

# **What's Happening Saint John**

**August 25, 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

## You're invited! Come celebrate Uptown with free outdoor concerts and activities at the Saint John Night Market!

As summer begins to wind down, the Saint John Night Market is winding up the fun with a street party to celebrate the final market of the season. On Thursday, September 2 from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., there will be family activities, live outdoor concerts and an expanded Night Market experience!



#### 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Family activities including Why Shark Why (surf band), a family dance party hosted by InterAction Theatre and a musical performance by Leo LaFleur.

#### 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Vendors and food trucks will be set up with local beer, wine and cocktails.

#### 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

DJ Damon, Slowcoaster and Grand Theft Bus will take the stage to close out the day's events and celebrate a great season!

The Night Market Street Party will go ahead rain-fog-or-shine, and all events and activities are free of charge (except for food and beverages). This event is made possible throught the support of Heritage Canada. Visit the Facebook event page for information and updates here.

#### 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.

Next up! Seun Richards Agunbiade has chosen to grow his business here in Saint John because "unlike in bigger cities, people will go out of their way to help you succeed.": <a href="How Saint John Inspired Seun Richards Agunbiade To Launch A Thriving Business">How Saint John Inspired Seun Richards Agunbiade To Launch A Thriving Business</a>.

The billboards showcase Saint John as a welcoming and diverse community, growing in population and a City full of opportunity for success. More stories will be published and showcased on <a href="https://www.saintjohn.ca">www.saintjohn.ca</a> in the weeks ahead!





#### Public telephone and online council priority setting survey

We want to hear from City residents about what is working and where there is room for improvement. Take a minute to have your say with the Common 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 with setting Common Council priorities and contribute to the development of the City's Strategic Plan.

Survey link: Common Council priority setting telephone and online survey

Printed copies are also available at the City's Customer Service Centre located on the ground level of City Hall, 15 Market Square.

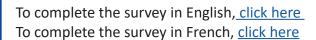
#### Waste Wise pilot program participant survey

Calling all Waste Wise pilot participants: We want to hear your feedback before preparing to roll out the program City-wide.

The City is now collecting feedback from Waste Wise pilot program participants. Letters have been delivered to residents in the Rockwood and Latimore Lake neighbourhoods, the two pilot program areas, with a direct link to the survey.

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

We thank those who have participated in the program so far and are encouraged by your success. Feedback via the online survey will be collected from **August 20 – September 3**.



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## **Project launch: Saint John Affordable Housing Action Plan**

The City has launched an Affordable Housing Action Plan project in partnership with key stakeholders. The Action Plan will deliver a framework that guides the community to maintain and create safe, suitable, and affordable housing options for all residents.





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The project is a collaborative effort between community affordable housing partners, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Government of New Brunswick, and the City of Saint John. Together, the team is focused on three key deliverables:

- Conducting a Saint John housing needs assessment
- Developing a Saint John Affordable Action Plan
- Supporting implementation of the Action Plan

To see the full presentation delivered to the Growth Committee, visit the <u>City's YouTube channel.</u> For a copy of the presentation, visit www.saintjohn.ca

#### The City's summer mowing program includes over 2,250 acres of public green space

The City of Saint John manages and maintains 2,220 acres of natural green space and 30 acres of community parks for citizens and visitors to enjoy. We are fortunate to be park rich in Saint John.

The City's summer mowing program includes public areas, grass medians and some highway interchanges. This season, certain areas of the program have been modified to account for changes in staff resources and budget.

Many hands make for lighter work, and we want to recognize and thank those who have helped. Our partners with the province have been mowing sections of highway interchanges when possible, and in some neighbourhoods residents have extended their help too. Anyone interested in mowing public areas in their neighbourhood is reminded to keep their safety top of mind.

The City continues to address any concerns around sightlines at intersections. Please report on these areas by contacting our Customer Service Centre at 658-4455 or by email at <a href="mailto:service@saintjohn.ca">service@saintjohn.ca</a>



#### Hundreds of people have come out to join the fun during the 2021 Summer Event Series

This week is the final week. Be sure to check it out! The Saint John Summer Event Series offers free family-oriented events focused on recreation, art, history, and culture.

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 over 30 events so far. Event details for the final week and locations are published on the City's website at <a href="https://www.saintjohn.ca/summerevents">www.saintjohn.ca/summerevents</a>





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That is a wrap for the Sunshine Program as we wish the kids a great start to the 2021/22 school year! The City of Saint John Sunshine Program wrapped up a successful summer of free youth programming with a beach day at Dominion Park on Wednesday, August 18. The Sunshine Program successfully navigated all COVID protocols to deliver eight weeks of safe and fun programming.



#### 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 <a href="https://www.saintjohn.ca">www.saintjohn.ca</a>

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.

#### **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 & performing arts. Visit <u>Discover Saint John</u> and check back often!



## 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.

#### **Route 15A Harbour Bridge ramp closure**

Effective August 24 drivers will not be able to use the Harbour Bridge on ramp from Chesley Drive (westbound) due to a planned closure. For details, visit <a href="https://www.saintjohn.ca">www.saintjohn.ca</a>.



### **Growth At A Glance**

- The One Stop Development Shop has received 469 permit applications this year, with a value of \$47.9M. So far in August, 21 building-related permit applications have been processed with a value of \$3.6M.
- There have been 2 high-value building permit applications in August:
  - 730 Dever Rd. Construction of berm for \$2.0 M
  - 77 Heather Way Construction of 24-unit apartment building for \$2.5 M



#### Check out this month's Growth at a Glance! Click to view





## **Story To Share**

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Read the full story <a href="https://huddle.today/how-saint-john-inspired-seun-richards-agunbiade-to-launch-a-thriving-business/">https://huddle.today/how-saint-john-inspired-seun-richards-agunbiade-to-launch-a-thriving-business/</a>

HERE TO HELP!

For inquiries related to municipal services, contact the City of Saint John Customer Service Centre at (506) 658-4455, email <a href="mailto:service@saintjohn.ca">service@saintjohn.ca</a> 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.







