



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message



Maria Tutino

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THE POPULATION

(CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 EVOLUTIVE SITUATION)

Please know that the health and safety of our residents is our top priority. Council and the Administration are staying informed on the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and acting in accordance with best practices for the health and well-being of our residents and employees.

ACTIONS WE HAVE TAKEN

- Regular review of updates from and with public authorities: the Federal government, the Provincial government, the *Organisation de sécurité civile de l'Agglomération de Montréal* (OSCAM), and the West Island *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux* (CIUSSS).
- Taken advantage of our contacts, including in neighboring cities, to share information, action plans and to enter into inter-city agreements to help each other, should the need arise.
- Developed an action plan to ensure the safety of Town employees and that the basic operations of the Town are able to continue.
- Until further notice, access to the Town Hall and Public Works building have been closed. We will continue to operate, but we ask residents to contact us by phone or email at the usual contact information channel.
- Created a specific phone line and email address for you to call with Covid-19 related questions (call **514 457-5961** during business hours or by email at: Covid-19@baie-durfe.qc.ca).
- Created a strategic task force (comprised of Council, Administration, and volunteer organizations) to meet on a regular basis via teleconferencing to develop an appropriate action plan for our Town and adjust as necessary.
- Created strategic partnerships with *Provigo*, *Proxim*, *Maxwell Residence*, *vCOPs* and a youth organization "*Living Safe*" to enhance the Town's food and medicine distribution networks for those in need.
- Suspended all events and public consultations organized by the Town until further notice as well as the activities from the library, the *Red Barn*, and the *Fritz Community Center*.

EVOLVING SITUATION AND THE NEED FOR NEW PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS

The situation is evolving daily and the Town needs to stay on top of the situation in order to help our residents ride out the storm as painlessly as possible. We will need your help should the situation get more serious.

It is important that you follow the advice from public authorities to stop the spread of the disease and self-isolate as needed.

CALL: 1 877 644-4545 if you want to talk to somebody about your symptoms.

- We need you to identify if you or someone you know in the Town may require help. Please call me directly, if you wish, at **514 898-5788** or join me by email at mtutino@baie-durfe.qc.ca. Support networks are being established to help as needed (grocery, medication, and prepared lunches & suppers).
- If you wish to volunteer to help the Town with its action plan, please contact Rescue Squad director **Wayne Belvedere** at **514 886-0205** or at wbelvedere@hotmail.com.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STAY INFORMED

Subscribe to the Town's Mailchimp and *CodeRED* communications system so that we can send you important information relating to the Coronavirus disease in the most secure and efficient way.

You can subscribe via our Town website or send us your coordinates with the help of a friend or family member by email at: Covid-19@baie-durfe.qc.ca (name, home address, email) or with the Covid-19 hotline at: **514 457-5961**.

USE THESE LINKS TO STAY UP-TO-DATE

Baie-D'Urfé : <https://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca/en/>

Montreal region: santemontreal.qc.ca/en/public/

Government of Quebec: quebec.ca/en/health-issues/az/2019-coronavirus/

Government of Canada: canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO THE POPULATION IN CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SITUATION

HOW TO GET HOME DELIVERY SERVICE FOR GROCERIES, MEDICATION AND PREPARED MEALS

A couple of strategic teams have been formed with the owners of *Provigo*, *Proxim* and *Maxwell Residence*, *vCOPs* and "*Living Safe*" organizations. These teams will meet regularly via teleconferencing to ensure that delivery service for groceries, medication and prepared meals is available during the Coronavirus critical period.



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Mayor's Message (cont'ed)

Many thanks go out to **Francis Deroo, Debby Houtman and Philippe Labelle** of *Provigo*, **Ralph Mokbel** of *Proxim*, **Farzad Shodjai** of *Maxwell Residence*, *vCOPs* co-directors **Gillian Bennet** and **Irene Perstinger** and University-students & "Living Safe" founding members **Anika Munn** and **David Ishii-Landry** who generously worked over the weekend of March 13-15 to iron out the following arrangements to help our residents during this critical period.



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Team who will prepare the orders and home delivery will be done after 4 pm on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Orders can be put in either by phone or email to the following:

Gillian Bennett: 514 826-8007 - gillian@totalmontreal.com
Irene Perstinger: 514 457-5858 - perstinger@videotron.ca

GROCERIES: PROVIGO



Partners: *Provigo*, *vCOPs* and « *Living Safe* » Organization

Owner **Francis Deroo** has confirmed the following.

PC Express continues to be available for residents to order groceries online. **The \$5 fee for using this service has been waived.**

The order will be prepared for the time requested for pick-up and will be brought to the car so there will be no need to enter the store. If the household is in self-isolation or quarantined and **home delivery service** is required please indicate in the comments section that delivery is requested and the *vCOPs* co-directors will be contacted.

Home Delivery Service: If residents need help to order groceries online and require home delivery, a new service has been put in place. The service will be evaluated and enhanced as required.

A basic list of items has been identified for home delivery and inserted in this edition of the News & Views. The basic list may be modified depending on residents' need.

Home delivery will be initially offered for **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Residents wanting to use this service should contact *vCOPs* co-directors Gillian Bennet and Irene Perstinger to put in an order. Gillian and Irene will relay the information to the *Provigo*

MEDICATION: PROXIM



Partners: *Proxim* and *vCOPs*

Owner **Ralph Mokbel** has confirmed the following. Home delivery service will continue and be enhanced as needed.

To order: call **514 457-6777** or by email at proximbdu@gmail.com

For orders put in during hours of operation, **deliveries will be done same day for medications; non-medication orders will be delivered within 24 hours.**

Current hours of operation are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9am to 7pm

Thursday, Friday: 9am to 9pm

Saturday: 9am to 5pm and Sunday: 11am to 5pm

If help is needed to send an email outside of operating hours, *vCOPs* co-directors Gillian Bennet and Irene Perstinger have offered their assistance.

PREPARED MEALS:



Partners: *Maxwell Residence* and *vCOPs*

Owner **Farzad Shodjai** has offered to provide prepared lunches and suppers to those in need.

Given that the kitchen can only accommodate a certain extra quantity per day, the following arrangement has been agreed to:

- Any household in Town affected by the Coronavirus and is in self-isolation and needs help with meal preparation and home delivery, should contact *vCOPs* co-directors Gillian Bennet and Irene Perstinger.
- Gillian and Irene will then advise *Maxwell Residence* of the number of lunches and suppers needed for the day.
- Gillian and Irene will coordinate the pick-up and home delivery to those in need (lunches to be delivered around 1pm and suppers around 6pm).



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Council Communiqué



Wanda Lowensteyn

When my husband and I first bought our house in Baie-D'Urfé, the previous homeowners made a point of telling us that it was easy to get involved in the community here.

That was almost 20 years ago, and it still holds true for today. Whether it is taking part in one of our town's various clubs and associations, or initiating a new activity, there are many opportunities for involvement. Every year there are a few new activities initiated by our creative citizens. Some of them end up becoming a regular occurrence and part of our town's fabric.

Three new activities in the last month come to mind. The **International Women's Day** event organized by the CA was introduced last year. It was a big success then and was enthusiastically received again this year. We are already looking forward to the topic of next year's Women's Day. And, as I write this column, I eagerly anticipate another new event that was originally to take place at the end of March. *Coffee and Community* at the library had to be postponed, but stay tuned for the new date.



This could also be an event to start making a regular appearance. Finally, musical theatre is coming to town with a local production of

Moana JR. Youth and adults are welcome to join the cast. See the ad in this issue for more details, or contact bdumusicals@gmail.com.

I encourage you to support these initiatives and keep our community spirit alive and well. Stay up to date with the *News and Views* and the *Citizen's Association* website baiedurfe.ca, as well the Town newsletter and website baie-durfe.qc.ca.

Spring is just around the corner. Some of us are already getting gearing up for the post winter clean-up. This is a good time to take advantage of yet another one of our citizen initiatives - **Buy Nothing Baie-D'Urfé**. This is a well run local *Facebook* group that offers a way to give and receive, share, lend and connect with neighbours. Before putting that old chair in the garbage, why not see if someone wants to repurpose it. www.facebook.com/BuyNothingProject/

Finally, we were all geared up to provide lots more information on environmentally-friendly practices at a **Baie-D'Urfé Earth Day** scheduled in April. Unfortunately, this event has also fallen victim to the Covid19 situation. But, since every day should be *Earth Day*, we will find a way to reschedule the event at a later date. The event will include several Baie-D'Urfé residents who are eager to share their wealth of expertise, so stay tuned for news on what will be a fantastic one-stop-shop of information

on how to: best recycle and compost, take care of trees, help birds, gardening tips, flora and fauna found in Baie-D'Urfé, make art out of trash, and more. In the meantime, the **Great Spring Clean-Up** will take place during *Earth Day Week* (April 20-26). This is an outdoor activity that everyone can still participate in - at a metre distance from each other!



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Town Planning Advisory Committee

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé invites residents who are interested in Urban Planning and who are ready to play an active role in the planning of their territory to apply for the **Town Planning Advisory Committee** (TPAC) of Baie-D'Urfé.

As per the **Act Respecting Land Use Planning and Development**, the TPAC's mandate is to give opinions and recommendations on requests which are submitted to the Council for Urban Planning and land use planning.

Resident members are chosen for their interest, their training and their expertise in one of the following fields: Urban Planning, land use planning, architecture and heritage. The mandate of the members is two (2) years with the possibility of renewal. Members agree to participate in all 12 meetings per year (one per month).

Interested parties are invited to send their application, including a letter of interest, a Curriculum vitae and relevant documents relating to the experience and skills required, to the attention of:

Mr. Nicolas Bouchard

General Director of the Town of Baie-D'Urfé
20 410, Lakeshore rd., Baie-D'Urfé, H9X 1P7

or by email at: ressourceshumaines@baie-durfe.qc.ca

Applications must be received by April 17, 2020.

Only selected applicants will be contacted.



SQUIRREL, **useful** or annoying?

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé is lucky to have such a great biodiversity, which is favourable to our environment. Although some of our little friends, such as squirrels, can considerably damage our brown bins used for the collection of our organic wastes. They often contain food residues which odour can attract small rodents. In winter, as very little food become available, more and more wild animals take advantage of our bins lined up on pick-up days.

As we know, the gray squirrel is the most popular species on our territory. It is an extremely prolific rodent, thanks to the diversity of its diet and adapts to any new food source. Depending of the season, its diet consists exclusively of conifer cones, acorns, seeds, buds, sap and flowers.

REMINDER
Never feed a wild animal.



DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE SQUIRRELS:

- Entering attics and sheds, to nest;
- Chewing through electrical wires, which can result in a risk of fire;
- Seizing bird food and destroying its feeder;
- Rummaging through our brown bins, leaving holes;
- Digging up seeds, bulbs, flowers and fruits from the garden;
- Chewing on the bark of various shrubs and making them weaker.

TIPS TO PROTECT OUR BINS FROM RODENTS:

- Apply a menthol ointment (such as Vick's) around the lid and ventilation holes of the bin to mask the odours that can attract animals;
- Place your bin far from your deck or any fence, avoiding them to reach the lid;
- Use a closing device to prevent them from entering your bin: elastic straps, weight on lid, etc.

Do not forget to remove the device before placing your bin at the curb!



TIPS FOR YOUR GARDEN AND FLOWERBEDS:

- Sprinkle your bulbs with dried blood flour when planting (available in garden centers).
- Use cayenne pepper around your flowerbeds as a squirrel repellent. Repeat application after each rain. Squirrels hate chicken manure fertilizer; so spread some in your garden.

IN RETURN, WILD ANIMALS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR ENVIRONMENT:

Surprisingly, squirrels contribute in the renewal of our forests by the large number of seeds they bury in the fall and forget to eat!



SPRING THAW and Sump Pump INSPECTION

Springtime and the gradual warming of temperatures surely brings joy! But heavy snow accumulation during the winter also means higher potential risk of flooding in our homes.

That is why early maintaining and testing of your sump pump is so important!

Sump pumps help keep properties safe from water damage. When a storm occurs or during spring thaw, sump pumps remove excess water around the foundation. It only takes a few minutes to properly inspect and insure proper functioning of your device by a professional plumber, which can help avoid many headaches.

If you do have a flood, the Town will do its best to provide emergency assistance. Contact Public Works at **514 457-2877** during business hours or call **514 630-1234** outside working hours.



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What's New!

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Easter Holiday

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be closed from Friday **April 10 to Monday April 13th** inclusively.



PLEASE NOTE

that due to the evolving situation related to the **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**, all upcoming events or activities are subject to cancellation. Please consult the Town's communications for the latest informations. You can also contact **514 457-5961** or communicate by email at **covid-19@baie-durfe.qc.ca**.

SENNEVILLE

L'Air en fête **SUMMER DAY CAMP**



June 29 to August 21, 2020

Baie-D'Urfé residents who wish to register their children, ages 5 to 12, at the Senneville Day camp, will be able to benefit from a reimbursement from the Town of **\$46 per child/per week** at Town Hall **upon proof of payment**. This amount is equivalent to the additional registration costs for non-residents.

All details on: airenfete.com/camps-jour/senneville

Branch Collection

Please note that the branch pick-up will resume service every week from

April 20th to June 8.



NEXT GAMES NIGHT

Thursday, April 2 at the Red Barn from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bring your friends
(a non-resident guest is welcome)



Bring your favourite board game!

BULKY ITEMS

& ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION



› **From April to November**
Due to the Easter Holiday, this pick-up will be held on **Tuesday April 14.**

Consult your Collection Calendar!

DORSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RUN

ANNUAL EVENT OF THE **JUNIOR LBPSB X-COUNTRY RUN**

May 11 and 12 from 9 am to 1:30 pm

(in the event of rain, the run will be held on May 13 & 14)

For further information:
514 457-3631
dorset.lbpsb.qc.ca



ORGANIC WASTE - REMINDER

Starting **April 7 until November 24**, the Organic Waste collection will be back to a **weekly pick-up service.**

JUNIOR COUNCIL

Hear ye, hear ye!

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, April 21, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Fritz Community Center

