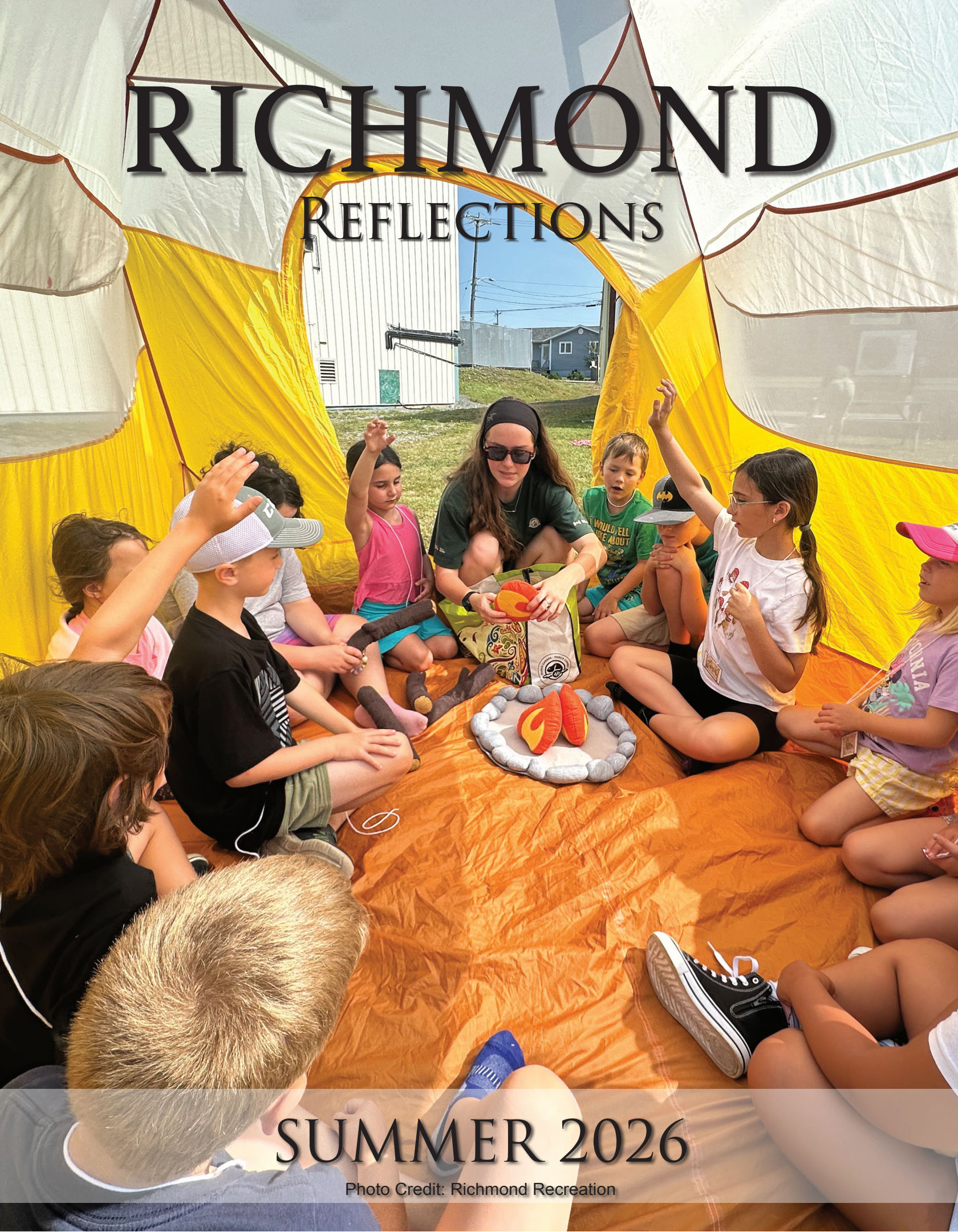


# RICHMOND REFLECTIONS



SUMMER 2026

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**Property Valuation Services Corporation**

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 9:00 am - 4:30 pm \* **No longer accepting electronics**

**Arichat Recycling Depot**

902.302.8570  
 Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm \* **No longer accepting electronics**

**Registry of Deeds (Access Nova Scotia)**

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**Request Water/Sewer Service Connections**

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**Schedule of Council/Committee Meetings, Meeting Minutes, Requests to meet with or make presentations to Municipal Council**

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Nova Scotia Power  
 1.800.428.6230  
[YourBusiness@nspower.ca](mailto:YourBusiness@nspower.ca)

**Address:**

2357 Highway 206 Arichat, NS B0E 1A0

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



## Warden’s Message



As I write this message, Council is still in the midst of budget deliberations for the coming year. By the time this edition of Richmond Reflections reaches your mailbox, those budgets will undoubtedly be finalized and approved. Throughout our discussions, Council has remained focused on continuing to provide important services to residents while recognizing that affordability remains a very real concern for many families and businesses. Once approved, information on the Municipality’s final budgets will be available on our website at [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca).

One of Council’s ongoing priorities is improving communication with residents. Over the past few months, I have begun publishing a monthly Warden’s Newsletter designed to provide regular updates on what is happening around the Council table. The newsletter includes features such as a spotlight on Council committees and summaries of motions passed at recent meetings. While it is still new and we continue to explore the best ways to share it beyond social media, I hope it becomes another useful avenue for keeping residents informed and engaged in municipal affairs.

Summer is always a special time in Richmond County. As visitors return to enjoy our communities, beaches, trails, festivals, and events, it also becomes a season when residents reconnect with neighbours and celebrate the places we call home. Across the municipality, volunteers spend countless hours organizing community of gatherings, cultural celebrations, and local activities that make Richmond County such a welcoming and vibrant place. Their efforts often happen quietly behind the scenes, but they are deeply appreciated and make an enormous difference in the quality life in our communities.

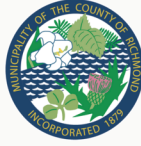
As the weather improves, you’ll also see councillors attending more community events and spending time throughout their districts meeting with residents. We always appreciate hearing your ideas, concerns, and priorities, and I encourage you to reach out whenever the opportunity arises.

On behalf of Richmond County Council, thank you for taking the time to read this edition of Richmond Reflections. I hope you enjoy a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer season.

Lois Landry  
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**Low Income Property Tax Exemption:**  
Council has increased the household income threshold to \$35,000 and maintained the exemption of up to \$200.

**2026-2027 Budget Documents:**  
Richmond County's budget documents, including the Annual Municipal Budget Highlights, are available online for residents to view.

**Join an ABCC:**  
Richmond County residents are encouraged to explore opportunities to serve on municipal Agencies, Boards, Commissions, and Committees (ABCCs). These volunteer roles provide an opportunity to share community perspectives, contribute ideas, and support local initiatives.

For additional information, to review documents, and to explore citizen appointment opportunities, please visit [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca).

**Municipal Council Meeting Schedule**



**Committee of the Whole:** Second Tuesday of each month  
**Regular Council:** Fourth Tuesday of each month

For presentations to Council, contact the Municipal Clerk at 902.226.3971 or [clerk@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:clerk@richmondcounty.ca).

You can live stream council meetings by visiting:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@RichmondCountyNS>

**Municipal Website**



Council and staff expenses, cheques issued, budget documents, visa statements and recorded Council meetings are all posted on the Richmond County website [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca).

# 2026 SUMMER ONLINE REGISTRATION



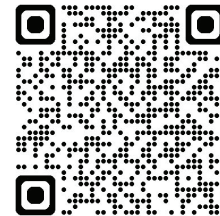
Signing up for summer fun is easy with our online registration platform!

Visit: [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca)

Browse upcoming programs

Choose your activities, sign up and pay in just a few clicks!

Spaces are limited, so register early to secure your spot!



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## A Message from Your Summer Recreation Staff:

Recreation summer staff have been hard at work planning activities that bring joy, energy, and connection to every corner of Richmond County. Whether you're trying something new, joining a friendly challenge, or just soaking up the sun, we're here to make this summer safe, inclusive, and unforgettable for everyone. Our newsletter is your starting point for planning summer fun—it's the best way to stay up to date on programs, activities, and special events happening across the county. Be sure to check it regularly so you don't miss what's coming up next.

We'll also be sharing updates, surprise events, and announcements on social media throughout the summer. Let's make this a summer to remember—see you out there Richmond County!



Follow us on **FACEBOOK!!** Search for **Municipality of the County of Richmond** and **LIKE** our page.



Follow us on **INSTAGRAM!!** Search for **Richmond Recreation** on Instagram and give us a follow!

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Program/event dates, times and locations are subject to change.  
 To register visit <https://www.richmondcounty.ca/recreation-program-registration.html> or call 902.226.0663.

# RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMMING

## Salsa Solo – Latin Fitness

Dance solo to Merengue, Bachata, ChaChaCha, and Salsa rhythms while learning stylish moves and easy-to-follow choreographies. This class is a dynamic mix of Zumba, line dance, and Latin dance. Over four sessions of 60 minutes each, we focus on fitness, coordination, and musical expression. No partner and no previous dance experience required.

St. Peter's United Church Hall, St. Peter's  
Wednesdays, for 4 weeks, beginning September 9  
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm, Fee: \$25  
Instructor: Gerd Stiller

## Learn to Jive

This fun and energetic dance course is for everyone who loves Boogie Woogie and Rock'n'Roll music. Over four sessions, of 60 minutes each, you'll learn the basics of Jive, playful foot work, and dynamic partner moves. We focus on musicality, rhythm, and enjoying the groove together on the dance floor. No previous experience is required – just bring your enthusiasm and love for music. Get ready to move, smile, and dance to timeless beats!

St. Peter's United Church Hall, St. Peter's  
Wednesdays, 4 weeks, beginning September 9  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Fee: \$25  
Instructor: Gerd Stiller

## Soccer Nights with Strait Area Soccer (Ages 4 - 9)



Soccer Nights with Strait Area Soccer is all about having fun on the field! This outreach program, delivered in partnership with the soccer club, gives children the chance to learn the basics of soccer, play games, and have fun in a supportive environment. Designed for youth not currently enrolled in organized soccer, it encourages active participation, teamwork, and confidence-building while keeping the focus on enjoyment rather than competition.

Monday, August 17; August 24; Tuesday, August 19; August 26,  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, FREE  
Soccer Field - Richmond Education Centre/Academy, Louisdale  
Instructor: Strait Area Soccer Club

## Parks Canada Workshops



Parks Canada Workshops are on the move this summer and bringing their outreach program to Richmond County. Sessions include Camping 101, Introduction to Archaeology, Food Webs (wildlife adaptations and food chains), and more.

These workshops are delivered in partnership with the Richmond Recreation Summer Staff, whose support helps create fun, safe, and engaging experiences for all participants.

Dates and locations of workshops will be featured on the municipality's social media platforms. To learn more, visit [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca)



## Dundee Junior Golf Program (Ages 5–16)



Give your child the opportunity to learn golf, develop new skills, and enjoy time outdoors this summer at Dundee's Junior Golf Program! This fun and engaging program is designed for young golfers of all skill levels and provides a unique introduction to the game in a supportive environment. Spaces are limited, so early registration is encouraged.

Fridays for 5 weeks, beginning July 3, 9:00 am – 11:00 am  
Dundee Resort & Golf Club, Dundee  
Registration Fees: One Junior Golfer: \$150, Two Junior Golfers: \$275,  
Three Junior Golfers: \$375

To register or learn more, contact the Pro Shop: 902.345.0420, [proshop@dundeeresort.com](mailto:proshop@dundeeresort.com)



## St. Francis Xavier X-Chem Camps (Grades 1 - 4)



X-Chem is offering STEM camp in coordination with SchoolsPlus. Each camp is geared towards the specified age groups with challenges varying from beginner to advanced. Campers can be registered in the camps for the grade which they are going into in September 2026. To register visit :

<https://www.stfx.ca/departement/chemistry/x-chem-outreach/upcoming-camps>.

East Richmond Education Centre, St. Peter's - August 4-5, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, \$30;

To register for camp, contact SchoolsPlus Community Outreach Worker Kelsey Bowman-White via email [lindsay.watson@srce.ca](mailto:lindsay.watson@srce.ca).



Program/event dates, times and locations are subject to change.  
To register visit <https://www.richmondcounty.ca/recreation-program-registration.html> or call 902.226.0663.

# RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAMMING

## Adventure Camp (Ages 4–6)

Join us for a fun and engaging morning camp designed especially for young children! Each day features hands-on activities, creative play, and outdoor adventures in a safe and supportive environment. Campers will explore nature through hiking, scavenger hunts, navigation games, and adventure-based activities that inspire curiosity, teamwork, and imagination.

Please dress your child for the weather and send them with a refillable water bottle and a light snack each day.

Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am; Fee: \$5

### Themed Daily Adventures



#### Bug Day - Monday, July 6

Discover the tiny world of insects through games, crafts, and exploration.

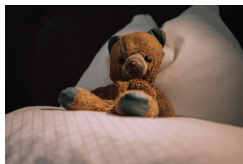
Location: Anne Sampson Building, River Bourgeois



#### Camping Day - Tuesday, July 14

Learn camping basics through pretend camping setups, nature activities, games, and storytelling around the “campfire.”

Location: Anne Sampson Building, River Bourgeois



#### Teddy Bear Day - Friday, August 14

Bring your favorite stuffed animal for stories, imaginative play, and cozy activities.

Location: Louisdale Lions Hall, Louisdale

## Summer Recreation Youth Camp (Ages 7–12)

Summer Recreation Youth Camp (Ages 7–12) Our Summer Recreation Youth Camp offers a fun, active, and engaging experience for children ages 7–12. Campers enjoy themed days filled with games, creative activities, team challenges, outdoor adventures, and interactive learning in a supportive and inclusive environment.

As camps are primarily outdoors and involve walking between locations, please send your child with a refillable water bottle, sunscreen, a hat, weather-appropriate clothing, and comfortable footwear. Pack a nutritious lunch and two snacks each day in an insulated lunch bag with ice packs, as refrigeration is not available.

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Fee: \$20



#### Mystery Day - Tuesday, July 21

Participants become junior detectives, solving clues, cracking codes, and completing escape-style group mystery challenges.

Anne Sampson Building, River Bourgeois



#### Challenge Games Day - Monday, July 27

Team competitions, obstacle courses, relay races, and cooperative problem-solving games.

Louisdale Lions Hall, Louisdale



#### Creative Makers Day - Monday, August 10

DIY crafts, build-and-create stations, friendship bracelets, nature art, and other creative challenges.

St. Peter’s Lions Hall, St. Peter’s

Program/event dates, times and locations are subject to change.  
To register visit <https://www.richmondcounty.ca/recreation-program-registration.html> or call 902.226.0663.

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING



## Isle Madame Historical Society Summer Camps

708 Veteran's Memorial Dr, Arichat 902.226.9364 - islemadamehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

All events are on Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Cost \$6.00 per child, family rates available. Limited spaces, pre-registration recommended.

July 3 - "Builders" - Calling all Builders! Join us, explore the world of construction, use different materials, and build your own masterpiece. Bring your imagination and problem-solving skills while constructing big fun! Ages 4 to 10

July 10 - "Time Travel" - Travel with us and explore amazing things past and present! Ages 6 to 10

July 17 - "Mad Science" - Get ready for a morning filled with creativity, fun, and new friends. Join us for a hands-on science experience like no other. Ages 6 to 10

July 24 - "Recycled Art" - Bring your imagination and join us as we recycle everyday items into works of art. Ages 4 to 10

July 31 - "Clown School" - Are you ready to learn new skills like face painting, juggling, card tricks, miming and more? Join us and discover if you enjoy clowning around! Ages 7 - 12



These camps are delivered in partnership with the Richmond Recreation's Special Events Coordinators, whose support helps create a fun, safe, and engaging experience for all participants.

## FoodFit Program

The Recreation Department is partnering with Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic to host a 12 week foodfit program with 3 main goals:

1. Discover and cook healthy nourishing meals
2. Incorporate mindful activity into your daily routine
3. Build meaningful connections with your community

Location: Our Lady of Assumption Parish Hall

Start Date: September 3, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, FREE

Instructor: Sonia Morris

Register: Call Rachel LeBlanc, 902.587.2800 ext 3 or email seniorsafetycoordinator.dkmck@gmail.com



## Centre La Picasse - Camps d'été (5 à 11 ans)

3435 Highway 206, Petit-de-Grat

Les mardis et jeudis de 9h à 13h (7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 juillet)

6 thématiques (Marin, Cuisine, Art, Sport, Science, Nature), 15\$ / jour - Inscription obligatoire

Lieu: La Picasse, centre communautaire culturel

Contactez 902.226.0149



**Mini-olympique:** Venez nous rejoindre pour une journée d'activité sportive et compétitive! / Come join us for a day of sports and friendly competition!

**Art/constructeur:** Vous avez déjà eu envie de bricoler avec des matériaux de toutes sortes? Venez nous rejoindre pour une journée d'activités créatives: construction de bateaux flottants et encore plus! / Have you ever wanted to build things using all kinds of materials? Come join us for a day of creative activities: building floating boats and much more!

**Découverte en science:** Venez nous rejoindre pour une journée riche en expériences scientifiques amusantes. Slime, un dentifrice d'éléphant et d'autres surprises! / Come join us for a day full of fun science experiments. Slime, elephant toothpaste, and other surprises!

**Cuisine acadienne:** Vous êtes-vous déjà demandé quels plats traditionnels on trouve dans notre communauté? Venez vous joindre à nous pour préparer des grillades, du tamarin et des mini-pizzas! / Have you ever wondered what traditional dishes are served in our community? Come join us to make some grillades, some tamarin, and mini-pizzas!

**Camp Marine:** Vous souhaitez en savoir plus sur les animaux marins qui vivent dans nos océans? Vous avez envie de réaliser un bricolage sur le thème de la mer? Venez à La Picasse pour notre camp Marine, où nous visiterons le centre marin et réaliserons un bricolage à partir d'objets aquatiques. / Would you like to learn more about the creatures that live in our ocean? Would you like to make a craft project with a marine theme? Come to La Picasse for our Marine Camp, where we'll visit the marine center and make a craft using items found on the shore!

**Camp de théâtre:** Venez à La Picasse pour passer avec nous une journée amusante où vous pourrez vous déguiser, faire de l'improvisation et créer une scène. / Come to La Picasse and spend a fun day with us, where you can dress up, do some improv, and put on a show!

## Point Michaud Beach Provincial Park



Point Michaud Beach Provincial Park is an exceptional 3-km (2-mi) sandy beach located at **3796 Point Michaud Road, Point Michaud**. This provincially operated park features a boardwalk for easy beach access, picnic tables for day-use comfort, a change house, vault toilets, and on-site parking. During July and August, designated swimming areas are supervised by Nova Scotia Lifeguard Services.

## Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service

The Nova Scotia Lifeguard Services began supervising this beach in partnership with the Municipality of Richmond County in 2010. Point Michaud Beach's supervised swimming area is marked by red and yellow flags on either side of the beach. Point Michaud Beach will be supervised daily from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, from July 1 – August 30



## Beach Accessibility & Adaptive Equipment

The Municipality of the County of Richmond, with support from Nova Scotia Parks, offers accessible beach equipment at Point Michaud Provincial Park.



Visitors are welcome to stop by the Recreation Surf Hut during regular operating hours to inquire about the free use of a Mobi-Chair, and adaptive safety equipment from Life Jacket-Adapted Inc.

To book a surf lesson or inquire about the Point Michaud Surf Program, visit [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca) or call the Recreation Surf Hut at 902.587.2988. All transactions are cash only.

# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Point Michaud Summer Surf Program

## Hours of Operation

Recreation Surf Hut is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, 7 days a week, from July 2 to August 22. Rental equipment is available during all operating hours. All rental items must be returned by 4:30 pm each day to avoid late fees.

## Point Michaud Youth Surf Club

Youth Surf Club is designed for youth who are new to surfing or looking to build and progress their ocean skills in a safe, supportive, and fun environment. The program focuses on developing confidence in the water, improving surf technique, and building strong ocean awareness and safety skills.

Participants will be introduced to surfing fundamentals and gradually progress through skill development under the guidance of an experienced coach. In addition to surfing, youth may also be introduced to a variety of ocean-based activities such as body surfing, boogie boarding, skim boarding, paddle boarding, kayaking, and snorkeling.

The program includes all necessary equipment such as wetsuit and surfboard rental for the duration of the summer sessions. **Youth Surf Club runs on select dates throughout July and August. Sessions are scheduled across multiple days each week, with dates varying throughout the summer to allow for the best possible ocean conditions and learning experience.**

Spaces are limited, and the schedule is subject to change based on instructor's availability and weather conditions to ensure safety and quality instruction.

**\*\*** By registering for surf club, you are signing up for the scheduled program days. If you are unable to attend on any day, please let us know so we can open those spots for others.

To view the full schedule and program details, please visit [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca) for complete information about the 2026 surf program.

### Youth Surf Club - Beginner / Skill Building (Ages 7+) \$120

A beginner-friendly session focused on learning the basics, building confidence, and developing core surfing skills in a safe and supportive environment.

### Youth Surf Club – Skill Building (Ages 10+) \$120

A mixed-level session for youth with some experience but also open to beginners who want to join and learn at their own pace.

### Open Youth Surf Club (Ages 15+) \$200

A dynamic surf session designed for older youth with some experience. Participants will focus on technique, independence, and skill development in a supportive and fun environment. Drop-in sessions are available if space permits, or youth may register for the full summer program.

## Junior Guard Program **FREE**

Interested in becoming a future lifeguard? Join the Nova Scotia Lifeguards for their Junior Lifeguard Program. Whether you join us for one session or the whole series, we're glad to have you! Locate the lifeguard onsite to sign up.

**Requirement:** Participants must be able to swim 25 meters (one pool length) unassisted.

Offered every Monday (11:00 am - 12:00 pm) and Thursday (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) throughout the summer, beginning July 6

Registration is available on-site at the lifeguard chair with Beach Captain Anna.

## Rental Equipment

EQUIPMENT	2 HOUR RENTAL	FULL DAY RENTAL
Wetsuit & Surfboard Bundle	\$50	\$70
Wetsuit	\$30	\$50
Surfboard	\$30	\$50
Recreation Kayak	\$30	\$50
Stand Up Paddleboard	\$30	\$50
Full Face Snorkle	\$10	\$20
Bodyboards	\$10	\$20
Skim Boards	\$10	\$20
Life Jacket	FREE	FREE
Dorsal Position Life Jacket	FREE	FREE
Mobi Chair	FREE	FREE

## Private & Group Surf Lessons

### Private Lesson - \$80 (cash only)

An individual lesson is a private, one-on-one surf session between a participant and a surf instructor. This format allows for personalized instruction, focused skill development, and tailored support based on the participant's experience level and goals.

### Group Lesson - \$60 per person (cash only)

A group lesson is a shared surf session with 2 to 8 participants per surf instructor. This format provides structured instruction in a group setting, allowing participants to learn alongside others while still receiving direct coaching and support.

Spaces are limited, and the schedule is subject to change based on instructor availability and weather conditions to ensure safety and quality instruction.

Please note that in-person surf lesson start times may vary slightly depending on beach conditions. Lessons may be cancelled in the event of unsafe or extreme surf conditions.

For full program details and the complete 2026 schedule, please visit [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca).

For surf lesson dates, bookings, or additional information, contact the Point Michaud Beach Surf Hut at 902.587.2988.

## Point Michaud Surf Classic

Richmond County Recreation, in partnership with the Surf Association of Nova Scotia (SANS), invites surfers of all ages for a full day of surf and seaside fun.

### Divisions Include:

- Body Surf
- Short Board
- Kite Surf
- Open Surf
- Junior Boys
- Expression Team
- Body Board
- Long Board
- SUP Surf
- Men's
- Junior Girls
- Skim Board
- Kayak Surf
- SUP Race
- Women's
- Kids Open
- Surf Team Relay

Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Registration is \$20(cash) and includes use of Summer Surf Program equipment.

To book a surf lesson or inquire about the Point Michaud Surf Program, visit [richmondcounty.ca](http://richmondcounty.ca) or call the Recreation Surf Hut at 902.587.2988. All transactions are cash only.

# CONCERTS BY THE SEA



## FREE OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join us for Concerts by the Sea, a free summer concert series celebrating incredible talent from across our county. Set against the beautiful coastal backdrop, each performance offers a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere perfect for all ages. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy!

Each scheduled concert will take place from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### LENOIR LANDING

708 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat  
Thursday Evenings

**July 2 - August 6 -  
August 13**

#### Rain Venue

Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club,  
2373 Highway 206, Arichat

### ST. PETER'S MARINA

35 Lions Avenue, St. Peter's  
Wednesday Evenings

**July 8 - July 29 -  
August 12**

#### Rain Venue

St. Peter's Lions Hall  
39 Lions Avenue, St. Peter's

### LOUISDALE LIONS

### WATERFRONT PARK

347 Highway 320, Louisdale  
Wednesday Evenings

**July 15 - August 5 -  
August 19**

#### Rain Venue

Louisdale Lions Hall,  
3128 Whiteside Rd, Louisdale

## CALL FOR PERFORMERS - CONCERTS BY THE SEA 2026!

- Are you a musician, dancer, entertainer, or part of a band from Richmond County? We're looking for talented local performers to take the stage at this year's Concerts by the Sea series!
- Interested performers can discuss their preferred venue and performance dates by contacting the Recreation Department by phone 902.226.0663 or email [rboudreau@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:rboudreau@richmondcounty.ca).

# SANDCASTLE CONTESTS



Let your imagination take shape at the beach! Join our Summer Recreation team for two exciting Sandcastle Art Contests where creativity meets the coast. Open to all ages - whether you're a master sculptor or just looking for some fun in the sun, it's your time to shine (and sculpt)!

Bring your friends, family and your wildest beach ideas. Let's make unforgettable memories - one grain of sand at a time!

**Registration:** 12:30 pm  
**Build Time:** Starts at 1:00 pm  
**Judging:** 5:00 pm  
**Site Fee:** \$10 (Cash only)

#### Prizes

##### Best Castle

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$100  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$75  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$50

##### Best Sculpture

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$100  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$75  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$50



Winners in each category will receive cash prizes, issued by cheque and mailed to the address provided on the registration form.

Register onsite (cash only) or register online in advance through LeagueApps, our online registration platform. These events are contingent upon weather conditions.

**POINT MICHAUD BEACH  
 PROVINCIAL PARK**

**Saturday, July 18, 2026**

**PONDVILLE BEACH  
 PROVINCIAL PARK**

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

# PLAYBINS/EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM



Looking for a fun way to spend a day outside? Our PlayBins are treasure chests filled with games, recreation equipment, fun activities and so much more.

These are shared PlayBins - other community members may be using the equipment at the same time. Be courteous of fellow PlayBin users and visitors.

Playbins locations may change throughout the year based on community needs and interests.

Be safe and take care of the equipment.

Place all equipment back in the PlayBin when you are all played out and lock the bin if you are the last players on-site.

Let us know if a bin needs attention by email [recreation@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:recreation@richmondcounty.ca) or by phone at 902.226.0663.

PlayBins are used at your own risk. Play safe and have FUN!  
All equipment is **FREE** to use.



## Playbin Locations

- Pondville Provincial Beach Park, 219 Pondville North Road, Pondville
- River Bourgeois Community Playground 21 Recreation Rd, River Bourgeois
- Little Anse Samson's Cove Social Action Centre Playground 4114 Highway 206, Little Anse
- Our Lady of Assumption Hall Upper Parking Lot (basketball net) Highway 206, Arichat

## Equipment Loan Program

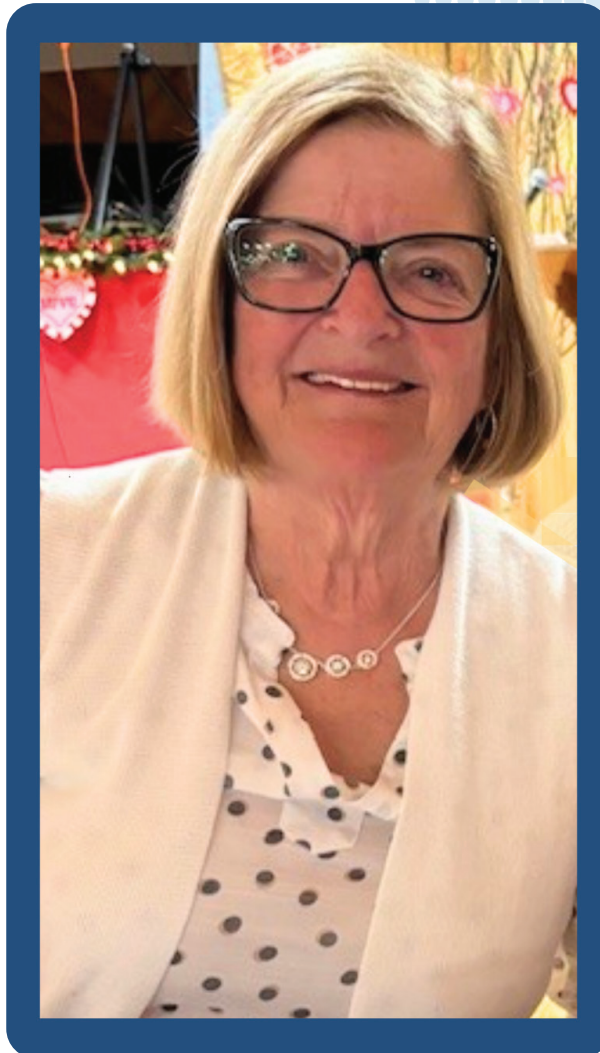
Recreation equipment loan programs are here to stay as our recreation services continue to build inventory varying from lawn games to larger equipment pieces like portable basketball nets, road hockey nets, ping pong tables, fishing rods, Mobi beach chairs and more! If there is a piece of equipment that you would enjoy, simply reach out to the recreation department at [recreation@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:recreation@richmondcounty.ca) or phone 902.226.0663 to learn more about how to reserve equipment and ask about the various equipment loan pick up and drop off locations.

# RICHMOND COUNTY'S 2026 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

## JOAN BONA

Joan wears many hats, often all at once, with humility and never seeking recognition. As President and Secretary of the Catholic Women's League (CWL), Chair of the Fleur de Lis Seniors Historical Committee, and a lead organizer of the 175th Anniversary of Louisdale celebrations, Joan is an active member of the community.

From organizing and preserving archival materials for the Historical Committee to chairing the 175th Louisdale Anniversary Committee and everything in between, Joan's passion for contributing to her community is exceptional. She completes each task with local pride.



Please join us in recognizing Joan for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to her community.

We thank you for all you do for Richmond County.



THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF THE COUNTY OF  
**RICHMOND**

LA MUNICIPALITÉ  
DU COMTÉ DE

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!**

Many household products are labeled and marketed as DISPOSABLE and/or FLUSHABLE; many baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and cleaning towelettes are labeled both disposable and flushable. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these types of items have the ability to clog not only the sewer line on your property, but also the public sewer system and pump stations in our serviced areas.

Unlike toilet paper, these products DO NOT break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your sewer line, especially older pipelines that may have grease, roots, or other obstructions already existing. Repair of a private sewer line can be inconvenient and costly for the property owner. Property owners are responsible for maintenance of the sewer line from their home up to the road right-of-way. When these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together causing very large obstructions and clogs in the mains and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment. Ultimately, increased costs to maintain the central sewerage systems are passed on to customers through sewer rates.

**How Can We Help...**

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed into the sewer system:

Disinfecting/surface wipes	Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Jewelry wipes	Pet care wipes
Cosmetic wipes	First Aid wipes
Disposable diapers or diaper liners	Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.)
Cotton swabs	Feminine hygiene products
Toilet cleaning pads	ANY Moist type towelettes
<b>ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER</b>	

Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.**

Please contact the Public Works Department at 902.226.2400 for more information.

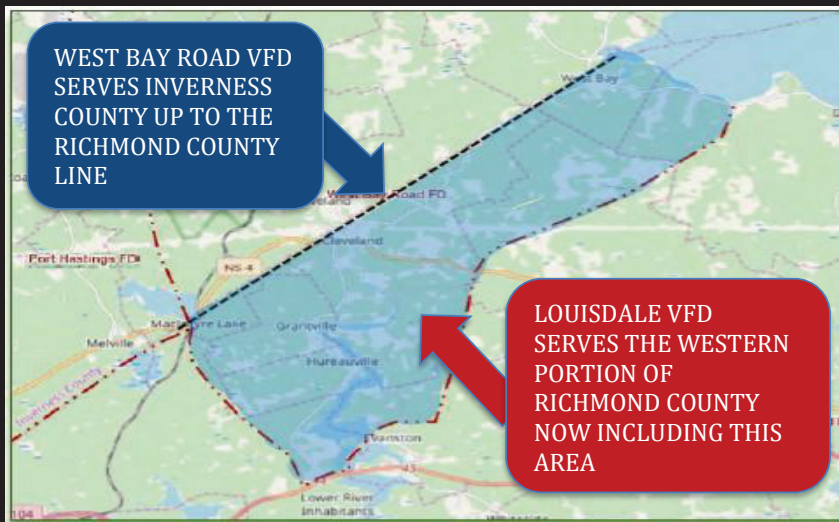
# FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY CHANGE



**EFFECTIVE**  
**JULY 6, 2026**



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BOUNDARY HAS CHANGED.  
THE AREA OF RICHMOND COUNTY PREVIOUSLY SERVED BY THE WEST BAY  
ROAD VFD **IS NOW SERVED BY THE LOUISDALE VFD.**



**NO MATTER WHERE  
YOU ARE, IF IT IS AN  
EMERGENCY—**

**WE'LL RESPOND.**



**IN AN EMERGENCY**



# CALL 911



**THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE**

## Water, Sewer and Tax Bills

### Department of Finance and Taxation

The Finance Department is responsible for coordinating all the financial activities of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. The major areas of responsibilities of the Department are property taxation, other source revenues, accounts payable, payroll, budgeting, accounting and financial management. **The Municipality of the County of Richmond's fiscal year runs April 1 - March 31.**

#### Property Tax Bills

Billing date:



Due date:



Please allow three business days for processing.

#### Water and Sewer Bills

Water and sewer bills are sent quarterly with billing dates of April 1, July 1, October 1 and January 1.

Next Billing date:



Next Due date:



Please allow three business days for processing.

#### Tax Payment Methods

Tax payments may be made at the Municipal Tax Office located at 2357 Highway 206, in Arichat, by presenting your tax bill to the Tax Clerk. The office is open Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm.

The Municipality offers Debit Card payments.

**PLEASE NOTE: VISA, Mastercard, American Express, etc. are NOT accepted.**

Online and telephone banking are other alternatives for paying property tax bills through most financial institutions.

Your payment can also be made by mail. Please send your cheque or money order to:

Municipality of the County of Richmond - Tax Office,  
P.O. Box 120, Arichat, NS, B0E 1A0

Please remember to enclose the remittance stub of your tax bill with your payment and indicate your property account number(s) on your cheque or money order.

#### Land Transfer Tax

The Municipality of the County of Richmond has a Deed Transfer Tax of 1.5%. The Deed Transfer Tax is collected on the Municipality's behalf by the Province of Nova Scotia at the Registry of Deeds.

#### Tax and Area Rates

The 2025-2026 Residential tax rate for the Municipality of the County of Richmond is \$0.85 per \$100 of assessment.

The Commercial tax rate for 2025-2026 is \$2.15 per \$100 of assessed value. Area rates are also added. See our website for a detailed breakdown.

#### Property Tax Billing and Interest Rates

The Municipality's tax bills are issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and September and are due on the first working day of June and November.

All taxes not paid by the due date accrue interest at a rate of 18% per annum (1.5% per month). The Municipality sends out approximately 12,000 annual tax bills.

If you have any questions in regards to your tax bill, please contact the Tax Office at 902.226.2400 or 902.226.3976.

#### Richmond Water Utility Rates

These rates are effective for water supplied on or after April 1, 2026.

##### Base charges

Size of Meter	Quarterly
5/8"	\$61.74
3/4"	\$91.29
1"	\$150.40
1.5"	\$298.16
2"	\$475.48
3"	\$948.32
4"	\$1,480.27
6"	\$2,957.90
Consumption Rate (per cubic metre)	
\$2.26 per cubic metre	

#### Finance Summer Tips

\* 2026 Senior's property tax rebates will be available in July for your 2025 paid taxes and need to be submitted by December 31, 2026. If you have any questions, please call Kristina at 902.226.2400.

##### Did you know?

\* The world's largest ice cream sundae was created in Alberta, Canada, in 1988, weighing over 24 tons.

\* About 150 million hot dogs are eaten on July 4th alone in the US to celebrate Hot Dog Day.

\* You can calculate the temperature by counting a cricket's chirps in 15 seconds and adding 37.

**\*\*Online payments can take 1-2 business days for processing, so please take this into consideration when paying your bills online.**

## St. Anne's Mission July 23 – July 27



The Mi'kmaq has celebrated the annual feast of Saint Anne in Potlotek First Nation, Nova Scotia, on a tiny island called Miniku since 1742. The Saint Anne's Mission has been recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada since 2002.

The Saint Anne's Mission is also a traditional meeting place for the Mi'kmaq Grand Council (Sante Mawiomi) – They come together and discuss issues affecting the Mi'kmaq Nation. The Grand Council (represents the 7 districts) and gives a yearly address on Sunday during the Saint Anne Mission. Miniku (the little island) is the oldest reserve in Cape Breton Island.

## Annual Pow Wow September 2026



Details to be announced at a later date.

Contact: Mary Lafford, 902.535.3317

### Food • Gifts • Tours • Rentals

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## Experience Authentic Mi'kmaq Culture

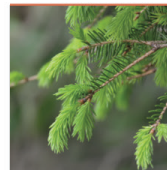
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## Tours



### Traditional Medicine Display 10am & 1pm Daily \$40/person

Take a leisurely stroll to discover the medicinal plants and methods traditionally used by the local Mi'kmaq people in their day to day lives. Weather permitting.



## Rentals

	Hour	1/2 Day	Full Day
Kayak	\$20	\$40	\$80
Double Kayak	\$25	\$50	\$100
Canoe	\$20	\$40	\$80
Pedal Boat	\$20	\$40	\$80
Eclipse Pedal Board	\$20	\$40	\$80
Bicycle	\$15	\$25	\$40
Fishing Equipment	-	-	\$25

160 Toulouse St, St. Peter's

# Meet Your Economic Development Officer



## MEGHRAJ SOLANKI

Economic Development Officer  
Richmond County/Town of Port Hawkesbury

## Providing tools and supports to build a thriving Unama'ki - Cape Breton.

As Unama'ki - Cape Breton's private sector-led economic development organization, we apply our Island-wide perspective of economic development to everything we do as we work with businesses and communities across our Island!

### Supports and services provided:

- Business Advisory Services
- Entrepreneurship Supports
- Business and Investment Attraction
- Economic Development Planning and Projects
- Workforce Development
- Immigration Services
- & More!

If you want to start a new business, have an existing business that you want to grow or that needs support, or want to bring your investment idea, please reach out!



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# Save the Date

## Annual General Meeting and Open House Celebration for our Tenth Anniversary



Wednesday, September 9, 2026  
3pm  
Isle Madame New Horizons Club  
2373 Highway 206, Arichat



The Open House will follow the AGM.  
Light Refreshments will be provided



### Building Capacity in Mental Health First Aid For Older Adults in Rural Communities

We will be offering two training sessions (no charge) this fall for community members. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a program designed to help people identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health issues and crises.

Participants will receive a certificate.  
Tentative Dates are October 8-9th and November 5-6th

For more information contact Celeste Gotell  
[seniorstakeaction.info@gmail.com](mailto:seniorstakeaction.info@gmail.com)



Seniors Take Action Coalition extends its sincere thanks to the Province of Nova Scotia, Dept of Seniors and Long-Term Care for the Age-Friendly Community Grant that made this training possible.



# Canada Day Celebrations

**Loch Lomond Community Hall**

Wednesday, July 1, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Canada Day Parade and BBQ

**St. Louis Parish Hall, Louisdale**

Wednesday, July 1, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Face tattoos, beach volleyball, badminton, ring toss, mini putt, washer toss, lego stations, colouring station, summer fun station, music, prize giveaways for every age and more!! There will also be a BBQ, sundae bar, candy bar and birthday cake! This is a FREE event. Fun for the whole family!

**D'Escouse Civic Improvement Society**

Wednesday, July 1 at 11:00 am  
Canada Day Bingo - One free book per person  
Cake, coffee, tea, and prizes. EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Tara Lynne Community Centre**

Wednesday, July 1 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Canada Day Celebration  
Homemade Pizza and drink \$10,  
Free Canada Day Cake, live music, baked goods, raffle and children's games.

**Isle Madame New Horizon Senior Club**

Wednesday, July 1 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Music, BBQ, cake, open to all!

**Riverdale Community Services Society**

Riverdale Community Centre  
Wednesday, July 1  
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Live music, games, prizes, snow cones, cotton candy, cake, free BBQ (hotdogs), popcorn, fireworks, temporary tattoos

**St. Peter's and Area Lion's Club**

Wednesday, July 1 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Bouncy castle, free BBQ, face painting, cake, music

**L'Ardoise Community Centre**

Wednesday, July 1 from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
Live entertainment, free BBQ, singing of O Canada

**District Number Ten Volunteer Fire Department**

Red Islands Fire Hall  
Wednesday, July 1  
BBQ at 5:00 pm and fireworks at dusk

**Fireworks to begin at dusk - subject to provincial fire restrictions. Details will be shared on our social media platforms.**

St. Peter's Battery Provincial Park  
Lennox Passage Provincial Park



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**Johnstown Landing Artisan & Farmers Market**

15281 Highway 4, Johnstown  
Sundays, June 28 - September 6, from  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Interested vendors contact 902.631.0209

**Annual Rubber Duck Races**

River Bourgeois Docks  
July 5, 2026, time TBA  
Duck Races, BBQ, prize raffles, ½ & ½, live music



**KitchenRackets Summer Jam Sessions**

Join us for our weekly acoustic jams every Thursday evening from July 9 to August 27, at St. Peter's Lions Marina. Sessions begin at 7:30 pm. Visiting players are invited to sit in with local musicians. Singers, dancers and listeners welcome! All ages. Family friendly. Free admission, free-will donations gratefully accepted. Bring your instruments, and beverages/snacks if you like. More info on-line at [www.kitchenrackets.org](http://www.kitchenrackets.org) or email us at [greg@kitchenrackets.org](mailto:greg@kitchenrackets.org).

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Outdoor Mass**

Johnstown Parish Hall  
Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 pm  
Please bring your own chair.

**Strawberry Festival**

Johnstown Parish Hall  
Sunday, July 12 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Strawberry Festival**

Loch Lomond Community Hall  
Saturday, July 18, 3:00 – 5:00 pm, \$12.00/person

**Funday Afternoon**

Framboise Community Hall  
Saturday, July 25 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Some games for the kids (free) bingo and straw game (at a cost). BBQ on site. All proceeds from this event goes to our annual Christmas party for the kids of the area.

**Lennox Passage Yacht Club Harbourfest**

Lennox Passage, D'Escousse - July 30 to August 2  
Lots of local entertainment, food, boat run, flea markets, kids' games and much more  
For a full schedule contact Melanie at [info@lpyc.ca](mailto:info@lpyc.ca)

**PianOcean Concert**

St. Peter's Lions Marina, Friday July 31 at 5:00 pm  
Welcome international sailor, singer, songwriter, Marieke Huysmans, who will sail into port with her piano, for a dockside concert at the Marina. This will be a highlight of our summer music celebrations also featuring guest artist Roger Stone and some others TBA. Family friendly. Burgers, hot dogs and beverages will be available. No admission fee. Free will donations gratefully accepted. More info on-line at [www.kitchenrackets.org](http://www.kitchenrackets.org) or email us at [greg@kitchenrackets.org](mailto:greg@kitchenrackets.org).

**Festival acadien de Petit-de-Grat**

August 6 - August 10

**Grand River Daze**

Saturday, August 8  
Poker Run on the Grand River (West Side) at 10:00 am  
Duckless Duck Race (Frank MacDonald Road) at 2:00 pm  
Pork Chop BBQ with live entertainment & cash bar at the fire hall.  
Sponsored by the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department

**Cemetery Mass**

Johnstown Parish Hall  
Sunday, August 9 at 9:00 am

**Pancake Breakfast**

Johnstown Parish Hall  
Sunday, August 9 beginning at 9:45 am

**Luminary Celebration**

Little Harbour  
Friday, August 14

**Harbour Wars**

Little Harbour  
Saturday, August 15  
Fund raising for the Tom MacNeil cancer patients care fund

**94<sup>th</sup> Annual Milling Frolic and Sqaure Dance**

Johnstown Parish Hall  
Friday, August 21 from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am  
Dance begins at 9:00 pm

**Bavarian Pork Roast Supper**

Loch Lomond Community Hall  
Saturday, August 22, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.  
\$20.00 per person

**Kid's Day and BBQ**

Loch Lomond Community Hall  
Saturday, August 29, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Free Games and Prizes

**River Bourgeois 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival**

Tara Lynne Community Centre  
August 29 to September 6, 2026  
Watch for event flyers in the mail

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Luck of the Draw Boat Run"**

River Bourgeois Mariner Society  
Registration begins at 10:00 am at the River Bourgeois Floating Docks  
Saturday, September 5 (Rain/wind date – September 6) Fee: \$20.00 per ticket  
Contact: Peter Baccardax at 902.302.5992



**FESTIVALS & MARKETS**

# Community News & Events

## Visitor Information Centre

9992 Grenville St., Hwy 4, St. Peter's  
Phone: 902.535.2185

## Eastern Counties Regional Libraries

St. Peter's Library & Petit de Grat Library  
Wednesday – Saturday,  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm & 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

## Kitchen Party

New Horizon Center, Arichat  
July 21, 2026, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Tickets \$10.00  
Contact: Rose Marie Farrell @ 902.623.0990  
or Rose Marie Montgomery @ 506.271.3010

## Richmond Rainbow Alliance

The Richmond Rainbow Alliance is committed to promoting social justice, inclusivity, and safe, welcoming spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and their allies. Follow us on Facebook



@RichmondRainbowAlliance to learn about upcoming events, ways to get involved, or how to bring activities to your community.

## Framboise Community Hall

**Trivia Night**  
Friday, July 17 from 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

## Community Breakfast

August 1 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
Adults - \$15.00, kids 10 and under \$8.00

## South Mountain Arm of Gold

St. George's Channel Hall

## Monthly Breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month - July 19, August 16, September 20, 8:30 am – 11:00 am; \$15.00 for adults, special price for children

## Crafter's Market

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

## River Bourgeois Community Services Society

Tara Lynne Community Center, River Bourgeois

## 45 Card Play - Mondays

Beginning June 1, 2026, 7:30 pm

## Pub night

July 8, 202 July 8, 2026, 8:00 pm-11:00 pm  
Live music. Watch for further details

## St. John's Centre for the Arts

2513 Highway 206, Arichat  
[friendsofstjohnsarichat@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstjohnsarichat@gmail.com)  
Marg Herdman, 902.227.8303

## Tuesday Island Tunes

(all Tuesdays in July and August)  
6:30 pm; Admission: Donation;  
refreshments served

## The Latimers

July 23 at 7:00 pm; admission by  
donation; refreshments served

## Art Show and Sale

August 7, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
August 8, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

## Ariana Nasr

September 11, 7:00 pm  
\$20 advance / \$25 at the door / youth free  
Refreshments served

## Barbel Albert and Ruth Matthews

September 27, 2:00 pm  
Admission: Donation, Refreshments served

## Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre

### Live auction and brunch

L'Ardoise Community Centre, September 26  
Fee: \$15 adults | \$7 kids  
Brunch: 12:00 pm-1:30 pm; Auction: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

### SENIORS PROGRAMS:

**Walking group**, L'Ardoise Community Centre  
Thursdays at 10:00 am, parking lot. Weather permitting.

### Memory Cafes

Locations may vary  
Welcoming social space for people with dementia and their caregivers  
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm on July 14, August 11, September 8  
To register call Rachael at 902.587.2800 ext 3

### Seniors Connecting

Locations may vary  
1:00 pm - July 20, August 24, September 22  
To register call Rachael at 902.587.2800 ext 3

### Fraud and Scam Presentations

Riverdale Community Hall, Lower River,  
11:00 am, September 9  
Bonnie Brae Seniors Club, 1:00 pm,  
September 16

### New Foodfit – 12-week program

River Roots, River Bourgeois  
September 14, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## La Picasse, centre communautaire culturel

3435 route 206, Petit-de-Grat

### Jeudis Art - Couture - Drapeau acadien -

Lynn Theriault  
2 et 9 juillet 18h30, 10\$ / 2 sessions -  
Inscription obligatoire  
Contact : Andrée Lacourse, 902.226.0149 ou  
[programmation@lapicasse.ca](mailto:programmation@lapicasse.ca)

### Les veillées à La Picasse

(musique-danse-spectacle-exposition)  
Dimanches - 12 et 26 juillet, 18h à 20h, Coût  
et détails à venir  
Contactez 902.226.0149

### Fête nationale de l'Acadie

15 août, Détails et horaire à venir  
Contact : Andrée Lacourse, 902.226.0149 ou  
[programmation@lapicasse.ca](mailto:programmation@lapicasse.ca)

## Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 150, Arichat

**Breakfast** – Sundays - July 5, August 2, Sep-  
tember 6 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am.  
Eat in or take out

**Fish Fry** - Fridays - July 17, August 21,  
September 18 from 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm.  
Eat in or take out

**General Meeting** - Tuesday, September 8 @  
7:00 pm. All members are invited to attend

**District Meeting** - Sunday, September 20 @  
2:00 pm. All members are invited to  
attend. Meal served.

**45 Card Game Poppy Fund Fundraiser** -  
Saturday, September 19 @ 7:00 pm. Prizes  
awarded - bring a partner

## At Home Association

Mission: Create affordable housing  
solutions so communities can thrive. If you  
are interested in learning more about At  
Home Housing Association, contact Tom  
Gunn at [tomgunn@tdgunn.com](mailto:tomgunn@tdgunn.com) or by phone  
at 902.227.5249

## Isle Madame Historical Society/ LeNoir Forge Museum

708 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat - 902.226.9364  
[islemadamehistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:islemadamehistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

### Summer Learning Series:

Sunday, July 19 at 2:00 pm – Cemetery Tour at  
Immaculate Conception Cemetery, West Arichat,  
Admission by donation

Sunday, July 26, 2:00 pm – “Celebrating Musical  
Roots: The Kidd Brothers” - Join us as we honour  
the latest addition to our Musical Roots Display!

Saturday, August 22, at 1:30 pm - Acadian Rug  
Hooking Workshop with Betty Ann Cormier pre-  
registration required! Cost: \$140.00 includes  
materials. \$100.00 without materials. Limited space!

### Tea in the Museum:

Every Wednesday afternoon, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm,  
July 8 to September 2. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee,  
treats and conversation. \$10.00 per person, \$8.00  
for members

### Blacksmithing:

**Demonstrations:** Thursday & Saturday afternoons,  
July & August, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Full 2-Hour Workshops:** available by request.  
Adults: \$90.00, Youth \$40.00 Materials included;  
all participants will produce a forged piece to take  
home. Pre-registration required.

### August is Living History Month:

Friday, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2:00 pm - 4:00  
pm as four community interpreters bring  
the museum to life. Explore displays from four  
different time periods and discover the  
live and challenges of past island residents!

### Annual Book Sale:

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm in  
the Boat Barn on the Lower Site

## Louisdale Lions Waterfront Park

349 Highway 320, Louisdale

### Grand Opening - Saturday, July 25

10:00 am – Outdoor Mass/Mi'kmaq Blessing  
Live local musicians from 11:30 am – 6:00 pm,  
beer garden, kids' activities, BBQ, fries,  
bouncy castle, face painting, celebration  
cake, popcorn, slushies & ice cream.  
Rebel Road Band from 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm,  
\$10.00 per person with a beer garden, 19+

### Washer Toss Tournament (19+ event)

Sunday, July 26 - 12:00 pm  
Pre-registration required - \$20/person or  
\$40/team. Contact Brian Landry,  
[brlandry1960@gmail.com](mailto:brlandry1960@gmail.com) for registration.  
Prizes awarded

## D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society

**Regular Sunday night Bingo**, 6:45 pm, jack it  
up, 7:45 pm mini bingo, 8:00 pm regular bingo

**Thursday night Card Play**, 7:30 pm

### Hungryman's Breakfast Sunday

July 12, Saturday, August 1, Sunday,  
September 13, Adults \$13.00, Children \$7.00

**Monday Mass**, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
9:30 am, July 6, August 3, September 7

### High Society and the Privateers

Friday, September 25, 9:30 pm-12:30 am  
\$25 per ticket. Contacts: Ronnie Leblanc  
902.227.8069, Daphne Campbell  
902.631.3957 or Davey Sampson  
902.631.6382