

The Village News

Fall 2023 / Winter 2024 Programs, Events & News



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**CONTACT
INFORMATION**

Please Note: We will be CLOSED on the Following Dates: October 2 & 9, November 13, December 25—January 1, February 19, March 29 & April 1.

Note: Information contained in this publication was accurate at the time of printing. Please confirm dates/activities with the Village website.

Mayor's Welcome Message

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee



Welcome to the printed version of the Fall 2023 / Winter 2024 Program, Event and News Guide.

The Village News is prepared by the Recreation and Leisure Services Department in an effort to keep our residents informed on the programs and special events offered in our community.

The guide also includes important departmental news and projects as well as information on our local non-profit organizations and clubs.

Within this guide you will find many activities to participate in over the coming months. I strongly encourage our residents to get involved. Being active will enable you to engage in a healthier lifestyle.

I would like to extend a special invitation for you to attend our Remembrance Day Service. A lot of professional planning goes into organizing this event. As your Mayor it is an honour to be part of the Service.

Please note that the New Maryland Lions Club Food & Toy Drive has added an extra evening to their schedule. The parade featuring Santa will run from Monday through Thursday, with many volunteers helping with the collection of food and toys. You can find more information on the collection dates in this guide.

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

Residents can stay informed by following us on "X" (Twitter) @VLGNewMaryland, Facebook, or the Village website, www.vonm.ca

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Be Kind

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SAVE THE DATES:

Fire Department Open House	Oct. 12
Pumpkin Carving	Oct. 21
Fall Leaf Pick-up	Nov. 1 & 2
Remembrance Day	Nov. 11
Stay Safe Course	Nov. 24
Toy & Food Drive Breakfast	Nov. 25
Pictures with Santa (Lions)	Nov. 26
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Lions Food & Toy Drive	Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7
Wreath Making Seminar	Dec. 9
Mayor's Christmas Tea	Dec. 10
Snow Much Fun! Starts	Jan. 15
Glow Skate & Bonfire	February 24
March Break Day Camp	March 5-7
Babysitter Course	March 8



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Departmental News & Updates

Athletic Park Redevelopment Project

At the July 19th Council meeting, Council formally accepted the Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan, as presented at the June 14th Council-in-Committee meeting. The *Athletic Park Redevelopment Plan* includes four phases of improvements:

Phase 1 - Central trail improvements, multi-use path circuit, outdoor fitness stations and an enlarged soccer field - \$1,646,000

Phase 2 - Multi-purpose building, splash pad/skating rink, relocated beach volleyball court, multi-sport courts, tennis courts, table tennis, food truck venue and sunny/shady seating - \$5,998,000

Phase 3 - Six new pickleball courts and an extended parking lot, adding sixty-six new parking spaces - \$1,420,000

Phase 4 - Skating loop, multi-purpose performance space, amphitheater seating and second Peewee size baseball field - \$3,098,000

The total cost, \$12,162,000 reflects a Class D estimate with 2023 pricing.

One of the more exciting aspects of the redevelopment project is the shift in focus from "Athletic Park" to a "Community Park". This is a deliberate and planned approach, as the proposed design would serve as a draw to the community at large with its central location and being adjacent to the New Maryland Elementary School. The redeveloped "Community Park" would serve a larger population of residents and non-residents that do not currently use the park, as the proposed elements are not only inclusive but lend themselves to a more "drop-in" unstructured park usage. Senior staff were directed to move forward with applications for the project in its entirety once funding programs become available in the Fall.

Stay tuned to our website and social media for additional updates on this exciting project! Questions? Feel free to reach out to Michelle in the Recreation & Leisure Services Department in the Village Office. And thank you for your input!

Project Update



New Maryland Fire Hall
600 New Maryland Highway

Cooking safety starts with YOU.



Pay attention to fire prevention.

**New Maryland Fire Department
Open House
October 12, 2023
6:00 pm—8:00 pm**

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 8-14, is "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention."

Join Us For:

- Fire Prevention Information
- Demonstrations
- Door Prizes
- Free BBQ & Beverages
- Cake
- Free Parking at Village Office (next door)



Village of New Maryland Fall Leaf Pick-Up 2023



FERO will be picking up bags of leaves on the
EAST side of Hwy. 101 - **Wed. Nov. 1st**

& **WEST** side of Hwy. 101 - **Thurs. Nov. 2nd**

*Please have your bags to the curb by
7:00 a.m. the morning of pick-up.*

For one day only, Saturday October 21st, bins
will be placed at the front of the parking lot at
the Village office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
where residents can dump their leaves.



QUESTIONS?

Call the Village office at
451-8508 or
Email: office@vonm.ca

Important Points to Remember:

- Bags of leaves will **NOT** be picked up by Fero prior to Nov. 1st and 2nd.
- ONLY** compostable paper leaf bags will be accepted. Plastic bags will no longer be accepted.
- ONLY** bagged leaves will be collected by Fero. (no loose piles of leaves)
- NO** branches, **NO** garbage, **NO** twigs, **NO** animal waste, **NO** yard debris, **NO** grass clippings will be accepted.
- Any bags of leaves that are found to contain items other than leaves will be left at the curb for residents to clean up and dispose of themselves.



Departmental News & Updates (cont'd)



EMERGENCY PLANNING AND PREPAREDNESS

The Council for the Village of New Maryland established an **Emergency Response Planning Committee (ERPC)** on January 20, 1999. The mandate of the Committee is to advise Council on the preparation and implementation of ERPC activities and training.

Per our *Procedural By-law No. 50-2021*, the membership of the Committee is comprised of designated members of staff, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Director, RCMP, Canadian Red Cross, Fredericton Amateur Radio Club, York Sunbury Ground Search and Rescue, Ambulance NB, Horizon Health Network, Anglophone West School District, Faith Baptist Church, New Maryland Lions Club, and the Parish of New Maryland Zoomers.



The Village of New Maryland has a detailed **Emergency Response Plan** and an Emergency Operations Centre (normally functioning as the Council Chamber) which is located at the Village Office, 584 New Maryland Highway.

The Committee meets regularly and routinely exercises its plan. Other activities of the Committee include: contingency planning for high-risk hazards and/or emergency situations which have been identified by the Committee, regular updating and review of the Emergency Plan pre-identifying evacuation and reception centres, conducting training and exercises designed to test the Emergency Response Plan, and involvement with provincial agencies and other municipalities for planning and initiating mutual response agreements.

COMING SOON: A new emergency alert system to replace the now discontinued Sentinel system; however, in the meantime, residents are encouraged to sign up for our **E-News**, which can be done by visiting our website and stay tuned to our Facebook, Twitter and Website for updates. Please visit our website at www.vonm.ca to review Emergency Planning and Preparedness Information. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Office at 506-451-8508.



Now that the new school season has begun, please **SLOW DOWN** and watch for children as they are walking to and from school. Please remember to **STOP** at all stop signs and obey school bus stop lights.

Reminder! The posted speed limit on all Village streets is **40 km/h**. Construction along the New Maryland Highway is still underway. Please be cautious and watch out for other motorists, students, and school buses. We appreciate your patience!

Safety Matters in Our Community!



Village News

Animal Control Information

The Village has contracted services of an Animal Control/Protection Officer through the NB SPCA.

REPORTING ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES: Issues such as stray dogs, unleashed dogs, barking dogs, dog bites, dangerous dogs can be reported to the **SPCA 24-hours a day at 1 (877) 722-1522**.



DOG REGISTRATION: Dog owners are required to purchase a yearly dog license for their dog(s) on or before **21 December 2023**. As of **01 January 2024**, dog registrations will be provided via the SPCA and can be purchased at a local shelter or Service New Brunswick. As well, an online registration via DocuPets will be available in 2024 (further details to follow). Proof of up-to-date rabies inoculation must be provided at the time of purchase. The cost for the dog license is \$15 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$30 for non-spayed and non-neutered dogs.



RUNNING AT LARGE: Occurs when an animal is in any place, other than on the property of the owner, and not secured by a leash which is 2 (two) metres or less in length and under control of the owner of the animal. Owners of cats must keep them on their own property and not allow them to roam, whether that means keeping them inside or on a tether when outside.



YOU MUST PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS: Owners of animals shall immediately remove any messes left by the animal on any property. Please respect your neighbours, green space and trails around the Village.

For more information, please visit our website at www.vonm.ca/services/animal_control/ and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Village office at (506) 451-8508.

Recreation Programs and Special Events

Important
Information

Pumpkin Carving

Saturday, October 21st at the New Maryland Centre. Three sessions offered at 10:00; 11:15 & 12:30. Pumpkins, stencils and carving tools are all provided. This event is free of charge but registration is **REQUIRED**.

E-mail Michelle michelle.sawler@vonm.ca or call the Village Office to register!



Remembrance Day Service

Saturday, November 11th at 10:45 AM at the Cenotaph located at Victoria Hall Park. A lunch reception will follow the service at the New Maryland Centre.



If you would like to lay a wreath during the ceremony, please contact the Village Office at 451-8508 by **November 6th**.

Wreaths may be purchased through the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #4, phone 460-8732.

Stay Safe Course

Friday, November 24th at Victoria Hall

Ages 9-12

9:00 AM—3:30 PM

\$55 (Fee includes course manual and certificate).

Currently **10** spots available. Course instruction is provided by KCM Technical Solutions. Registration form is on our website and e-transfer payments are available. Details on our website and social media.

HoME alone **SAFETY**
For Kids!

Christmas Lights Challenge

Are you a Clark Griswold? Does your neighbour's house light up the street? You need to enter this contest! From **Monday, November 27th—Friday, December 8th** submit a photo of your own home OR a neighbour that you would like to nominate. Our friendly judges will visit the homes and prizes will be awarded! Watch for details on our website and social media later this Fall!



Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us on **Thursday, November 30th** at 7:00 PM at Victoria Hall Park. The lighting of the Village Christmas Tree is sure to bring holiday cheer to you and yours. Join the Mayor, Council & Village staff for a carol sing, hot chocolate, apple cider & Christmas treats! Of course, Fire Chief Harry will make sure Santa joins us for a visit with the kids as well. Stay tuned to our social media and website for details.



Wreath Making Course

Saturday, December 9th at the New Maryland Centre. Join Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee who will teach you how to make a beautiful fresh wreath for your home. Three sessions will be offered: 9:00-10:00 AM, 10:30-11:30 AM, & 12:00 -1:00 PM.

Registration is **REQUIRED** and spaces are limited! No charge to attend, but Food & Toy Drive donations are gratefully accepted. To register, contact the Village Office.



Mayor's Christmas Tea

Join Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee, members of Council and Recreation staff for a Christmas Tea on **Sunday, December 10th** from 12:30—2:00 at the New Maryland Centre. Drop in for some seasonal treats, festive entertainment and of course, tea will be served! Stay tuned for additional details on our website and social media later this Fall!



NEW!

Snow Much Fun!

One of our staff's favourites! Wondering what to do with the kids this winter? Why not enter our weekly Snow Much Fun contest? Starting **January 15th**, enter our weekly contest for fun family prizes. What a great way to get outside and create some magic in **the snow!** We can't wait to see your creations again this year! Watch for further contest details in December.



Babysitter Course

Friday, March 8th

Victoria Hall

Ages 11 & Up

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

\$60 (Fee includes user manual, personal first aid kit and course certificate).

Course instruction by KCM Technical Solutions. Registration will be available online later this Fall and we now offer an e-transfer option for payment.



New Maryland Elementary School Gym Programs



Open Gym (September—June)

Open Gym returns for the Fall season on Friday, September 22nd. Drop in with friends to play badminton, basketball, or volleyball. Equipment is available to borrow but you are welcome to bring your own equipment as well. Please note that Floor Hockey is **NOT** permitted. All ages are welcome to use the New Maryland Elementary School Gym during this dedicated open gym time:

Fridays: 6:00—9:00 PM

The cost is \$4 per person per visit, or you can purchase a Gym Membership Card for \$50/person for the full year (September—June). Passes may be purchased during Open Gym times (please see the Gym Supervisor on duty) or at the Village Office (584 New Maryland Highway).

Please note: Staff are considering introducing a **NEW** open gym time on Sundays. Watch for a Facebook post later this Fall regarding potential options. We want your input! For more information, please contact Michelle in the Recreation Department or the Village Office.

Co-Ed Adult Volleyball (September—June)

Come enjoy a night of co-ed adult recreational volleyball. Meet new people, be active, and have fun! Adult Volleyball is held on Sunday evenings from 6:00-9:30 PM at the New Maryland Elementary School Gym.



Cost is \$4 per person or you can buy a Membership for the year (September—June) for \$50. Passes will be available during Adult Volleyball times or may be purchased at the Village Office. Please note the annual pass can be used for Open Gym and Volleyball. For more information, search **"New Maryland Sunday Night Co-ed Volleyball"** on Facebook.



Community Facilities

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.

For more information or to make a booking, e-mail nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca or give her a call at 459-1611, ext. 204.



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.

For more details or to make a booking, phone 459-1611, ext. 204, or send an e-mail to nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca. You may also find the forms, pictures & more info on the VONM web site.



New Maryland Elementary School

Did you know that the NMES Gym, Cafeteria and Art Room are available to rent in the evenings and weekends?

Through a Community Use of Schools Agreement with School District Anglophone West, the Village manages the NMES School on weeknights and weekends to provide the community with a variety of programs, sports, and events.

Why not think about the NMES Gym & Cafeteria for your next birthday party or team event? Rates are very reasonable and kids **love being able to use the school gym "after hours"**. For more information or to make a booking, contact Michelle in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department.



NMES News & Events

Some important dates to keep in mind this Fall & Winter at NMES:

- ◆ November 24 (Report Cards / Professional Learning)
- ◆ December 4 & 8 (Parent—Teacher Interviews / Prof. Learning)
- ◆ December 13 (Christmas Concert)
- ◆ December 24—January 10 (Christmas Break)
- ◆ March 4—8 (March Break)
- ◆ March 25 (Report Cards/Professional Learning)



Village Parks & Playgrounds / Events



OUTDOOR RINKS (Athletic Park)

Rinks will be open for the season in early to mid-January depending on the weather.

The New Maryland outdoor rinks are open daily, weather and maintenance permitting. Dusk till dawn lighting is provided for evening skating.

- The use of helmets and/or any other safety gear is recommended.
- Sticks and pucks are NOT allowed on the Public Skating Outdoor Rink, but ARE allowed on the Hockey Outdoor Rink. Note: when only one rink is open, it is a SHARED ice surface.
- The Village makes every effort to keep the rinks clear and ready for use; however, we encourage residents to bring a shovel to assist in the clearing of the ice surface.



SLIDING HILL (Sunrise Estates Park)

Adjacent the Sunrise Community Garden, a sliding hill has been created and shaped over the past few years that only requires a few inches of snow! One side has a gradual slope and the back side is faster and steeper. Get outside and play in the snow!

Please Note: The Outdoor Rinks and Sliding Hill are *not supervised* by staff. Skate and slide at your own risk. If you witness any damage or vandalism, please contact the Village Office at 506-451-8508.

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Check out your local Village parks and playgrounds* located at:

- Shaw Park
- Orchard Park
- Centennial Park
- Sunrise Park
- Wildwood Park
- NMES



* See Map on Page 8 for Park locations

NEW MARYLAND NATURE TRAILS

The Trails System located behind the New Maryland Centre (754 New Maryland Highway)

has three unique sections:
Fletcher's Walk,
Charter's Way,
and Cameron's Loop. Also,

check out the uniquely designed 42 ft. span suspension bridge. The Fall is the perfect time to enjoy a walk on these beautiful trails and explore their natural beauty. In the winter months enjoy snowshoeing our nature trails!



FAMILY GLOW SKATE!

Where: Outdoor Athletic Park Rink(s)*

Date: Saturday, February 24th

Time: 6:00—8:00 PM

Hot chocolate, glow novelties, and a cozy bonfire with outdoor skating.



*As with any outdoor event, this will be dependent on the weather and quality of the ice surface.

Save the date and watch for details in the coming months!

The Village of New Maryland Recreation & Leisure Services Department has **tentatively** scheduled **THREE** themed Day Camps during March Break, **March 6, 7 & 8.**

March 6: Weird Science (\$30)

March 7: Cooking Camp (\$40*) * includes snacks and lunch

March 8: Outdoor Survivor (\$30)

Location: New Maryland Centre (754 New Maryland Highway)

Time: 8:30 AM —4:30 PM daily

Ages: 6-12

• Our Day Camps will focus on active outdoor play and will also include special crafts and games based on the daily themes.

• Maximum **20** Campers per day.



Community Programs and Events

PNM ZOOMERS

The PNM Zoomers is a group for residents 50+ representing the Village of New Maryland 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. Memberships are only \$20 for the year!

Zoomers activities presently include: stretch & strengthening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00—11:00 AM, a craft group every other Wednesday from 9:00 AM —12:00, book club every fourth Thursday at 11:00 AM, and a painters group that meets Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 — 3:30. *New this Fall*, potluck suppers return! Join us on September 21st at 6:00 PM. Bring a dish to share and enjoy guest speaker **Dianne Earl from Scott's Nursery** at 7:00 PM. Topic is fall planting and fall bulbs.

Activities are held in the PNM Zoomers dedicated space at the New Maryland Centre or in the downstairs boardroom. Most activities run from September—June.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact us via e-mail, pnmzoomers@gmail.com or visit the Zoomers section of the VONM Web Site. We hope you can join us!



THE "FRANK DUNN" ANNUAL NEW MARYLAND OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT



Date: Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023
Time: 1:00 p.m. Tee-Off
Followed by a BBQ Steak Dinner
Place: Gage Golf & Curling Club, 55 Fraser Ave., Oromocto
Format: Texas Scramble (minimum 72 golfers)

Entry Fee: \$75 / Person Golf & BBQ Steak Dinner
\$25 / Person BBQ Steak Dinner for Non-Golfer

Rain or Shine & No Refunds

TO REGISTER CONTACT

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee @
459-3535 or judy.wilson-shee@vonm.ca

Registration Deadline: Sept. 22

PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR COMPLETED
REGISTRATION FORM ALONG WITH PAYMENT TO:

NEW MARYLAND GOLF TOURNAMENT
C/O VILLAGE OF NEW MARYLAND
584 NEW MARYLAND HWY,
NEW MARYLAND, NB E3C 1K1

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO:

New Maryland Community Support Group

*Proceeds will
go toward the
Athletic
Park
Redevelopment
Project*



New Maryland Lions Club Annual Food & Toy Drive

The New Maryland Lions Club is excited to announce that the beloved Toy & Food Drive returns this year with an extra evening planned for collections. We hope this change will shorten the length of the parade times each night; Santa knows your kids are excited to see him but bedtime is important too! This year, the dates for the annual Santa Claus parade through the streets of the Village will be December 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th.



Further details will be released on our social media as the dates approach, including parade routes for each night. Santa and his elves will be travelling through the subdivisions, collecting non-perishable foods and new toys to help make the season more special for families within our service area.

Don't forget about our Food & Toy Drive Fundraiser Breakfast!

Saturday, November 25th at the New Maryland Centre, come enjoy a delicious breakfast with proceeds supporting the Lions Club Food & Toy Drive. Santa and Mrs. Claus might even drop by!

We will also be hosting "Photos with Santa" again this year, on

Sunday, November 26th from 1:00—3:00 PM at Victoria Hall. Come and take some family photos with Santa and a selection of festive backgrounds. Contact Lion Fonda French via e-mail at fondafrench@rogers.com to arrange an appointment. Reminder this event is not open to your four-legged family members due to the limited space available.



The New Maryland Lions Club is a local service group committed to improving the health and wellness of the community. New Maryland Lions celebrate more than 35 years of serving the New Maryland area. Our objective is to always be there, to help meet the needs of those less fortunate and to make our community a better place to live. We Serve. We always welcome new members and new volunteers—visit the New Maryland Lions Facebook page to learn more about joining the club and making a difference in your community!

Did You Know?

The Village of New Maryland accepts on-line banking payments for your Water & Sewer bills.

On-line banking is the fastest and preferred payment method for anyone with a Canadian bank account. Payments are processed through your financial institution's own banking service. Our payee name is listed differently with many of the banks, so 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 about any of the above, please call the Village office at 506-451-8508 or e-mail us at accounts.receivable@vonm.ca.





Village of New Maryland

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Water: A11
Water: A20

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