, or in person at the Office in the Village. A public meeting for Christmas at Sherbrooke Village will be held on Tuesday, October 14 from 5:30–7pm at the Exhibit Centre in Sherbrooke Village. Refreshments will be provided. This year's Christmas celebration will take place the last weekend of November, with opening ceremonies on Friday night and an expanded list of activities on Saturday and Sunday. The Gold Rush! Escape Room will continue to operate throughout the fall on a limited basis. Bookings can be made at [sherbrookevillage.ca](http://sherbrookevillage.ca).

## **Culture Club Sherbrooke**

The Culture Club Sherbrooke will host an Art Show with painter Sean Benton, with an opening reception on Saturday, October 18 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at Gallery 17, located at 17 Main Street, Sherbrooke. Later in the month, join us for a Literature Event at CCS featuring a book reading with Justin Gregg about his new book *Humanish* on Sunday, October 27 from 2:00–3:00 p.m.

## **St. Mary's ATV Club**

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. Show your support by attending the next meeting 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.

## **Thank you**

Our family would like to extend heartfelt thanks, to all of those who sent messages of condolence, memorial donations and attended the celebration of life. Thank you to community members who provided food and comfort during this difficult time. A special thanks to Lewis and Shelley - G.W. Giffin funeral services for their care and compassion, first responders and Liscomb Vol. Fire Department for their efforts. We will never forget the support and kindness shown to us.  
-Family of the late Eric Nauffts.

## **Greenfield Oldsters**

Join us for Auction 45's on Tuesdays at 1:00pm 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 7:00pm 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.jd.watson@gmail.com](mailto:john.jd.watson@gmail.com) or 902-823-2247.

## **7th Annual Fright Night**

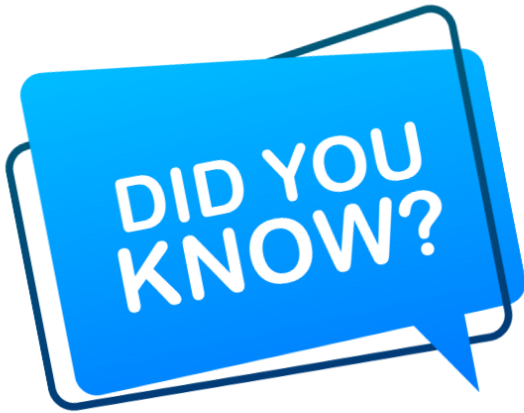
The 7th annual Fright Night will take place at Sherbrooke Village from 5-8pm on Friday, October 31st. If you have any questions, would like to adopt a door, volunteer or donate treats reach out to Amy Simon 902-318-4387 or Belinda Jordan 902-522-2460  
We are hoping to make this year bigger and better!

## **Indian Harbour Lake-Jordanville community centre**

Anchor to Calm with Tim Campbell will be held on Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. (\$5.00). A Line Dance Session October 9 at 7:00 p.m. (\$5.00). The Annual Hall Meeting takes place on October 16 at 7:00 p.m., and a Handcraft Social Evening will be on October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your handcraft. Halloween Social on October 23 at 10:00 p.m. come dressed up!

## **Chair Yoga and Chair Fitness Classes**

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.– Melrose (Greenfield Oldsters)  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.– Sherbrooke (Maple Manor community room).  
Thursdays at 10:00am– Country Harbour (CH Gun Club). Brought to you FREE by the Antigonish



**WHO WE ARE:** SMART-GO is a non-profit organization that provides accessible transportation for people living in or visiting St. Mary's.

**WHAT WE DO:** We get you where you need to go!  
One of our friendly drivers will pick you up in one of our three SMART-GO vehicles - one is a wheelchair accessible van.  
Whether it's for medical appointments, grocery shopping, or visiting friends, we are here to help!

**HOW TO BOOK A RIDE:** **Call (902) 522-2000**  
or email [ride@smartgo.ca](mailto:ride@smartgo.ca)

**Please book your trips as early as possible to help us serve you better**

**For medical appointments and other fixed-time trips,  
the more notice you give us, the better!**

For all other rides, please book at least one day before your desired travel date.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Our service operates Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm  
For requests outside of these hours, please contact us.  
Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm

**WHAT IT COSTS:** Fares are based on the distance traveled. Please call for a quote.  
We have monthly deals and specials to save you money!  
Need help with ride costs? Ask about our Fare Assistance Program  
Call (902) 522-2000 to apply over the phone.

# Community Services

## **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.

## **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!

## **Guysborough County Support Agency**

October is Continuing Care Month, a time to celebrate CCAs and recognize their vital contribution to the provision of health care for Nova Scotians. Thank you for the compassionate care you provide to clients in the place they call home. For more information, contact the Guysborough County Home Support Agency at (902) 533-3655.

## **Sherbrooke Opportunity Society (SHOPS)**

There's always something happening at SHOPS! Don't forget—we offer a friendly wash, dry, and fold laundry service and collect refundable bottles and cans, with proceeds supporting programs and providing real paid work for Participants. You can also support us through the Toonie Draw—every toonie helps!

## **NS Public Health - Nurse Family Partnership**

Public Health is offering the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Program in the Eastern Zone which includes St. Mary's. This free, voluntary home visiting program is for people who are pregnant and could use a little extra support. Clients are paired with a specially trained Public Health Nurse while they are pregnant, and continues until the child's second birthday. Nurse-Family Partnership is designed to help improve pregnancy outcomes, help children have positive health and development outcomes, and set families on the best path forward for a healthy and happy life. You can learn more about Nurse-Family Partnership in the Eastern Zone including how to self-refer at <https://www.nshealth.ca/NFP>.

## **Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)**

Fall is on its way, and ECRL is here to welcome you with new releases and old favourites and a selection of word puzzles, coloring sheets, puzzles or board games to entertain everyone. 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 9:00am-12:00pm & 12:30-2:30pm. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30-5:30pm. Saturday from 9:00am.-12:00pm. & 12:30-2:30pm. Visit the library to use the computers, browse and borrow books, movies, and 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-publiclibrary>. For more information about library services, call us at 902-522-2180, email us at [sherbrooke@ecrl.ca](mailto:sherbrooke@ecrl.ca), or visit [ecrl.ca](http://ecrl.ca). Stay current by following ECRL on social media: [facebook.com/ECRLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | [twitter.com/ecrlibrary](https://twitter.com/ecrlibrary).

## **Nova Scotia Works Career Connections**

Nova Scotia Works Career Connections (NSWCC) is a leading provider of career development services. NSWCC is committed to the delivery of innovative programs and outstanding services in an inclusive environment. Services are available for students (scholarships listings), clients and employers. Contact the Guysborough County Office at [guysborough@careerconnections.ca](mailto:guysborough@careerconnections.ca) or 902-533-2805.

## **Kids First**

Kids First Programs in Sherbrooke include Monday Movers from 9:30am–11am for caregivers and children aged birth to six years with active living activities and a healthy snack, Wednesday Playgroup from 9:30am–11am for caregivers and children aged birth to six years with snack provided, and Friday Baby Group from 11am–12:30pm for families with babies from birth to 18 months, with siblings and expecting families welcome. Follow St. Mary's Kids First on Facebook for updates and information. Gas cards are available to help with transportation costs when requested. For more information contact Eliza at [executivedirector@kids1st.ca](mailto:executivedirector@kids1st.ca) or 902-870-7449. The Guysborough County Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby in Guysborough County, with self-referrals welcome. Call Emilie at 902-533-3881 for details. The Parenting Journey Program offers support for parents with children up to 18 years, with self-referrals welcome. For more information text or call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email [parentingjourney@kids1st.ca](mailto:parentingjourney@kids1st.ca).

## **NS Department of Emergency Management**

Now is the time to make sure your home and property are ready for severe weather. Clear and secure loose objects, secure outdoor furniture, and clean your gutters to prevent water buildup. Don't forget to prepare your emergency kit so you have what you need if a storm hits. For more tips, visit [Hurricane Preparedness](#) and the [Emergency Kit Checklist](#).

**LOVING ONE ANOTHER IN A  
COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

**Community**

# *Worship Service*

**NOVEMBER 2ND AT 11 AM  
LIONS CLUB SHERBROOKE**

**WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR A TIME OF  
WORSHIP AS WE HEAR REV ERIC & REBECCA  
MALLOY SHARE THEIR ENCOURAGING  
TESTIMONY & GOD LED JOURNEY.**



## Community Services

### **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 wellbeing, 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](tel:902-863-2358)

### **Community Support - Access Wellness**

Want someone to talk to? Access Wellness can help—and it's private. You can book a confidential, free counselling session online, by phone, or in person, with services available in both English and French. If you need more support, your counsellor will help connect you to the right resources. Access Wellness is part of your mental health network. Book today at [www.AccessWellnessNovaScotia.com](http://www.AccessWellnessNovaScotia.com) or call 1-833-691-2282.

### **Fire Restrictions**

A province wide burn ban is in effect through proclamation under the Forests Act. No open fires are allowed. The fine for violating the burn ban is \$25,000. To learn more visit [https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/fire-proclamation\\_2025-0730.pdf](https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestprotection/wildfire/fire-proclamation_2025-0730.pdf).

### **Antigonish Women's Centre & Sexual Assault Services**

Support workers are available to help women, adolescent girls (16+), two-spirit, trans, and non-binary people, along with their families, in Antigonish town and county. Weekly outreach is also available in Guysborough, Canso, and Sherbrooke upon request. Services include help navigating government programs, support for mental and physical well-being, healing from sexual violence, settlement concerns, and connections to housing, employment, education, and other resources. Contact the team at 204 Kirk Place, 219 Main Street, Antigonish, by calling [902-863-6221](tel:902-863-6221) or emailing [info@awrcsasa.ca](mailto:info@awrcsasa.ca). Office hours are Monday to Thursday, 9:00am–4:30pm, and Friday, 9:00 am–3:30pm

### **NS Breast Screening Program**

The Nova Scotia Breast Screening Program's mobile unit will be at St. Mary's Hospital in Sherbrooke on October 6 and 7, 2025, offering screening mammograms close to home. With 30 mobile stops around the province, this service makes it easier for Nova Scotians to access important breast health screening. To book an appointment at the Sherbrooke stop, call 1-800-565-0548 or visit [breastscreening.nshealth.ca](http://breastscreening.nshealth.ca) for more information and a full list of mobile stops.

### **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](tel:902-863-3807) for support.

## Congregational Services

### **United Baptist Church**

Sunday 3pm Rev. Scott Chandler  
Sonora– October 5th, 19th  
Port Hillford– October 12th, 26th

### **St Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada**

Sunday Services:  
9:30am at Kirk, Glenelg  
11:00am at Bethany/Zion, East River St. Mary's  
6:30pm at St. Johns, Sherbrooke  
St. Mary's Weekly programs at St. John's include Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00am at Maple Manor Common Room in Sherbrooke, Men's Group on Wednesdays at 7:00pm at St. Johns in Sherbrooke, and the UCW meets monthly on the first Thursday at 2:00pm 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 2:00pm, and Youth Group for Grades 9–12 meets every second Friday from 7:30-9:00pm. John's, and AA: Finding Freedom, a closed meeting for those wishing to stop drinking, held Thursdays from 7:00-8:00pm at St. John's.

### **Sonora Calvary Faith Baptist Church**

Pastor Wayne Bray (P)[902-522-2520](tel:902-522-2520)  
Bible Study and Prayer Meetings at 7:00pm  
Sunday Services:  
October 5th at 11:00am October 19th at 11:00am  
October 12 at 6:00pm October 26 at 6:00pm

### **Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church**

Pastor Terry Rideout  
Services at 10:30am  
October 5th October 12  
October 19 October 26  
All welcome!

### **St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke**

"Fr. Thaddeus" Chikezie Orga  
Lochabar Residence – [902-783-2631](tel:902-783-2631)  
Mass is each Sunday at 11:30am  
Rennie Beaver, Parish Council Chair (P)[902-833-2341](tel:902-833-2341)

# October 2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			COTW Meeting 5pm Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Anchor to calm 7pm Kids First Playgroup 9:30am Zone 2- Recycling	Oldsters Crib 7pm Zone 3- Recycling	Stillwater card Party—7pm Kids First Baby group 11am	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
	Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am Kids First movers 9:30am	Oldsters 45s 1pm Zone 1- Garbage & 1 bulky Item	Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Lion's Bingo 7pm Kids First Playgroup 9:30am Zone 2- Garbage & 1 bulky item	Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm Sonora Crokinole 7pm Line dance Indian Harbour lake 7pm Zone 3- Garbage & 1 bulky Item	Stillwater card Party—7pm Sonora Penny Auction 7pm Kids First Baby group 11am	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm Country Harbour Gun Club open mic 7:00pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	Thanksgiving Municipal Facilities Closed	Oldsters 45s 1pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm Zone 1- Recycling	Goshen Game Day 1-4pm COTW & Council Meeting 6pm Lion's Bingo 7pm Kids First Playgroup 9:30am Zone 2- Recycling	Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm Zone 3- Recycling	Stillwater card Party—7pm Kids First Baby group 11am	Sherbrooke Saturday Market 9am-12pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm CH Gun Club country breakfast 8:30-10:00am CCS Art Show 7:00pm-9:00pm Goshen Concert 7pm
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
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