



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

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Meetings of Council

Committee of the Whole meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 3rd and 19th. The Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at 5:00 pm. Committee of the Whole (COTW) Meetings are held at 5:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday, the Council Meeting is held first, immediately followed by the COTW Meeting. Agendas, meeting packages, minutes and audio files are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

Warden's Message

How is it November already? A few updates for everyone:

WATER DISTRIBUTION: The municipality has distributed (literally) thousands and thousands liters of water to folks with dry wells. Yet there still are some who are unaware that this is an opportunity. If anyone knows of someone who is in need, please encourage them to reach out to us. No one should go without safe drinking water during this drought. Those unable to make the drive to Sherbrooke to pick up water can contact their Councillor to arrange pickup.

NOVEMBER EVENTS: Clear your calendars for November 28th, 29th, 30th for Christmas at Sherbrooke Village. If you miss the lights, the music, the companionship of friends, (and the hot chocolate,) it's returning this year. Keep an eye on times and events both on Sherbrooke Village and our social media for details.

A LESS THAN POSITIVE POST: Last week I received a call from a local constituent regarding some graffiti placed in the road on Highway 7. Taking up about half of the lanes was a swastika. The fact that someone thought this was somehow a good idea, repulses me personally and (I hope) would be condemned by the community. My parents served in WW2 fighting the nazis and their terroristic regime. It's not "cool" or "funny" and has no place in our communities. To the instigators, I would say to grow up and get educated. Better yet, turn yourselves in and make amends.

That's it for now. Have a good month!

-Warden, James Fuller

Sherbrooke Water Utility

Effective August 16th, all water utility customers are required to follow a mandatory water conservation order. Residents and businesses connected to the Utility are not permitted 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 that does not follow the order may have their water service disconnected and must pay a reconnection fee, as outlined in the Water Utility's Regulations and Rate Schedule. These conservation measures shall remain in effect until the water in Sherbrooke Lake returns to a safe level.

Water Distribution Program

If your well has run out of water, the Municipality can provide safe drinking 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 call the Municipal Office or email jadzia.rudolph@saint-marys.ca.

From the Cruiser Report

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

Voyent Alert

The Municipality uses Voyent Alert to share important updates and daily notices. Alerts can be sent to your phone, landline, or email. Register by calling the Municipal Office or online at register.voyent-alert.com to choose the notifications you want to receive.

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Newsletter Deadline

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

Municipal Transfer Station Hours

Saturday, November 1st: 10am-3:00pm
Monday, November 3rd: 9am-4:30pm
Monday, November 10th: 9am-4:30pm
Saturday November 15th: 10am-3pm
Monday, November 17th: 9am-4:30pm
Monday, November 24th: 9am-4:30pm
Saturday, November 29th: 10am-3:00pm
Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities for more information.

Solid Waste Collection

The solid waste collection schedule and more details can be found at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html>.

MacMillan's Recyclable Collection

Recyclable collection is on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. For more information call [902-863-1127](tel: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 31st, 2025.

Municipal Closures

Municipal facilities, services and programs are closed on Remembrance Day, November 11th.

Municipal News

Shower Assistance

Showers are now available for residents of the Municipality at the St. Mary's Recplex, located at 164 Old Road Hill in Sherbrooke. They are open Monday to Thursday from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Two showers and dressing rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents must bring their own toiletries and are asked to limit showers to five minutes to allow access for others and help conserve water. Minors must be accompanied by an adult, and filling water containers at the facility is not permitted. This service will remain available as long as there is community need and sufficient water supply.

Civic Sign Etiquette

Please make sure your civic sign is clearly posted and free of any obstructions. This is your reminder to check your sign today! A visible civic sign helps emergency services, first responders, EHS, RCMP, delivery drivers, and visitors find your location quickly when it matters most. Ensure your sign is visible from the road. If you don't have a civic sign or haven't been assigned a civic number, call the Municipal Office or email jadzia.rudolph@saint-marys.ca. The Civic Addressing Bylaw is available at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/municipal-documents/2536-civic-addressing-by-law-1/file.html>.

Department of Community Development & Recreation

St. Mary's Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

Volunteers in the Municipality are invited to the 2025 St. Mary's Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on December 4th, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Center. This annual event honors the dedication and hard work of the many volunteers who help make St. Mary's a vibrant and supportive community. The celebration brings together residents, organizations, and community leaders to recognize the valuable contributions of local volunteers. Please RSVP to Mallory.Fraser@saint-marys.ca.

Youth Club

The Youth Club is set to kick off on Monday, November 10th! Join us for fun weekly activities designed for ages 12 and up — from crafts and trivia to active nights like kickboxing. Check out our Facebook page for the latest updates and schedule details! To register or learn more, please contact Victoria at [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or by email Victoria.Baker@saint-marys.ca

St. Mary's Fit & Fun Series

Join us this November for a variety of free, friendly activities across St. Mary's! The fun starts on Wednesday, November 5th at 10:00 am at the Greenfield Oldsters Club with Crokinole, followed by Board & Card Games on Thursday, November 6th at 2:00 pm at the Lions Hall. Enjoy Chip Bingo on Thursday, November 13th at 2:00 pm at the Liscomb Legion, and another Crokinole game on Tuesday, November 18th at 10:00 am at the Goshen Community Centre. Stop by the Puzzle Café on Thursday, November 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall, or try Chair Yoga on Friday, November 21st at 10:00 am at the Liscomb Legion—a gentle, seated session for all fitness levels. Join our Painting Class on Wednesday, November 26th at 10:00 am at the Greenfield Oldsters Club (call to register, as space is limited), and finish the month with Chip Bingo on Thursday, November 27th at 2:00 pm at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Programs will continue through December and into the new year with rotating locations and activities. For details or to register email victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca or call [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598).

St. Mary's Coyotes House League Hockey

The House League Hockey Registration Night for ages 5–15 (birthdays before December 31st) will be held on Thursday, November 6th, from 6:00–7:00 pm at the Municipal Office. Registration fees are \$100 plus a \$50 uniform deposit, which is returned at the end of the season when uniforms are returned. Payment can be made by cash, debit, or cheque. The league offers a fun and inclusive environment for all skill levels. Uniforms will be available to try on for proper fitting. Funding support information will also be provided—contact the Recreation Department with questions. If you cannot attend registration night, you can register at the Municipal Office during regular business hours.

Design the New St. Mary's Recplex Sign

The Municipality is looking for an individual to create a new sign design for the St. Mary's Recplex. Submit your design ideas to Mallory.Fraser@saint-marys.ca by November 7th at 4:00 pm. Please note that staff reserve the right to refuse any submissions that are inappropriate, derogatory, or negative in nature.

Adult Rec Hockey is Back!

Grab your gear and hit the ice for a fun, rec hockey season! This program is open to adult players—no tryouts, no pressure, just great hockey and good company. Team captains will hold a draft to form teams, which will be finalized before the season begins. Games are held weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the St. Mary's Recplex. The season starts November 19th and will conclude with a season-ending tournament on March 22nd. Don't miss out—join us for great hockey season and even better company!

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

For a one-time \$20 fee, you can receive a fob that provides access to the Fitness Centre. Hours are Monday to Friday, 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. For safety, you must workout with a buddy. To get your fob, you must complete a registration package and attend an orientation session. For more information or to register, contact Victoria at [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca.

Department of Community Development & Recreation

Pond Hockey at the Recplex

Adults aged 19+ are invited to join a laid-back, non-competitive, no-contact hockey program—just like good old-fashioned pick-up hockey! Each week, players will gather, split into two teams, and enjoy a fun game on the ice. The program will run on Tuesday evenings from 7–8 pm with a registration fee of \$100. A minimum number of participants is required for the program to run. Please let us know if you are interested by November 10th if you would like to register. If there is enough interest, it will run from November 18th, 2025, to March 24th, 2026. To let us know that you're interested, visit <https://forms.office.com/r/fJrGEdP51A>.

Adults-Only Free Skate

Stop by the Recplex for an Adult-Only Free Skate every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, starting November 18th. Enjoy the ice in a relaxed, adult-only environment. Helmets and skates are available free of charge.

Skate Sharpening at the Recplex

The Municipality offers Skate Sharpening services. The cost is \$5 per pair. Drop skates off at the Municipal Office Monday - Friday. Skates will be sharpened by staff and available for pick up the next business day at 2:00 pm.

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

Looking to move, connect, and grow? The Active Women's Group is your weekly go-to for fun, fitness, and friendship. Participants can enjoy fitness classes, outdoor adventures, hikes, wellness workshops, and more, with activities for all fitness levels. The group meets on Wednesday evening's at 7:00 pm, with locations varying depending on the activity. For more information or to register, contact Victoria at victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

50+ Hockey

50+ hockey is on Thursday's from 8:00 to 9:00 pm with a registration fee of \$100 for the season. The number of participants will determine the amount of weeks for this program. Please register by November 10th. This program will begin on November 20th to March 26th. Register at the Municipal Office or email Mallory.Fraser@saint-marys.ca.

Equipment Loan Program

Looking to enjoy the fall season outdoors? The Municipality offers free short-term loans of outdoor equipment to help you make the most of the crisp autumn days. You can borrow bikes, scooters, kayaks, fishing rods, tents, yard games, and more—perfect for family outings, weekend adventures, or trying something new. There is also right and left handed youth golf clubs to keep kids active this fall. There are no rental fees, only a small refundable deposit. Calling ahead is recommended to ensure the equipment you'd like is available. Contact Victoria at 902-522-2598 or victoria.baker@saint-marys.ca for more information.

Community Free Skate

Enjoy a Free Skate every Saturday from 1–2 pm at the St. Mary's Recplex beginning on November 15th. Everyone is welcome! Helmets and skates are available free of charge.

Community Social Proposals

The Recreation Department is seeking proposals from community organizations interested in hosting socials between November 2025 and March 2026. Proposals can be for a single event or a series and should aim to bring people together for fun, social activities that strengthen community bonds during the colder months. Submissions should include the type of event, target audience, location, community benefits, a budget, and the amount of funding requested. The Department welcomes creative ideas, from family-friendly gatherings to events for seniors or special interest groups. Submissions are due by November 7th, and selected organizations will receive financial support to help make their events successful. Organizations will be notified by November 10th if their application was successful. This is a great opportunity to promote community spirit. To request an application form, contact the Municipal Office or email Mallory.Fraser@saint-marys.ca.

St. Mary's Recplex Rentals

Did you know the St. Mary's Recplex is available for private rentals? Call 902-522-2049 during office hours to book your rental. All rentals must be made 24 hours in advance and by Friday for weekends.

Department of Economic Development

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.

Business Resources

For business resource listings go to <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business-resources.html>.

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>.

Tourism

Go to <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/> to see what St. Mary's has to offer from activities, to where to eat, and where to stay. Be sure to check out the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Tourism/61575905308792/>.

Community News & Events

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

Did you know there's a service group in your area? The St. Mary's District Lions Club is serving the world one act of kindness at a time. Member benefits: As a Lion, you can help your community and gain valuable skills, make an impact locally and internationally, develop leadership skills and lead a respected organization, network with businesspeople in your community and Lions worldwide, and energize your life while having fun and growing personally and professionally. For more information on becoming a member, contact our Membership Chair Neil Black at [902-522-2265](tel:902-522-2265) or Cory Worth at [902-328-7033](tel:902-328-7033). Visit Lions Clubs International for more details. Join us for our weekly Bingo on Wednesdays! The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and games start at 7:30 pm. We will also be hosting our Christmas Prize Bingo on Sunday, November 30th. The doors will open at 1:30 pm and games begin at 2:00 pm. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Adelia Jack at [902-223-9284](tel:902-223-9284). All funds raised will go towards supporting the Lions' Christmas programs. Remember the Lions Hall for your events during the holidays and all year long! For hall rentals, contact Lion Neil Black at [902-522-2265](tel:902-522-2265), and for catering requests, contact Heather Laybolt at [902-522-2463](tel:902-522-2463).

Sherbrooke Culture Club

Finissage & Music Event with artist and musician Sean Benton will be held on Friday, November 7th, from 7–8 pm. Sean will perform Celtic and Nordic folk music.

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department

The Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department is holding a Christmas Dinner Basket Draw. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10, with the draw taking place on December 18th. To purchase tickets, contact Angela at [902-318-3956](tel:902-318-3956) or Chrissy at [902-318-1927](tel:902-318-1927). Thank you for supporting the Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department!

Tea Time at the Gingerbread House

Please join us on Saturday, November 29th, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, downstairs at St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke, for a delicious piece of homemade gingerbread with your choice of topping, tea, coffee or hot chocolate. You will be warmly received in a room fully decorated in the Gingerbread theme. The cost is \$5.00. Donations are welcome. All proceeds go to the work of the St. John's United Church.

Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association

The Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association presents Chase the Ace. Friday's at the Port Bickerton Community Centre. Ticket sales start at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary's Coyotes Bottle Drive

The Coyotes will be holding a Bottle Drive on Saturday, November 29th, 2025. To arrange for pick-up or drop-off, please contact any member of the Coyotes or reach out to Andrew Kaiser at [902-870-1984](tel:902-870-1984). Your support is greatly appreciated!

Christmas at Sherbrooke Village

Celebrate the holiday season at Sherbrooke Village on November 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2025. The festivities begin Friday from 5:00–8:30 pm with the Opening Ceremony, Tree Lighting, Candlelight Procession, live music by The Nathan Langley Band, and fireworks. On Saturday from 10:00 am–7:00 pm, enjoy a Victorian Christmas throughout the museum, featuring live music and more fireworks. The celebration continues Sunday from 10:00 am–3:00 pm with Santa's Workshop and Sugarplum Lane. For ticket details and schedule of events and workshops, visit sherbrookevillage.ca or call [902-522-2400](tel:902-522-2400).

Christmas on the 211

The 6th Annual Christmas on the 211 will be held on November 22nd from 10 am to 4 pm. Please note that this year's event will take place for one day only, so come early and enjoy a full day of holiday shopping and community spirit. Watch for signs along Highway 211 and follow us on Facebook for updates.

If you would like to be a vendor, please contact Doreen MacDonald at [902-522-2369](tel:902-522-2369) for the Indian Harbour and Jordanville Community Center or Deborah Jordan at [902-338-2956](tel:902-338-2956) for the Port Hilford School House. For all other inquiries, please contact Cindy Kingwell at [902-434-1176](tel:902-434-1176).

Ecum Secum Fire Brigade

Join us on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 pm for a performance by Salt Water Joy, featuring down-home East Coast music, Newfoundland and Irish tunes, folk songs, and sea shanties. Admission is by donation, and snacks, tea, and coffee will be provided. On Saturday, November 22nd from 3:00–5:00 pm, bring the kids to our PJ Christmas Party for cookies, crafts, and a special visit from Santa! Then, on Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 pm, join us for a Gift Card Dabber Bingo event. In December, we'll be hosting our Second Annual Lobster Trap Tree Lighting—stay tuned to our Facebook page for more details!

St. Mary's Community Choir—Annual Christmas Concert

Please save the date for the annual Christmas Choral Concert by the St. Mary's Community Choir. The concert will be happening at St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke on Saturday, December 6th, at 7:00 pm. Further details will follow in the coming weeks.

St. Mary's Curling Club

The St. Mary's Curling Club season will begin on November 17 with curling every Monday at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm 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. For more information, please contact: Maureen Fraser at [902-522-2984](tel:902-522-2984), Wayne Feltmate at [902-522-2281](tel:902-522-2281), Jessie Kaiser at [902-318-0697](tel:902-318-0697), Jenny Kaiser at [902-968-0138](tel:902-968-0138), or Suzanne Gillis at [902-522-2322](tel:902-522-2322).



Sgt. Maudie Gunn Matthews Memorial Legion
Branch 56, Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia



The Little White Cross

The tradition of laying wreaths at a Cenotaph, to commemorate the lives of our Veterans is one that is time honored. 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, Branch 56
Sgt Maudie Gunn-Matthews Memorial Legion
Box 42, Sherbrooke NS B0J3C0

Community News & Events

Stillwater Community Centre

We're excited to invite you to our Card Parties on Friday evenings. Doors will open at 7:00 pm, and the game of 45's will begin at 7:30 pm. 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 day or \$50 for a half day. To book the hall, contact Gordon MacIntosh at [902-497-1201](tel:902-497-1201).

Goshen Community & Recreation Centre

The Bargain Shop is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Donations of items can be dropped off during open hours. Game Day takes place every Wednesday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm with no partner required and a \$5.00 admission fee. Coffee Breaks are held every second Monday, with November dates on November 3rd and 17th starting at 9:30 am. A Turkey Supper will be held on Saturday, November 1st from 4:30 to 5:30 pm, and a Vendor Sale will take place on Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Annual Remembrance Day Service will begin at 12:30 pm on Sunday, November 9th, followed by a light lunch. Brunch will be held on Sunday, November 16th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, with a cost of \$15 per person. Recyclable bottles are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the Centre, and volunteers and committee members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Laurie Chisholm at [902-783-2291](tel:902-783-2291) or Lisa Myers at [902-318-4401](tel:902-318-4401).

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 Watson at john.jd.watson@gmail.com or [902-823-2247](tel:902-823-2247).

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.

Sgt. Maudie. Gunn Matthews Memorial Legion 056

Remembrance Day events at St. Mary's Academy/ Education Centre will begin on November 10th, 2025, at 10:45 am. Visitors are invited to walk around the school, view the displays, and speak with students, followed by a luncheon for honoured guests. On November 11th, 2025, at 11:00 am, the Remembrance Day service will be held at St. James Presbyterian Church in Sherbrooke Village, with the parade lineup at 10:30 am. Tea and coffee with treats will be served upstairs in Temperance Hall following the service. Legion members typically visit High-Crest Sherbrooke to share a Remembrance Day service, tea, coffee, and war cake, and all are welcome to attend. A free offering collected during the events will be donated to the Food Bank. Thank you to all those who help make these events possible.

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86

The Legion is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Join us for Cribbage every Thursday and Friday at 7:30 pm. Membership renewals and donations can be made by cash, debit, cheque, or e-transfer to branch86rcl@gmail.com. A Halloween Dance will be held on November 1st from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and must be purchased by October 24th. No tickets will be sold at the door. Music by DJ Gary B. A General Membership Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend and share ideas. The Remembrance Day Service will be held on November 11th at 11:00 am at the Cenotaph, 31 Mackinley Point Road, Spanish Ship Bay. Wreaths are available for \$60—contact Connie at ecnauffts@gmail.com. A light lunch and social will follow at the Legion Hall. The Senior's Christmas Dinner (55+) will be held on November 25th with bingo starting at 2:00 pm and turkey dinner at 4:00 pm. Admission is free for seniors. The Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale is on December 13th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Vendor tables are limited—call Cheryl at 779-2677 or Cindy at 779-2844. Our Christmas Tree Lighting is on December 19th at 6:00 pm. Enjoy hot chocolate, treats, and a visit from Santa. Check our Facebook page for updates.

St. Paul's Willing Workers Community Social

The St. Paul's Willing Workers Community Social will be held at the Port Bickerton Community Centre on Tuesday, November 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come enjoy the morning playing a game or working on your latest project with friends and neighbors. A light lunch will be served at noon, and all are welcome to attend.

Chair Yoga and Chair Fitness Classes

Join free weekly programs brought to you by the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre. Activities take place Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the Greenfield Oldsters, Wednesdays at 10:00 am in Sherbrooke at the Maple Manor community room, and Thursdays at 10:00 am in Country Harbour at the CH Gun Club. All levels welcome and modifications are provided to suit all abilities.



Sherbrooke Antique & Classic Car Show 2025

On Behalf of the St. Mary's District Lions Club 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 departments that supported the car show in many ways this year.

G F Macdonald Trucking

Highland Building

Municipality of the District of St. Mary's

Scotia Diesel

Beach Hill Auto

Keltic Motors

Napa

R.J. MacIsaac

Nova Construction

Buds Kwikway

Sherbrooke Village Inn

System Care

CJFX Radio

MLA Greg Morrow

Red House Carving

MacDonalds Dodge

Dexters

Car Quest

Bumper to Bumper

Sherbrooke RCMP

Sherbrooke Garage

Ron Chisholm Hydro Seeding & Contracting

Soap Company of Nova Scotia

NS Department of Public Works - Sherbrooke

NSLC Sherbrooke

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Dept

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.

Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society

The Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society is now renting storage units at their Community and Public Storage Facility in Sherbrooke, NS. A limited number of clean and secure cold storage units are available in various sizes. Rental rates are \$70 per month for a 10'x5' unit, \$115 per month for a 10'x10', \$130 per month for an 8'x15', \$140 per month for a 10'x15', and \$150 per month for a 12'x15' unit. For more information or to reserve a unit, please contact David at [902-328-7129](tel:902-328-7129) or Lynn at [902-318-5453](tel:902-318-5453).

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!

Nova Scotia Alert (NS Alert) App

The Nova Scotia Alert (NS Alert) app is the official emergency alert and notification system for the province. It provides trusted, real-time alerts about emergencies, severe weather, wildfires, evacuations, and other public safety events that may affect your area. Whether you're at home, at work, at school, or on the go, NS Alert helps you stay informed and prepared. Receive fast and reliable notifications directly from the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office and other official sources. You can personalize alerts by location, type, and severity—choosing areas that matter most, such as your home, workplace, or cottage. Key features include: official public safety alerts, severe weather warnings, wildfire and evacuation notices, location-based "Follow Me" alerts, and customizable settings by alert type and severity. The app also offers multilingual support, accessibility features, and interactive maps to view impacted areas. To download, search "NS Alert" in your mobile app store or visit <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/ns-alert/id6747510995> for more information.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Autumn is in the air, and ECRL is here to help create your cozy vibe new releases and old favorites and a selection of word puzzles, colouring 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 & 12:30-2:30 pm. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30-5:30 pm. Saturday from 9:00 am. - 12:00 pm. & 12:30-2:30 pm. 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](https://www.facebook.com/ECRLibrary) | twitter.com/ecrlibrary.

Kids First

Monday Movers runs from 9:30 to 11:00 am and is a new program for caregivers and children aged birth to six years, featuring activities focused on active living and a healthy snack. Wednesday Playgroup, also from 9:30 to 11:00 am, is open to caregivers and children from birth to six years, with a snack provided. Friday Baby Group meets from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and is for families with babies from birth to 18 months; siblings and expecting families are welcome. Gas cards are available to assist with transportation costs when requested. Follow St. Marys Kids First on Facebook for updates and information. For more details, contact Eliza at Kids First by email at executivedirector@kids1st.ca or phone [902-870-7449](tel:902-870-7449). The Guysborough County Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County, and self-referrals are welcome—call Emilie at [902-533-3881](tel:902-533-3881) for information. The Parenting Journey Program supports parents with children up to 18 years, with self-referrals welcome; for details, text or call Paula at [902-870-7437](tel:902-870-7437) or email parentingjourney@kids1st.ca.

Guysborough County Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC)

The CBDC Project Prep Fund offers financing for businesses preparing for future projects within Guysborough County. This fund provides loans of up to \$20,000 with a maximum repayment term of 3 years and competitive low interest rates. It is designed to help businesses cover the costs associated with planning and preparing for upcoming projects, including feasibility studies, business plans, and other preparatory expenses. For more information or to find out if your business qualifies, please email wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca.

St. Mary's Association for Rural Transit (SMART-Go)

SMART-Go provides door-to-door rides, helping with medical appointments, shopping, or work. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. To book a ride or get more information, call [902-522-2144](tel:902-522-2144).

Community Services

Nova Scotia Seniors Care Grant

The Nova Scotia Seniors Care Grant provides financial support of up to \$750 to help seniors aged 65 and older with household and healthcare costs, including home heating, physiotherapy, meal preparation and grocery delivery, medication delivery, phone and internet services, and home repairs or maintenance. To be eligible, applicants must be 65 or older by March 31, 2026, have a household net income of \$45,100 or less, live in their own home or apartment, and have paid for eligible services between April 1st, 2025, and March 31st, 2026. Applications can be submitted online at the Nova Scotia Seniors Care Grant website or by mail to Seniors Care Grant, PO Box 160, STN Central, Halifax, NS B3J 2M4. For more information, call [1-800-670-4357](tel:1-800-670-4357) or email seniorsgrant@novascotia.ca. Only one application per household is permitted, and the deadline to apply is March 31st, 2026.

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](https://www.nshealth.ca/NFP).

Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors

The Provincial Property Tax Rebate for Seniors offers eligible homeowners a 50% rebate on the municipal property taxes paid in the previous year, up to a maximum of \$800. To qualify, applicants must be 65 or older, receiving or eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) as of July 1st, 2025, and have paid their 2024 municipal residential property taxes in full. Applications are accepted from July 1st to December 31st, 2025. To apply, complete the application form available at beta.novascotia.ca and submit it by mail to Property Tax Rebate for Seniors, PO Box 283, Halifax CRO, Halifax, NS B3J 2N7, or drop it off at your nearest Access Nova Scotia location. For assistance or more information, contact Service Nova Scotia at [1-800-670-4357](tel:1-800-670-4357) or email seniorsgrant@novascotia.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](#).

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

St Mary's Pastoral Charge/United Church of Canada

Sunday Services:

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

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

6:30 pm at Kirk, Glenelg

St. Mary's Weekly programs at St. John's include Women's Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 am, Men's Group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, and the UCW meets monthly on the first Thursday at 2:00 pm 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 7:30-9:00pm. 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 7:00-8:00 pm at St. John's.

Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church

Pastor Terry Rideout

Community Workshop Service on November 2nd at the St. Mary's District Lion's Hall at 11:00 am.

Regular Services at 10:30 am

November 9

November 23

November 16

November 30

St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke

Parish Priest Fr. Thaddeus Orga

(E)tv30orga@gmail.com (P)[902-919-9827](tel:902-919-9827)

(Glebe)[902-783-2631](tel:902-783-2631)

Parish Council Chair, Rennie Beaver (P)[902-870-7840](tel:902-870-7840)

Mass is each Sunday at 11:30 am

November 2025 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Goshen Turkey Supper 4:30pm Liscomb Halloween Dance 7pm
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	Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am COTW Meeting 5pm	Chair Fitness 10am Oldsters 45s 1pm Adult Softball 6pm & 7:15pm Volunteer Appreciation Celebration 6:30 pm Liscomb Legion Meeting 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Chair Fitness 10am Fit & Fun Series 10am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Active Women's Group 7pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Chair Fitness 10am Fit & Fun Series 2pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7pm Stillwater 45's 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Goshen Vendor Sale 10am
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Goshen Remembrance Day Service 12:30pm Saltwater Joy in Ecum Secum 2pm	SMECA Remembrance Day Service 10:45am Youth Club 3:00pm	Sherbrooke Remembrance Day Service 11am Oldsters 45s 1pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Chair Fitness 10am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Active Women's Group 7pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Chair Fitness 10am Fit & Fun Series 2pm House League Hockey 6pm & 7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7pm Stillwater 45's 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Free Skate 1pm
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Goshen Brunch 11am	Goshen Coffee Break 9:30am Youth Club 3:00pm Curling 5:30 & 7pm	Chair Fitness 10am Adult Skate 1pm Oldsters 45s 1pm St. Paul's Willing Workers Community Social 10am Fit & Fun Series 2pm Pond Hockey 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Chair Fitness 10am Goshen Game Day 1-4pm Council & COTW Meeting 5pm Adult Rec Hockey 7pm & 8pm Active Women's Group 7pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Chair Fitness 10am Fit & Fun Series 2pm House League Hockey 6pm & 7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	Fit & Fun Series 10am Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7pm Stillwater 45's 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Christmas on the 211 Free Skate 1pm Ecum Secum Christmas PJ Party 3pm
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Ecum Secum Bingo 2pm	Youth Club 3:00pm Curling 5:30 & 7pm	Chair Fitness 10am Adult Skate 1pm Oldsters 45s 1pm Liscomb Seniors Christmas Lunch 2pm Pond Hockey 7pm Goshen Crib 7:30pm	Chair Fitness 10am Fit & Fun Series 10am Adult Rec Hockey 7pm & 8pm Active Women's Group 7pm Lion's Bingo 7pm	Chair Fitness 10am Fit & Fun Series 2pm House League Hockey 6pm & 7pm Oldsters Crib 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm 50+ Hockey 8pm	Christmas at Sherbrooke Village 5:30 pm Port Bickerton Chase the Ace 7pm Stillwater 45's 7pm Liscomb Crib 7:30pm	Christmas at Sherbrooke Village 10am Free Skate 1pm Tea Time 2pm Coyotes Bottle Drive
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