



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

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Meetings of Council

The next Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18th at 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings will be held on Wednesday, February 4th and 18th. The COTW meets at 5:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. On the third Wednesday, the Council Meeting is held first at 5:00 p.m., followed right after by the COTW meeting. Agendas, minutes, and audio recordings are available at www.saint-marys.ca.

Warden's Message

Welcome to February! We've certainly had some ups and down in our weather over the last many weeks. I do take heart knowing that spring is on the way. However, there are still lots of things to do in winter. Our RecPlex offers free skates, league games, curling, and much more. Heck, if the rink is available, you can rent it for your large family get together. Just ask Mallory or Victoria for information. Most of all though, don't miss Winter Fun Fest on February 28th. What is the Fun Fest? Read further in the newsletter and discover! February is African Heritage Month in Canada, where we recognize and celebrate the remarkable journey of our neighbours and friends who came to Nova Scotia in (mostly) turbulent times to settle and make their homes. During and after the close of the American Revolution, about 3,500 Black Loyalists fled to what is now Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. They had fought for Britain in return for the promise of freedom. Once in the Maritimes, they were cheated of land, forced to work on public projects such as roads and buildings and denied equal status. Then in 1792, about 1,190 men, women and children left Halifax on 15 ships for the long voyage to Sierra Leone. Sixty-five died enroute. There are many more examples of hardships, trials, and finally triumphs of these our fellow citizens. I would encourage you to take some time this month to acquaint yourself with this page of our remarkable history. Have a great month.

-Warden, James Fuller

Celebrating African Heritage Month

February is African Heritage Month, a time to honour the stories, achievements, and contributions of African Canadians. Guysborough County has deep connections to African Nova Scotian history. After the American Revolutionary War, Black Loyalists — formerly enslaved people who joined the British in exchange for freedom — were settled in the region. These early communities built farms, worked trades, and helped shape the local culture, despite facing significant challenges and hardships. Today, this history is preserved through local heritage initiatives, including the African Canadian Heritage & Friendship Centre, and nearby Black Loyalist cemeteries which mark the legacy of these early settlers. This month, we celebrate the resilience, accomplishments, and ongoing contributions of African Nova Scotians in Guysborough County, and across the province. We encourage everyone to learn more, share these stories, and honour the rich heritage of our African Nova Scotian communities.

Welcome to Janelle Fleet, the Interim Municipal Clerk

The Municipality would like to welcome Janelle Fleet as Interim Municipal Clerk. Janelle is a resident of the Municipality and looks forward to serving our community. Please welcome her when you see her at the office.

Municipality Honours Staff for Years of Service to the Municipality

On, Wednesday, January 7th, the Municipality recognized two staff members for their service to the Municipality. Finance Director Marian Fraser was thanked for her twenty years of dedicated finance service, having begun her career in 2006. Director of Community Development & Recreation, Mallory Tibbo, was recognized for five years of service. She joined the Municipality while filling a maternity leave, later serving as Active Living Coordinator and Municipal Clerk, before returning to her current role in a permanent capacity.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March 2026 Newsletter is Wednesday, February 18th at 4:00 p.m. 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

Monday, Feb. 2nd: 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 7th: 10:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
Monday, Feb. 9th: 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.
Monday, Feb. 16th: Closed
Saturday, Feb. 21st: 10:00a.m.-3:30p.m.
Monday, Feb. 23rd: 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities for more information.

MacMillan's Recyclable Collection

Recyclable collection is on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Recplex.

For more info call [902-863-1127](tel:902-863-1127).

Solid Waste Collection Schedule

The solid waste collection schedule is included on the Municipal Calendar.

You can find more information about solid waste and subscribe to receive solid waste collection reminders at <https://www.saint-marys.ca/waste-management.html>.

Battery Disposal

You can safely dispose of batteries at the Municipal Office. Safely store your batteries to prevent explosions or damage. Do not dispose of batteries in the garbage or recycling. Check your devices for swollen or damaged batteries.

Property Valuation Services Corporation—Property Assessment Appeals

Property assessment appeals must be received by PVSC by midnight on February 13th. Appeal forms may be submitted by email, mail, or fax. Assessment details are available online through My Property Report at pvsc.ca using the Assessment Account Number (AAN) and PIN from your Property Assessment Notice. For questions, contact PVSC at [1-800-380-7775](tel:1-800-380-7775) or inquiry@pvsc.ca.

Grants to Organizations

The Municipality is now accepting applications from eligible organizations for funding. These grants support programs, initiatives, and services that benefit the residents of St. Mary's. Applications are encouraged from organizations that contribute to community well-being and engagement. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, February 17th, 2026. To learn more and apply, visit www.saint-marys.ca/call-for-2026-27-grants-to-organization-applications.html.

Important Winter Safety Information for Residents

Winter snow and ice storms can arrive quickly and bring power outages, hazardous travel, and extreme cold. Prepare in advance to keep yourself, your family, and your neighbours safe. Have enough food, water, medications, and pet supplies for at least 72 hours, charge devices, and secure outdoor items. Monitor weather forecasts and plan to stay indoors if conditions worsen.

During a storm, avoid travel, stay away from windows, and use battery-powered lights if the power goes out. Turn off major appliances and keep one light on to signal when power returns.

After the storm, watch for icy walkways, falling ice, and downed power lines. Avoid flood or icy areas, shovel safely, and discard spoiled food. Check on neighbours, seniors, and vulnerable individuals to ensure they are safe.

Department of Community Development & Recreation

St. Mary's Winter Fun Fest

Winter Fun Fest will take place on Saturday, February 28th. See page 3 for the complete schedule.

Contact the Municipality's Accessibility Coordinator

The Municipality of St. Mary's is committed to ensuring that all residents can access our programs, facilities, and services. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding accessibility, please don't hesitate to contact our Accessibility Coordinator at [902-522-2049](tel:902-522-2049) or info@saint-marys.ca. We are here to help and to make our community welcoming for everyone.

Adult Rec Hockey

Games are held weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's Recplex.

Pond Hockey at the Recplex

Players aged 14+ 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 Tuesdays from 7:00–8:00 p.m. with a registration fee of \$10 per night.

Adults-Only Free Skate

Adult-Only Free Skates are every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Recplex. Enjoy an adult-only skate. Helmets and skates are available free of charge.

Skate Sharpening

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

Family Skate Program

Book your family skate! For groups of up to 20 people. Cost is \$135 per hour + HST. Call [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or email Recreation@saint-marys.ca. Book at least 24 hours in advance (by Friday for weekend bookings).

St. Mary's Fitness Centre

Get your fob for \$20 & complete a registration package and attend an orientation session and find a buddy to join! For more information or to register, contact Victoria at [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or Recreation@saint-marys.ca.

St. Mary's Recplex Private Rentals

Book your private rental today! Call [902-522-2049](tel:902-522-2049), email recreation@saint-marys.ca or visit <https://outlook.office.com/book/StMaryamp39sRecplex@saint-marys.ca/>. All rentals must be made 24 hours in advance and by Friday for weekends.

50+ Hockey

50+ hockey is on Thursday from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information call [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or email Recreation@saint-marys.ca.

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

The Active Women's Group is your weekly go-to for fun, fitness, and friendship. Participants enjoy fitness classes, outdoor adventures, hikes, and more, with activities for all fitness levels. For more information or to register, email Recreation@saint-marys.ca or [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598).

St. Mary's Coyotes House League Hockey

Catch the Coyotes on the ice! Practice is held on Thursday evenings for ages 5-9 from 6:00—7:00 p.m. and 7:00—8:00 p.m. for ages 10-15. Scrimmage Games are held on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. for ages 5-9 and 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. for ages 10-15.

Equipment Loan Program

The Municipality offers free short-term loans of outdoor equipment to help residents enjoy the winter season. Available equipment includes snowshoes, ice skates, and more for outdoor recreation. There are no rental fees, only a refundable deposit. Calling ahead is recommended to ensure the items you want are available. For more info, call [902-522-2598](tel:902-522-2598) or email Recreation@saint-marys.ca.



ST. MARY'S WINTER FUN FEST

Saturday, February 28th, 2026

Schedule of Events

9:00 am: Cookie Baking Competition

10:00 am: Friendship Bracelet Making

11:00 am: Crokinole Tournament

12:00 pm: Free Community BBQ

1:00 pm: Free Skate at the St. Mary's Recplex

2:00 pm: Musical Bingo

2:00 pm: Indoor Fun & Games

3:00 pm: Sledding, Games & Hot Chocolate

3:00 pm: Paint & Create: pre-registration is required. Call 902-522-2598 or email recreation@saint-marys.ca to pre-register.

6:00 pm: Stonewall Park Evening Trail Walk

8:00 pm: Laser Tag at the St. Mary's Lion's Hall

**All activities will be held at St. Mary's
Education Centre / Academy (121 Old
Road Hill, Sherbrooke) unless
otherwise noted.**



Department of Economic Development

Invest Nova Scotia Accelerate

Applications are now open for the first 2026 cohort of Invest Nova Scotia Accelerate, a milestone-based program that helps Nova Scotia tech start-ups become investment-ready and accelerate growth. This year's program offers two tailored streams: Growth for in-market companies ready to scale, and Development for early-stage or deep-tech ventures. The deadline is Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Learn more and apply at: <https://investnovascotia.ca/incentives-programs-services/invest-nova-scotia-accelerate>. To stay up to date on programs, events, and workshops, join the Invest Nova Scotia mailing list at <https://investnovascotia.ca/>

St. Mary's Tourism Website

Visit <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/> to discover local activities, places to eat, and places to stay. Follow St. Mary's Tourism on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Tourism/61575905308792/> for updates. Have photos or videos to share? Submit them anytime at <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/contact-us/>.

Get Help Starting A Business: Business Navigators

Business Navigators in Nova Scotia can help guide you through the steps of starting a business, including understanding regulations, licences, permits, inspections, and supports for funding, taxes, and staffing. For a general overview of the steps and requirements, review the Starting a Business Guide. Learn more at www.novascotia.ca/get-help-starting-business-business-navigators and <https://www.novascotia.ca/documents/starting-business-guide>.

Business Help Desk

The Help Desk for Business Supports and Inquiries is now live on the municipal website. If you have business inquiries or requests for support, visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business.html> to submit your request.

General Business Starter Guide

Review the General Starter Guide for an overview of how to start a business in Nova Scotia. Access the guide at www.novascotia.ca/documents/starting-business-guide.

Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program

Nova Scotia businesses can now apply for the Business ACCESS-Ability Grant Program, which offers cost-shared funding for improvements that make your business more accessible to customers, clients, and employees with disabilities. Grants can cover up to two-thirds of eligible costs, up to \$50,000, for accessibility projects such as ramps, automatic doors, accessible bathrooms, assistive technology, signage, and more. This program supports Nova Scotia's commitment to creating more inclusive and welcoming environments in communities and workplaces. Applications are open now, with a deadline of February 14th, 2026. Learn more and apply: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/business-access-ability-grant-program>.

Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program

Apply for funding to build a secondary or backyard suite on your property. Funding is available for up to 50% of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$40,000. The applicant needs to have equity or be approved for financing to cover the total cost of the project (applicant covers all project costs in advance). This program helps homeowners create supportive housing for family members or affordable housing for tenants on their property. Homeowners can apply for a forgivable loan to build a secondary or backyard suite on the property of their principal residence. You can apply anytime, for information go to: <https://www.novascotia.ca/apply-funding-build-secondary-or-backyard-suite-your-property-secondary-and-backyard-suite-incentive-program>.

Municipal Business Directory

The Business Directory for the Municipality is being updated on the municipal website. If you are a local business and already listed, please take a moment to ensure your information is current. If you are a new or unlisted business and would like to be added, go to <https://www.saint-marys.ca/business-directory.html>.

Resources for Businesses

For a comprehensive list of business resources and support available in the area, visit the municipal website at www.saint-marys.ca/business-resources.

Community News & Events

Goshen Community & Recreation Centre

The Bargain Shop will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. Game Day takes place on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., with no partner required, and an admission fee of \$5.00. Coffee breaks are held every second Monday, with February dates on the 9th and 23rd, starting at 9:30 a.m. Recyclables are still welcomed and can be dropped off at the Centre. Volunteers and committee members are always appreciated. 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).

Country Harbour Gun Club

On Saturday, February 7th, there will be an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner, served with Caesar salad, garlic bread, and sweets. The cost is \$15 per person, and the dinner will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, February 21st, a Country Breakfast will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$12 per person for ages 13 and older, \$5 per child aged 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Bingo Night will take place on Thursday, February 26th, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sgt Maudie Gunn Matthews RCL Branch#56 Remembrance Day 2025 Contributors

Government of Canada	Abel Seaman John Pryde, WWII, Given by Donna Golden	Bertie Weir, WWII, Hoise Weir, WWII, John Weir, WWII, Lauchie Weir, WWII, Dan Weir, WWII, Given by George Weir, Shelia (Weir) Reynolds, Nelson Weir, Roderick Weir & John Weir
Government of Nova Scotia	Pte. James Johnston, WWII, Given by William & Jess Johnston	Fred Whidden, WWII, Cecil Whidden, WWII, Basil Whidden, WWII, Given by Kieth Whidden & Family
Municipality of the District of St. Mary's	Pte. Henry Seymour Archibald, WWII, Pte. Leonard Shirley Archibald WWII, Given by Leonard Archibald	Arnold MacIntosh, WWII, Given by Gordon & Susan MacIntosh
Sherbrooke Legion Branch # 56	Staff Sergeant John (Jack) Laing, WWII, POW, Given by Farley Carroll	Pte. Cyril Ralph, WWII, Given by Lloyd Ralph
RCMP	Maj. Francis Manson, WWII, Cpt. George Campbell, Given by Kim Campbell	Col. William MacDonald, Given by Allen & Anne MacDonald
Sherbrooke Village Comm.	Flight Lieutenant Kenneth William MacGrail, WWII, Given by Robert MacGrail	Canadian Coast Guard Capt. Blair Kaiser, Given by Jeanne Kaiser
Strait Regional Centre for Education	British Mariner Charles Edwin Hicks, WWI, Given by Lynda Brushett	Pte. Hazel Archibald Gunn, WWII, Given by Donnie & Jenny-Lynn Gunn
St Mary's Education Center/Academy	Hugh Archibald, WWII, Leading Air Woman Marie Isley, WWII, Given by Fraser Family & Margaret Cleveland	Pte. Ray MacKeen, WWII, Given by Greg & Jane MacKeen
NSLC	Pte. Calvin MacDonald, WWII, James Walter Bouchie WWII, Given by Joe Furlong	Pte. Leonard Charles Hiltz, WWII, Given by Marsha McGrath
NSGEU	Pte. Ed Jordan, WWII, Given by Sandra Harpell	Pte. Elmer Lawrence Brown, WWII, Given by Helen Gallant
Captain Clayton Harpell, Captain Blair Kaiser, Lifeboat Man Bruce Kaiser, Lifeboat Man Raymond Gagnon, Lifeboat Man Harold Jack, Given by Canadian Coast Guard, Port Bickerton	Staff Sgt Alexander James Malloy, WWII, Leading Air Woman Merle Winifred Taylor, WWII, Corp. Frederick Lewis Taylor, WWII, Given by Sandy & Roberta Taylor Clarence	Sgt. Colin Gallant, WWII, Given by Keith Gallant
Sherbrooke Fire Department	Archibald Canadian Engineers, WWII, Given by Betty and Greg Zentner, Brenda and Fabian MacDonald, Brent and Heather Archibald, Blair Archibald, Blaine Archibald, Brian & Margaret Archibald	Corp. Aubrey Lewis Beaver, WWII, Harry Desmond Newell, WWII, Given by Rennie & Carol Beaver
Queen's Lodge Sherbrooke	Pte. Scott Mackeen, WWII, Given by Clive & Margo MacKeen	Pte. Elvin John Auton, WWII, Given by Wayne Auton
Queen's Lodge Liscomb	Pte. Clayton Hattie, WWII, Pte. Hazel Archibald Gunn, WWII, Given by Ronnie & Ethel Gunn	Pte. Arthur DeYoung, WWII, Sgt. Andrew Chisholm, WWII, Given by Donna DeYoung, Robin, Ava & Tyler Anderson
High Crest Nursing Home Given in memory of Resident Veterans of the home.	Air Woman Maudie Gunn Matthews, WWII, CSO Jack Matthews, WWII, Given by Glenn Matthews	Freeman Wesley Feltmate, Given by Tony Feltmate
St. Mary's Memorial Hospital built in memory of Veterans of WWI & WWII, Cpt Leo Doiron, Comrade Ruth Doiron, Pte. Victor Doiron	Merchant Mariner, Frank Burns, WWII, Given by Audrey Jordan & Family	Pte. John Tate, WWI, Pte James MacHattie, WWI, Pte Albert MacHattie, WWI, Abel Seaman Robert Tait, WWII, Lieutenant Lawrence Tait, WWII, Merchant Mariner Lester Tait, WWII, Merchant Mariner Clifford Tait, WWII, Private Ella MacHattie, WWII, Lieutenant Irving MacHattie, WWII, Given by the Tate & MacHattie Families
WWII, Maj. Andrew Watson, WWII, Comrade Frances Watson, Given by John & Ruby Watson	Gunner Harvey Burns, WWII, Given by Doreen & Helen MacDonald	Pte. Ellis McGrath, WWII, Pte. William Malloy, WWII, Given by the Tate Family
Pte. Vern Fraser Sr. WWII, Given by Vern Fraser Jr / Joan Breen	Graham Burns, Canadian Navy, WWII, Given by Mary Burns & Maureen Fraser	
Pte. Bryce Smith, WWII, Given by Marla & James Porter	Frank Jordan, Flight Squadron, WWII, Lance Sergeant Stanley Jordan, WWII, Chalmers Armstrong, WWII, Given by Jane McInnis & Chris Jordan	
Major Ian Anderson, Bosnia and New Zealand, Given by Jamie Anderson	MWO Wayne Harris, Given by Sandi Harris	
William Alexander Morrison, Given by Bert Morrison	Pte. Basil Rudolph, WWI & WWII, Given by Alice Mailman	
Gunner Frank Archibald, WWII, Comrade Muriel Archibald, Given by John & Margaret Archibald		
Pte. David Michaud, WWII, Pte. Helen Scott WWII, Given by Jim & Carol Michaud		
In memory of Delic /Bridger Families who have served, Given by Lana Bridger		
Pte. Robert Polson, WWI, Given by Ian MacKeen		
Pte. Robert Lawson, WWII, CPO Edwin Lawson, WWII, Comrade Jessie Lawson, Pte. John Roade Dickson, WWII, Pte. James Edwin Dixon, Pte. Clayton Mills, WWII, Given by Sally & Jamie Cunningham, Lee Rooney, Ann Asselin, Muriel Lawson, Archie Lawson, Robert & Esther Lawson, Bill & Erika Lawson		

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Branch 86

We're open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The hall features a pool table, shuffleboards, a canteen, and a bar. Wi-Fi is available at the Legion Hall; please inquire at the bar. Debit payments are accepted, but credit cards and tap payments are not available.

Cribbage is held every Thursday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and shuffleboard takes place every Friday at 7:00 p.m. Membership renewal and donations can be made by cash, debit, cheque, or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. New memberships for 2026 are free. Members who renew their Legion membership will qualify to win a Ford F-150. You can add two additional chances to win by shopping at the Legion store and donating to the Poppy Fund. For updates and notable dates in February, please check the Legion's Facebook page.

Greenfield Oldsters

Join us at the Greenfield Oldsters Club in Melrose for a variety of fun and social activities! Every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the Club hosts a Craft & Create Coffee Social, where participants can bring their crafting supplies to work on projects or simply enjoy a cup of tea and friendly conversation. Everyone is welcome. On Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., join us for Auction 45. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with a 50/50 draw and cash prizes. Cribbage is held on Thursday evenings, with registration starting at 7:00 p.m. and cards beginning at 7:30 p.m. No partner is required. Admission is \$5.00 per person, with 8 games, a 50/50 draw, and cash prizes. The Greenfield Oldsters Club also offers a 200 sq. ft. office space for lease at which includes heat, lights, access to washrooms, a kitchen, and ample parking. For more information about crafting or coffee socials, contact Liz at glenelg@duck.com. For Auction 45, contact Gloria MacKeen at [902-870-1512](tel:902-870-1512), and for office space inquiries, contact John Watson at john.jd.watson@gmail.com or [902-823-2247](tel:902-823-2247).

St. Mary's Horse & Farm Club

Our first AGM will be held at 8000 Hwy 7 in Sherbrooke, N.S., on March 7th at 9:00 am. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Membership forms will be available in person for those interested in joining.

Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society

The Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society and Sherbrooke Restoration Commission invite all volunteers over 19 years of age to their annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. The event will be held at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre on Thursday, February 20th, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Snacks, refreshments, and fellowship will be provided. This invitation is extended to volunteers who have assisted with Christmas at Sherbrooke Village, the Harvest Celebration, Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society, and the St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre. Save the date – we hope to see you there!

Sgt Maudie Gunn Matthews RCL Branch#56

We will have a meeting with special guest District Zone Commander JP MacEachern present for the Swearing in of Our Officers February 4th, 2026 15:00 hrs at Legion Hall in Historic Village. Refreshments served.

Maple Manor Cafe

Stop by the Maple Manor Café on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a warm drink and games!

Sonora Community Centre

Crokinole will be held on Thursday at 7:00 pm. The Valentine Social is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join! Community social events are made possible with the support of the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Pickleball

Join us Wednesday evenings in the main gym at St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy. Play begins at 6:00 pm. No experience is needed—we play for exercise, laughs, and fun. All equipment is provided, along with a basic introduction to the game and rules. Clean indoor sneakers are recommended. For more information, call Debbie Feltmate at [902-522-2281](tel:902-522-2281). Hope to see you there!

St Paul's Willing Workers

St. Paul's Willing Workers Community Social will be held at the Port Bickerton Community Centre on Tuesday, February 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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. All are welcome to attend. The event is organized by St. Paul's Willing Workers and sponsored by the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department

Thank you to everybody who helped support our department by purchasing tickets on our Christmas Dinner Basket, the winner was Amanda Caldwell. We'd also like to thank all of our members and local businesses for their support as well. We raised \$3420 to put into our new truck fund, thanks to all!

St. Mary's District Lion's Club

The St. Mary's District Lions Club thanks everyone for their generous support of our Christmas Daddies Bingo. Together, we raised \$1,800 to help local families in need. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing dedication to supporting our community.

The Lions will host their Annual Heart and Stroke Luncheon on Monday, February 9th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the hall. Enjoy your choice of Turkey Soup or Beef Chili with a biscuit, dessert, and tea or coffee. All proceeds go to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the cost is by donation. The Lions will also host a dance on Saturday, February 14, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the hall, with music by The Turnbull Brothers. Tickets are \$20 per person (19+) and are available from Heather Laybolt at [902-522-2463](tel:902-522-2463) or hklaybolt@hotmail.com, or at the Sherbrooke Village Inn.

Tea & Talk

Join us on February 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre. The theme is the Sportsmen's Meet. Bring photos — the St. Mary's Genealogy Research Centre will scan and record them while you watch. Original items are returned immediately. Supported by Sherbrooke Village and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Municipality.

Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association

Our AGM will be held at the Port Bickerton Community Center on Feb. 23rd, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Birthday Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Florence Baker's 90th Birthday at the Indian Harbour Lake Community Centre on February 21st from 2:00—4:00 p.m. Best wishes only!

Community Services

Heating Assistance Rebate

Nova Scotians with low income can receive \$400 to help with home heating costs through the Heating Assistance Rebate Program. Eligible households include those who pay for their own heating (oil, electric, gas, wood, pellets, or coal) and meet income requirements. Individuals receiving Income Assistance, the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), or the Allowance from Service Canada also qualify. Applications open October 1st, 2025, and must be submitted by March 31st, 2026. You can apply online or submit a paper form. You'll need your 2024 Notice of Assessment and proof of heating costs. Direct deposit is available for faster rebate delivery. Apply today and stay warm this winter:
www.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program.

Salvation Army Heat Fund

Nova Scotians in need can receive up to \$400 in emergency heating assistance through the HEAT Fund. Eligible households include those experiencing urgent heating difficulties who meet income requirements. You will need your heating bill, proof of income, and heating supplier details. Applications open January 12th, 2026, and funds are available while supplies last. Apply now at <https://salvationarmy.ca/atlantic/heatfund/>.

Guysborough County CBDC

The Microloans Program provides financing for small and medium-sized businesses and offers loans up to \$20,000 with 5% interest, no application fee, fast approvals, and flexible repayment plans. For more information, call 902-533-2770 or email wanda.macdonald@cbdc.ca.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact 902-833-2920 to access services. Confidentiality is strictly upheld. There is a donation box at Clover Farm. Please check the "best before" date. Cash donations can be sent to St. Mary's District Food Bank, P.O. Box 102, Sherbrooke, NS, B0J 3C0. If a donation is made in memory or as a gift, a card is sent to the family. Thank you for supporting your local Food Bank.

Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors in Nova Scotia with costs for household services, healthcare, and home heating. Eligible expenses include lawn care, snow removal, grocery or meal delivery, small home repairs, phone and internet service, healthcare services such as physiotherapy, and home heating costs like furnace oil, natural gas, wood pellets, and electricity. The grant provides \$750 per household. To qualify, applicants must be 65 years or older by March 31st, 2026, have a household net income of \$45,100 or less, live in a home or apartment they own or rent, and have paid (or expect to pay) for eligible services between April 1st, 2025 and March 31st, 2026. Only one application per household is accepted. There is no cost to apply. Applications are open until March 31st and can be submitted online at <https://www.novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-healthcare-and-home-heating-costs-seniors-care-grant>

Community ACCESS-Ability Program

Non-profit groups, public institutions and community organizations in Nova Scotia can apply for the Community ACCESS-Ability Program, which provides cost-shared grants for accessibility-related improvements. This program helps remove barriers and create more inclusive spaces by funding up to two-thirds of eligible project costs, up to \$50,000, for things like building upgrades, assistive technologies, improved communication or transportation access. Applications are open now and the deadline is February 14th, 2026. This funding supports Nova Scotia's commitment to equitable access and inclusion in community spaces. Learn more and apply: <https://cch.novascotia.ca/investing-our-future/community-funding-and-awards/community-access-ability-program>.

RCMP - From the Cruiser Report

Every month, the RCMP issue a *From the Cruiser* report to update residents on recent events within the Municipality and to offer safety information. To view the report visit: <https://www.saint-marys.ca/protective-services.html>

Congregational Services

St. Paul's Catholic Church Sherbrooke

Sunday Mass is held at 11:30 a.m. Weekday Mass is held on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., except on the third Thursday of each month. The parish priest is Fr. Thaddeus Orga. He can be reached on his cell at 902-919-9827 or at the Glebe at 902-783-2631. Email correspondence can be sent to tvc30orga@gmail.com. The Parish Chair is Rennie Beaver. He can be contacted by phone at 902-870-7840 or by email at aubrey.carol@ns.sympatico.ca.

Calvary Faith Baptist Church

Pastor Wayne Bray (P)902-522-2520
Bible & Prayer Meetings are on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

United Baptist Church

Reverend Scott Chandler
Services will be held on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. for the months of February & March at Port Hilford Church.

February 2026 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Curling 5:30-10 p.m.	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Curling 5:30-10 p.m.	Zone 1: Recyclables Maple Manor Café 9:30 a.m. Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Learn to Skate 5:30 p.m. Pond Hockey 7 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Recyclables Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Adult Skate 1 p.m. Goshen Game Day1 p.m. RCL Branch #56 Swearing In of Officers 3 p.m. COTW Meeting 5 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Adult Hockey 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Recyclables House League Hockey 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m. 50+ Hockey 8 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 p.m.	Transfer Station 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m. House League Hockey 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Free Skate 1p.m. Country Harbour Spaghetti Dinner 4:00 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Curling 5:30-10 p.m.	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Lion's Heart & Stroke Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Goshen Coffee Breaks 9:30 a.m. Curling 5:30-10 p.m.	Zone 1: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Maple Manor Café 9:30 a.m. Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Learn to Skate 5:30 p.m. Pond Hockey 7 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Sonora Valentine's Day Social 10 a.m. Adult Skate 1 p.m. Goshen Game Day1 p.m. COTW Meeting 5 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Adult Hockey 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item House League Hockey 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m. 50+ Hockey 8 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 p.m.	MacMillan's Recyclable Collection 10 a.m.—2 p.m. House League Hockey 10 a.m. & 11a.m. Free Skate 1 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m. Lion's Valentine's Day Dance 9 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Family Day Municipal Facilities Closed	Zone 1: Recyclables Grants to Organizations Application Deadline Maple Manor Café 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's Willing Workers Social 10 a.m. Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Learn to Skate 5:30 p.m. Pond Hockey 7 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Recyclables Newsletter Submissions Due Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Adult Skate 1 p.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. Council & COTW Meeting 5 p.m. House League Hockey 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m. 50+ Hockey 8 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Adult Hockey 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Recyclables Tea & Talk 1 p.m. House League Hockey 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m. 50+ Hockey 8 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 p.m. Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society Volunteer Appreciation Party 7 p.m.	Country Harbour Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Transfer Station 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m. House League Hockey 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Free Skate 1 p.m. Florence Baker's Birthday Party 2 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Goshen Coffee Breaks 9:30 a.m. Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association AGM 7 p.m. Curling 5:30-10 p.m.	Zone 1: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Maple Manor Café 9:30 a.m. Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Learn to Skate 5:30 p.m. Pond Hockey 7 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Adult Skate 1 p.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Adult Hockey 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item House League Hockey 6 p.m. & 7 p.m. Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m. Country Harbour Bingo Night 7:30 p.m. 50+ Hockey 8 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. Liscomb Shuffleboard 7 p.m.	MacMillan's Recyclable Collection 10 a.m.—2 p.m. House League Hockey 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Winter Fun Fest Free Skate 1 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.