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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

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Important August Dates

New Brunswick Day Activities
August 3, 2020
All Day

Special Council Meeting
August 4, 2020
6:30pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

Regular Council Meeting
August 10, 2020
7:00pm
Live Streamed at Sackville.com

Mobile Eco Depot
August 19 & 20, 2020
noon-8:00pm
Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre

Dates and meetings are changing daily. Please visit www.sackville.com or the full Community Events Calendar for the latest updates.

Thinking Green During COVID-19



Efforts to help slow the spread of COVID-19 have presented some challenges to participating in environmentally-friendly behaviours these past couple of months. Single-use masks and gloves are everywhere, and disposable plastic packaging and containers have seen an alarming resurgence. Public health and safety remains a top priority, but the pandemic should not be an excuse to pollute. Here are some tips to support the environment through this difficult time:

-Bring reusable bags to the grocery store. You will have to pack them yourself, but you're bypassing unnecessary plastic.

-Make your own hand sanitizer. Did you know the World Health Organization has a **recipe**?

-Don't use disposable masks. Try reusable cloth ones instead. **Here's a DIY**, or drop by a local shop to purchase one.

-Buy fresh foods from local markets. Not only are you supporting local farmers who are having a tough year, but you're also reducing the amount of kilometers your food has travelled, which results in less emissions.

-Remember to get outside and play! Go for a walk at Beech Hill Park, bike through the rail trail, or stroll around Waterfowl. Taking care of yourself is the most important thing, and being in nature not only reminds you of how important it is to protect, but also how important you are within it.

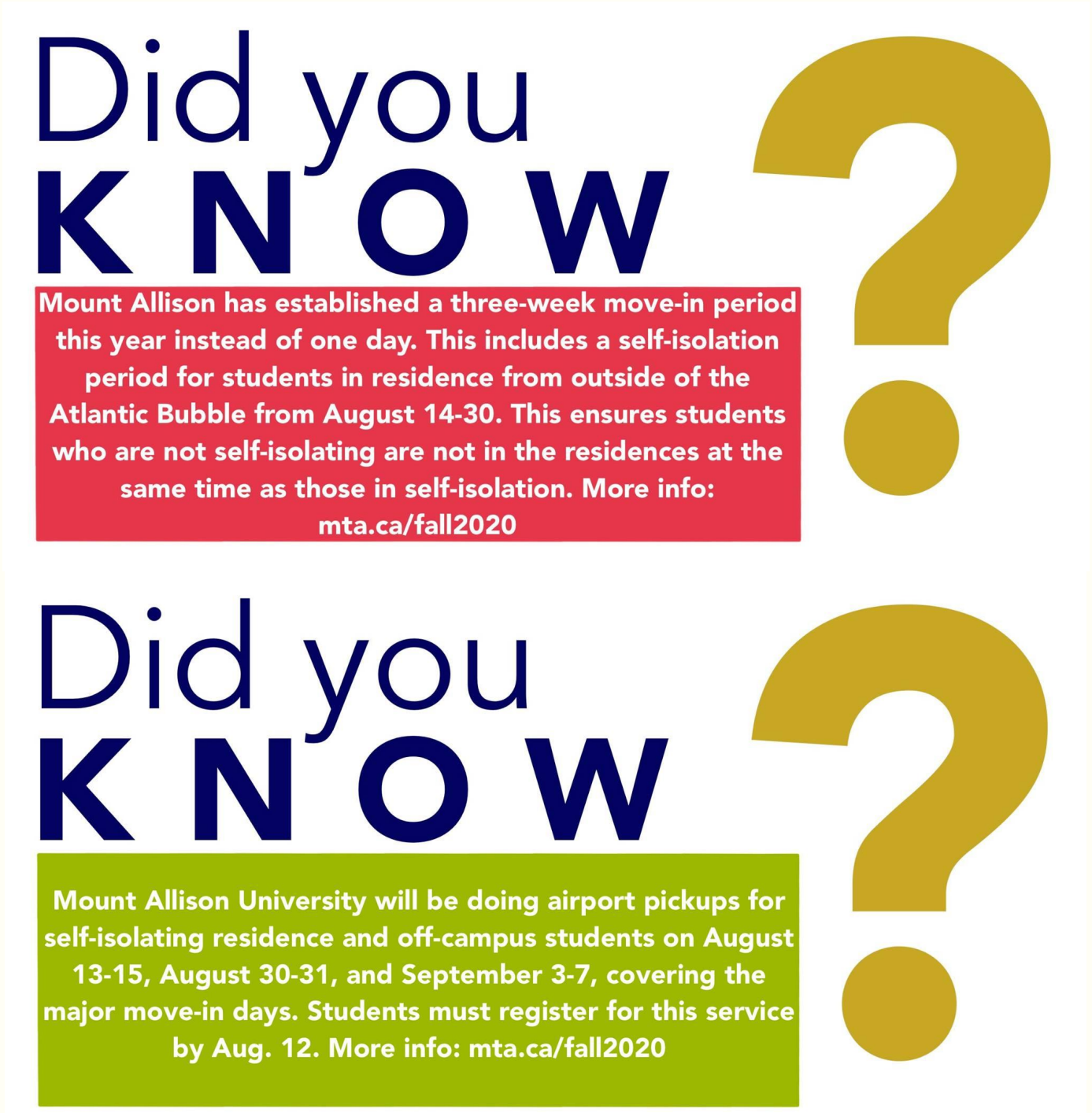
Breanna Macleod, Climate Change Awareness Intern

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The Mobile Eco Depot is Back

Mount Allison University will soon be welcoming students back to campus. The university has been working diligently, along with the town of Sackville and the New Brunswick Public Health Department, to ensure that this is done as safely as possible.

For more details please **click here.** Be sure to check back regularly as the plan progresses.



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For full information on eligible items for pick-up and dropoff visit www.sackville.com/calendar

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Recreation Programming

We have a great lineup of children's summer recreation programs now available for registration. All programs are facilitated following the COVID-19 guidelines outlined by the province. Drop by Yoga at 9:30am on Thursdays in the Lorne Street Soccer Field, or play some pick-up Ultimate Frisbee Thursday nights at 6:30pm for only $3. Registration for our other summer events is available **here**.







Recreation Programming Continued









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Name This Space!

The area surrounding the Lorne Street Naturalized Retention Pond needs a name! Please submit a name and a drawing of why you think the name is appropriate by August 14th, 2020. The top three entries will be voted on by the public at a later date.

Drop off submissions to the Bill Johnstone Memorial Activity Centre Monday-Saturday between 8am and 8pm. Fell free to provide name ideas for the trails as well!

Friday Night Buskers



The Visitor Information Centre

The Visitor Information Centre is open seven days a week, 9 am to 6 pm for all your travel counselling needs. We also have information about local attractions and businesses. If dropping in is not an option, you can also reach the Centre at 364-4967 or visitor@sackville.com. Stay tuned for fall hours.

Please also note the Sackville Craft Gallery plans to open on September 1, 2020 in the Visitor Centre. For more information on the Craft Gallery, call 536-4163.

Welcome to Our New Staff

The Parks and Facilities Department are pleased to welcome Colton Tower and Brandon Estabrooks to the team. Colton has worked for the department in the past and Brandon has plenty of experience and will be a welcome addition to the Parks and Civic Centre staff.

We have also hired Kyle Tower to act as a summer By-Law Enforcement Officer. Kyle will be monitoring our parks and doing his part to enforce our Town By-Laws whenever necessary.

Town Financials are Looking Strong

The 2019 Town of Sackville Audit is now available on our website by **clicking here**. Residents will note that the Town's financial picture is still very strong as we have continuously been able to work hard to keep major projects and operational initiatives under budget.

Town Operated Events

With many restrictions being lifted by the province on June 19, 2020, smaller events like Concerts in the Park will now be able to take place as long as social distancing with friend and family bubbles is being adhered to. Follow on **Facebook** for updates.

All Town operated events that result in large gatherings of people have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020 unless otherwise directed by the province. Cancelled events include:
Friday Night Antique Car Cruise
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Sackville Street Chalk Art Festival
Sackville Fall Fair
Family Day at the Doncaster Farm

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Concerts in the Park

Once the province of New Brunswick announced the lifting of many social gathering restrictions on June 19th, we were able to consider offering some of our traditionally smaller events. This is where Concerts in the Park come in. We are pleased to be able to once again offer our Concerts in the Park series on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00pm at the Bill Johnstone Memorial Park. Here is a list of performers for the reminder of the summer:

August 6th: Bus 41
August 13th: The Junior Jills
August 20th: The Jenson McSheffery Jazz Duo
August 27th: Spencer and Friends
September 3rd: the Sackville Strummers

Please keep in mind that anyone entering the Concert area will need to provide name and contact information, will be pre-screened for COVID-19 symptoms and will be required to physically distance from those outside of your social bubble.

Boat Launch Closure

On Saturday, August 15th the public boat launch at Lillas Fawcett Park will be closed to motorized watercraft from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm to accommodate the Levee on the Lake event taking place that day. The site will be used as an access point for people powered watercraft (kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, etc) who are interested in participating in the event.

Dog Tag Notices

2020 Dog Tags are now available at Town Hall, 31C Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Please be advised that due to Covid-19, dog tag sales were suspended from March 15, 2020 - May 24, 2020. Town Hall reopened to the public on May 25, 2020 and residents are now encouraged to get their dog tags.

Registration fees:
· $20.00 for a spayed or neutered dog
· $20.00 for any dog who is not spayed or neutered up to 12 months (proof of age required)
· $40.00 for any dog who is not spayed or neutered over 12 months (proof of age required)

Please note that tags issued after July 31, 2020 will be subject to an additional $20 fee.

Proof of rabies vaccination must be shown at the time the dog tag is purchased.

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New Brunswick Day Activities

The 2020 New Brunswick Day Celebrations are going to look a little bit different this year, but we are excited to offer a great lineup. The registration period has passed, but residents are still welcome to come out and if we can safely accommodate you we'll be happy to have you participate.





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Town Hall Updates

Here is a list of the motions approved by Council during a busy July Regular Council meeting:

Council has approved the 2019 audit as presented by Stevenson and Partners, LLP and authorize the mayor and clerk to sign and seal the audit.

Council appointed Stevenson and Partners, LLP out of Riverview, NB as the Town's auditors for 2020.

Council has appointed Kyle Tower our summer 2020 By-Law student, and approved all of the required authorizations needed for him to do the job, effective July 13th.

Council directed staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for asset management system enhancements in Sackville, which will include a $12,500 financial commitment from the Town's budget.

Council awarded tender no. 2020-08 Milner Avenue Reconstruction to the lowest bidder, Bowsers' Construction Ltd., Sackville, NB in the amount of $221,872.95, HST included.

Council authorized waiving Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre rental fees for the rental period of August 2020 to September 2020 to Mount Allison University to accommodate the 2020 student welcome centre.

Council approved a financial contribution to Garrison Hill Entertainment for the Levee on the Lake in the amount of $4,000.00 per event towards reimbursable expenses (once paid invoices are provided after the event has taken place), plus up to $1,000.00 of in -kind services per scheduled event to a maximum contribution of $12,000.00 in reimbursed expenses and $3,000 worth of in-kind services.

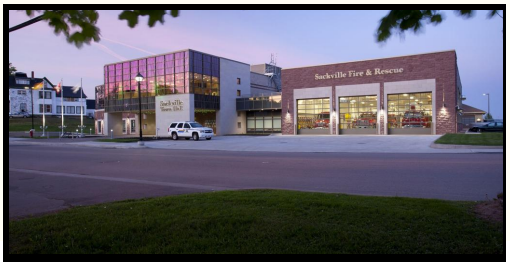
Council gave first reading in name only to by-law no. 275 Fire Prevention By-law.

Council gave first reading in name only to by-law no. 276, a By-law Respecting Culverts and Water Drainage Structures.

Council approved Policy 2020-11, the Town of Sackville Occupational Health and Safety Policy.

Council repealed Policy 2011-02, the Town of Sackville Occupational Health and Safety Policy.

Council approved several motions to accommodate the Sappyfest Contemporary Arts Festival presentation on the Terra Beata facility, as presented at the special meeting of council on July 6, 2020.



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Follow us on Social Media

The best way to stay up to date on municipal events, updates and news is to follow our various social media platforms. Staff work hard to update them all regularly and are quick to respond to questions.



The Town has various accounts:
Facebook (www.facebook.com/SackvilleNB)
Instagram (@SackvilleNB)
Twitter (@SackvilleTownNB)

You can even subscribe to our Youtube Channel for video of our Regular Council Meetings!

Community Calendar

Do you regularly host public events or know others that do? Are you looking for a great way to get the word out? Our calendar on the Town of Sackville website is by far the most popular feature on the site.

You can easily submit your events to the Town Calendar by visiting **www.sackville.com/calendar**. Your submission will be reviewed by staff and published in short order for anyone visiting the website to see!

Emergency Public Alert System

The Emergency Public Alert System has been established in Sackville to make residents aware when major emergency events take place. To receive a text, voicemail and/or an email when a major emergency is taking place in the Town, we encourage all residents to register for the system by visiting https://sackville.com/residents/resident-services/ and clicking on the link on the right-hand side of the page. **Click here for a direct link**. If you do not have a computer to register, please call 364-4960 to get yourself registered.

Sign Up With the Community Directory

The Town of Sackville's website has many great features, but one that we are particularly proud of is the Community Directory. Here, local organizations and businesses can submit a directory listing with their contact information, website, and so forth. This easy to use directory makes it much easier for potential customers and users to find your information.

To submit a business or organization, or if you're trying to find one, simply visit **www.sackville.com/directory**/ and follow the instructions.