



Municipality of the District of St. Mary's Newsletter

May 2026

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Meetings of Council

The next Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20th at 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole (COTW) meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 6th and 20th. 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 from the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Warden's Message

Spring and warm(er) weather have finally arrived. Folks are starting to clear for gardens and cleaning up the leaves and twigs fallen over the winter months. I realise that it's a very common and normal thing to stack these up and burn them, but I would encourage anyone thinking of this to check both the provincial burn map and prevailing weather conditions. Our local firefighters have already been called for out of control grass fires and the summer months haven't even started yet. Just because the burn map is green, if the wind is up use common sense and don't light it up.

Speaking of summer months and burning, the prediction for the future is another summer of dry and hot weather. This puts us all at risk of calamitous wildfires. More than 90% of wildfires are caused by humans. A careless cigarette out the window, burns that are not completely extinguished.

On that topic, on May 23rd from 11:00-2:00 at the Goshen Community Centre (Hwy 276) there will be a Wildfire Preparedness Event. Sponsored by Fire-Safe Nova Scotia, MLA Greg Morrow, and the Goshen Volunteer Fire Department, this will be a great family experience to learn how to protect your home and family from the growing danger of wildfire. There will be demonstrations by DNR Wildfire fighters, local fire departments, activities for children, as well as some food and door (no actual door) prizes. Take some time and come see the men and women dedicated to the safety of our communities.

Now or any other day, if you want to go outside for fun activities such as fishing or kayaking, or ... anything, take advantage of the Municipality's Equipment Loan program. There are all sorts of sports equipment available for you to use and return. Paddleboards, tennis rackets, we have it (almost) all. Contact Victoria at the office for details. With that, have a great month and take advantage of all the great opportunities you will find in our newsletter.

-Warden, James Fuller

Holiday Closure

The municipal office and the transfer station will be closed on Monday May 18th in observance of Victoria Day.

Call for Volunteer of the Year Nominations

Do you know an amazing volunteer? The Municipality of the District of St. Mary's is now accepting nominations for our *Volunteer of the Year Award!* Each year, we take time to celebrate the individuals who generously give their time, energy, and heart to make our community a better place. If you know someone who consistently goes above and beyond to help others, now is the perfect time to recognize their contributions. We invite you to nominate an outstanding volunteer from your community and tell us how they've made a difference. The deadline to submit nominations is **May 11th, 2026**. You can access the nomination form online at [2026 St. Mary's Volunteer of the Year Nomination Form – Fill out form](#) or paper copies are available at the Municipal Office.

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June 2026 Newsletter is Wednesday, May 20th 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 Expression of Interest to Establish Pharmacy Services

The Municipality will be issuing an Expression of Interest (EOI) in early May to explore options for establishing a permanent pharmacy in Sherbrooke. This process will invite proposals from interested developers and help inform next steps toward a sustainable, long-term pharmacy presence in the community. Please check the municipal [website](#) for details of the Expression of Interest.

Municipal Transfer Station Hours

Saturday May 2: 10:00am-3:30 p.m.
Monday May 4: 9:00am-4:30 p.m.
Monday May 11: 9:00am-4:30 p.m.
Saturday May 16: 10:00am- 3:30 p.m.
Monday May 18: Closed
Monday May 25: 9:00am-4:30 p.m.
Saturday May 30: 10:00am-3:30 p.m.
Visit saint-marys.ca/facilities for more

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

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

WILDFIRE PREPARATION EVENT

FAMILY EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR WILDFIRE SEASON? JOIN YOUR AREA FIREFIGHTING AGENCIES TO LEARN WAYS YOU CAN PREPARE FOR, AND PREVENT WILDFIRES.

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES, FOOD AND MORE.

GOSHEN COMMUNITY CENTRE, HWY 276, GOSHEN NS

**SATURDAY MAY 23RD, 2026
11:00AM - 2:00PM.**



SPONSORED BY GOSHEN AND AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRESAFE NS, MLA GREG MORROW

Department of Community Development & Recreation

St Mary's Co-Ed Adult Recreation Softball League

Looking for a fun way to stay active, meet new people, and enjoy some friendly competition? The Adult Co-Ed Recreational Softball League is back for another season in St. Mary's! This casual, welcoming league is open to all skill levels—no experience required—and is for ages 14 and up. Games will be held weekly on Tuesdays starting on June 2nd at local fields throughout the Municipality, with affordable registration fees to keep it accessible for everyone. Do you have a team to enter, a home field available, or would you like to umpire? Deadline to submit a team is May 15, 2026, so gather your friends and get ready to play! Help spread the word and join the fun this season! For questions or to provide feedback, contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

St. Mary's Youth Co-Ed Softball Program

The St. Mary's Youth Co-Ed Softball League is returning for its second season, providing a supportive and fun environment for kids ages 5–9 and 10–14. Participants will focus on skill development, teamwork, and enjoying the game. This program will run on Mondays & Wednesdays from June 1st until August 19th at Veteran's Memorial Ball Field in Spanish Ship Bay. Monday's focus will be on skill development from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday's will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. There is a \$25 registration fee per participant. You can register online at [Program Registration Form](#) or stop by the Municipal Office to register in person. Sign up your child and help make this season a home run! If you'd like to volunteer with the program, please contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598. The registration deadline is May 15th.

St. Mary's T-Ball

The St. Mary's T-Ball Program is back for its second season, offering a fun and supportive introduction to softball for children ages 3–5. This program helps little ones develop basic motor skills, learn teamwork, and enjoy being part of a group. T-Ball will take place at the SMECA back field on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This program will run from June 4th until August 20th. There is a \$10 registration fee per participant. You can register online at [Program Registration Form](#) or stop by the Municipal Office to register in person. If you'd like to volunteer with the program, please contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598. The registration deadline is May 15th.

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.

Summer Day Camp Summer Day

Registration for Summer Day Camp is now open! Running from July 6 to August 27, Monday to Thursday, this fun filled camp is open to children aged 5 to 12 and offers a variety of games, crafts, outdoor adventures, and theme days to keep kids active, engaged, and smiling all summer long. Camp is free for residents of the Municipality and students that attend St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy. Children must be registered by Friday for the following week, so be sure to plan ahead to reserve your spot! Give your child a summer to remember—full of creativity, friendships, and fun. Spaces are limited, please sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/residents/municipal-department-s/recreation/programs-and-activities/program-registration-form.html>, email recreation@saint-marys.ca or stop by the Municipal Office.

Summer Sprouts

A summer program designed just for our littlest campers! This fun and gentle drop-off program for ages 3–4 runs from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, offering a playful, age-appropriate version of day camp where young children can explore, create, and grow. Each day is filled with stories, crafts, games, and outdoor play, all in a safe and nurturing environment. It's the perfect way for preschoolers to enjoy summer fun, make new friends, and build confidence in a small-group setting. Summer Sprouts is a great first step into camp life—designed with little ones in mind. Summer Sprouts is \$5 per day for non-residents of the Municipality. To register your child, visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/residents/municipal-department-s/recreation/programs-and-activities/program-registration-form.html>, email recreation@saint-marys.ca or stop by the Municipal Office.

Eco Explorers

Get ready to explore, discover, and connect with nature! The Eco Explorers Program is a fun and engaging outdoor experience for youth who love being outside and learning about the environment. Participants will enjoy activities like hiking, wildlife observation, nature crafts, and hands-on environmental projects—all while building friendships and developing a deeper appreciation for the natural world. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and clothing every week as we will be outside no matter what the conditions are. This is a free program for Grades 2–6 and will be held on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Happening now and running until June 17th. To register visit <https://www.saint-marys.ca/residents/municipal-department-s/recreation/programs-and-activities/program-registration-form.html> or stop by the Municipal Office. For more information contact us at recreation@saint-marys.ca or 902-522-2598.

**Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society,
Community & Public Storage Facility**



**Grand Opening
Site Visit
Saturday, May 23,**

**4208 Sonora Road
Sherbrooke.
Behind the
"Village Wood Shop"**

Email hsvds95@gmail.com for more information.
Rental opportunities are posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/hsvds95/>

Contact the Municipality's Accessibility Coordinator

The Municipality of the District 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.

Equipment Loan Program

The Municipality offers free short-term loans of outdoor equipment to help residents enjoy the spring season. Available equipment includes items such as walking poles, scooters, yard games, and other outdoor recreation gear. There are no rental fees, only a refundable deposit. Calling ahead is recommended to make sure the items you want are available. For more info, call 902-522-2598 or email Recreation@saint-marys.ca.

Department of Economic Development

Get Help Starting A Business: Business Navigators

www.novascotia.ca/get-help-starting-business-business-navigators and <https://www.novascotia.ca/documents/starting-business-guide>.

Business Navigators help you understand the steps you need to take when starting a business, including regulations and requirements (like licences, permits and registrations) you need to follow. Business Navigators help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for new businesses.

A Business Navigator can help you by: Providing an overview of how to start specific types of businesses (like a restaurant or a garage), Identifying what regulations you need to follow, Identifying what licences and permits you need to operate your business, determining any inspection requirements, Providing contact information for additional requirements like financing, taxes and staffing, and Providing resources to help with start-up funding.

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.

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St. Mary's Tourism Website

Go to <https://saintmarysnovascotia.com/> to see what St. Mary's Municipality has to offer from activities, to where to eat, and where to stay.

Be sure to also check out the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Marys-Tourism/61575905308792/>.

Municipal Business Directory

If you are a local business and are currently listed, 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>

Community News & Events

Sgt.Maudie Gunn Matthews Branch 056

We wish to thank all the organizations and individuals who support the work of the Legion within our community. This year the commemorative donations will be used to strengthen the Legion movement within our area & creating a new cenotaph for our municipality here in Sherbrooke. Sorry we tried to have meeting but winter has had a different idea.

We are planning a meeting for May 6 2026 15:00 hrs at the Legion Hall. This is our 100 Anniversary of Royal Canadian Legion Membership is free this year check in with Legion member .Come have a cup of coffee or tea. We need to keep our communities strong ,support and volunteer. Our aim is to make life better for those needing our support.

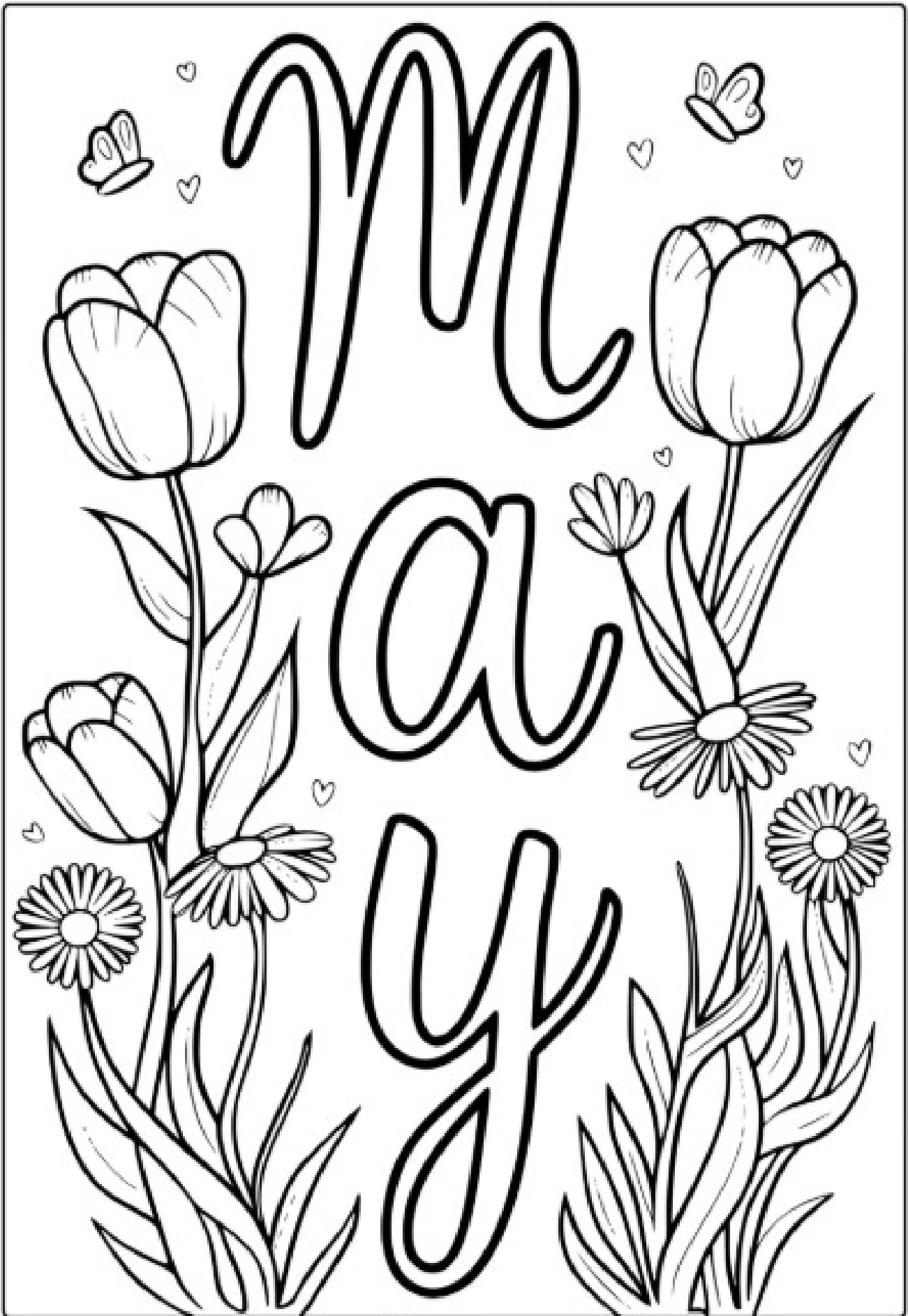
Port Bickerton Rain Barrel Sale

Don't miss out!

The final day to order your quality rain barrels, composter, and garden accessories is May 15th. To see what is available and to place an order, visit www.rainbarrel.ca/portbickertonlighthouse.

Orders will be delivered to Port Bickerton and will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, May 23rd, from 9am to 12pm at Kaiser Marine, located at 4807 NS-211 in Bickerton West.

This fundraiser supports the Port Bickerton Lighthouse, and we thank you for your support.



St. Mary's Trail Association

St. Mary's Trail Association has been an active community non-profit organization since 2008, responsible for construction and maintenance of a multi use trail on Crown lands of the former Guysborough Railway, within the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. The Association recently held its AGM. The elected executive members for 2026-28 are: President Charlie Hallett, VP Clyde McGrath, Treasurer Lisa Hallett & Secretary Charlene Porter. Thanks to Sheldon Archibald for his role of VP for the past two terms. The Board of Directors were reinstated with no changes.

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our volunteer team and membership supporters, we have been able to maintain 6.5 km of trail, two major bridges, host walks, promote nature, host clean up/maintenance days & volunteer appreciation events on the operational section in Aspen.

In 2024, we started development (under construction) of several new sections in Newtown & Denver with more to come.

We have successfully partnered with NS Trails, Department of Community, Culture, Tourism & Heritage, Trans Canada Trail, and the Municipality of District of St. Mary's in securing grants to support our work. Thanks to our volunteers on the ground and behind the scenes!! A shout out to our reliable and professional local contractors—L&E McGrath, GF MacDonalds & Sons, Liscomb (Mailman's) Trucking & Backhoe plus many individuals! Thanks to the Dept of Natural Resources for trusting our abilities to manage the crown lands of the former railway!

We invite you to get out and enjoy the trail in Aspen which connects to the Guysborough County Nature Trail (for a distance of over 60 kms). Stay tuned for progress on the Denver & Newtown sections! Volunteers are welcome to join St. Mary's Trail Association or Guysborough Co Trails Association to help maintain the Trans Canada trail from Guysborough to Aspen. Our neighbours in Pictou County are working hard to complete the section from East River St. Mary's to Sunny Brae. Remember to pack out what you pack in! Respect nature and all users of the trail!!

ST. MARY'S TRAIL



ASSOCIATION

Tea & Talk

Tea & Talk will take place on May 27th at 2:00 pm at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre. Join us as we welcome Mandy Sandbach of Soulfully SOIL. Mandy is a permaculture practitioner and longtime community organizer who coordinates the Scotsburn Community Food Forest. With nearly two decades of hands-on experience, she supports resilient, relationship-centered food systems that strengthen both communities and the land. Mandy will talk about the art of outdoor composting and how it lends itself to resilient healthy soils and food systems. Tea & Talk is supported by Sherbrooke Village and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

Lions Hall

The Lions Club Annual Hospital Walk-a-thon will take place on Saturday, May 23rd. Registration will be held at the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre starting at 9am, and once you are registered, you can begin walking. The pledge sheet can be found on page 8. Please support our hospital! The Lions will also continue to host their Weekly Wednesday Night Bingo, with doors opening at 7:00pm and games starting at 7:30pm.

St. Marys Shooters Association

May News SMSA: Sunday May 3rd, the Spring Meeting will be held at the Stillwater Community Centre, 2 pm, 9558 Hwy #7 Stillwater. Summer events and range work will be discussed, and the financial state of the club will be presented. On Sunday May 17, a Military Rifle Shoot will take place at the DNRR range, 9240 Hwy 7, from 9 am to 2 pm. The Gun Show and Sale will be held on May 29 and 30 at the Curling Rink in New Glasgow, with hours of Friday 2 pm to 8 pm and Saturday 9 am to 4 pm at Exit 25 East River Road. On Sunday June 7, there will be a skeet shoot. The restricted firearms course previously scheduled for Saturday June 13 at the Stillwater Ctr, 9558 Hwy 7, has been changed to a non-restricted course (long guns) starting at 9 am. Apply and pay online at safetyservicesns.ca. New members and interested people are welcome, and yearly dues are only \$30. Club hats and T-shirts are still available for \$15.00 at the meeting or by calling 902-783-2820.

Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society will take place on Thursday, May 7 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the Sherbrooke Village Exhibit Centre and is open to everyone.

Sherbrooke & Area Volunteer Fire Department

This past month has been a busy and productive time for our Department. We brought home our new-to-us Pumper Truck (2013 Freightliner). We were able to acquire this truck thanks to donations from Community Groups, Community Members, fundraising from a Firewood Raffle and Christmas Basket Raffle and for supporters of SAVFD with the weekly Amherst Firefighters 50/50 Raffle. Also this month, we held our annual Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy. We raised \$1,225.33. Thank you everyone for your continued support of our Department.

Goshen Community & Recreation Centre

The Bargain Shop will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Game Day takes place on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Cribbage is held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m admission fee of \$5.00. Coffee breaks are held every second Monday, with May dates on the 4th and 18th, starting at 9:30 a.m. New Food Pantry, anyone in need please call Laurie Chisholm to book appointment. Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped off during regular bargain shop hours. Recyclable Bottles are still welcomed and can be dropped off at Centre. Volunteers and Committee members are always welcomed. Please contact Laurie Chisholm 902-783-2291 or Lisa Myers 902-318-4401 if you would like more information.

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).

The Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association

The Port Bickerton & Area Planning Association is currently in need of someone to join our committee and act as treasurer. Without a full committee, we will not be able to continue to function, which would lead to the closing of the Port Bickerton Lighthouse. This would be a great loss to Port Bickerton and the surrounding area. Please give this some thought if you feel you are able to give your time. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at 902-364-2967. Thank you for any consideration.
Don Dodge—Vice chairman

Pickleball

Join us on Wednesday evenings in the main gym at St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy. Play begins at 6:00 p.m. 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!

Stillwater Community Center

If you are in need of, our recently renovated hall, for a family event or meeting place, please contact Gordan Macintosh at (902) 497-1201. Full day rental is \$75 half day rental is \$50.

Lions St. Mary's Memorial Hospital 13th Annual Walk-a-Thon



May. 23rd 2026 Pledge Sheet Registration 9:30am - 10:30am

Walker _____

Rain or Inclement weather, please drop off sheets & walk another time.

Name (print clearly)	Mailing address	Pledge amt	Paid Y/N	Receipt ?

Total Pledges: _____

Waiver/Release: by participating in Lions St. Mary's Memorial Walkathon I waive any and all claims for myself, heirs, executors and administrators against the walk a thon sponsors,officials, organizers, and supporters of the walk to any injury, illness or death which may be directed or indirectly result from my precipitation in the walk. I have read and fully understand and agree to the contents of this waiver/release prior to walking at the above date.

Signature of Parent or guardian / walker

Date

2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival

The 2nd Annual Rhubarb Festival on the 211 will take place on Saturday June 13th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Indian Harbour and Jordanville Community Centre. Tables are \$10 each, please contact Wendy at 902-338-2956 to book. At the Port Hilford School House, Deborah Jordan will be selling her products and offering a class on how to do her alcohol ink tiles.

You must pre register the cost is \$85 for a 2 hour class, all materials supplied, please contact Deborah for details and to reserve your spot at 1-902-522-2761. Forgotten Shores Farm, Knickle's Studio & Gallery, and By the Tides Kitchen will be participating. We are planning lots of rhubarb related items such as desserts, jams, jellies, rhubarb sundaes and whatever else you can think of to use rhubarb. Coffee, tea and rhubarb desserts will be available. If you wish to participate with yard sale items or plants at other locations, please email kingwellcindy@gmail.com so that I can add you to the list in future advertising.

Royal Canadian Legion, Liscomb Brach 86

Open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 6pm to 11pm. Pool table, shuffleboards, canteen, and bar. WIFI is available at the Legion Hall, inquire at the bar. Debit is available, No credit card & no tap available.

CRIBBAGE Every Thursday & Saturdays 7:30PM.

Membership Renewal & Donation can be made by cash, debit, cheques or e-transfer at branch86rcl@gmail.com. Free New Membership for 2026. Renew your Legion membership and qualify to WIN a Ford F-150! Add two more chances to win by shopping on the Legion's store and donating to the Poppy Fund!

Annual General Membership Meeting Tuesday May 5th 2026. 7PM Check our Facebook page for any updates and Notable Dates in May.

Ocean Week

Save the dates June 1st to June 7th. For the last two years, the Whale Sanctuary Project has been honored to partner with several different organizations to offer St. Mary's Ocean Day to the municipality. With expressed interest from the community, this year we will be offering St. Mary's Ocean Week, a full week of ocean-themed events happening right here in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. Stay tuned, as the full lineup will be posted once events are confirmed. Let's come together to celebrate "Canada's Ocean Playground"!

Penny Auction Port Bickerton

There will be a penny auction at the Port Bickerton Community center on May 2nd at 2 p.m. In march 2026, Ivan Harpell had heart attacks and cannot work at this time. We are hoping we can support Ivan, Breanna and three children by having a penny auction on their behalf, there will also be a cake walk, 50/50 tickets, prize draw bags. For donations please call Ellen Harpell at 364-2934 or Cyndi Pie at 318- 5346. Thank you!

Crown Jewels

Hello from the Crown Jewels. We are a group of ladies that enjoy having fun, Doing things together like Lunches , birthday parties concerts and once in a while an overnight for the girls to just get away. We wear the group colours red, purple and white and lots of bling. If you may be interested or would like to find out more about our group, we will be at Beanies in Sherbrooke at 12 Pm on may 13th. Drop by for a cup of tea or coffee, a light lunch or just to talk.

Indian Harbour Lake- Jordanville Community Centre

Next hall meeting is Friday May 1st at 7:00 p.m. Mother's Day pot luck supper on Sunday May 10th from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.. \$12.00 for adults kids under 5 will be free. Tickets on a basket of mothers items will also be sold!

Community Services

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Sherbrooke Public Library hours are Tuesday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 12:30-2:30 pm; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 12:30 pm-5:30 pm; and Saturday from 9:00 am-12:00 pm and 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 sherbrooke@ecrl.ca, or visit ecrl.ca.

Stay current by following ECRL on social media.

Kids First- Sherbrooke

Monday Playgroup from 9:30-11 a.m. Playgroup is open to caregivers and children aged birth to six years, snack provided. Wednesday Playgroup from 9:30-11 a.m.

Playgroup is open to caregivers and children aged birth to six years, snack provided. Follow us on facebook- St Mary's Kids First, for updates and information. For more information contact Eliza at Kids First via email at

executivedirector@kids1st.ca, or phone-902 870 7449

The Guysborough County Prenatal Program is open to all women expecting a baby who live in Guysborough County. Self-referrals are welcome! Call Emilie at 902-533-3881 for more information. The Parenting Journey Program is a support for parents with children up to 18 years. Self-referrals are welcome. For more information text/call Paula at 902-870-7437 or email

parentingjourney@kids1st.ca.

Community
WORSHIP SERVICE

HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY. PSALM 133:1



JUNE 7TH AT 11 AM
LIONS CLUB, SHERBROOKE

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US IN A TIME OF WORSHIP. PASTOR TERRY & ANNETTE RIDEOUT WILL BE SHARING THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEY OF FAITH.

St. Mary's District Food Bank

Please contact [902-833-2920](tel: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.

Spring 2026 ABC Recruitment

The Spring 2026 recruitment campaign for Nova Scotia's Agencies, Boards, and Commissions (ABCs) launches April 4, 2026. This campaign highlights the important work of ABCs and encourages residents to apply. You can make a difference! Applications are accepted year-round; however, the deadline for current opportunities is Tuesday, May 12, 2026. To learn more or apply, visit novascotia.ca/abc. For more information, contact the Governance and Accountability Unit at ecogau@novascotia.ca or call [1-866-206-6844](tel:1-866-206-6844).

CBDC Guysborough

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

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. Mary's Pastoral Charge/The United Church of Canada

Sunday Worship in May
9:30am — St. John's United Church
11:00am — Kirk United Church
6:30pm — Bethany/Zion United Church

Weekly Activities

Women's Bible Study
10am Thursdays at Maple Manor Common Room in Sherbrooke.

Men's Group
7pm Wednesdays at St. John's in Sherbrooke.

UCW
First Thursday of every month, 2pm at Jo-Ann McGrath's in Aspen.

JAM Club (Jesus And Me)
Our charge's program for children and all-ages Sunday school.

2pm every second Sunday at Kirk.
This year's theme: "All Aboard the Grace Train!"

Youth Group
Our charge's program for youth (grades 9-12).
7:30-9pm every second Friday at Kirk.

The Living Room
Join us in a relaxed, living-room/café atmosphere for contemporary worship, prayer, praise, and community time.

Held in the lower hall of St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke.

*Finding Freedom AA Closed Meeting**
Thursdays, 8-9pm at St. John's United Church, Sherbrooke.
Closed means attendance is limited to those who have a desire to stop drinking.

Indian Harbour Pentecostal Church

Pastor Terry Rideout

Sunday services are as follows:

May: 03 Time: 10:30 a.m.

May: 10 Time: 10:30 a.m.

May: 17 Time: 10:30 a.m.

May: 24 Time: 10:30 a.m.

May: 31 Time: 10:30 a.m.

Calvary Faith Baptist Church

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 7pm

Sunday Services as follows:

May: 03 Time: 11:00 a.m.

May: 10 Time: 6:00 p.m.

May: 17 Time: 11:00 a.m.

May: 24 Time: 6:00 p.m.

May: 31 Time: 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Wayne Bray
902-522-2520

Goshen Gospel Church

Sundays at 10:00 : Adult Bible Class at 11:00 a.m. :
Worship and Fellowship Service.

Mondays: Eagles, our children program at 6pm.

Thursdays: Bible Study and Prayer at 1p.m.

Special Announcement: We have cancelled the Creation Ministries seminar planned for Saturday, May 2 at 1 pm in the Goshen Community Centre. We do hope to host another one later in the year.

For more information, please call
John Luten (902) 318-0711.

St. Mary's Transfer Station Hours of Operation 2026

<u>May 2026</u>	<u>June 2026</u>
<p>Saturday May 2, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday May 4, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday May 11, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday May 16, 2026- 10:00am- 3:30pm Monday May 18, 2026- CLOSED Monday May 25, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday May 30, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm</p>	<p>Monday June 1, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday June 8, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday June 13, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday June 15, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday June 22, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday June 27, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday June 29, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm</p>
<u>July 2026</u>	<u>August 2026</u>
<p>Saturday July 4, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday July 6,2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday July 11, 2026- 10:00-3:30pm Monday July 13, 2026- 9:00am-3:30pm Saturday July 18, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday July 20, 2026- 9:00am-3:30pm Saturday July 25, 2026- 10:00am- 3:30pm Monday July 27, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday August 1, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday August 3, 2026- CLOSED Saturday August 8, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday August 10, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday August 15, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday August 17, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday August 22, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday August 24, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday August 29, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday August 31, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm</p>
<u>September 2026</u>	<u>October 2026</u>
<p>Saturday September 5, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday September 7, 2026- CLOSED Monday September 14, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday September 19, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday September 21, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday September 28, 2026- 9:00am- 4:30pm</p>	<p>Saturday October 3, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday October 5, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday October 12, 2026- CLOSED Saturday October 17, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday October 19,2026-9:00am-4:30pm Monday October 26, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday October 31, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm</p>
<u>November 2026</u>	<u>December 2026</u>
<p>Monday November 2, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday November 9,2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday November 14, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday November 16, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday November 23, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday November 28, 2026- 10:00am- 3:30pm Monday November 30, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm</p>	<p>Monday December 7, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday December 12, 2026- 10:00am-3:30pm Monday December 14, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Monday December 21, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm Saturday December 26, 2026- CLOSED Monday December 28, 2026- 9:00am-4:30pm</p>

May 2026 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. Indian Harbour Lake – Jordanville hall meeting 7:00 p.m.	Transfer Station 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Penny auction - port Bickerton community center at 2 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SMSA Spring Meeting 2 p.m.	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Goshen Coffee Breaks 9:30 a.m. Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m.	Zone 1: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Maple Manor Café 9:30 a.m. Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Garbage & 1 Bulky Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. Eco Explorers 2:30—4 p.m. COTW Meeting 5 p.m. Legion branch 056 meeting 3 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Lions Bingo 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item AGM of the Historic Sherbrooke Village Development Society 7 p.m. Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m.	MacMillan's Recyclable Collection 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m.	Zone 1: Recyclables Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Recyclables Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Crown Jewels at Beanies 12 p.m. Eco Explorers 2:30—4 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Lions Bingo 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Recyclables Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. Goshen Supper 4:30– 6p.m.	Gun club country Breakfast 8:30—10a.m. Transfer Station 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SMSA Military Rifle Shoot 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Victoria Day Transfer Station & Municipal office Closed Goshen Coffee Breaks 9:30 a.m.	Zone 1: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Garbage & 1 Bulky Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. Eco Explorers 2:30—4 p.m. Council & COTW Meeting 5 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Lions Bingo 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Garbage & 1 Bulky Item Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m.	Hospital walk-a-thon –9 a.m. MacMillan's Recyclable Collection 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Transfer Station 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m.	Zone 1: Recyclables Oldsters 45s 1 p.m. Goshen Crib 7:30 p.m.	Zone 2: Recyclables Kids First Playgroup 9:30 a.m. Goshen Game Day 1 p.m. Tea & talk 2p.m. Eco Explorers 2:30—4 p.m. Pickleball 6 p.m. Lions Bingo 7 p.m.	Zone 3: Recyclables Oldsters Crib 7 p.m. Sonora Crokinole 7 p.m. Gun club monthly bingo 7:30 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.	Greenfield Coffee Social 10 a.m. SMSA Gun Show & Sale 2 –8 p.m.	Transfer Station 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m. SMSA Gun Show & Sale 9–4 p.m. Liscomb Crib 7:30 p.m.
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