

This year, the Firefighters' Food Drive will take place on Sunday, **December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Teams of volunteers will be collecting non perishable food items and monetary donations at various locations:

- ✓ during the Santa Claus parade on the same day;
- ✓ directly at the fire station;
- ✓ by a home collection service offered to citizens with special needs (reduced mobility or no means of transportation). These people are invited to call 450-431-2012.
- ✓ at three different intersections (please note that the intersections had to be modified since the last publication):
 - at the intersection of Côte Saint-Gabriel and Tamaracouta Road;
 - at the intersection of Black Road and Mille-Isles Road;
 - on Montée de l'Église.



MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please note that the municipal office will be closed from **December 22, 2021 to January 4, 2022** inclusively.

To reach the Public Works Department during this period, leave a voice message at 1-855-960-0699. For emergencies, please dial 911.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

PRESENTATION OF THE 2021-2025 MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Following the municipal election of November 7, 2021, we present the new Municipal council composed of Mr. Howard Sauvé, mayor, and six councillors: Mr. Yvon Arnold, Mr. Francis Léger, Mrs. Diane Bélair, Mrs. Cassandre Lescarbeau, Mrs. Julie Léveillé and Mrs. Dawn Charles.



Front, from left to right: Dawn Charles, Diane Bélair, Julie Léveillé and Cassandre Lescarbeau. **Back row, from left to right:** Francis Léger, Howard Sauvé and Yvon Arnold.

In addition, we would like to congratulate Mr. Howard Sauvé for his nomination as substitute prefect at the MRC Argenteuil, Mrs. Cassandre Lescarbeau as substitute

mayor of the Municipality of Mille-Isles and substitute mayor at the MRC Argenteuil, Mrs. Diane Bélair as council representative on the Planning Advisory Committee and Mrs. Julie Léveillé as substitute representative of the municipal council on the Planning Advisory Committee (CCU).

Hello everyone,

Our 2022 budget is in its final stages before its adoption at a special meeting on December 15, at 7 p.m.

In the Bell Tower case near Lake Paul, we received an acknowledgment from Bell on our request with questions and comments. The Bell representative explains that we should expect an answer within the prescribed time frame, which is within 60 days, so by January 21, 2022. With regards to the speed limit in our village hamlet and our two demands to the ministère des Transports du Québec, we have a meeting with their new team in place in January 2022.

Following the elections of November 7, the newly elected mayors met at the MRC d'Argenteuil on November 24, to adopt the MRC's budget for 2022. It must be understood that the MRCs must apply quotas to the municipalities to complete their annual budget, using a formula accounted for by the provincial government which creates a standardized land wealth value (RFU). Put simply, the RFU starts out with our municipal property value, the amount the Municipality must use to tax its citizens, but this amount is increased by a percentage factor to make the amount approximate the current actual market sales values. In the past, the factor rarely exceeded 1.10. This year the factor is 1.25. Our assessment is based on an amount much higher than the value we use to tax, so there will likely be a municipal tax increase this year.

Our previous Mayor, Michel Boyer, promoted the need to find other sources of municipal financing other than property taxes, and with the soaring real estate sales prices, the need becomes even more relevant today. For how long will the more vulnerable be able to pay their property taxes if property values continue to rise and municipalities have no choice but to tax accordingly? At the moment, the tax rate with the property value represents approximately 82% of the tax bill you receive. It would be desirable to see this percentage drop, to allow everyone to be able to stay in their family home.

At the MRC, there are four new mayors, and the recent elections allowed to re-elect as prefect Scott Pierce from the Municipality of the Township of Gore. Also, I was elected as alternate prefect for a two-year term. At the last council meeting, we appointed the committee representatives and the deputy mayor for the for the Municipality, Mrs. Cassandre Lescarbeau.

I wish you all Happy Holidays!

Howard Sauvé
Mayor



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TONIGHT, LET'S DANCE

At one time, villages in the region had a blacksmith shop, a post office, a school, a church and for some of them an "Orange Hall". But what does this name mean? The Orange Hall was a building linked to the history of the Orange movement which, according to the Canadian Encyclopedia, was a protestant fraternal society mainly present in Northern Ireland called "The Orange Order".

The activities of the Order had several orientations, such as religious, political, cultural and social. In 1859 - 1860, a large number of these buildings were listed in Quebec, including twenty (20) in the Argenteuil County. According to the Morin-Heights Historical Association (MHHA), an Orange Hall was once built in the village hamlet of Mille-Isles across from the Twin Cedar Hotel. The building was used for political meetings and dances. Today, the Orange Hall is gone, but the building that served as an hotel still stands on Mille-Isles Road in front of Hammond-Rodgers Park. It is interesting to note that our Irish pioneers did not come to live in our region only with their families and their most precious belongings, but they also brought their social activities which are a major asset for the municipalities since they generate a sense of belonging and enrich the living environment.

As I continued my research, I discovered other places where people of Mille-Isles met. In 1930, Albert and Victor Ward built the Ward's Brothers Dance Hall on Cambria Road. Every Saturday night, there was a line-up and as soon as the dancers finished their third dance, they would go outside to give others a chance to enter. Admission was 5 cents for men and free for ladies. The Ward's Brothers Dance Hall closed in 1939 when Victor Ward joined the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps. The building is still on our landscape, but is now abandoned (Source: Mille-Isles Pioneer, vol 2, no 2, June 1982, by Rowena Lummis Blair).



Dance floor powder

There is also a dance hall that was built in the 1940's by Sidney Kilpatrick and Percy Black on the Kilpatrick family land at Lake George on Tamaracouta Road. This dance hall no longer exists and only this photo remains.

As you can see, many years ago, the citizens of Mille-Isles loved to go dancing.

Ginette Mayer of local heritage council



The Orange Hall of Mille-Isles



Ward's Brothers dance Hall



Lake George Dance Hall

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

On **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, open your eyes and your child's heart, the time to see Santa Claus on his sleigh as he will travel through the territory of Mille-Isles to offer the registered children their gift. Citizens are invited to donate money and non-perishable food items to the elves for the 2021 Firefighters' Food Drive.



ECO-EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP – ZERO WASTE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

On **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** at the Strong Community Hall, a free eco-educational workshop is offered. This bilingual workshop consists of making home Christmas decorations that are zero waste. Here are the proposed decorations:

- greeting card;
- wrapping paper decorated with potato stamps;
- garland of dried oranges and cranberries;
- amber apple;
- paper bag star.



There will be different workstations for each project and participants can create whatever they want.

Children must be accompanied by a parent. It is preferable to make a reservation with the animator Renée Lagacé at 438-932-5183 or at renee.lagace@gmail.com. Upon arrival, clean your hands, maintain a distance of one metre at all times from other participants and present your mandatory vaccination passport. Please note that places are limited to 25 people.

FRIENDLY GROUP

In a friendly atmosphere, the group shares their know-how and art of living, over a good tea and snack, while strengthening a bond of togetherness.



Monday afternoon meetings are held at the Strong Community Hall, located at 1262 Mille-Isles Road, starting at 1 p.m. Come to the next meeting or contact Mrs. Joan Hudson at 450-432-7572 for more details.

PAINTING

The painting activity is for all people wishing to share their artistic passion. Whether it is for oil painting, gouache, watercolour or acrylic, these weekly meetings offer the possibility to paint or draw freely in a friendly atmosphere. For more information, we invite you to contact Mrs. Céline Beaulieu by phone at 450-436-8997.

WALKING GROUP

Would you like to enjoy the outdoors, get in shape or simply meet people?



Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m., the walking group gathers for a hike. For more information, contact Mrs. Ginette Mayer by phone or by text at 514-971-7496.

Sociable dogs on a leash are welcome.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

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SKATING RINK SCHEDULE

➤ Winter 2022 - Weather permitting

	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
THURSDAY	Closed	Closed	Closed	Hockey	Free skating
FRIDAY	Closed	Closed	Closed	Free skating	Hockey
SATURDAY	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating
SUNDAY	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Closed	Closed

➤ Holidays and Spring Break - Weather permitting

	December 22 to January 4 and February 26 to March 6, 2022				
	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	5 p.m. to 7 p.m.	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
MONDAY	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey
TUESDAY	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating
WEDNESDAY	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey
THURSDAY	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating
FRIDAY	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey
SATURDAY	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Free skating
SUNDAY	Hockey	Free skating	Hockey	Closed	Closed

In order to take advantage of the outdoor skating rink and to maintain it in good condition, all users must comply with the instructions issued by the Municipality.

2022 PROGRAM

We are currently looking for new ideas of activities and volunteers who wish to lead or create workshops or activities for the 2022 program.

Do you have a project in mind? You would like to participate in other activities and events than those already proposed? We need your suggestions.

We invite you to contact Darina Bélanger by phone at 450-438-2956, Ext. 2610 or by email at dbelanger@mille-isles.ca.

Thank you for getting involved in YOUR Municipality and we look forward to meeting you!

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Municipality of Mille-Isles provides citizens a list of services offered by community organizations in the region. Whether for help or additional information on food resources, activities or moral support, we invite you to contact Darina Bélanger by phone at 450-438-2956, Ext. 2610, by email at dbelanger@mille-isles.ca or consult the Municipality's website in the "Recreation and Community" menu under "Community Organizations".



SAND OR SALT TO DE-ICING ROADS



The spreading of abrasives and chemical de-icing agents is an important task during snow removal operations as it ensures road safety. However, these substances are harmful to the environment. Sand accumulates in waterways, harming aquatic life. Salt dissolves in water and causes problems for plants that have varying degrees of tolerance to these products. Despite this, much research proves that there is no one best product for this type of operation and that the important thing is to apply the right amount, in the right place, at the right time.

For example, if the road is icy and it is not too cold (above - 5°C), an application of abrasives with a higher concentration of salt will clear the road and make it safe, without the addition of abrasives the following days.

On the other hand, if the weather is very cold, namely temperatures below -10°C, abrasives with a low salt concentration allow the tires to adhere to the road. In these conditions, salt is no longer effective.

Minimizing environmental impacts starts with good management, including the right storage site and equipment and a contractor who is sensitive to the issue and willing to apply more environmentally friendly methods.

WASTE COLLECTION

December 2021	January 2022	February 2022	LEGEND
S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	S M T W T F S	
			 Recycling
			 Garbage
			Collection of large objects :
			• December 1, 2021
			• January 12, 2022
			• February 9, 2022

NO PARKING ON STREETS

It is forbidden to park a vehicle on a municipal public road at any time, from **October 15 to April 15** of the following year. It is also forbidden to park or immobilize a vehicle on a public road in such a way as to impede traffic to the point of representing a risk to public safety.

NEWSLETTER - PUBLIC INTEREST MESSAGES

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