



MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER FROM TOWN HALL

Mayor's Message



LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM

The monthly nutrition education program put on by McGill's School of Human Nutrition for Baie-D'Urfé

adults has been a runaway success. The program was launched in February 2017 and to date, after 12 sessions, 480 Baie-D'Urfé citizens have "enjoyed delicious, beautifully presented food while learning all about nutrition"

Each month more and more citizens are signing up (well exceeding the maximum class size) and the "Table des chefs" want to produce more and more impressive meals to match the students' well-researched and entertaining nutritional lectures.

More people means higher food costs; it also means that more hours are used in the registration process. Consequently, a few changes have had to be made to the *Lunch and Learn* program.

The registration process has been changed. Until further notice, a new registration e-mail has been created that will be forwarded to Councillor Wanda Lowensteyn. She will also temporarily manage the registrations that are phoned in.

Finally, in order to maintain the high quality of the *Lunch & Learn* program a \$10 session fee (payable at the door) will be charged to partially cover costs.

If you haven't yet participated at one of these sessions, you are missing out on a most enjoyable outing. Come and see what you have been missing!

RÉSEAU EXPRESS MÉTROPOLITAIN (REM)

The REM is moving forward. The first groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 12.



I feel very privileged to have been invited to attend this event to highlight the REM's groundbreaking ceremony.

Maria Tutino

This event was attended by *President and Chief Executive Officer of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec*, Michael Sabia, the *Premier of Quebec*, Philippe Couillard, the Honourable Canada's *Minister of Transport*, Marc Garneau, *Montreal's Mayor*, Valérie Plante and several strategic partners of the REM.

There was a lot of excitement in the air. We were aware that we were attending a very special event, the launch of the biggest public transit project to occur in Quebec since the construction of the metro fifty years ago.

BAIE-D'URFÉ CURLING CLUB'S EMILY RILEY, SILVER MEDALIST AT THE CANADIAN JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Team Laurie St. Georges, who after winning the silver medal at the *Canadian Junior Curling Championships* representing Quebec for the second time in 3 years, was invited by "Own The Podium", Sport Canada and Curling Canada to attend **Canada's NextGen Super Camp** from April 20-22 at *The Glencoe Club* in Calgary, AB.

The team is comprised of Skip Laurie St. Georges, her younger sister Cynthia St. Georges (third), Baie-D'Urfé Curling Club's own Emily Riley (second and vice-skip) and Noémie Gauthier (lead). The team plays out at the *Club de Curling Laval-sur-le-Lac* and often practices in Baie-D'Urfé.



At the **NextGen Super Camp** they will be targeting both athlete and coach development with an eye to producing podium-level athletes at future Olympics. This camp is funded through "Own The Podium", Sport Canada and Curling Canada. Best of luck to Emily and to the rest of this very talented foursome!

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Council Communiqué

Lynda Phelps

I am so honored to have been elected to my fourth term! Thank-you for your support.

I have been assigned as chair of the *Administration Committee* with Councillor Andrea Gilpin and Mayor Tutino. We work closely with the *General Manager and the Town Clerk*. To give you an idea of the duties of this committee, one is the completion of the *Management and Remuneration Policy*. This 22 page document covers the work conditions and remuneration of senior management employees and has taken almost 18 months from beginning to completion, and finally adopted in the **April 10** public meeting.

The next challenge for us will be the selection and hiring of a General Manager (DG). Mr. Jacques DesOrmeaux, our present DG, has confirmed that he will be leaving on June 31st, to retire to the green pasture of tennis games, pickleball and family. The recruiting of candidates has been mandated to an outside firm with a closing date of April 14. The committee has reviewed the applications in the third week of April. I expect interviews will be schedule shortly afterwards. Upmost in our selection will be to find the right match for the community and staff.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS:

- › **Four speed indicators** are in the process of being ordered. The *Traffic Committee* will be deciding where they should be mounted, including the *Industrial Park*. Our *Auxiliary Coast Guard unit* has been declared as one of the top three of the 60 units in Quebec. **Bravo!**
- › **Linguini Restaurant**. The investigation of the fire has been complete, and we expect the clean-up and hopefully the rebuilding will follow.
- › **Galderma**, a company in our park, are responsible for the worldwide production of Cetaphil (skin products) and can be found, mainly in pharmacies. They have been expanding rapidly and are hiring for various jobs.



› **Shakespeare in the Park.** "Romeo and Juliette" will be featured in *Fritz Park* on the **5th of July**.

Finally, **we have hired two new employees.** I would like to introduce you to both and give you a short background of each.

Chloé Paiement is the person that will greet you if you go to Town Hall. She has a BA in Political Science and just has completed another one in communications and social media. She is our receptionist and also has duties as an assistant to our *Director of Communication*, Valérie Fortin. I asked her what interested her to come and work for Baie-D'Urfé. She was born in the West Island and loves the challenge and diversity of the municipal world. Quite a catch for us.



Nicholas Mavrias is another catch for us. He has been hired as the foreman of our Public Works group. He has experience in various positions in the Public Works dept of the Town of Montreal West, from a blue collar to an assistant to the *Director of Public Works*. A comment, "He knows what he's doing" But one

very interesting fact about him, please Google *Pizza Mama Sofia*. Nicholas is part owner with his father.

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Environmental Review



INVITE NATURE INTO YOUR HOME!

Protect biodiversity by creating a space for nature at home. "My Garden, Space for life" a great opportunity for you to protect biodiversity by your participation!

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What are the benefits of participating?

- › A free program open to all residents of Quebec;
- › The possibility of having your *My Space for Life Garden* certified;
- › Tip sheets developed by the "Space for Life" specialists;
- › Events specially designed for program participants;
- › Discounts on our partners' products;
- › A chance to win a free annual family membership with the *Friends of the Garden*;
- › Having pride in helping protecting biodiversity.

Montréal Space for Life acknowledges your action by giving you a certificate for the garden you created.

Themed gardens:

- Biodiversity garden • Monarch oasis
- Bird garden • Edible garden

Discover the gardens of the previous participants of the program by consulting the *Gardenaut Gallery*. They'll surely inspire you!



espacepourelavie.ca/en - A website filled with a great sources of information (diseases, insects, organic gardening and more...) **Take advantage of it!**

Industrial Park News



This past March, the Baie-D'Urfé Industrial park business owners gathered to attend a breakfast meeting with the Town and the *Industrial Park Association*. These meetings are planned not only to promote networking but also to serve as a forum for the various stakeholders to share information as well as to address the various local economic development possibilities and challenges.

We took this opportunity to introduce Baie-D'Urfé's new Security Patrol service team who has taken on patrolling the Industrial park sector since January 2018.

The Town of Baie-D'Urfé, in partnership with the GRAME (Groupe de recherche appliquée en macroécologie), also extended an invitation to participate in the program *ICI, on verdict!*, a greening campaign of the institutional, commercial and industrial sectors of the territory. The agglomeration of Montreal has set for itself a goal of a 5% increase of the canopy cover by 2025. This ambitious initiative will help reduce heat islands in the urban environment and the Town of Baie-D'Urfé is proud to be a partner in this opportunity to take action.

As a guest speaker, we had the privilege of welcoming Claude Martel, Director of the *Concordia Institute for Co-operative Education* for a presentation of their model of experiential learning which bridges university life and the opportunity to gain practical work experience for the students. Our industries, as potential employers, got a glimpse of how this can give them access to more than 1,800 highly skilled students in over 40 programs.

For questions on the GRAME project or the *Concordia Institute for Co-operative education*, you can contact Susan Stokley at **514 457-5041** or by email at stokley@baie-durfe.qc.ca



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What's New!

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REMINDER - SECOND MUNICIPAL TAXES INSTALMENT

Please note that the deadline is on **Monday May 28**. You will not be sent a reminder notice.



Victoria Day

Town Hall and the Public Works building will be **CLOSED** on **Monday May 21, 2018** for Victoria Day.

ON SATURDAY MAY 26TH, MAKE YOUR HOUSE LEAN AND CLEAN!

Take profit of an exceptional event to drop off at Public Works building (300, Surrey Street):

- › **DROP OFF** all your **Household Hazardous Waste** (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- › **DROP OFF** any **Electronics Waste** (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- › **DESTROY** all **CDs, DVDs, cassettes and hard disks** (confidential service by *Shred-it*) (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- › **SHRED** all your **confidential paper documents** onsite, under your eyes, by *Shred-it* (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)



On your way back home, pick-up some free compost and woodchips for your gardening needs! **Just bring your containers!**

For the citizens that have reserve a tree, the tree pick up is from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL RESIDENT:



BAIE-D'URFÉ AQUATIC CLUB

- › **REGISTRATION:** Saturday May 19th, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & Tuesday May 22nd, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- › **FREE SWIM:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

BAIE-D'URFÉ TENNIS CLUB

- › **FREE TENNIS:** Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (proper footwear required)

Both Clubs have great junior and family programs. Sign up and get the whole experience!



BAIE-D'URFÉ OLD STREET SIGNS!



Dear Citizens, due to popular demand, we are pleased to announce that we will be donating the vast majority of our old street signs from the industrial and residential sectors to all interested residents as part of **Earth Day**, on **May 26**, at Public Works, 300 Surrey.

From May 9 to May 16, we invite you to reserve by phone the street name sign of your choice by calling the Town Hall at **514 457-5324**, from **May 9 to May 16**, or by dropping by during office hours. Please note that we allow for **one (1) sign per civic address**.

Since we do not have an equal inventory for every street of our territory, and in order to make the distribution process fair for all, we will proceed on a **first-come, first-served basis**. Upon reservation, we suggest you keep a **second choice** in mind, should your anticipated street sign not be available.

*Looking forward to seeing you all on **May 26!***