



THE 2019 EDITION OF THE MILLE-ISLES CELEBRATION AND ENVIRONMENT DAY WAS A SUCCESS

Back to the Mille-Isles Celebration

On the 17th of August, about **400 people participated** in their **annual Mille-Isles Celebration and Environment Day**. They enjoyed the various kiosks, food, games and the festive atmosphere offered on the site of the City hall and Hammond-Rodgers Park.

Once again, the employees, the volunteers, the sponsors and the participants made the day **a great success**, without forgetting the many artisan who have exhibited and sold their products or services.

The Municipality sincerely thanks all the volunteers who gave their time to ensure the event's success.



Happy end of summer and see you next year!

And to the Environment Day

The municipality is very pleased with the enthusiasm shown by its citizens at the **9th Edition of Environment Day**. This day has become a much anticipated event for citizens. It is with pleasure that we meet and exchanges with participants on a variety of subjects related to urban planning and environment.

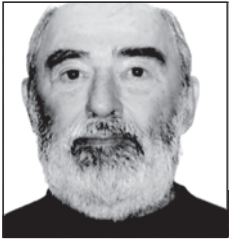
Again this year and following on the municipality's Monarch Pledge program, the municipality distributed a perennial plant and a milkweed plant essential for their reproduction.

We want to thank the numerous sponsor who supported the kiosk. Thank you to Hôpital vétérinaire de Lachute, BFactory, Héloïselab, Ola Bamboo, Abeilles de la colline, Miel-o-max and Sani-Nord.

We congratulate the winners of this year's contest. We are looking forward to seeing you again in 2020!

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS





MAYOR'S ADDRESS

September 2019th Edition

The summer holidays are coming to an end for most of us. We took advantage of the radiant sun, hot weather, the nature and gardens were blooming and productive. The enthusiasm of our employees and the numerous volunteers enabled us to innovate and provide you opportunities to meet and greet you either to purchase products from our artisan of Mille-Isles as part of the "farmer's market" or to attend conferences. The last ones have focused, among other things, on the built heritage and the birds that occupy and charm our territory.

Your participation culminated at the Mille-Isles celebration and the environment day. Nearly 400 of you came to eat, play, learn and exchange in a festive and friendly atmosphere. Your presence is stimulating and it allows us to get more sponsorships and offer you lots of prizes during that event. I thank not only the sponsors, but also the staff, the volunteers and the council members for their involvement and collaboration. This year, the festivity was located on our property. The location has allowed some of you to enjoy your town hall and the Hammond-Rodgers Park in the center of the village hamlet. The success of this day encourages me to invite you to renew your participation for next year at the municipal celebration to be held at the same place.

We look forward to seeing you there again.

Michel Boyer, Mayor





HERITAGE AND HISTORY

September 2019th Edition

G.M.STRONG SCREW MILL circa 1859

William Strong of Irish origin of Sligo County, arrived on July 10, 1830 in Mille-Isles. He gets 100 acres of land near the Cambria Bridge and joint another 400 acres. On his land, he opened a shop with an ashery business and a distillery. In 1859, he bought the sawmill of Lord J.L. de Bellefeuille and two lots of land, with a privilege of water energy **William Stuard**. He erects a dam to bring water to his mill.

Mr. Strong was an important man in his riding. He was a councilor even before the municipal system was established and a commissioner in the Township of Gore for several years. He died on November 30, 1881 at the age of 83, and **Mrs. Strong** died on July 10, 1885, also aged 83, leaving to mourn their four boys and three girls

Matthew, the youngest boy (**Matthew James Strong** 1841-1917), leaves for Iowa and buys a farm located near the railway station at Pomeroy. He was however convinced that he could achieve better finances in his region (Mille-Isles). He returns and succeeds his father's sawmill business. He married **Martha Beckman** (1849-1925) on July 15, 1874, one of the smartest girls in Lachute. He gets a great success and the company is most beneficial for Mille-Isles. In addition to his dam and sawmill, he adds a glider and a factory. He prepares all the wood required to build himself, buys 1000 acres of woodland and is well prepared to supply the local demand for wood.

Did you know that it is still possible to see the remains of the sawmill in one place?

Another interesting element of the **Strong family** is that Colonel **Garnet M. Strong** (1885-1968), son of **Matthew James Strong** and **Martha Beckman**, established the first telephone line from St-Jérôme in 1938. Due to its great involvement for the Municipality, he installed a phone on a tree near the bridge so that residents could use it.



Saw Mill 1920 Moulin a cie
G.M. Strong



Archives research : Mrs Ginette Mayer



Strange's Sawmill Mille Isles, Qc
7 4th from left Matt (Stanley) Kirkpatrick (from Thwood X)
Sam MacArthur, Matt Kirkpatrick, Jack McCarthy (?), Garnet Lyster
Cecil Strong, Bill Craig, W. J. Dawson and Little Glenn



ENVIRONMENT

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMPOSTERS - WAITING LIST

During the summer, you may have met **Maeve Gagnon-Kavanagh**, who went door-to-door for the municipality, to inform residents about the importance of composting and good management of recycled materials. For the 3rd year in a row, the municipality had 150 composters to distribute for free and there are still some left over. Do not hesitate to contact us to get yours. In addition, we will create a waiting list for 2020. You can contact **Mrs. Chrystine Slight** at cslight@mille-isles.ca or 450 438-2958 ext. 2600 to subscribe to this list and reserve your free composter.

The municipality wishes to thank the **ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques** for its participation at the **Programme d'aide au compostage domestique et communautaire** (ACDC). The financial assistance from the Green Fund helps the distribution of composters for its citizens.

Compost Containers

Since last year, the Municipality has three containers on its territory in which you can dispose of organic material. Here is the location of the three bins: Camp Tamaracouta located at 499 Tamaracouta Road, Town Hall located at 1262 Mille-Isles road and a other place will be offered during the fall. These containers should be used to discard any organic material that you cannot put in your home composter (meat, bone, dairy products, etc.) as well as for your plant and grass residual (in case you do not no grass cycling). These containers are there for you and for good management of residual materials. We encourage you to use them!

VISIT TAMARACK GROVE HOMESTEAD

Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m.

What do you know about permaculture? It's the concept of creating value to our human landscape at the same time as adding positive value to nature. Imagine increasing your environmental footprint positively! In Mille-Isles, Tamarack Grove Homestead is a permaculture project that develops techniques and systems that produce food and medicinal products at the same time as they increase landscape value, soil quality and habitat for biodiversity.

You're invited to come discover what we have been developing and testing in the last few years on site.

Meeting point is at the town hall's parking lot in Mille-Isles, September 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Looking forward to chatting with you!





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JAPANESE KNOTWEED

The Japanese knotweed is a highly invasive plant. Due to the lack of information on this invasive, alien species of plant, it is often planted solely for aesthetic reasons. Japanese knotweed forms dense colonies that crowd out native species and reduce ecosystem biodiversity.

How to identify it?

At maturity, towards the end of July, a colony is between 1 and 3 meters high. Its hollow stems with raised nodes resemble bamboo. They are smooth and have reddish-brown knots. The leaves are quite large and are 10 to 17 cm long and 7 to 10 cm wide. In late summer, it produces clusters of creamy white flowers.

How to be sure?

Use the invasive alien species detection tool, *Sentinelle*, by following the link:

<http://www.mddelcc.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/especes-exites-envahissants/sentinelle.htm> or by downloading the mobile application. If you send a photo of the plant, you will quickly receive a confirmation.

How to eradicate it?

The eradication of Japanese knotweed is extremely difficult, but possible! If you do have any of these plants in your garden, cut the stems off at ground level several times over the growing season, to exhaust it. Do this for a number of years. Don't try to rip it out, because its rhizomes are very deep and you risk leaving some fragments in the soil. **DO NOT COMPOST** any of the clippings and **NEVERTOSS THEM AWAY!** Carefully collect all the clippings, place them in garbage bags and put them out with the trash.

Control Measures Summary

Method	Population Characteristics	Purpose of Control	Notes
Digging	Small populations	Eradication	• Entire rhizome must be removed
Mowing/Cutting	Small to medium populations	Weaken rhizomes	• Must be repeated several times per season over several growing seasons.
Tarping	Small to medium, dense infestations	Suppress growth and kill rhizomes	• Need to rehabilitate soil afterwards • Very labour intensive
Excavation	Large populations	Eradication	• Need to consider where excavated material will be disposed
Grazing	Large populations	Suppress growth, weaken plants	• Young shoots are edible for sheep, goats, cattle and horses. Goats may be most affective.
Chemical	Small to large/ established population	Eradication or control to manageable levels	• Generally need multiple applications
Biological	Large/established, dense populations	Once a population is past manageable or treatable levels, often the only viable control option is biological control	



An information guide on Japanese knotweed and its eradication "Japanese Knotweed, Best Management Practices in Ontario" is available online on the website of the Ontario Invasive Plant Council. This guide is also available for consultation at the town hall.

Source: <http://espacepourlavie.ca/en/japanese-knotweed-highly-invasive-plant>



RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

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OUTDOOR CINEMA NIGHT

Saturday, September 21st at 7:45 p.m. a great family outing is FREE.

At the town hall of Mille-Isles, located at 1262 chemin Mille-Isles.
In case of rain, the activity will be held inside in the Strong community room.

Bring your chairs, snacks and blankets. Pajamas accepted!



CAFÉ PARTAGE: AFFORDABLE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BASKETS

The low cost fruit and vegetable baskets offered by Café Partage are distributed throughout the year. They are delivered at the Town Hall every second Thursday. Sizes vary from: **small at \$9,50, medium at \$14 and large at \$20.**



For more information, or to register, please contact Mrs Darina Bélanger at dbelanger@mille-isles.ca or 450 438-2958 ext. 2610.

The service is offered to everyone, do not hesitate to register.

Next deliveries: September 19th and october 3rd

FREE WORKSHOP FOR CAREGIVERS : CONSCIOUS AND SUBCONSCIOUS



Tuesday, September 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Centre d'action bénévole d'Argenteuil invites you to a workshop on the theme of conscious and subconscious.

At the Town Hall of Mille-Isles located at 1262, chemin Mille-Isles.

Come meet Mrs. Anick Giroux, Aid agent for senior caregivers, who will be leading the workshop.

Spaces are limited, please register before Tuesday, September 17th with Mrs. Anick Giroux à anick9@hotmail.com ou 450 562-7447 ext 230.

The workshop is free.



FROM LAND POSSESSED TO NATURE'S VICTORY



A conference by historian and playwright Don Stewart on the history of our region through the eyes of Margaret Cook
Sunday October 20th at 2:00 p.m.
at Strong Hall 1262 chemin de Mille-Isles

FREE!

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the publication of Margaret Cook's novel of historical fiction Land Possessed. Published by Giles Publishing in Lachute in 1969, the story takes place in 1869 and describes the lives of the Irish Pioneers of Argenteuil through a love story between Norah Kirby, a Protestant, and Dennis Neill, a Catholic. The book contains many accurate descriptions of the pioneer way of life: potash making, beer fermentation, chicken raising, a trip to Montreal, the Lachute Fair, etc. Even Fiddler Lake and Mille-Isles are mentioned in the book! Margaret Cook (1897-1975) was a teacher at the Lachute Academy in the 1920s and wrote a monthly column for the Lachute Watchman between 1949 and the early 1970s titled Sunnyacres Sketches. She lived just north of Lake Barron. A play written by Don Stewart and based on her novel was performed in Morin Heights in 2005.



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MILLE-ISLES WALKING GROUP

Every **Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.** in the parking lot of l'Autre-Versant (180, chemin Tamaracouta) the walking group gathers for a hike.

For more information, contact **Mrs. Ginette Mayer** by phone or by text message at **514 971-7496** or by email at mayerlauzon@yahoo.ca

You can also join the **Groupe de marche Mille-Isles** on facebook.



Sociable dogs
on a leash
are welcome.

VIACTIVE PROGRAM STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



The **VIACTIVE** program is for people 50 years and older who want to exercise safely.

The classes will be offered on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. starting September 17
Cost: \$30 for 10 courses (minimum of 10 participants).

The program will be offered by **Mrs. Anne Sylvestre**, who has received the required training from FADOQ to lead **VIACTIVE** workshops.

To register, contact **Mrs. Darina Bélanger** at dbelanger@mille-isles.ca or **450 438-2958 ext. 2610**.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Fall session, september 23th till december 19th 2019

At Centre L'Autre Versant, 180 Tamaracouta in Mille-Isles

Informations : corpschorus.ca/cours Inscriptions : info@corpschorus.ca or 514-572-4287

Discount 15 to 35% for 2 to 4 classes / Possibility to pay at the class / Family special available



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Tone-up 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Yoga 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.		Dance fitness (low impact) 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Stretching 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.			Stretching 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
			Creative dance (3-5 yrs) 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
HIIT Pilates 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.			Contemporary dance (9-11 yrs) 6:20 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.
Line dancing (beginner) 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Contemporary dance (adulte) 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Initiation to dance (6-8 yrs) 5:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.	Dance fitness 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Line dancing (intermediate) 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Rythmic musculation 7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Contemporary dance (12-16 yrs) 6:35 p.m. – 7:35 p.m.	Yoga 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.



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NEWSLETTER

(PUBLIC INTEREST MESSAGES VIA E-MAIL)

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mille-isles.ca/en/newsletter/

2019 schedule for council's regular meetings

- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December 4



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STOP CRIME:

Anyone having information regarding any type of crime is invited to call Stop Crime at **1 800 711-1800** or by going online at www.echecaucrime.com.

The service is simple, fast and above all, 100% anonymous.

Town Hall

7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • 5 days a week • Without interruption

On the following holidays, municipal services aren't available:

- New Year's Day
- January 2nd
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Victoria Day
- St-Jean Baptiste Day
- Canada Day (Monday)
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving
- December 24th
- Christmas
- December 26th
- December 31st

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