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# What's Happening Saint John

July 28, 2021

The City of Saint John is pleased to provide the following summary of some of the great news, updates and important information about what's happening in the City.



## News and Updates

### Events Calendar!

Looking for things to do? The Saint John Region has you covered with events in arts, culture, heritage, community, comedy, culinary, sports, music and performing arts. Visit [www.discoversaintjohn.com](http://www.discoversaintjohn.com) for the latest updates and check back often!

### The City of Saint John celebrates New Brunswick Day

The City of Saint John is excited to celebrate New Brunswick Day this weekend. We invite the community to come out and enjoy fireworks along the Saint John Harbour this Sunday, August 1. The fireworks will be launched at 10:00 p.m. from Long Wharf.

Rain/fog date will be Monday, August 2 at 10:00 p.m. All communication will be done via the City's social media channels. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date. The City is happy to partner with Heritage Canada for this event.

### Summer Event Series - happening in areas and parks across the City each week!

The Saint John Summer Event Series offers free family-oriented events focused on recreation, art, history, and culture. Events run Tuesdays to Saturdays all summer long. You will hear radio ads running to promote the series of events and see Facebook and Twitter advertisements as well.

Tuesdays – Music in the Market Series

Wednesdays – Outdoor Yoga Series

Thursdays – Saint John Night Market

Fridays – Open Air Art Series

Saturdays – Saturday Sounds Acoustic Music Series

The Summer Events Series has hosted 21 events so far. Event details and locations are published each week and listed on the City's website at [www.saintjohn.ca/summerevents](http://www.saintjohn.ca/summerevents)

### Be ready in the event of an emergency

The City of Saint John updated its public Emergency Notification System, effective June 30, 2021. You can sign up to receive emergency alerts by visiting [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca)

The new email, voice and text notification system is used by the Saint John Emergency Management Organization and City of Saint John to broadly communicate urgent public safety notices.

All residents, including those signed up in the former emergency notification system, will need to sign up in the new system to receive notifications.



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### **The “Spotlight Creative Placemaking” pilot is underway**

Funded through the City Economic and Community Recovery Fund, the program is championed by InterAction School of Performing Arts. In the first stage of the launch, artists were encouraged to submit their applications to a jury for feedback, and next they'll be bringing their art to the public. Projects include a Healing Garden, original song lyrics written in conjunction with a neighborhood association painting on buildings, traffic calming murals, swing dance in the park, and more. Visit [ArtsLink NB](#) for more details!

### **There is a summer park party coming to Saint John and everyone is invited!**

A planning team from the Communications and Growth departments have begun planning a “Community Kitchen Party...in the Park” for the afternoon of Saturday, August 21 in Rockwood Park. The event will be a celebration of diversity as we welcome all residents. Proposed activities include a ‘Touch a Truck’ type event, outdoor recreation activities, live entertainment, and food. Watch and listen for announcements coming soon!

### **Saint John EMO supports the community and health partners through the path to pandemic recovery**

The Saint John Emergency Management Organization (SJ-EMO) is a proud partner with Horizon Health Network for mobile vaccination clinics in the Saint John health zone. As of July 26, 64.4 per cent of all eligible New Brunswickers are fully vaccinated!

We thank everyone who has been working tirelessly to provide vaccinations for New Brunswickers. There are many clinics happening in our health zone. To book your appointment, click [here](#).

### **Waste Wise pilot program update**

The Waste Wise pilot program is designed to make things easier for our residential customers by introducing curbside recycling and limiting garbage.

Since kicking off in two neighbourhoods on May 20, and five pick-ups complete in each, we would like to thank those who have participated and offered their feedback so far.

Results of the program are being tracked and numbers are trending in the right directions! As of July 14, in the Rockwood area, on average 52 per cent have taken advantage of the curbside recycling pick-up 40 per cent are composting; and 15 per cent have put out extra bags of waste.

As of July 20, in the Latimore Lake area, on average  
**53** per cent have taken advantage of the curbside recycling pick-up;  
**40** per cent are composting; and  
**20** per cent are putting out extra bags of waste.

As a reminder, recycling is picked up the night prior to your regular garbage and compost collection. Residents participating in the program should have their recycling out the night prior, no later than 11 p.m. and garbage and compost out by 7 a.m. the following morning.

For tips on how to sort your garbage, compost and recycle, visit [www.saintjohn.ca/wastewise](http://www.saintjohn.ca/wastewise). Visit the [Fundy Regional Service Commissions website](#) to apply for your free compost cart.



## Get involved campaign a success!

In early July, the City reached out through a campaign to encourage residents to “get involved” through available volunteer positions on municipal agencies, committees, boards and commissions. The campaign generated 25 new applications from members of the community to the Nominating Committee. Get involved! The City of Saint John is accepting public applications to volunteer on Boards, Committees and Commissions. [Click here for details](#)



## Reminders

### Beaches and splash pads are open daily

Lifeguards are on duty at the following four beaches, seven days a week:

Lily Lake – 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Fisher Lakes – 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Dominion Park – 10:45 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Little River Reservoir – 10:45 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

City splash pads at Market Place West, Rainbow Park, and Crescent Valley are also open seven days a week, from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Saint John Night Market – Every Thursday evening under the lights on South Market Street

Have you been to the Saint John Night Market yet this summer? We are now mid-way through its season and have seen it grow in popularity, with 33 pop up vendors, 13 City Market vendors, and live music! The Market runs every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Visit the [Facebook page](#) for more info!

### The annual fire hydrant flushing program is underway across the City

For more info, visit [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca)

### The City of Saint John is now accepting applications for winter ice bookings

These seasonal ice time bookings run from October 8, 2021 - March 31, 2022 for the Charles Gorman, Stewart Hurley and Peter Murray arenas. The deadline for applications is Friday, August 6, 2021. For the application form, [click here](#).



## Don't Forget!

### Saint John Transit continues to offer free bus fare for residents traveling to and from vaccination clinics

You can view the latest updates on clinics and bus schedules, [here](#).

### Get involved! The City is accepting applications to volunteer on Boards, Committees and Commissions

For more information and to submit an application, visit the [City of Saint John website](#) today!



Envision Saint John has launched a new Down By the Bay marketing campaign and anthem to help promote the region.

[Watch it here!](#)





## Growth At A Glance

The One Stop Development Shop has received **425** permit applications this year, with a value of **\$42.9M**. So far for July, **34** building-related permit applications have been processed with a value of **\$1.8M**.

The number of permits received so far this year is **2.5 per cent** higher than the end of July 2020!

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TO HELP!**

For inquiries related to municipal services, contact the City of Saint John Customer Service Centre at (506) 658-4455, email [service@saintjohn.ca](mailto:service@saintjohn.ca) or visit us in person on the Ground Floor of City Hall, 15 Market Square, Monday to Friday (excluding holidays), 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

