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| December 2021 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| February 2022 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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- Stat Holiday Office closed
- Garbage Pick Up
- St Jean Recycling
- St Joseph & Letellier Recycling
- Council Meeting



**Chrystal Sabourin**

**Senior Resource Coordinator 204-746-4547**

I am a long time resident of St Jean Baptiste, with a special interest in the well-being of older adults. I am married with 3 amazing adult children and we all participate in running the family farm. Recently, I have chosen to retire from the dental field after 32 years.

I have spent many hours volunteering in the community over the years. Many of these hours have been spent at the arena. You could find me as a coach or trainer on a ringette bench or in the canteen which I was manager of for many years. For about 10 years I took part in the Cultural Committee's annual play.

Here you would find me behind the scenes anywhere from set design/ construction, costumes or set décor. Also, I don't believe there was ever a Quad derby where I didn't volunteer in some fashion.

I like to keep busy and have a creative side. About 7 years ago, I started a small side business making handmade soaps, bath and body products. I also enjoy gardening, knitting, crocheting, painting, crafting and anything creative. On weekends you can find my husband and I at our cottage boating, fishing, golfing or snowmobiling, depending on the season. Most recently I have completed my 200hr yoga teacher training and look forward to new challenges.

**Friendly reminder to remove parked vehicles and refrain from parking on public streets and lanes during and after snowfall events which require the removal of accumulated snow. You may resume parking on streets after snow removal operations have been completed.**



**We also ask that residents do not deposit snow from private properties onto public roads, streets and lanes.**



**LUD REPORT**

With the festive season and cold temperatures upon us, we are happy to announce that the toboggan slide on the bank of the Red River will return this winter when snow and ice conditions are ideal and safe.

Another season of construction projects comes to an end and we wish to provide an update on the 4 Corners Project. It goes without saying that we all wish we still had a bridge crossing the Red River, however there comes a time when you have to turn a negative into a positive. Identified as a priority nearly three years ago to « do something » about the eyesore that was the barricaded bridge deck, this project is nearing completion. It encompasses the bridge deck area, the northeast corner of Caron Street, and the north and south sides of Centre Avenue east of Caron Street.

We are really excited that the community now has access to a unique observation point overlooking the river. Lighting, interpretive panels, and site furnishings remain to be added. The Welcome to Saint-Jean-Baptiste sign and the area north of Centre Avenue is fully completed. On the south side of Centre Avenue, please be aware there is now only one driveway in and out of the church parking lot. It appears the south side of Centre Avenue will not be fully completed until spring. We will make sure the contractor addresses any safety concerns before winter. Please use caution in this area.

The committee behind the 4 corners project includes LUD members Wayne Klassen, Paul Sabourin, Gilbert Lavallée, and two volunteers, Chrystal Sabourin and Mona Lavallée.

The LUD committee is looking to raise \$10,000 for this project through private donations or sponsorships. This is a requirement for a \$50,000 Building Sustainable Communities contribution received earlier this year. If you are interested, please contact one of the LUD members.



A grand opening or ribbon cutting event will be planned in 2022.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from the LUD of Saint-Jean-Baptiste.



Holiday Closure Dates, RM of Montcalm Office:

-December 24th, 2021 @ 12:00 PM

-December 27th –31st,2021

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### Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

It's that time of year again when we gather with friends and loved ones to celebrate this joyous season. I am sure you probably feel the same way I do and didn't think we would still be living with COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. Even though the restrictions are less this winter we still need to do our part to help stop the spread.

2021 seen some big changes in the RM! The expanded lagoon in Letellier is fully operational, the new transfer site is open, the 4 Corner's Project in St. Jean is looking incredible and will be a wonderful gathering and event spot for years to come and the shelter at the St. Jean Splash Pad has already become a favorite summertime spot for many families!

With 2022 right around the corner, Council is busy preparing for next years projects. Even though there won't be very many large projects we will still be busy making the RM of Montcalm the best that it can be! 2022 is also a municipal election year so if you are looking for a way to serve your community or enter the political and governance world, start thinking about running for a council seat or as the next Reeve.

Our quarterly newsletters have been going out for over a year now and we hope you are finding them helpful and useful to keep up to date on what's happening in the RM. You can also follow us on Facebook & Instagram, and you can sign up for our email list by visiting our website at [www.rmofmontcalm.com](http://www.rmofmontcalm.com).

In closing, on behalf of Council, myself and all the staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



**Paper Plate Santa Clause Craft**

#### You will need

Paper Plate, Paint, Cotton Wool, White Paper, Glue, Scissors, Paintbrush and a Pencil (for curling)

- 1: Using the kid-friendly paint, divide the paper plate in two to create an area for Santa's face and his famous red hat.
- 2: While the paper plate is drying, cut a piece of white paper into fine strips
- 3: Curl the paper by wrapping it around the pencil and then drag the pencil out in a downward motion to create a ringlet.
- 4: Stick the paper curls along the rim of the paper plate and then add a second layer of curls above the rim.
- 5: Add a large red nose and two black eyes (googley eyes could also be used)

### Letellier Fire Department Holiday Safety Tips!

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk to fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire safe-holiday season.

#### HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. **Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

#### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.

#### FACTS

**More than two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.**



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