



SAINT JOHN

What's Happening Saint John

August 12, 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 & Updates

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

Mark your calendars! The Community Kitchen Party in the Park is taking place on the afternoon of Saturday, August 21 in Rockwood Park from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is the second annual summer welcome event and is a time to welcome all newcomers and celebrate with long-time residents! The entire community is invited to enjoy food, live entertainment, games, service vehicle displays, wagon rides, multicultural performances, swimming, kayaking and more - all free of charge!

Saint John Transit will be providing two buses to shuttle residents to the event from various locations around the City so that no one will miss out on the fun. The City is happy to have the support of Newcomer Connections and Prude to help make this event a success as we celebrate the people who make Saint John so special.

City shares stories on why people are choosing Saint John as their home and loving it!

Keep your eye out for billboards around the City featuring newcomers and long-time residents who have chosen Saint John as their favourite place to live, work, study and play.

First up! Akosua Appiah-Kubi has chosen to start her career here in Saint John because "Everyone just tends to know each other. That's what I like about Saint John.": [How International Student Akosua Appiah-Kubi is Starting Her Career in Saint John - Huddle](#)

The billboards showcase Saint John as a welcoming and diverse community, growing in population and full of opportunity for success.



More stories will be published and showcased on www.saintjohn.ca in the weeks ahead!

Telephone and online council priority setting survey

The City is sponsoring a telephone and online survey from August 12 to August 26 to gather input from residents on the quality of life and service delivery in Saint John. The results of the survey will help to inform the development of priorities by Common Council and contribute to initiative development for the City's Strategic Plan.



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Be ready in the event of an emergency

The City has updated its public Emergency Notification System, effective June 30. You can sign up to receive emergency alerts by visiting www.saintjohn.ca

The new email, voice and text notification system is used by the Saint John Emergency Management Organization (SJ-EMO) 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.

Saint John EMO and Saint John Transit support the community and health partners through the path to pandemic recovery

The SJ-EMO is a proud partner with Horizon Health Network for mobile vaccination clinics in the Saint John health zone. As of August 11, 70.2 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](#).

Saint John Transit continues to offer free bus fare for residents traveling to and from vaccination clinics. For details, visit [here](#).

Waste Wise pilot program update

The Waste Wise pilot program is designed to make things easier for 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, the City 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 29, in the Rockwood area, on average 53 per cent have taken advantage of the curbside recycling pick-up 40 per cent are composting: and 19 per cent have put out extra bags of waste.

As of August 4, in the Latimore Lake area, on average
48 per cent have taken advantage of the curbside recycling pick-up;
38 per cent are composting; and
19 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. Visit the [Fundy Regional Service Commissions website](#) to apply for your free compost cart.

A survey will be issued in the coming weeks to collect additional feedback before a larger City-wide roll out of the program.





Events & Activities

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!

City Market community event coming soon

The City is planning a Community Celebration that will take place in and around the City Market on Thursday, September 2. The event, supported by Heritage Canada, will include afternoon family activities, night market vendors and evening entertainmen. Stay tuned for more information being announced soon!

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



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 for the latest updates and check back often!

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



Growth At A Glance

- The One Stop Development Shop has received **437** permit applications this year, with a value of **\$43.2M**. So far for July, **44** building-related permit applications have been processed with a value of **\$2.1M**.
- The number of permits received so far this year is **2.5 per cent higher** than the end of July 2020!
- The Jedi Academy mountain bike trail at Rockwood Park is nearing completion. This volunteer-built trail will serve as a skills development area that will connect riders to the enduro park (and other more advanced trails) within the park.

THANK YOU!

The U13 Gusto Griffin Blue spring hockey team recently made a generous donation of \$650 to P.R.O. Kids!

On July 23, Doiron Sports Excellence held a giant yard sale and generously donated a portion of the sale (\$1000) to P.R.O. Kids. In addition, they also donated a truckload of new gear. Learn more about P.R.O Kids [here](#).

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Stories To Share

Owners of Timber Top Adventures to open a new rock-climbing gym in former South End church. <https://www.country94.ca/2021/08/03/city-church-to-become-rock-climbing-gym/>

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency invests \$1-million into robust sales learning at University of New Brunswick Saint John. [UNB Saint John Professionalizing Robust Sales Learning With \\$1-Million Investment, CPSA Partnership - Huddle](#)

Noise measures introduced ahead of J.D. Irving, Limited site development on Dever Road. <https://saintjohn.ca/en/news-and-notice/noise-measures-introduced-ahead-jd-irving-limited-site-development-dever-road>

Aries Boutique opens on Prince William Street. <https://www.facebook.com/Aries-Boutique-104967158455673/>

Saint John is seeing a significant number of new residential units according to City of Saint John One-Stop Development Shop. [Saint John Seeing 'Significant' Residential Development - Huddle](#)

ENVISION Saint John is accepting applications for the Paid Start-Up Program. The goal of the program is to develop business ideas for Saint John residents between the ages of 18 – 30. <https://www.envisionsaintjohn.com/now-accepting-applications-for-the-paid-start-up-program/>

The Container Village concept proposed by AREA 506 and Port Saint John receives significant support from Federal and Provincial Governments. <https://www.cruiseindustrynews.com/cruise-news/25602-container-village-to-boost-tourism-in-canada-s-port-of-saint-john.html>

DealerMine workforce expansion creates jobs in Saint John region. www.onb.ca

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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 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.

