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# The Village News

**Spring / Summer Programs, Events & News** 

# Things are **BUZZING** in the Village!

"Welcome Spring! Take away our lonely cold days and fill our lives with your warmth!"

Never has there been a more exciting time in the Village of New Maryland! Our Sunrise Wellfield Project is well underway, with two important construction projects taking place over the next few months. In addition, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, Government of New Brunswick, will be replacing the culvert that crosses under New Maryland Highway at Baker Brook. Details of these impactful infrastructure projects are provided on page three of the newsletter.

On the Recreation side of things, we are at the final stages of the Athletic Park Redevelopment

Project. Our consulting team will be releasing the Draft Redevelopment Plan later in May, which will include costing and

A kind word is like

a spring day.

infrastructure improvements for phased improvements. Page four illustrates the proposed amenities to be included in the Athletic Park Redevelopment project.

Looking for information on summer programs and events? We have all the details! Our popular summer day camps, evening socials, summer concerts, the ParticipACTION Community Challenge (with some NEW events this year),

our Counsellor in Training (CIT) Program, a Babysitter course, and a variety of special events, are all highlighted in these pages.

Have you heard about the "Honour Our Veterans" Banner Initiative? Visited the newly installed "Wind Phone"? Take a look inside to learn more about them! Finally, general information and timely updates from our various Village Departments have been included as well.

Questions? Feedback? Reach out to the Village Office via phone, email or through our Facebook page. Our main contact details are to

the left, with additional staff contacts provided for specific projects and programs throughout this publication.

Wishing our readers, residents, neighbours, and friends a restorative spring and summer season!

# Mayor's Message—Judy Wilson-Shee



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Spring/Summer Newsletter. This guide contains information on programs and special events that the Recreation & Leisure Services Department

offers, as well as important news from other Village departments, and information from local non-profit organizations and clubs.

Our popular evening socials and concerts will be held at the New Maryland Centre and will be held outside, weather permitting.

We will be taking part in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge again this year and we

encourage everyone to actively participate. Special events include the Mayor's Walk from NMES, a Pickleball Try-it event, and new this year, Yoga in the Park. We also look forward to having more "individual" participation in the Community Challenge this

year.

I encourage our residents to stay informed by following us on Twitter,
@VLGNew
Maryland, on Facebook (search Village of New Maryland) or the Village's website,



The Wind Phone is a unique, added feature to have on our walking trails, found in the middle of nature. After educating my grandson Kale on the meaning and usage of the Wind Phone, we visited the site and used the device. It was an emotional time for both of us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in making the Spring/Summer Programs, Events & News possible, the commitment of our Village staff, as well as the members of Council, the support of our local volunteers, and the contributions of our sponsors.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our special events during the coming

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Be Kind









It's that time of year again when residents start cleaning up around their homes after the long winter months. When cleaning up your property, please keep these important dates in mind:

- Monday, May 22nd (Curbside Branch Mulching Program Begins)
- May 24th (East Side) & May 25th (West Side) Leaf Collection

(Note: Compostable Bags only; plastic bags will not be accepted)

#### 2023 DOG LICENSES ARE DUE!





In accordance with Village of New Maryland Animal Control Bylaw No. 52, all dogs **MUST** be registered with the Village by December 31st for the *following calendar year*.

#### Fees for 2023 dog licences:

\$15 for spayed or neutered \$30 for unspayed or unneutered

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or debit.



Regardless of when you purchased your 2022 dog licence, your dog is now due for its 2023 licence.

Licences can be purchased at the Village office, 584 New Maryland Highway, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

For more information about our Animal Control By-law, please visit our website at <a href="www.vonm.ca">www.vonm.ca</a> or call the Village office at 506-451-8508.

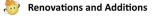


#### Grow it, Don't Mow it

Please leave your lawn or a portion of your lawn uncut during May, and provide a vital source of nectar for bees and other insects.



# BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMITS REQUIRED:



Repairing or Replacing Structures

New Construction

Garage or Shed Construction

Pool, Hot Tub or Decks

**Demolition** 

Roofing

Questions? Contact staff of Development Services at 451-8508 or visit our website www.vonm.ca



# 2023 Construction Projects

There will be three major construction projects happening in the Village this year:

#### **Sunrise Wellfield Development Well Control Building Construction:**

On site work at the two well sites are expected to start at the **beginning of May**. The work involves the construction of two well control buildings, site development, power supply to the sites, installation of water supply pumps, internal process piping and a back-up generator. This construction is expected to be **completed by September**.



#### **Sunrise Wellfield Development Water Main Installation:**

The installation of a water main along the west side of New Maryland Highway is expected to start in **June** of this year. The water main installation will begin just south of New Maryland Pharmacy and continue north to Daniel Drive. The Village is hoping to maintain traffic flow throughout the project; however, **there may be minor delays** through the work zone. The work is expected to be **completed by the end of October** of this year.



#### **Baker Brook Culvert Replacement:**



The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will be replacing the culvert that crosses under New Maryland Highway at Baker Brook. The project includes replacing the existing culvert with a 3-metre x 3.6-metre concrete box culvert. Traffic will be detoured around the site during construction. The project is expected to maintain traffic flow; however, there may be minor delays. Construction is expected to start mid-June and be completed by the end of October of this year.

Please note that information on these projects will be provided on our website and our social media as updates are available.

#### NEW MARYLAND VILLAGE COUNCIL

The public is welcome to attend the New Maryland Village Council meetings held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Each month there is a designated time slotted for public input and inquiries. If a member of the public wants to make a presentation to Council, 48 hours notice to the Clerk's office is required. The meetings are held at the Village office in the Council Chamber and agendas are posted to our website in advance of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Be Connected. Be Heard. Be Informed.

# DISPOSE OF TRASH RESPONSIBLY Never Feed or Approach Bears Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors Clean & Store Grills For more information visit the Village website www.vonm.ca

# Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan





Work continues on the Redevelopment Plan for Athletic Park. The goal of this plan is to repurpose the Athletic Park property to incorporate a variety of recreational amenities, for all ages, with a focus on inclusivity and unstructured recreation and play.

At the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Council in Committee meeting, representatives from our project consultants UPLAND Planning and Design Studio presented the **DRAFT** Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan for

Council's approval. The draft plan identified four phases of infrastructure improvements and upgrades to Athletic Park, including several new exciting amenities (see below). Council expressed their full support for the draft plan and next steps are to provide specific site plan details including costing, as well as a recommended timeline for the facility improvements.

Once this information is completed by the consultant (which is anticipated in late May), Council will seek

additional public feedback before final approval of the project plan. Watch for updates on our website and social media later this Spring.

A reminder that the "What We Heard" report as well as additional background information is available on our website (search Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan). If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, you can contact the project team via e-mail:

consultation@uplandstudio.ca or Phone: 902-423-0649



**Draft Redevelopment Plan** 





# Honour Our Veterans Banner Program



The **Honour our Veterans Banner Program** was introduced in 2022
and will be offered again this
year.

The program provides an opportunity for family members to honour a veteran from the New Maryland community.

Banners will be displayed from the third week of October until just after Remembrance Day along the New Maryland Highway light poles. There is currently space available for TEN banners.

Banner dimensions are two feet by five feet, double-sided, and include veteran service details as well as a photograph and family dedication (see sample banner to the right). The cost is \$200 plus HST.

Further details as well as an application form is on the Village website. Applications will be accepted until Friday, August 25th, with final banner design submitted by Friday, September 1st. For more information, please contact Michelle in the Village Office, 506-458-6094 or via e-mail, michelle.sawler@vonm.ca.



# Wind Phone—NMC Nature Trails

Deputy Mayor Tim Scammell and Public Works Supervisor Rockland Miller spearheaded the installation of a Wind



Phone on the New Maryland Centre Trails. A Wind Phone is a non-functioning telephone which allows those who have lost a loved one to "talk" to them again.

Originating in Japan and growing

throughout North America, and believed to be the first in New Brunswick, the new wind phone is located approximately 500 metres into the woods along the Fletcher's Walk loop in the New Maryland Nature Trails. There are more than 100 wind phones registered on the <a href="mywindphone.com">mywindphone.com</a> website, with locations in Italy, the Netherlands, Ireland, Denmark, and all over the United States. In Canada, there are phones registered in



Quebec, Newfoundland, British Columbia, and one in Digby, Nova Scotia. The New Maryland Wind Phone was registered with the website shortly after it was installed.

The wind phone is mounted in a walnut stained box on a cedar tree next to a bench where you can sit and talk as long



as you like. Miller drilled an extra hole in the receiver with the idea that a blowing wind would create a comforting sound in the ear of the user. If you are grieving or have lost a loved one, may this Wind Phone provide a source of comfort. For more details, including an article recently published by the Daily Gleaner, please visit the following link on the Village of New Maryland website: <a href="https://www.vonm.ca/living/walking-trails">https://www.vonm.ca/living/walking-trails</a>.



# Day Camp Program (Ages 6-12)

Welcome to all new and returning campers and their families! We are switching things up this year with some new themes and some different day trips; but don't worry, many of your favourites are still on the agenda!

Again this year, we will offer a oneweek "Older Kids" camp (ages 10-13) in August; always a staff favourite and lots of fun for the "big kids". At the

#### **New Maryland Day Camp**

**Program**, your child will enjoy lots of outdoor play, daily crafts and activities, weekly day trips, themed dress-up days, and most importantly tons of **FUN** at our technology-free camps.

With our certified staff to camper ratio of 6:1, your child will enjoy personalized attention from our



caring, well-trained
Camp Counsellors.
All of our staff are
trained in High Five
and are also
certified in First
Aid & CPR. It is
our goal to
ensure your kids

have a fun, active, creative and engaging day camp experience!

Complete details on all of our summer day camp weeks as well as the *fillable* 

registration form can be found on our web site—
www.vonm.ca.

You can also pick up a copy at the Village Office.

We can't wait to see returning campers and we also hope to see some new faces again this year. Get ready for another unforgettable summer. Check out our weekly themes and decide which camps are "can't miss" for your kids this summer.

Registration will be offered again this year via e-mail,

<u>daycampsupervisor@vonm.ca</u> or inperson at the Village office.

**Village residents** can register starting Monday, May 15th at 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.

Open registration will begin on Tuesday, May 16th at 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.

After May 16th, <u>registration will</u>
<u>continue daily</u> until camps are sold out.

#### **Camp Hours**:

Planned programming runs from Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Supervision is available from 7:45 am (drop-off) - 5:30 pm (pick-up)

#### **Location:**

Weeks I, 8 & 9, New Maryland Centre

Weeks 2—7, New Maryland Elementary School (NMES)

#### **Day Camp Fees:**

Weeks 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, & 9 —\$160 per camper until June 23rd (\$180 after June 26th)

Weeks 2 & 7—\$130 per camper until June 23rd (\$150 after June 26th)

Please note that Week 9 is for return campers that have attended at least two other weeks of camp.

#### **Weekly Field Trips:**

Scheduled field trips take place each Thursday of camp. Full details are on our



#### **DAY CAMP THEMES**

Week I, International Chefs NEW!

June 26th — June 30th

Week 2, Blast from the Past! NEW!

July 4th — July 7th (4 days)

Week 3, Hollywood Week NEW!

July 10th — July 14th

Week 4, Back to the Beach!

July 17th — July 21st

Week 5, Sports FAN-atics!

July 24th — July 28th

Week 6, Nature Lovers NEW!

July 31st — August 4th

Week 7, Adventure Challenge! (4 days)

(Note: Ages 10-13 only)

August 8th — August 11th

Week 8, Spaced Out! NEW!

August 14th — August 18th

Week 9, End of Summer Party!

August 21st — August 25th



Enjoying some line dancing during Farm Week last year!

#### **Additional Information:**

- ♦ Fee includes one camper t-shirt for the summer
- ◆ Supervision <u>before</u> 7:45 AM or <u>after</u> 5:30 PM will be charged an additional \$15.00 per incident (arrangements must be made in advance and are payable that day).



# ParticipACTION Community Challenge

Again this year, the Village's Recreation & Leisure Services Department has registered the Village of New Maryland to participate in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge during the month of June.

We are challenging our residents to log 30 minutes of activity for each of the 30 days of June.

In 2022, New Maryland tracked



over 800,000 minutes, placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the Province of New Brunswick out of 172 participating

communities, and 98<sup>th</sup> nationally out of 2,466 participating communities throughout Canada.

This year we would love to do even better, and we are hoping to see an increase in individual participation and logging on the app.

On June 1st, in partnership with the New Maryland Elementary School, the Village will launch the **Community Challenge** with a 30-

minute Mayor's Walk from NMES.



In addition, staff will be logging daily phys. ed and intramural sports activities, and will also encourage additional activities for students

throughout the month of June.



We will also be holding another **Pickleball Try-it Event** on Saturday, June 17th at NMES (spaces are limited and registration will be **REQUIRED**).

In addition, we are very excited to be partnering with Tabitha Crowell, to offer a brand-new activity, **Yoga** in the **Park** on Monday evenings in Athletic Park (from 7:00—8:00 pm) as well as a kids "Yoga in the Park" on

as a kids "Yoga in the Park" or Saturday, June 10th from 10:00—11:00 am.

Keep an eye out for additional program and registration details later in May. In the meantime, make sure you

download the **ParticipACTION** app on your phone and get ready to join the **Community Challenge!** 



#### BABYSITTERS COURSE

Date: Wednesday, June 28th

Where: Victoria Hall Ages: II and up

**Time**: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

**Cost**: \$60 \*



Course registration form is available on the Village's website—www.vonm.ca, and e-transfer payments are available. E-mail the completed form to michelle.sawler@vonm.ca and she will provide the payment options. Please note these courses fill up quickly and we cannot "hold" a space for your child. You must complete the registration form and make payment in order to reserve your spot. Instruction provided by KCM Technical Solutions, an authorized Canadian Red Cross provider.

\*Fee includes course book, first aid kit, and certificate.

#### **COUNSELLOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM (AGES 14-16)**

Are you too young to work and too old for camp? Why not consider applying to be a Counsellor in Training (CIT) with the Village's Recreation & Leisure Services Department? Youth ages <a href="14-16">14-16</a> can apply to volunteer to be a CIT for two weeks at our Day Camp program. To apply, complete and submit your CIT application (available online at <a href="www.vonm.ca">www.vonm.ca</a> or at the Village Office) by <a href="Monday, May 29th">Monday, May 29th</a>. We will be holding a Meet & Greet on <a href="Monday, June 5th">Monday, June 5th</a> and a maximum of 6 CIT's will be selected by our Day Camp staff. CIT's will be assigned a Camp Counsellor Buddy who will mentor and work with the CIT as they gain first-hand experience working with the staff and leading games and <a href="www.vonm.ca">Volunteer?</a>

staff and leading games and activities. CIT's will be evaluated by their buddy and those who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate. For more

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information on the CIT program, contact our Recreation Coordinator, michelle.sawler@vonm.ca.



# Parks & Playgrounds

Our Recreation staff maintain several parks and playgrounds in the Village of New Maryland. Why not make plans to explore each of the parks with your family this summer? Each playground features unique play structures, swings and picnic shelters. Athletic Park has a soccer field and two ballfields, a beach volleyball court, tennis courts and a basketball court. And of course the NMES playgrounds are fully accessible and a popular destination throughout the year!

- Athletic Park
- Orchard Park
- Centennial Park
- Shaw Park (accessible swing)
- Sunrise Park
- Wildwood Park (New Maryland Centre)

See Map on Page 12 for Park locations







baseball and soccer Hotline at 506-451-4732 or check the when fields are closed

# Miracle-Gro Best Garden Contest



Calling all gardeners! The Village of New Maryland has registered to participate in the 2023 "Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection" program from Scotts Canada.

This program is sponsored by



Communities in Bloom, with participating communities all over Canada.

Residents can nominate themselves or a neighbour for the "Best Garden in New Maryland". Submissions can be made throughout the summer, but nominations will close on Monday, July 31st.

Up to six gardeners will be awarded a prize package

including a "Best Garden" Sign and Miracle-Gro gift products, and congratulatory letters from Scotts Canada. Communities in Bloom, and the Village.

#### Let's get growing!





# Canada Day / Acadian Flag Raising



Our Canada Day Celebration returns this summer. This Canada Day, the Village is hosting an outdoor event at the New Maryland Centre with our Mayor and Council.

Back Two Basics will be performing, and we will have a bouncy castle, a BBQ, birthday cake, and new this year, face

painting! This event will be held from 1:00-3:00 pm. All are welcome, and there is no charge to attend.

#### **Acadian Flag Raising**

Residents are invited to join our Mayor, Council and staff on Tuesday, August 15th at Victoria Hall Park for the official flag raising of the Acadian Flag, in recognition of National Acadian Day, celebrating Acadian culture. Welcome remarks, light refreshments, and the singing of the Acadian Anthem are planned. Join us! Vive l'Acadie!





# SUMMER Concert SERIES



# Proudly Presented by:

VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
Recreation & Leisure Services
Department



New Maryland Centre Park
TUESDAYS 7:00—8:00 PM

July 11th Fingal's Rant Maritime / Contemporary Celtic

**Sponsored by:** Charters Construction

**Follows the Strawberry Social** 

July 25th Clifford Kelly Band Country / Blues

Sponsored by: A.L.L. Accounting

Follows the Ice Cream Social

August 15th Bearded Bards East Coast / Folk

Sponsored by: WSP Canada Inc.

Follows the Blueberry Social



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www.vonm.ca



#### VILLAGE SUMMER SOCIALS

Residents are invited to join us for some seasonal treats and meet your Mayor & Councillors at one of our Tuesday evening Village Socials this summer:



Strawberry Social July 11th



Tce Cream Social July 25th



Blueberry Social August 15th



Socials all start at 6:30 pm and will be held at the New Maryland Centre Park prior to the Summer Concert Series. These are ALL Free Events!

Urban/Rural Rides depends entirely on the generosity of volunteers to provide transportation for those who need it. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to provide rides to seniors, low-income families and people with moderate disabilities to medical appointments and food banks. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage to offset the out-of-pocket expense.

However, the true value of a volunteer cannot be measured in currency. The time they take out of their own lives to help others, share a friendly conversation, and make someone else feel like they have value, and someone cares about them, is priceless! The volunteer drivers that help get others where they need to go truly are some of most amazing people in the world and are very much appreciated!

If you would like to become a volunteer driver or would like more information about our service, please call 506-999-2102 or visit us online at <a href="http://urbanruralrides.ca">http://urbanruralrides.ca</a>



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#### PNM ZOOMERS

The PNM Zoomers is a group for residents 50+ of the Village and surrounding communities. The club aims to promote and provide an environment for physical activity, socialization and networking, community engagement, and advocacy. The club has an active membership and offers a variety of activities & programs. Everyone 50+ in the New Maryland area is welcome to join. Zoomers activities presently include stretch & strengthening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00—11:00 AM, and Book Club every 4th Thursday at 11:00 AM. We also host an arts & crafts club, and are always looking for input and ideas for new activities. We also publish a monthly newsletter. Activities run from September—June. Annual memberships are only \$20. If you are interested in learning more or would like to join, please contact us via e-mail, pnmzoomers@gmail.com or visit the Zoomers section of the VONM Web Site.



The Senior's Advisory Committee is working on establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Program. When we have updates we will share the information with our residents.

#### NEW MARYLAND LIONS CLUB

The New Maryland Lions Club is a local service group committed to improving the health and wellness of the community. The local club strives to help meet the needs of those less fortunate and to make our community a better place to live. The "community" that New Maryland Lions supports extends beyond the Village of New Maryland, to include New Maryland Parish, Beaverdam, Tracy, Fredericton Junction, Rusagonis and Charters Settlement.

All of the funds raised by the NM Lions Club are returned to the community in a variety of ways, such as scholarships, Christmas food boxes, financial assistance to residents experiencing catastrophic illnesses, and one of our largest recipients – our schools. NM Lions Club supports breakfast programs at both New Maryland Elementary School and Sunbury West School, as well as Bliss Carman Middle School, and FHS.

New Maryland Lions have celebrated more than 30 years of serving the New Maryland area, and helping Lions Clubs International mark 100 years of "We Serve"! New Maryland Lions Club is involved in our community, having celebrated more than 30 years as a club. We are **ALWAYS** eager to welcome new members, or new co-worker volunteers; we invite you to become involved **WITH** us. Visit us on Facebook, "New Maryland Lions Club News Group".

# Burning Regulations in the Village



Burning season has officially begun in the Village. Please note we **do not allow** open burning in the Village.

However, there is a permit system for residences to have outdoor fire pits. For details, visit the Village's web site — www.vonm.ca. Under Public Safety, Fire Department, you will find our by-law explaining how that works. These permits are re-issued each year at no charge by the Fire Department. To make an

appointment to get a new permit, or renew an existing permit, please call Fire Chief Harry Farrell, in the Fire Department Office at 450-8711.

## BWRN PERMIT

Please Note: Burning is **NOT PERMITTED** any time that the Dept. of Natural
Resources prohibits outdoor

burning due to extreme fire conditions. In order to determine if burning is permitted on any given day, please contact DNR at 1-866-458-8080 or visit the Provincial website (gnb.ca) and search "Forest Fire Watch".

Anyone who fails to comply with this By-law shall be liable to a penalty of \$250 for each offence (section 13 of Bylaw No. 20).



**September 30th** is the Frank Dunn Annual Golf Tournament – more information will follow later this summer!

#### Victoria Hall

A quaint heritage hall, built in 1918 with vaulted ceilings and restored original wood floors and washroom facilities. Our newly renovated kitchen makes this a beautiful facility for community events, celebrations and special rentals.



# Water & Sewer Payments

<u>Online Banking</u>: The Village of New Maryland accepts on-line banking payments for your Water & Sewer bills.

Our payee name is listed differently with many of the banks; if you need assistance with locating us on the list, you can contact your bank and they will be able to assist you.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Office at 506-451-8508 or e-mail accounts.receivable@vonm.ca.

#### **E-mailed Statements:**

Your Water & Sewer statements can be e-mailed to you instead of being sent through Canada Post.

If you are not currently receiving your statements by e-mail, but would like to register to do so, please send a message to: <a href="mailto:accounts.receivable@vonm.ca">accounts.receivable@vonm.ca</a>, providing the following information:

- Water & Sewer account number (6 digit number located on your statement);
- Name on the account;
- · Civic address; and
- · E-mail address you would like us to use

#### **New Maryland Centre**

New Maryland Centre is an enhanced facility perfectly suited for your next event. NMC is suitable for meetings, conferences, seminars, trainings, banquets, wedding receptions, reunions, and seasonal parties. Never been inside the New Maryland Centre? Take a 3D virtual tour right from your home!

For more details or to make a booking at either of these facilities, phone 506-459-1611, ext. 204, or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca">nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca</a>. You may also find the forms, pictures & more information on the VONM web site.



