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Monthly Newsletter

Town of Sackville

www.sackville.com April 2021

Important April Dates

Special Council Meeting
April 6, 2021
6:30 pm
Participate or watch at sackville.com

Regular Council Meeting
April 12, 2021
7:00pm
Participate or watch at Sackville.com

Good Friday and Easter Monday
April 2 and April 5, 2021
Town offices are closed

Dates and meetings are changing daily. Please visit the Community Events Calendar for the latest updates.

Vaccination Clinic Coming to Sackville this Spring

The Town of Sackville was recently approached by the Vitalité Health Network, in cooperation with Horizon Health and the Province of New Brunswick, to use the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre as a mass vaccination facility opening this spring.

After visiting and considering several sites in Sackville, Vitalité determined that the Civic Centre was their best option.



We are excited to know that Sackville was made a priority to host a vaccination clinic, and by hosting this clinic we will be able to make Sackville an even safer place to live in that much faster. We are happy to accommodate Vitalité in this important step towards eradicating the Covid-19 virus.

All of these vaccination discussions have taken place very quickly and we are expecting Vitalité, in coordination with their other stakeholders, to release information on the vaccination centre in the coming days.

For more information on how to book a COVID-19 Vaccination appointment or to find out if you are currently eligible to receive a vaccine, please visit the Government of New Brunswick **website**.

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Sackville COVID-19 Testing Centre

Horizon Health has opened a new, temporary COVID-19 Assessment Centre in Sackville at the Tantramar Veteran's Memorial Civic Centre, 182 Main St. This site began testing patients for COVID-19 on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

The hours of operation are based on need, and the site will remain in place as long as there is sufficient demand for this service.

Like all other COVID-19 Assessment Centres in New Brunswick, visiting the Sackville site for a COVID-19 test requires an appointment. To request an appointment call Tele-Care 811 or visit **www.gnb.ca/coronavirus** and select 'Sackville' in the drop-down menu when choosing a location preference.

Recreation Programming

Our ongoing programming is underway and with the move back to the YELLOW level of the province's COVID-19 Recovery Plan we have been able to start programming again. Follow us on **Facebook** for updates on virtual opportunities. A full schedule of summer programming will be coming soon! Here are some of our current programs.

Saturday Trailblazers
Senior's Aerobics

For full details or to register for any of the above programs, please visit **www.sackville.com/programs**.

For other community recreational opportunities, please visit **www.sackville.com/calendar**.

Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre

After a hectic ice season, the ice has been removed until the fall and now we are gearing up for Lacrosse and the COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

We would like to thank all of the Civic Centre patrons for continuing to respect the COVID-19 rules we have put in place to help keep all of our community members and visitors safe.



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Spring Clean-up Information



This year Town of Sackville's Spring Clean-up will be held during the week of May 3 to May 7, 2021. Citizens are encouraged to clean up their properties and place your items at curbside the day before your regular garbage pickup to have waste materials hauled away.

Items that WILL be picked up in addition to normal household garbage include: bagged leaves, furniture, appliances, tree limbs no longer than 4 feet, neatly tied in bundles (not entire trees) and construction debris, up to 50 kg (placed in a separate pile).

Items that WILL NOT be picked up: cars and car parts, trees, brush, or Household Hazardous Wastes, or items from apartments greater than 4 units (currently not receiving municipal pick-up).

Please note that black garbage bags and items stacked on a utility trailer will not be accepted.

For more information, please call Miller Waste at 855-9783.

Bubble Appreciation Shopping Event

Mount Allison University and the Town of Sackville would like to thank our local businesses for all of their hard work over a difficult year by organizing a local “MtA Sackville Bubble Appreciation” event on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The idea is to thank residents and MtA students for continuing to ‘Protect the Bubble’ and follow Public Health guidelines, while also attracting more people to shop local at your businesses.

There will be two planned aspects to the day. First, we are hoping to encourage local businesses to offer some sort of “Bubble Special” on April 17. Secondly, shoppers can snap a creative pic of themselves enjoying Bubble promotions, safely in their own bubbles, then post to social media using #MtaSackvilleBubble for a chance to win a great prize!



Businesses interested in taking part can submit their specials to m.pryde@sackville.com by April 5, 2021. Anyone looking for a list of specials can look for the Facebook event on the Town of Sackville's **Facebook Page**.

April is Poetry Month

April is Poetry Month and this year's theme will be Climate Change.

Poetry Month Contest
Do you have the perfect poem hidden away in a desk somewhere? Maybe you have been recently motivated? Enter the Town of Sackville's Poetry Writing Contest today!

New this year, you can record a video of yourself performing your poem for a second opportunity to win a great prize! Just post online using #SackvillePoet21 or submit your video as per the instructions below.

Categories:
5-10 years old
10-12 years old
13-15 years old
15-18 years old
Mount Allison Student
Adult
Poems can be of any length and style. The winners will have their poems professionally displayed at Tidewater Books and will receive some other great prizes.

To enter the contest, download the required **entry form** and submit to a.hastie@sackville.com or by dropping your poem/video off to Town Hall by 4:30pm on April 16, 2021.

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Talking Troubles: A Spoken Word Workshop for Teens
Talking Troubles is a digital spoken word workshop for beginners. This 90-minute workshop will teach participants how to create and perform their own poetry by introducing them to the fundamentals and differences of the spoken word art form. At the end of the workshop, everyone will have a chance to share the original poem they created.

Ages: High School 16+
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
Register **here** before April 5, 2021.

Taught by New Brunswick's Spoken Word Poet, Thandiwe McCarthy. All participants are expected to bring only their voices, pens, paper, and a passion for speaking out.

Artist Bio: Thandiwe McCarthy is a writer, spoken word poet, and 7th generation Black Canadian living in Fredericton, New Brunswick. He has performed his poetry at Atlantic Canada's largest literary event: Frye Festival, at Fredericton's FLOURISH Festival For Art, and UNB's 2020 Art Centre Exhibit: "Rediscovering the Roots of Black New Brunswickers". He has recently completed his memoir titled Social Oblivion: Raised Black in New Brunswick.

Earth Day Celebrations

The Town of Sackville, along with several community partners will be taking on several initiatives to celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2021! Activities include: A community wide cleanup, nightly virtual bedtime stories leading up to the big day, a climate change themed poetry contest, a 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) photography contest, and much more.

To get involved, contact Deanna Cadman at d.cadman@sackville.com or 364-4930.

To keep up to date on the full schedule of activities, please join the event on **Facebook**.

2021 Census Employment Opportunities

The census paints a portrait of Canada's population and the places where we live. Information from the census will ensure that our community has the data it needs for planning schools, daycare, housing, hospitals, emergency services, roads, public transportation, and employment skills training.

Statistics Canada is currently hiring approximately 32,000 people for census enumerator and crew leader positions across Canada. Be part of a great undertaking and join the 2021 Census team!

For more information, please **click here**.

The Sackville Rotary Club Celebrates 90 Years!

This summer the Rotary Club of Sackville will be celebrating 90 years of service in our community. Over the next few months, leading up to the anniversary date, Rotarians will be out in full force celebrating the best way they know how, by giving back through volunteer work and community involvement, starting with the Town of Sackville's Earth Day Clean Up on April 22.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Sackville or how you can become a member please visit: sackvillerotary.ca

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Winter Overnight Parking Notice

The Town would like to remind all residents that winter parking restrictions are still in place and will be enforced until May 1, 2021. Remember, keeping your cars off the street will allow us to keep the roads clear and safe!

Parking between the hours of 1:00 AM – 6:00 AM is not permitted on any day, highway, street, portion of a street, or public parking lot owned or maintained by the Town of Sackville. Parking is also not permitted at any time so as to interfere with snow plowing or snow removal.

Violations for a first offense range from $50 – $500, and may also include the vehicle to be towed at the vehicle owners expense.

Thank you for helping us keep our street clear!

Local Elections



Are you interested in municipal government and/or civic issues? Local elections are scheduled to take place on May 10, 2021. Potential candidates can now put their name forward to be considered in the following areas:

1. Municipal Elections
2. Regional Health Authorities
3. District Education Council

You can find full details about the process by clicking **here**.

2021 Dog Tags Now Available



It's that time of year again- 2021 Dog Tags are now available at Town Hall, 31C Main Street, 2nd Floor.

Registration fees after March 31, 2021:
· $40.00 for a spayed or neutered dog
· $40.00 for any dog who is not spayed or neutered up to 12 months (proof of age required)
· $60.00 for any dog who is not spayed or neutered over 12 months (proof of age required)

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

Copies of By-Law 218 regarding dog tags are available at Town Hall or visit www.sackville.com

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Food Safety course

The Town of Sackville is offering another food handler and food safety certification course on Tuesday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food handler and food safety certifications are designed for candidates that require certification that meets current health laws passed by the province. Students enrolled in this course will receive training in a variety of different food safe practices including food handling, storing, preparing, sanitation and hygiene. The course will be taught by Foodsafe Atlantic. The cost for the course is $100 + HST for people or businesses from outside of Sackville, and the Town of Sackville is offering a subsidized rate of $50 + HST to businesses or people who live in the Town.

Please note that all necessary precautions for COVID 19 will be in place. All participants must wear masks during the course and will need to supply their own mask.

For more information on the course, please phone 364-4938 or email visitor@sackville.com. Registration can be done at the front desk at Town Hall 31C Main St., or **here**.

Yorkshire and Foundry Anniversaries in 2022 – Funding Opportunities

Town and Live Bait Theatre are organizing explorations of the anniversaries of the arrival of Yorkshire Settlers and the founding of the Enterprise Foundry. There was a virtual meeting to discuss funding opportunities for cultural projects related to the anniversaries on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. If you were not able to participate in the meeting but are still interested in participating in the anniversaries, please contact Ron at r.kellyspurles@sackville.com or **click here**.

4th Annual Resident's Survey

In February 2017, the Town of Sackville adopted a 5-year Strategic Plan – Sackville 2022. This plan provides a clear direction for the Town and importantly, includes a commitment to monitor the Town's success and obtain feedback on the various service delivery areas that the Town provides to its residents. This is the Town's third annual residents survey, part of the Town's commitment to review Sackville 2022 and to provide a report card to our citizens.

We encourage you to take a few moments to complete this survey so that you can help us continue to improve the way in which services are delivered to our residents. If you need assistance in completing this survey, or have any questions, please contact Kieran Miller, Senior Manager of Corporate Projects, at 364-4930.

To complete the survey, **click here**.

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Get to Know Your Town Staff



The Town of Sackville is lucky to have amazing staff that work hard to make our community a great place to live for all of our residents. That's why we would like to introduce you to our hard working staff. Each month we will feature a different staff member in our newsletter. This month we are pleased to introduce you to Donna Beal.

Donna has been happily married to husband, Mike, for almost 42 years. Together, they have two sons, Matthew and Adam, two beautiful daughters-in-law and four amazing grandchildren. For fun, Donna likes to keep herself fit. She enjoys hiking, walking or any other type of exercise, and spends about half the year (depending on the weather) at her cottage at Walton's Beach, and will even travel back and forth to work.

Speaking of work, Donna has been working with the town just over 10 years now. Starting as the Assistant Clerk, Donna is now the Town Clerk, and is our go-to person whenever Council or staff has a question concerning policies, by-laws and town documents. Over the years, Donna has earned a Certificate in Political Abilities, Certificate Perfect Policies, and the Commission of Oath.

Born and raised here, Donna loves that Sackville combines small town feel while offering so much. She has expressed how fortunate she is to live and work in Sackville, the small town with the big heart. Donna believes that there is something for everyone in Sackville and loves seeing the faces of the students attending MTA every fall full of excitement and anticipation. When she does get the itch to get away, you will find Donna visiting her sister in Truro (when permitted) or hanging out at the cottage.

Tantramar Senior's College Spring Registration

The Tantramar Seniors College invites you to register for their wide variety of both online and outdoor activity courses (social distancing regulations apply), running April 26, 2021 until the end of June. You can register between April 12-15, 2021 by emailing tsccoordinator@gmail.com

For a full list of their Spring offerings, please consult the **TSC website**.

New members are always welcome.

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Sackville Arts Wall now Accepting Nominations

The Sackville Arts Wall recognizes and honours achievements of Sackville and area artists who have attained international, national or regional prominence and distinction in the following three classifications: Literary Arts, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. It also honours a Sackville and area citizen (or group) who has been instrumental in the cultural and artistic development within our community.

Candidates may be nominated in any one of four categories: **Literary Arts, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and Arts Builders.**

The next induction ceremony will be held in fall of 2021. To nominate an artist, please download our 2021 Nomination Form and submit by **May 14, 2021**. If you have any questions about the Sackville Arts Wall, please contact Recreation Programs and Events at 364-4930.

Nomination forms and full eligibility requirements are available **here**.

211 is Here to Help

Asking for help isn't always easy. Dialling 2-1-1 will confidentially connect you with a 211 Navigator who can help find the right support in your community for your situation, whether it's housing, food, or more. #HelpStartsHere



Sackville Rod and Gun Club Walker Road Range Expansion Raffle

The Sackville Rod and Gun Club are holding a raffle to help fund their Walker Road Range Expansion! This fundraiser will also allow the club to help support a New Brunswick Outfitter during the pandemic, a time when most are struggling to make ends meet.

Total value of all prizes are over $4,400.00!

Prizes will be drawn on May 1st, 2021 at 7pm and broadcast to Facebook Live.

A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold at $20 each. (If 165 tickets are not sold by draw date we will hold a 50/50 draw)

Ticket purchase can be made in person from a club member, or **online** with payment made by email transfer to president@sackvillerodandgun.ca (set for automatic deposit).

For more details, please visit the Rod and Gun Club's **website**.

The Performers' Theatre Company 2021 Productions

The Performers' Theatre Company are proud to announce their 2021 productions. For more information and tickets email them at performerstheatresackville@gmail.com. You can also check out their Facebook page and **website**. Phone (506) 536-1264 to speak to a member of the theatre.

Onstage Radio Comedy (Play to be advised)
Radio plays were often recorded in front of a live audience, at radio broadcasting studios. Now you will get your chance to experience this at The Performers' Theatre Company studio. First you'll only 'hear' the play being staged behind closed curtains. The curtains will then be opened to reveal the behind the scenes activity as the play is then staged again, but this time you'll get more than just the radio play!

Performances Dates:
- Thursday, June 8 - Saturday June 10 at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday, June 14 - Saturday June 17 at 7:30pm.
- Sunday, June 18 at 2:00pm.

Admission: $20 adults and $12 students/child. Tickets can be purchased by emailing the theatre company.

Auditions will take place on Sunday April 25th at 2pm. Roles will be announced in the coming weeks but please email the company if you are interested in taking part and you will be contacted with more specifics. And remember...no lines have to be learnt for this type of production!

'A Banishment of Poets' by Sue Rose
An "all ages" play full of colourful characters, music, sword fights, fun and candy! This will take place at Bill Johnson Memorial Park at 2pm from Wednesday, August 11 - Sunday, August 15.

Advanced bookings or tickets are not necessary. Donations will be accepted at the performance.

Auditions will be held on Sunday April 11th at 2pm and Monday April 12th at 7pm (venue to be announced). Email the theatre company for more information and to reserve an audition time.

'The Book of Darkness & Light' by Adam Z. Robinson
The re-enactment of three chilling ghost stories from this most mysterious book, will play-out at The Performers' Theatre Company studio. Presented to sold-out audiences all over the United Kingdom, this is the first time the production has been seen outside their shores. If you like a good ghost story, then you won't want to miss this. Then again...are you brave enough?

Performances Dates:
- Thursday, November 4 - Saturday November 6 at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday, November 10 - Saturday November 13 at 7:30pm.
- Sunday, November 14 at 2:00pm.

Admission: $20 adults and $12 students/child. Tickets can be purchased by emailing the theatre company.
Auditions will be held on Sunday August 8th at 7pm. Please email the company for further information.

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Town Hall Updates

Our March Regular Council Meeting of 2021 was a busy one. Here are a list of the key motions that were presented:

The Deputy Mayor declared March 25, 2021 Mountie Day in the Town of Sackville.

The Deputy Mayor also proclaimed April as Poetry Month in the Town of Sackville.

Council authorized the transfer of $5,730.00 to Renaissance Sackville from the town's 2021 operational budget for the purpose of supporting two applications: CHMA Attic Broadcasting Company Limited and Hardscrabble Press.

Council awarded tender no. 2021-04, 2021: Street Asphalt Patching to the lowest bidder Von Industries ltd., in the amount of $282,957.50 hst included.

Council approved the breakdown for the 2021 gas tax fund for paving projects in the amount of $423,200. Streets include Walker, Morgan, Ogden Mill, Crescent, Balser, Raworth Heights (lower) and Wright.

Council granted permission for the Intangible Culture and Heritage Council of New Brunswick to host a meal including the distribution of alcohol in a secured area in Lillas Fawcett Park on August 20, 2021, subject to provincial liquor and safety laws, and obtaining liability insurance in the amount of $2,000,000 naming the Town of Sackville as co-insured.

Council has waived the fees for public skates and family skates at the Tantramar Veterans' Memorial Civic Centre for the remainder of the 2020/21 ice season.

Council approved the purchase of five (5) sets of Star-Field Lion Bunker Gear and five (5) sets of Haix Firefighting Boots from Micmac Fire & Safety Source ltd., in the amount of $19,348.75 hst included.

Council gave first reading in name only to by-law no. 278, a by-law to regulate purchasing, leasing, tendering and disposal of surplus property, equipment and materials.



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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 **clicking here** or by calling 364-4930.

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. If your organization is no longer operational or if you need to update your information, please email info@sackville.com