



# Around *the* Block



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## Launching rockets with Brilliant Labs



Launching a pop bottle rocket (Photo: Lucia Dorie-Scala)

**By Brilliant Labs**

Carleton Kidz capped-off their nine-week, after school STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) sessions last month at Carleton Community Centre by having fun learning how to make and launch pop bottle rockets (above). To see a short reel on YouTube, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVuVVAIqwB8>.

Free STEAM- and technology-based after school programs were conducted in Saint John through the winter and spring at Carleton Community Centre and the Saint John Free Public Library in Market Square, and at Brilliant Labs in ConnexionWorks. Brilliant Labs is currently planning summer STEAM Camps in partnership with community centres, libraries, and youth-serving organizations. Information about camps in Saint John will be posted on [www.brilliantlabs.ca](http://www.brilliantlabs.ca) in late June.

Programs to support youth education and empowerment by developing their digital literacy and coding skills are provided free of charge thanks to our community partners, and with funding from the Government of Canada's CanCode program. Thank you!

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## Flagraising at City Hall supports belonging



The turnout for raising the rainbow flag at City Hall on May 18th, 2023, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia. Her Worship Mayor Reardon spoke and several councillors attended. (Photo: Around the Block)

## The Y: 30 years supporting newcomers



The 30th anniversary celebration at the Field House, May 25th, 2023

**Story and photo by the YMCA of Greater Saint John**

On Thursday, May 25th, the YMCA of Greater Saint John hosted 450+ people at the Irving Oil Field House to commemorate 30 glorious years of Newcomer Connections. The event celebrated diversity in Saint John with stories of multiple newcomers who have succeeded here. "We are thrilled to celebrate all newcomers in our community who have become Canadian citizens and are now supporting others in their settlement journey," said Shilo Boucher, President and CEO. "For many, citizenship is the realization of a dream and can mark the beginning of a new life." YMCA Newcomer Connections also hosted a Citizenship Reaffirmation Ceremony to celebrate those who completed a huge milestone by becoming Canadian citizens. 144 newcomers who became Canadian citizens during the pandemic registered to participate in the ceremony. The attendees at this successful event included newcomers, community partners, volunteers, current and past staff, and employers. It also featured newcomer success stories over the years, interactive activities for everyone, food from five newcomer-owned businesses, and a quintet from the Saint John Youth Orchestra.

## From the Editor's desk:

### It's all happening in Saint John!

Lorna Brown, [sjcommunitynewspaper@gmail.com](mailto:sjcommunitynewspaper@gmail.com)

For this issue we received so many good stories about summer events in Saint John, I have given up the editorial space to ensure nothing gets left out. Just look at the Community Notices on pages 11-12 and you will see (and there are more throughout the paper)!

Peace and joy to all. You get them by giving them.



## UCT Jack Kidd Council 755



Olivia Donovan (UCT) teaching a teen how to use the sewing machine (Photo: ONE Change )

By Christa Petts, ONE Change

United Commercial Travellers (UCT) Jack Kidd Council 755 is an amazing group that has been a huge support for us here at ONE Change. They have supported various programs through the year. They provide supplies for programs, snacks, food, and many other items for us to support our children and families on at least a monthly basis. UCT is always available and makes time to volunteer: teaching sewing to our teens, making treat bags for the kids at Halloween, and serving our seniors teas. Thank you, UCT for all you do!!

## PD days at ONE Change



Science experiments (Photo: Christa Petts)

By Anna Pierce, ONE Change

A program I enjoy running at ONE Change is our themed PD day for our children. (PD days are professional development days for schoolteachers; children do not attend school.) On days when they are home from school and the centre is open, we have small two-hour programs from 1 to 3 p.m. My co-workers and I brainstormed ideas for activities to keep the children engaged and learning during their days off. Our latest programs were: a science-themed day where we made homemade harmonicas, looked at the effects of mixing baking soda and vinegar to raise balloons and conducted small experiments using Skittles and water; and a party-themed day where we played Just Dance and engaging board games and card games. We also go to the gym to play running and strategy games to get rid of their abundant energy!

## Pokémon

Story and photo by Jonathan Driscoll, ONE Change

The last ten weeks have been full of Pokémon and adventures here at ONE Change. This ten-week program lets youth explore the world of Pokémon, learn about new creatures, and create their very own Pokémon cards. We started off by letting each youth open their own deck of cards to trade and use how they wished with friends and participants of the program. Some of our youth even brought in their own cards to see what they were worth and do research with each other.



At one, point, we asked them to come up with their own Pokémon and create a name and power. (See above.) We scanned the photo and made it into real laminated rare edition Pokémon card.

## Summer Camp 2023

By Christa Petts, ONE Change

We are gearing up for summer this year. We are looking forward to a great summer with our children. We will be planning adventures and fun surprises. Summer camp is always so much fun! We welcome our summer students who join us to make the summer great. This year we will be working with New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) and other partners to provide an exciting summer for our children. We are really looking forward to beach days and fun in the sun. Our summer students really work hard to make sure our children are engaged and enjoy the summer. It is going to be an exciting summer. I can't wait for summer to begin!!

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# Comings and goings: People United in the Lower South End (PULSE Inc.)

By Lisa Morris, Resident Engagement Coordinator, PULSE Incorporated

## PULSE Inc. Hours of Operation

Monday-Tuesday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**SJBKE Parent Coffee & Chat** Join us every Wednesday morning from 8 to 9:30 a.m. after dropping your children off at school and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and friendly conversation.

**Men's Coffee & Chat** Join Adam every Monday 10-11 a.m. for a fresh cup of coffee and/or tea, and conversation.

**Grab a Snack** Attention students: stop in, visit us at PULSE after school, tell us about your day, and grab a snack!

**Community Health Nurse** Kathy London Anthony is available for drop in at PULSE every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

**Free Tax Service** PULSE is open year-round to complete your taxes, including previous years. Through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) find free Income Tax clinics in Saint John for eligible individuals who have a modest income and a simple tax situation.

PULSE Inc. has a drop-off tax clinic; this means you can stop in anytime we are open with your paperwork and piece of ID. Together we will fill out the forms and your tax return will be completed by a volunteer. You can pick up a copy of your completed return in approximately four to seven business days.

**The CVITP does not provide training or support for complex tax situations.**

**Monthly calendars available!** Next time you stop in, do not forget to grab a monthly calendar to keep track of what is going on each month!

**Internet Access** PULSE has a tablet available at no cost for residents' use for accessing appointments, job searches and printing resumes or forms. Please call ahead to reduce wait times or call to schedule: 506-632-6807. Limited to 30 minutes.

**SJ Food Purchasing Order** Looking for affordable veggies? Money can be dropped off at PULSE Inc., 251 Wentworth Street, or e-transferred to Martha.MacLean@HorizonNB.ca. Please include your name, phone number, order size and pickup location.

**June** - money due June 16th, pick up June 23rd

**July** - money due July 14th, pick up July 21st

**August** - money due August 11th, pick up August 18th

**If you want to Pay It Forward with a SJ Food Purchasing Order to someone in the community, simply send a \$15 or \$25 e-transfer to Martha.MacLean@HorizonNB.ca and put in the notes section "PULSE Pay It Forward."**

# Men's Coffee & Chat

By Adam Crewdson, PULSE

Welcome to Men's Chat! My name is Adam, and I am doing my placement at PULSE as I am currently a student in school.

I realize I am a new face to many in the Lower South End. I have been getting to know a few people since my start in the middle of April.

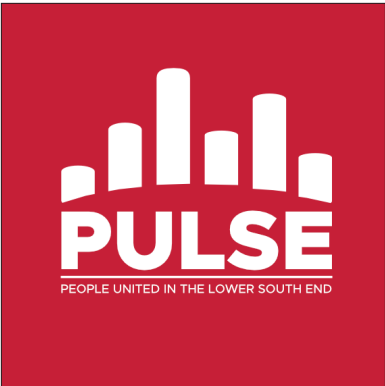
I would like to make a space where men can come together and connect. Come out for some snacks and coffee on PULSE. Join me every Monday 10-11 a.m. for a fresh cup of coffee and/or tea, and conversation.

I look forward to meeting you and seeing what is going on in life.



Adam (Photo: Lisa Morris )

**Stay tuned to Facebook and the community calendar for ongoing dates.**




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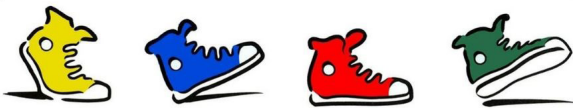
EVERY WEDNESDAY 1PM - 3PM

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Community Nurses help advocate for people & helps with navigating the Health Care System.



# WEDNESDAY WALKS



Join us every Wednesday for a walk around Rainbow Park. Meet at 251 Wentworth St at 11am

*Welcoming group for everyone of all levels. We will start with a short distance and see it increase over the summer!*

*Cancelled if weather is more than a drizzle*  
*Call Samara with any questions (506)349-5672*



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Crescent Valley stories by Char Levesque, Community Liaison,  
Crescent Valley Resource Centre (CVRC)

Crescent Valley Art Club



Members of the Crescent Valley Art Club at CVRC (Photo: CVRC)

Crescent Valley Art Club began after a guided art program with Kim Cookson finished, and the participants were not ready to say goodbye. Crescent Valley Art Club member David Lawrence describes his experience. “Crescent Valley Art Club is a place for adults of all types of experience with painting and drawing, from those who have never picked up a brush to those who have years of experience. We learn from each other and have a good time doing it.”

While discovering their hidden talents and building friendships along the way, our now resident-led Art Club continues to meet every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Crescent Valley Resource Centre (CVRC). On June 21st at 11 a.m., join the CV Art Club for a meet-and-greet at CVRC. You might be interested in joining this fall!

Crescent Valley Community Library

With summer arriving, have you decided on your summer reading list? Reading is a wonderful way to spend a rainy day, use your imagination, and unplug from social media and video games. Crescent Valley Resource Centre (CVRC) has a bunch of new books for kids and adults to enjoy over summer vacation.

Reading with or to your child helps develop their vocabulary and language skills and lets them use their imagination. Children learn by example, and watching a parent read a book often gets kids excited about reading. The more they read the more successful they become in school.

Drop by CVRC, 130 MacLaren Boulevard, Monday to Friday to browse our selection. A library card is not needed and there is no time limit on borrowing, just return once you are done and grab another. Remember that with each book comes a new adventure!

Above: A sample of new titles available at the Crescent Valley Library  
(Photo: CVRC)



Crescent Valley Recycling Contest

Recycling reduces waste sent to the landfill, keeps our neighbourhoods clean, prevents pollution, conserves energy, and even creates jobs, which produces economic benefits. By doing these simple steps, Crescent Valley families have a chance to win one of many gift cards through The Blue Run recycling contest running from May 6th until June 24th. To enter, place sorted recycling outside your front door before noon (12 p.m.) every Saturday. The more times families recycle, the better the chances of winning. Thank you to The Blue Run and New Brunswick Social Development for supporting this program and this contest.



Hazen White-St. Francis update



Feed SJ with the children

Story and photo by Ronda Leavitt,  
Community School Coordinator, HWSF

We are very excited to have the Soap Box Derby back! It's happening June 3rd, and the children are very excited for the big day. This year we have yellow and blue Husky Pit crew and driver t-shirts for the children to wear.

In early April, Feed SJ dropped off 50 large bags of groceries for us to distribute to the children. We drew names from a hat, and they were very excited to receive the bags!

The Grade 3 class has joined the Grade 4s and 5s to swim at the Aquatic Centre and has been loving every minute of it! We will be going every Wednesday until mid-June.

On April 25th we celebrated Eid with the children, and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch from Subway and cookies that were made by some of the children.

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Register now for Camp Carleton!



Story and photo by Madelynn Ryan, Youth Program Coordinator, Carleton Community Centre

Camp Carleton is just around the corner and registration is now open! This camp is a free eight-week summer program for ages 6-12, offered Monday through Friday at the Carleton Community Centre. We do indoor and outdoor activities: field trips, active games, gardening, splash pad fun, arts and crafts, cooking, and more! All while teaching the kids the importance of self-worth, diversity, and emotional intelligence. Are you a teenager aged 13 to 18? Starting in July stop by the Carleton every Tuesday and Thursday, 2-4 p.m. For more information contact Madelynn at 506 658-2920 or e-mail [youth@carletoncommunitycentre.ca](mailto:youth@carletoncommunitycentre.ca).

Saint John West Days, June 18th-25th

By Kate Worden, SJWD Volunteer Committee

Saint John West Days (SJWD) aims to showcase our proud history, while also celebrating our bright future. Our first annual celebration will boast a variety of activities across much of Saint John West, including a Homecoming Ceremony for Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) and closing with a Family Day celebration at Queen Square West. With the return of CPKC (formerly Canadian Pacific Rail) and the Port Saint John’s expansion, Saint John West will experience a surge in economic activity. We are excited to be able to provide an opportunity to showcase collaboration and commitment to the growth of our community. We are creating awareness of local westside organizations, with hopes of supporting their efforts in providing services and resources within our community, reaching more and more families. Saint John West Days 2023 will support the efforts of Carleton Community Centre and Westside Foodbank. So mark your calendars for our week-long celebration kicking off on June 18th, through June 25th! For event details or to learn how you can get involved, please check out our Facebook page: Saint John West Days. (See also the calendar of events on page 10.)

Meet the Carleton’s great squad



Left to right: Madelynn Ryan, Youth Program Coordinator; Jen Oliver, Executive Director; Kate Worden, Marketing & Programs Coordinator; Tim Chaffey, Neighborhood Developer (Photo: Kate Worden)

By Jen Oliver, Executive Director, Carleton Community Centre

When you walk through the doors at the Carleton Community Centre you are going to be met by one of these friendly faces. They are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those of the Lower West Side and beyond. Having a dedicated individual like Tim Chaffey as our Neighbourhood Developer over the past two years has grown our capacity in the centre and expanded our reach in our community. Kate Worden is our backbone of knowledge and experience of the centre and gives opportunity to our community through programming and keeping us update to date on social media. Madelynn Ryan ensures that all youth who come to the centre are safe and having fun through various activities that promote a healthy lifestyle, such as a cooking class led by a volunteer chef. And lastly, Jen Oliver is continuing to learn from these three amazing individuals and support their committed work. Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success – Henry Ford.

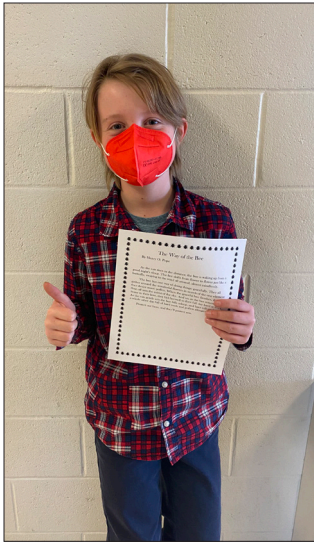
The Way of the Bee

By Henry O. Pope

As the sun rises in the distance, the bee is waking up from a good night’s sleep. The bee drifts from flower to flower just like a butterfly, swaying in the wind all around, almost mindlessly.

The bee has one way of doing things: gracefully. They all gather around the wonderful flowers in search of the one element they desire most: pollen. When the graceful bee finishes, they float off into the midst of the sky. And so, as the bee returns home to their hive, they bid farewell to their full day hard at work. As the sun gently sets the bee falls asleep, and later will awake for a whole other day full of hard work and pollen allergies.

Protect our bees, and they’ll protect you.



Henry (Photo: Krista Turnbull)



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## Building a vibrant community at Rose House



*The painting – a group effort (Photo: Madeleine Adams)*

**By Chanelle Morgan, Coverdale**

Our team have been working diligently to create a safe, supportive, and vibrant community among the tenants at Rose House. The greater community has also been awesome for donating items that will facilitate the activities that bring the tenants together. So far we have hosted a paint afternoon, a food security program that runs every Saturday, a baking swap, and a community clean-up day on Earth Day. We plan to create a beautiful outdoor space with raised garden beds to add more beauty and opportunities for connection and cooperation. We believe that a house with opportunities for creativity, sharing ideas, and working together fosters a sense of pride of place, builds confidence, and facilitates neighbourly relationships that make the house feel safe, warm, and friendly. We are still accepting donations to help with the garden project to make our outdoor space a place that women can enjoy and cultivate into a blooming oasis for relaxation.

## Stone Church tower repairs underway

**Story and photo by  
The Reverend Jasmine Chandra**

The Stone Church tower is getting a makeover. Work will be done on the South and West faces of the tower to start. The East and North faces will be worked on if there is enough time and money.

Programs at Stone Church will continue as usual during the conservation work. Stone Church is also offering a new chat and craft time the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 10 a.m. Craft supplies are provided.



## Celebrate Recovery, Mondays at 6 p.m.

**Story and photo by Nick Shepard,  
Community Outreach Coordinator,  
The Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army, through the guidance of Family Services Coordinator Robert England (*right*), presents Celebrate Recovery. This is a Christ-centred recovery program based on the beatitudes. It's an internationally known program that provides both large and small group communal support for those struggling with all types of pain. Whether it's substance use, overeating, sex addiction, self-esteem issues, etc., the program seeks to help those in need to find real hope and meaning in their lives. Celebrate Recovery takes place at 6 p.m. on Mondays at the Saint John Hope Community Church at 36 Waterloo Street. If you have questions, please contact Rob England at 506-647-9533 or via email [robert.england@salvationarmy.ca](mailto:robert.england@salvationarmy.ca).



**Come as you are, and it will change your life.**

## READ Saint John

**Story and photo by  
Justine Keenan, Program  
Coordinator, READ Saint  
John**

READ Saint John is your local literacy organization which was hit hard by the pandemic, but we have been busy behind the scenes moving, recruiting new board members, hiring a new employee, and looking for new ways of supporting adult learners throughout their literacy journey!

We are excited to be offering a monthly Cooking to Learn program (*see photo, right*) in partnership with Stephenson Tower's Tenants Association.

Cooking to Learn helps motivate learners to improve their basic reading, writing and math skills using step-by-step cooking activities. The program is designed to provide a hands-on approach to increase reading comprehension, vocabulary, problem solving, and math and science skills.

This program would not be possible without our lovely volunteer, Marcheta Steeves, and support from the City of Saint John and the Community Capacity and Resiliency committee.

**If you are interested in partnering with READ to host a Cooking to Learn program reach out to Justine at [readsj@readsaintjohn.ca](mailto:readsj@readsaintjohn.ca).  
Our summer schedule is Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**



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## PALS thanks KickBasics Health Studio

***By Susan Tipper and Michael  
Whelton, PALS En Route to  
Success***

The PALS En Route to Success program would like to extend a sincere “thank you” to KickBasics Health Studio, located at 24 Coburg Street, for welcoming a group of Grade 9 students from St. Malachy’s and Saint John High School.



*Left to right: Jayden, Amanda and Henry practicing some self defense exercises (Photo: PALS En Route to Success)*

Our students participated in an introductory training session that focused on personal growth and positive motivation. The students were introduced to the basic skills of kickboxing class to get everyone moving and having fun through exercising.

Owner, instructor, and coach Amanda Ryall has eight years' experience teaching kickboxing and has personally lost 100 pounds. She enjoys helping others reach their personal fitness and health goals.

# Power Play in Fredericton

**Story and photo by Ben Gillcrist, Community Schools Coordinator, Saint John the Baptist/King Edward School (SJBKE)**



*Paul and the Kids on the Go bus*

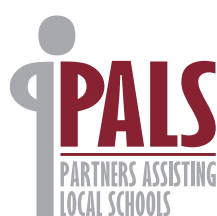
SJBKE kids get around, and when they do, they take great “chops” with them! Such was the case in April when several of our students went to Fredericton to compete in the Provincial Power Play Young Entrepreneurs summit.

These students, who produced great work for the in-school event held earlier this year, took their best to Fredericton and “rocked out”, demonstrating their entrepreneurial creativity and experiencing that of peers from all around NB. They had such a great day, topped off by our generous friends at PALS, who so kindly furnished the Kids on the Go bus with an always-willing and capable Paul at the wheel.

We are so grateful for our friends and proud of our wonderful students whom we all stand behind! A great day!

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## Community School Coordinators in Anglophone South School District



*Front Row - Abby Nice, Erica Lane, Rachel Brown, Melanie Koteff-Backman, Beth Firth, Ronda Leavitt, Angela Calder. Back Row – Ben Gillcrist, Kate MacDonald, Jill Nylen, Rebecca Allen, Catriona McLanaghan. (Missing from photo: Steve Huxter, Krista Turnbull, Cathy Halstead, Victoria Lawrence. Photo: supplied)*

***By Erica Lane, Community Engagement Coordinator,  
Anglophone South School District***

Community School Coordinators in our Anglophone South School District are essential to building successful community schools by creating, strengthening, and maintaining partnerships between schools and their communities. A Coordinator is often the liaison and connector for many different areas. Some of these include parent and family engagement, community engagement, youth development, health, mental health, after school programming, early childhood, PALS partnerships, and partnerships with academics. Community School Coordinators facilitate and provide leadership for the collaborative process and the development of a continuum of services for children, families, and community members within a school neighbourhood. Thank you, Community School Coordinators, for everything you do on a daily basis for our students, families, communities, and partners! Our Community Schools and Coordinators in Anglophone South are:

- Centennial School – Kate MacDonald  
Glen Falls – Jill Nylen  
St. John the Baptist/King Edward – Ben Gillcrist  
Princess Elizabeth – Steve Huxter  
Forest Hills/Prince Charles – Angela Calder  
Seaside Park – Krista Turnbull  
Hazen White/St. Francis – Victoria Lawrence  
St. Stephen Elementary – Catriona McLanaghan  
Milltown Elementary – Cathy Halstead  
Blacks Harbour/Fundy High & Middle – Rebecca Allen  
Rothesay Elementary – Melanie Koteff-Backman  
Hampton Middle School – Beth Firth  
Quispamsis Elementary – Abby Nice  
Sussex Middle School – Rachel Brown  
ASD-S Community Engagement Coordinator – Erica Lane

## PALS in the Park

***By Partners Assisting Local Schools (PALS)***

On behalf of PALS, we would like to thank the Greater Saint John Community Foundation for their generous financial contribution to the PALS in the Park Program. This initiative is a collaborative, co-curricular enrichment program, created for students in Anglophone School District South. PALS in the Park, now in its 11th year, has provided educational and recreational programming for over 24,000 students at no cost to the student or school for the activities or bussing.



## Un dîner spécial pour créer des liens entre deux générations



*Des élèves cuisinant dans le sous-sol de l'église Saint-François-de-Sales. (Crédit photo : Gracieuseté)*

*Par Alyssia Paillant, Élève de 8e année du Centre scolaire  
Samuel-de-Champlain*

À la fin du mois de mars, les élèves de 8e année du Centre scolaire Samuel-de-Champlain ont préparé un repas pour les aînés du Club Arc-en-Ciel à l'église Saint-François-de-Sales.

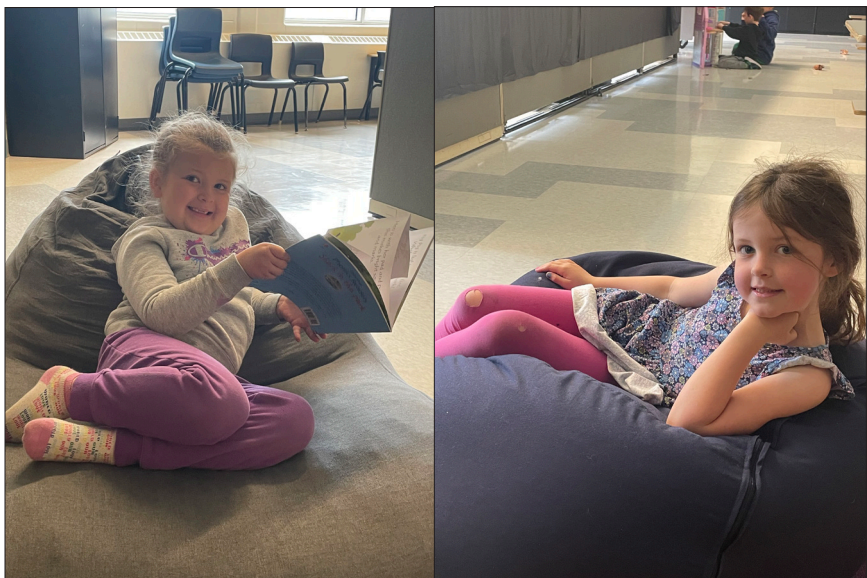
Tous les étudiants qui ont assisté à l'évènement étaient affectés à une tâche. Il y avait de jeunes chefs qui cuisinaient et d'autres qui servaient la nourriture aux invités. Certains étudiants étaient responsables de l'accueil des personnes âgées. Une jeune fille prenait des photos, tandis qu'une autre filmait une entrevue entre une de ses camarades de classe et les invités.

Deux générations ont eu la chance de créer quelques liens et une volonté de vouloir continuer... .

## BGC Seaside Reading Corner

**Story and photos by David MacDonald (He/Him), Team Leader  
Seaside Elementary School, Youth Programming  
BGC Greater Saint John**

We are fortunate to have received a donation to refurbish the space at our Seaside Park Program. With input from the kids, we opted to get bean bag chairs and a number and alphabet rug for our Reading Corner, and a new car mat to keep the Hot Wheelers busy. Our kids have been enjoying the new rugs and chairs to encourage a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere. Readers are growing their skills at the program and have not been quiet about how much they are practising. Of course, some of the kids are trying to turn the bean bag chairs into gymnastics mats to practice their Olympic routines but we are encouraging them to keep it seated.



*Children enjoying the Reading Corner*

## Centennial School update



*Constable Palmer from SJPD (left) presenting Centennial with new helmets on behalf of Correia and Collins law firm. Right, Kate MacDonald (Photo: Mrs. Janes)*

***By Kate MacDonald, Community Schools Coordinator  
Centennial School***

Centennial School has started a Walking School Bus initiative (*right - photo: Mme Price*). The purpose of the Walking School Bus is to assist students in getting to school, as it is much nicer when you have someone to walk with. Our Walking School Bus follows the same route daily and students can join us at any point during the walk. We are thrilled with the response we have had and believe this is a fantastic way to connect with our families and the neighbourhood as a whole.

We would like to say a big “thank you” to Correia and Collins law firm for the donation of six new bicycle helmets. Our bicycle helmet safety campaign ran in conjunction with the support of the Saint John Police Department (SJPD), and we are so excited for all of the support shown.



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## Summer Slide returns to SECC

**By Rachel Murphy, BGC**

The South End Community Centre (SECC) is running their Summer Slide program again! This program is aimed at diminishing the “summer slide” that children’s math and literacy skills go through during their summer break from school. We have a math and literacy teacher who joins us three times a week for six of the eight weeks. The attitudes our children have had towards math and literacy have changed the longer they have participated in this program. They enjoy spending time with the teachers, and really like getting to play games and be creative with their learning. Last summer 70% of our children in Grades 3 to 5 improved their math skills and all of them were able to either maintain or improve their reading skills. We currently have some open spots for children in Grades K to 2. If you have any questions on registration please email: [rachel.murphy@sjclub.ca](mailto:rachel.murphy@sjclub.ca)



Above: playing a literacy game (Photo: Jenn Lingley)

## Terry Langille retires

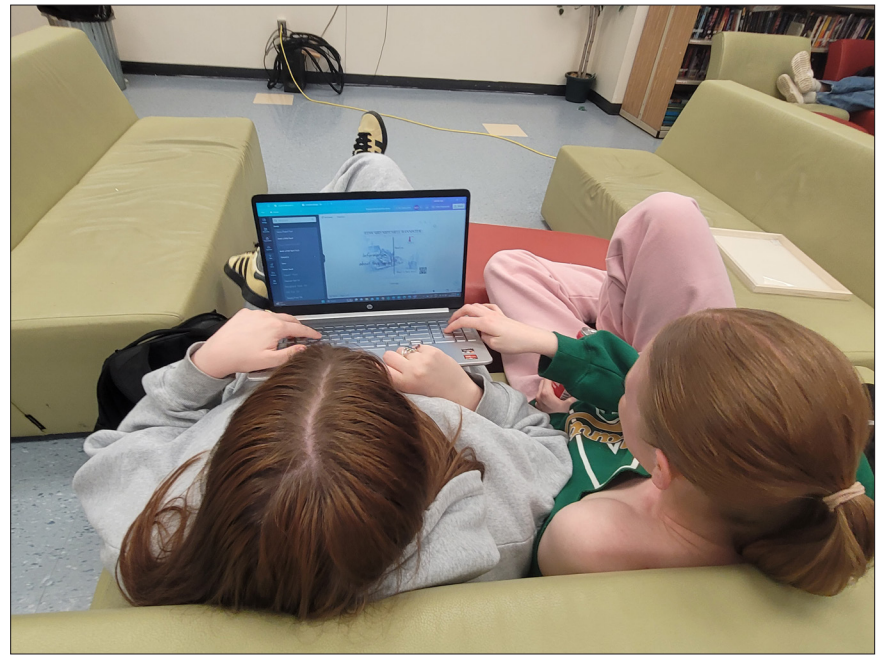
**By Jennifer Carhart, Principal,  
Simonds High School**

We are sending all our best wishes and love to our cherished Mr. Terry Langille, who, after over 30 years dedicated to education, and over 20 of them spent as the Vice Principal at Simonds High School, is retiring. Terry began his time at Simonds High School as a student, fostering his love for academics and “The Hive”. This is a passion that has continued through all that he does. Terry has dedicated his career to giving back. Whether he was coaching curling or ice hockey, volunteering at a dance, emceeing an awards night, or planning for graduation, Terry has made a legacy giving of himself. As we wind down the academic year, Terry is gearing up for the next chapter in his life. Though the hallways will never be the same without him – nor will his office with his eternally cold cup of old coffee sitting on his desk, and his Montreal Canadiens paraphernalia all over the walls – we wish him the best. From our Seabee family that extends beyond the school into our community, we wish you all the best of health, happiness, and prosperity in your retirement, Terry. We love you, will miss you!

#SimondsPrideContinues #Seabee (Photo: Flewelling Photography)



## Hidden Histories project



*Students researching for the project (Photo: Deidre Knox)*

*By The Saint Malachy's Indigenous Studies 120*

Students at Saint Malachy's Memorial High School are diving into the untold stories of historical figures from New Brunswick and the surrounding area with a public history and art project called "Hidden Histories." The goal of this initiative is to shed light on important people and events from marginalized communities that aren't typically found in school textbooks. A series of postcards featuring student art on the front and information on the back will be distributed throughout the Saint John area. They will have a QR code that connects to the STM Hidden Histories website where readers can register their postcard and learn more information about the people featured in this series. BGC Greater Saint John, funded by the Youth Alliance Project, has partnered with St. Malachy's to bring the Hidden Histories project to life! For the past two months, the 120 Indigenous studies class has been hard at work researching, writing, and creating art and a website which launched on May 26th.

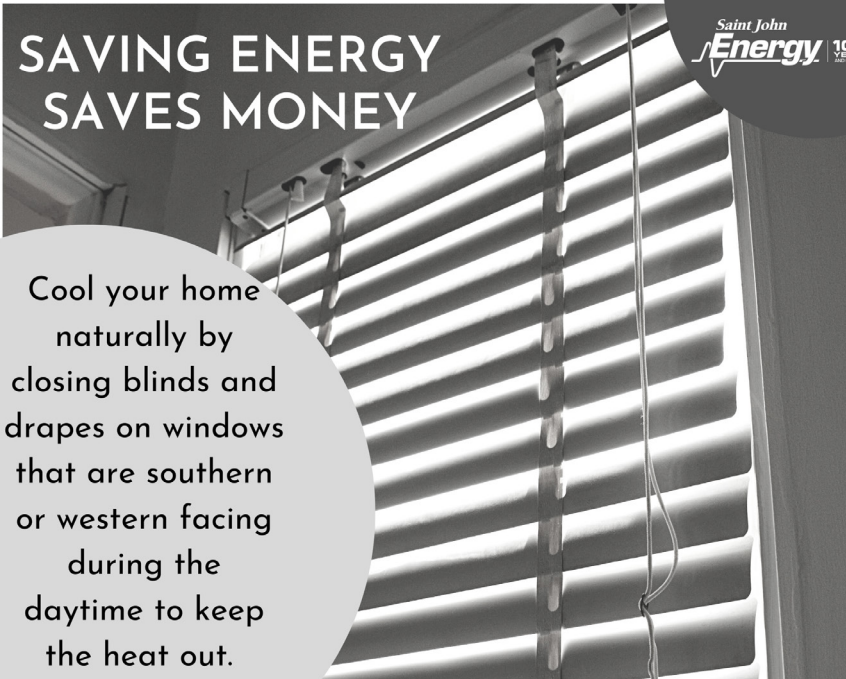
## Riding bikes at Forest Hills



**Story and photo by Chris MacLean,  
Elementary Phys Ed Specialist, Forest Hills School**

Over the past few weeks, students at Forest Hills School have been learning how to safely ride bikes. With a very generous donation along with funding through various grants, we were able to acquire a fleet of balance and peddle bikes that will help our young Falcons learn how to ride! We must give a big shout-out to Millennium Cycle & Sport for helping guide us through this process and recommending quality gear and equipment.

This is a great opportunity for our students to learn a life skill (how to ride a bike) that they can continue to grow and practice in their communities and neighbourhoods. Not only are students learning how to operate a bike safely, but they are also learning the rules of the road and proper signaling. Keep an eye out for our young Falcons around your block! *Above: Mme. Trail's Grade 5 class*



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## Chroma NB's Rainbow Lunch Club



*The Rainbow Lunch Club and Drop-in space at 228 Germain Street  
(Photo: Kailer Boyne)*

***By Finnegan Bell, student***

Rainbow Lunch Club is one of the programs offered by Chroma NB for 2SLGBTQIA+ (2 Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and other) youth and allies! When asked where I wanted to be placed for my high school Co-op class, I fought to get a placement with a program that promotes inclusivity and helps those like me. Everyday students from local high schools walk to the InterAction Theatre building to join the lunch program. In a matter of time the space fills with laughter and friendship as everyone comes together in this brave space to enjoy a delicious meal. The program runs from 12-3 p.m. every school day throughout the week, except Wednesdays! Each week we do “Cook Along Fridays” where youth join in cooking a fun meal, including anything from pita pizzas to black bean quesadillas! I’m thankful this place exists, creating a space for our community’s youth to connect and thrive.

## Bridging International Student Talent



*Minister Arlene Dunn (centre) at the announcement of the Bridging International Student Talent Program at SJNC (Photo: Ley Chen)*

***By Sochi Azuh, Communication Specialist, SJNC***

On Monday, May 15th, 2023, the Saint John Newcomers Centre (SJNC) announced a new program that will make international students more attractive to local companies. The announcement was made by the Honourable Arlene Dunn, Minister responsible for Immigration and Opportunities NB.

The program will create a structured employment plan that starts while international students are still in the classroom. It will provide academic guidance, career development resources, mentorship programs, and practical training opportunities. It will serve as a vital bridge, connecting international students with the Canadian job market, providing them with the tools to showcase their talents, and fostering a seamless integration into our vibrant workforce.

During the ceremony, a community of international students at the University of New Brunswick, Saint John, under the supervision of Professor Emin Civi, presented the Newcomers Centre with a cheque for \$4,230 in donations for the Scholarship Program for international students.

**“... a vital bridge connecting international students with the Canadian job market and fostering a seamless integration into our vibrant workforce.”**

## Bee Me Kidz spring update

***By Kerri Brooks, Program Coordinator, Bee Me Kidz***

What's the BUZZ at Bee Me Kidz? We just wrapped up our 22-week Saturday program at all three of our locations – Centennial School, Glen Falls School, and Milltown Elementary. We had over 70 graduatez finishing up our Bee Me Leaderz program in Grade 5 and we are excited to see all the GREAT things our Leaderz will continue to do in their communities! For children entering Grades 1-5 next school year, we will begin Saturday programming again in mid-September and we're so excited for more fun activities and continuing to be "the best me I can be!"

We have been working with a creative agency gathering tons of photos and videos. BEE sure to check out our Facebook page. Enjoy your summer break and see you in September!



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## Al-Anon meetings in Saint John

The Al-Anon Family Groups (AFGs) are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

There are no dues. Face-to-face meetings have resumed; masks are not required but feel free!

- Tuesday 7 p.m., Waterloo AFG  
Stone Church, 87 Carleton Street  
- Wednesday 7 p.m., Woolastook AFG  
St. Mark's United Church, 50 Dexter Drive  
- Thursday 7 p.m., Portland AFG  
Sophia Recovery Centre, 83 Hazen Street  
- Thursday and Sunday 7 p.m. Zoom Meetings  
To attend, send an email to [District15mprovinces@yahoo.com](mailto:District15mprovinces@yahoo.com). You will receive an email from Ann Wilson with instructions approximately 15 minutes prior to the meeting. To find information on Al-Anon or more meetings in District 15, please go to: [al-anonmaritimes.ca](http://al-anonmaritimes.ca)

## Block Party, Portland United, June 10th

By Lois Irvine

The folks at Portland United in Millidgeville would like to invite everyone to come to our second annual Community Block Party on Saturday, June 10th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We'll have hot dogs, chips and cold drinks along with cake and lots of entertainment, including face-painting. Admission is free and we look forward to seeing you all for some good times!

See page 12 for our free music series this summer.

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Contest

By Juanita Black, HDC and  
Mary LeSage, PULSE

We are happy to partner with Saint John Energy for the eighth year!

We offer two \$15 fresh fruit and produce orders for this June/July issue, one each to two winners. Throughout *Around the Block* there are three Saint John Energy logos that you cannot use for this contest: one in this article (see right), one in the ad on page 9 and one in the sponsor section on page 1.



To enter the draw you need to locate the other two Saint John Energy logos, hidden somewhere in the paper! Send your answer to [juanita@sjhdc.ca](mailto:juanita@sjhdc.ca) or call 506-651-3044 to speak to Juanita Black or leave a message.

You need to:

- identify the pages and locations of the two hidden logos;
- tell us your name, address, and phone number.

Only one entry per household. Your name will go into a draw for one of the two orders. The contest will end at noon on June 22nd and orders, if possible, will be delivered on June 23rd (or you might be asked to pick up your order). We will also list the winners on the Human Development Council Facebook page.

The Issue 87 winners are:  
Shane Tucker and Lisa Morris!



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	21 JUN	<b>FOODIE DAY</b> MUSIC IN THE PARK-ING LOT
	22 JUN	<b>THROWBACK DAY</b> PLAY BALL FOR PRO KIDS / MUSIC
	23 JUN	<b>YOUTH DAY</b> KID FUN DAY / MUSIC/ WESTSIDE REUNION
	24 JUN	<b>COMMUNITY DAY</b> VENDOR MARKET / DECK PARTY/ DANCE
	25 JUN	<b>FAMILY DAY</b> BBQ & FUN EVENT QUEEN SQ WEST

For more information on Saint John West Days, please see p. 5.



## Sea Belles to compete at Mount Allison



Sea Belles with their coach, Adele Merritt (far left), in March 2023

Story and photo by Olivia Clancy

The time has finally come! After three long years of COVID, Sea Belles have once again travelled to Sackville, NB, to attend our annual competition at Mount Allison University. The chorus has worked hard over the past several months to prepare for this event, called AC&C (Area Contest & Convention). Extra rehearsals, coaching sessions, and even a few performances made sure we were at our best. Today, June 2nd, we face off against six other choruses from around the Maritimes. More importantly, we are reconnecting with many old friends during our weekend together. It is a fantastic experience!

Sea Belles is an a cappella chorus that rehearses every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Women and nonbinary folks who are 14 years and older are welcome! For more information, please visit [www.seabelles.ca](http://www.seabelles.ca).

## Walks 'n Talks Summer 2023

Co-ordinated and sometimes led by David Goss

The 45th year of this popular program will feature the usual array of 1.5-hour, 2-3 km walks in and around Saint John. There will be a commentary which is a mix of folklore, legend, and factual history and there will be a number of guest commentators. There is no charge, as the sponsors cover costs of research and presenters' honorariums. Tips to presenters are always welcome and appreciated. If it is wet at 6 p.m. the event might be cancelled till the next night. Call 506-672-8601 for details. Dress for unsettled weather. All participants come at their own risk; neither the sponsors nor presenters can be held liable for any mishap.

**All walks below are on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m.  
except the special Canada Day walk.**

- June 6th: Fernhill Cemetery, 200 Westmorland Road. The Animals of Fernhill.
- June 13th: Loyalist Burial Ground Sydney Street entrance. Ghost Stories from David Goss' new book, *Creepy Cottage and Campfire Chillers*.
- June 20th: Meet at entrance to Sharrei Zedek Cemetery, Westmorland Road opposite Ellerdale Street. Summer Night on Summer Street.
- June 27th: Lansdowne Place at Lansdowne and Wellesley. Exploring Portland Place.

**- Canada Day, Saturday, July 1st at 11 a.m.** at Fernhill Cemetery, Picnic Pavillion. The annual tribute to the two Fathers of Confederation buried in Fernhill will be held with special guests from DeLancey's Brigade and Steeves Museum in Hillsborough, and other surprises.

- July 4th: Fernhill Cemetery office, 200 Westmorland Road. The cemetery as an Arboretum.
- July 11th: Meet at City Hall Plaza. The Street Car riot of 1914 that happened right on this spot!
- July 25th: Meet at Fernhill Cemetery, 200 Westmorland Road. Murder, Mystery and Miscellaneous.

## Summer Sounds at Trinity Church

**Mondays, 7:15 p.m., June 12th - August 28th**

**Trinity Church Saint John, 115 Charlotte Street**

A free will offering will be taken - 50% each to the performers and to Trinity renovations. Charlotte and Germain doors both open at 7 p.m.

- June 12th: Before the Mast - NB's premier Sea Shanty performers
- June 19th: Sing-a-long with Ron Maloney - old-time favourites
- June 26th: Easy Listening & Humour - Cool Chicks and Ugly Doclings
- July 3rd: Cathedral Organist - Richard Kidd
- July 10th: Local Musical Recordings (1930-1970) - Harold E. Wright
- July 17th: Praise Music - Calvary Temple Music Team
- July 24th: String Ensemble - Symphonette Quintet

Summer Sounds is coordinated by Trinitarians David Goss and Spencer Belyea. For details or changes of program, call 506-693-8558 or email [gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:gosswalk@nbnet.nb.ca).

## Music @ Portland, Summer Series 2023

**Portland United Church, 50 Newport Crescent**

**Tuesdays at 7 p.m., June 27th - August 15th, free admission.**

Financial donations to the North End Food Bank gratefully received.

- June 27th: Interaction School of Performing Arts
- July 4th: Before the Mast
- July 11th: Del and Debbie
- July 18th: Caribjam Steel Vibes
- July 25th: Spinnaker Brothers
- August 1st: Don't Tell Roy
- August 8th: Cool Chicks & The Ugly Doclings
- August 15th: Multicultural Evening



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## Join the ACAP Saint John family: make friends and make a difference



Volunteers after a community clean-up event (Photo: ACAP Saint John)

**By Peace Omodele, Engagement and Communications Specialist, ACAP Saint John (Atlantic Coastal Action Program)**

ACAP Saint John, a community-based non-profit organization, is all about bringing people together to help improve the environment in Saint John. Our main focus is outreach, restoration, and research. Our success lies in our amazing community volunteers, who offer their local expertise, connections, and enthusiasm to create a lasting impact.

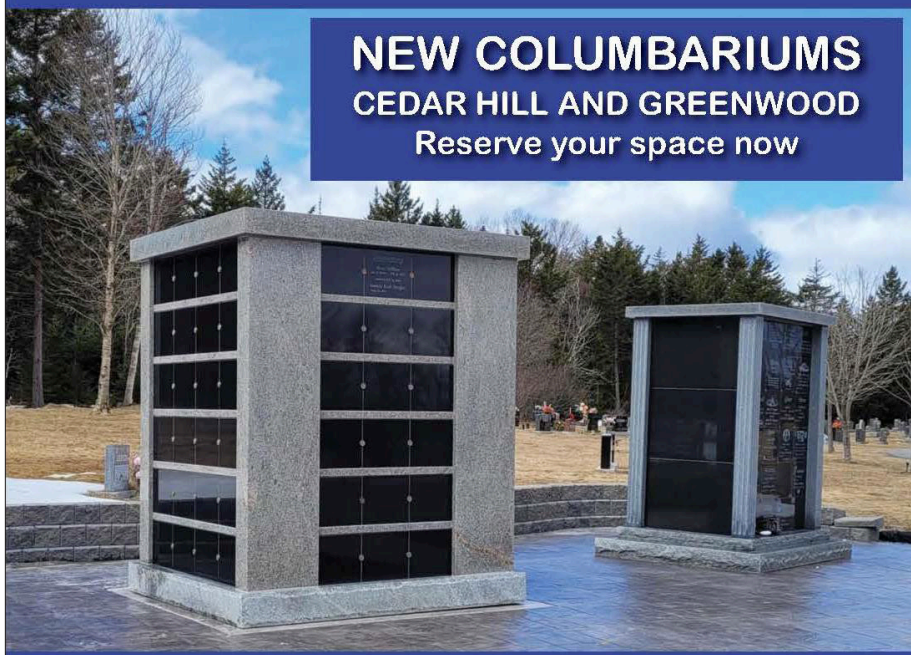
Volunteers, like our friend Leah Fitzgerald (*second from right in the photo*), have found volunteering with us to be both rewarding and fun. Leah fondly remembers helping with the Marsh Creek Cleanup, how exciting it was to join in with other volunteers to work together to pick up litter, and the fun of discovering new places while making a positive difference.

Ready to make an impact, make friends, and create a better future for our environment? Join our ACAP volunteer family and be a part of ACAP's mission to improve Saint John's environment by signing up at [www.acapsj.org/volunteers](http://www.acapsj.org/volunteers). Together, let's create a cleaner and healthier community for everyone and generations to come!

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## LEAP Adult High School Diploma Graduation



The six women who graduated from the Learning Exchange's first-ever Adult High School Diploma program, which was designed specifically for adults over the age of 25. (Photo: Amanda Beckwith)

**By Ginny Hooper, Saint John Learning Exchange**

What better way to celebrate International Women's Day this year (March 8th) than to have the long-awaited, much-anticipated first class of LEAP (Learning Exchange Academic Program) Adult High School Diploma Graduation!

For years we have recognized that many adults over the age of 25 needed an alternative to the GED (General Educational Development) to obtain their high school graduation. Since 2018 the Learning Exchange has been offering an alternative graduation pathway for youth that is more flexible. In 2021, we partnered with Working NB to run an 18-month pilot program with six individuals.

The program ran from October 2021 to March 2023 and was designed to help learners achieve their high school credits through a combination of in-class learning as well as homework and online courses. Guest speakers were arranged to help the women build their soft skills and work on their future career goals. The group arranged study time outside of class time each week to help one another with homework.

Our pilot class just happened to be all ladies - The Ladies of LEAP (LOL) as we affectionately call them. They started off as strangers but bonded over having overcome many obstacles, common struggles, classwork, and even homework. Along the way they built friendships, knowledge, and a love of learning. We can't wait to see what the future has in store for them.

**We are thrilled to announce that this pilot is now an ongoing part of Learning Exchange programming with our second group of Adult Diploma learners having started in April.**







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## Graduation - congratulations to all celebrating this wonderful milestone



**Column and photo by Darlene Jones, Financial Literacy Coordinator, Kaléidoscope Social Impact**

Upon reflection, if I could go back and give myself some financial advice it would be the following.

- Money is emotional. Emotion drives everything you want financially. Every product on Amazon wants you to feel good about buying it. Be frugal, not cheap. Spend money on things you need and truly value.
- Work wins. If you need more money, don't be afraid to work more. Sometimes this really is the simple answer. This is particularly true in post-secondary education. Having a part-time job will cut down on the size of loan you have to pay back. Your future self will thank you.
- Trying to avoid thinking or talking about money just makes it worse. Before going to school make sure you have enough money. If you know you are going to run out of money before the semester ends, then get a job before it's needed. Have a plan in place.
- Make sure you are aware of all the benefits you are entitled to. Have you completed your taxes? Have you taken advantage of the government programs such as Canada Learning Bonds and grants? What perks does your school have? If there is a gym you can use for free, why pay for membership? Are there social clubs and other free entertainment on campus?

We must look after our finances forever. Set yourself for success by trying to avoid debt and living within your means. If you need help with your budget, please reach out to me: [darlene@kaleidoscopeimpact.com](mailto:darlene@kaleidoscopeimpact.com). Remember no matter how much or how little your income is, how you spend your money matters.

## Welcome aboard, Nick and Nihma!

**By the Human Development Council (HDC)**

The team at HDC welcomes two students working with us this summer!

Nick Green is a fourth-year student at St. Thomas University majoring in Sociology with a double minor in Communications and Public Policy and English and is joining the team as a Social Researcher for eight weeks. Nick is passionate about topics such as civic literacy, political engagement, and community building.

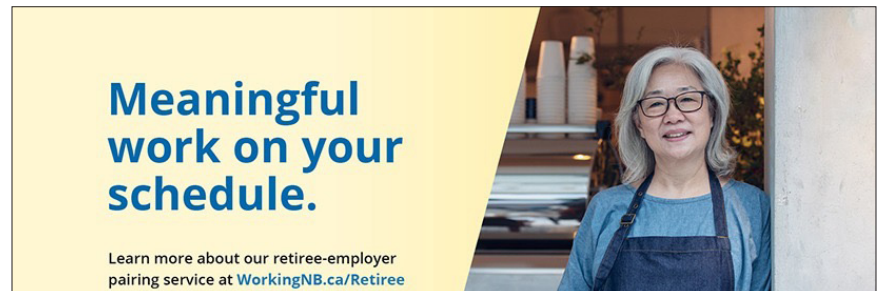


Nihma Hussain is a second-year student majoring in Psychology at Western University in Ontario and a familiar face already around the office, having previously worked with Kaléidoscope. Driven by the field of Psychology and studying out of the province, we hope Nihma gains an extensive local context for her future work. (Photo: Heather Atcheson)

**Welcome, Nick and Nihma!**



## Retiree Employment Agency



**By Joanna Killen, Kaléidoscope Social Impact**

Are you looking for a way to fill short-term labour needs with experienced talent? Or are you 50 or over seeking part-time or seasonal employment? Look no further than the Retiree Employment Agency, a province-wide initiative now available at Kaléidoscope Social Impact. This free service pairs retirees over the age of 50 who want to return to work with employers who need to fill employment gaps.

The Retiree Employment Agency works by collecting information from both retirees and employers, taking into consideration availability, skills, and desired work. If necessary, retirees may also receive job preparation support to help them tackle new work challenges. This program is a win-win for both retirees and businesses: retirees can utilize their skills and experience while earning income, and businesses can fill their employment gaps with experienced talent.

If you're interested in participating in the Retiree Employment Agency program, visit our website at <https://www.kaleidoscopeimpact.com/employment-support-rea> or contact us at 506-652-5626 ext. 5 to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!





## Multicultural Night at Simonds: success



By Lin Zhang, Community Engagement Officer, PRUDE

On May 9th, over 260 people of all ages gathered at Simonds High School to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. Students and volunteers from over 26 countries all over the world set up impressive booths to bring Saint John a glimpse of their rich history, traditions, language, art, and culinary heritage. Fantastic artists brought the event to life with their beautiful singing and dancing performances. Community organizations were also present to share a display of their programs and services. Attendees were able to discover new cultures, but also recognize the things they share with each other. PRUDE Inc. (Pride of Race, Unity and Dignity through Education) is deeply grateful to Simonds High School for hosting this outstanding event and supporting the efforts to create spaces where multiculturalism can be cherished, which is crucial for diversity and inclusion. Thank you!

## Hestia House - a light in the darkness

By Alesha LeBlanc, Interim Director, Hestia House

For over 40 years Hestia House has served as secure safe setting for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. With occupancy for 24 residents, we are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We operate two distress telephone lines, with the option to text. We offer complete confidentiality, advocacy, individual counseling and group lay counseling, all with a safe supportive place to stay, free of charge. One of the most positive aspects of transition house life is the support that the residents give to one another. There is a tremendous sense of solidarity and empowerment when they realize they are not alone. Since 2018 Hestia House has helped on average 117 women and children annually. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic violence, please reach out by calling 506-634-7570 or texting 506-566-6667. We are here to help.



## Outreach to those sleeping rough



A tent in Saint John, New Brunswick (Robert Lothian, Global News)

By Brianna O'Neill, Outreach Counsellor & Advocate, EFryNB

Summer is almost here! However, the weather getting warmer means that the temporary “out of the cold” shelters have closed and those who may have been precariously housed during the winter (sleeping in unsafe environments and couch-surfing) may be back to sleeping outside. In a collaborative effort between Elizabeth Fry New Brunswick (EFryNB), the Human Development Council and Housing Alternatives, community outreach is being done each week to various spots around the city. Staff work to connect with those who are sleeping rough, making sure they are safe and topped up with any necessary supplies, in addition to getting them in touch with any community resources or organizations that they may not be aware of. We aim to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of all those who don't have a place to call home. If you see someone sleeping rough, recognize that anyone could find themselves in a similar situation and extend your kindness.

## Fog City Comic Con invades The Library

By S.D. Thompson, SJFPL

The Saint John Free Public Library (SJFPL), Market Square, is proud to host the 6th Fog City Comic Con, June 15th-17th! Fog City Comic Con is a celebration of everything geeky or nerdy – comic books, gaming, science fiction and fantasy, and so much more!

Interested in making your own comics and graphic novels? Marla Lesage, author of the children's graphic memoir *AWOL*, will be giving a workshop. New Brunswick author and artist Jon Claytor will have a writing workshop for all aspiring storytellers. See the movie *Bug-Eyed Monsters Invade the Earth*, then stick around for a Q&A with director Anthony D.P. Mann.

We'll also have all the Comic Con favourites: cosplay, artists and vendors, face painting, and more! The event is for all ages, and a full day-by-day schedule is available on the Library Facebook page!



## Around The Block Team (Issue 89)

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There are many traditions surrounding funerals. The oldest have been with us for centuries, the newest - *they are being created everyday.*

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## Councillors' Corner - most interesting thing a resident has ever said to you?

**John MacKenzie, Deputy Mayor, 506-977-3849**

It's very interesting that people who visit here see so many positive aspects that we have here in Saint John that many of us just take for granted. It is the main reason for our population growth. I think we all need to sell the city the way newcomers do. They tell me they love all the parks we have here, the ocean and river water on all sides, the reliable and lower power rates, drinking water that is delicious from the tap! The uptown that offers so many restaurants, bars, and entertainment.



**Paula Radwan, Ward 4, 506-977-3846**

I have had a lot of calls. The most common concerns are traffic calming issues, ATV complaints, fixing and snow clearing for sidewalks and fixing roads. Lately, I have had a lot of calls on policing issues, something that the police commission oversees. Some shocking calls have been about people housing raccoons, derogatory graffiti, complaints on people not looking after their hedges/lawns, and goose droppings. I have had very good support and have been thanked for putting the time in to serve the community and to do "the extras." Those comments keep driving me to work harder.



**Brent Harris, Councillor at Large, 506-977-3853**

One of the most interesting things a Saint Johner has said to me is "make sure we keep Saint John gritty!" As someone who swings a hammer for a living this resonated with me. There is a history of building, working with our hands. There's a vibe in Saint John that makes space for more of us to find belonging in, I think. We want what is authentic and genuine.



**David Hickey, Ward 3, 506-721-5690**

I think the best interaction I've had with a resident was with Judith Meinert a few years ago. Having passed last year, Judith was always a force for what she believed in and for her community. One time in discussion Judith said to me, "Never lose faith in this community, it's strong and our people are resilient." Judith was a great role model for everyone, and I'll always carry that outlook with me.



**Barry Ogden, Ward 2, 506-639-1334**

The best comments are when people tell me they love it when we paint a house nice bright colours and clean a vacant lot on their street. People love to see their neighbourhoods restored plus they love the marigolds and murals.



## 211 Service Navigators helping you

**Adapted from a real call to a navigator, by Daniela Fernandez Director of Community Engagement, 211 NB**

My husband, children and I had just arrived in Canada a month before, and were looking for supports to settle into our community. I called 211 to see how they could help me connect to programs that could help me find employment, help us cover the high cost of rent, and also help with the cost of daycare. I wasn't sure where to go to find this type of help in New Brunswick, and thankfully, the 211 navigators were able to offer some guidance. The 211 navigator took the time to listen to my situation and asked me a few questions to clarify what services my family needed. I explained to her that my husband was already working, but I needed some assistance with my job search. She referred me to the Working NB program so I could connect with a job coach and a career counsellor. When I expressed I was worried about being able to pay the cost of rent and childcare, she referred me to the Canada Housing Benefit and the daycare subsidy and even explained the application process for each. I was very happy to have reached out to 211 and to have explanations of the different services available! I would call 211 again if I ever need further assistance.

## Climate Warriors win Port SJ prize



Prize presentation to Team Climate Warriors members (Photo: Jordan Mattie)

### By Port Saint John

Port Saint John started a competition earlier this year, inviting post-secondary school students to solve identified large topics the Port is working on, like decarbonization, supply chain fluidity, and digitization. In the first year of this competition, the participants were tasked with finding innovative ways Port Saint John can influence, incentivize, and encourage their tenants to embrace sustainability and decarbonization initiatives.

The judging panel comprised distinguished individuals such as Shelley Wood from Saint John Energy, Dr. Michel Rod from the University of New Brunswick (UNB) Saint John, Michelle Robichaud from Atlantica Centre for Energy, Mark McAloon from Smart Energy Company, and Jane Burchill from Port Saint John.

After several rigorous rounds of selection, the Climate Warriors team, comprising five MBA (Master of Business Administration) students from UNB, emerged as winners. The Port extends its heartfelt congratulations to the Climate Warriors team for this achievement.

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