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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

First Presbyterian Church | **Coffee Party** | 10:00*Albion Ball Field* | **Family Water Day** | 11:00
*with Bounce Around Inflatables**Allan Park* | **Mayor's Garden Party** | 7:00
ft. Neon Soul Machine

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Town Square | **Kids Foam Party** | 11:00
*with Bounce Around Inflatables**RCAF Club* | **Seniors' Lunch** | 11:00*Abercrombie Golf Club* | **RCAF Golf Tournament** | 1:00*Sobeys Sport Fields* | **Firefighters' Competition** | 6:00*Sample Ball Fields* | **Comedy Out of Left Field** | 8:00
in support of Pictou County Challenger Baseball*RCAF Club* | **Trivia Night** | 8:30

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Foord St | **Kids Parade, Car Show & Street Party** | 6:30
ft. Out on the Weekend*Sharon St John Hall* | **SHS 1970/71 Reunion Meet & Greet** | 6:00*Stellarton Legion* | **50's & 60's Dance** | 8:00
ft. Harold Borden & the Trentones

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Fire Hall | **Pancake Breakfast** | 7:00*First Presbyterian Church* | **Yard Sale** | 8:00*Allan Park* | **Pictou County Yoga & Fitness presents:** | 9:00
Yoga with Anna*Foster Ave Park* | **Washer Toss Tournament** | 10:00*Sobeys Sport Fields* | **Sports Day** | 11:00
*with Bounce Around Inflatables**RCAF Club* | **RCAF Pork Chop BBQ** | 3:30*Town Hall Parking Lot* | **Dance & Beer Garden (19+)** | 9:00

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Stellarton Legion | **Fish & Chip Take Out** | 11:00*Allan Park* | **Concert in the Park** | 1:00
ft. EB Anderson & the Resolutes*Sobeys Sport Fields* | **Final Concert** | 8:00
ft. Next Exit*Sobeys Sport Fields* | **Fireworks** | 10:00

STELLAR NEWS

SPIRIT | PEOPLE | PRIDE

Mayor's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It's not hard to tell what season we are in. The weather is hot, the splash pad at Town Square is cool. Lush greens and beautiful flowers are out; shorts, t-shirts and summer dresses are in. Canadian flags are up, and water levels in the East River are down. Another Stellarton summer is here.

Council and staff have been working hard to ensure we provide the proper environment for residents to have a happy and healthy summer.

In May, we launched a pilot project at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) designed to enhance the overall water taste and odour quality of our water supply – especially during the early summer months. Upon the recommendation from CBCL Limited (an outside engineering resource), our WTP Operators have been adding Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) to our water during the treatment process. PAC is a National Safety Foundation approved water treatment chemical and similar materials can be found in your fridge filters.

While it is still too early in the season to determine is the PAC in reducing the naturally occurring MIB and Geosmin compounds, the WTP has noticed a reduction in other natural water compounds since adding PAC – a promising sign. Staff at the WTP and our Engineering Department deserve credit for sourcing what appears to be a solution for a long-standing water quality issue.

Each year I receive compliment after compliment about the amazing flowers displayed throughout the town. As citizens approach me at the grocery store or while out for a walk, I often prepare myself for critiques, but most of the time in the summer, they want to pass on their compliments for the floral displays and the overall lovely appearance of our town. The credit for the flowers goes to Communities in Bloom and their dedicated



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IMPORTANT DATES

Jul. 7 - Police Commission

Jul. 11 - Council

Jul. 20-24 - Homecoming Week

Jul. 25 - Committee of the Whole

Aug. 1 - Natal Day: ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 1 - Police Commission

Sept. 5 - Labor Day: ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

Sept. 12 - Council

Sept. 26 - Committee of the Whole

Sept. 30 - National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation: ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED

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summer students. Stellarton is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers like Communities in Bloom. Otherwise, we would have to hire staff to do the planning work, or the town just would not look as nice. We are all grateful for the members of Communities in Bloom and their decades of dedication to making Stellarton a stunning location for all to enjoy. And thank you to Public Works for all they do over the summer to beautify the town.

In closing, some more good news ... Homecoming is back! Homecoming 2022 will be one to remember. The first opportunity to celebrate all that is Stellarton since 2019. Our talented and dedicated staff, in conjunction with the Homecoming Committee, have been planning for an expanded slate of events. Most of the traditional – plus a few surprises! In a mix of tradition and fresh ideas, we are holding the Saturday night dance outside in the parking lot behind Town Hall. We're also extending the street closure of the Friday night street party (from Acadia Ave to Bridge Ave) to include some of our new businesses as well as some of our traditional summer staples. July 20th – 24th are the dates, the full schedule of events is posted on our website, Facebook page, and in print on the back of this newsletter.

It's going to be a blast, hope to see you there! *Danny*

Water Meter Update

The Town of Stellarton has secured Neptune Technology Group for the installation of residential and commercial water meters. At this time, we are nearing the point of providing account information to Neptune to begin scheduling installation appointments. We anticipate installation to begin mid-September.

Town Staff will be having a program kick-off meeting with Neptune later in July. Details on the program will be provided as they are available.

We require residents to provide their contact information with the Town to update accounts and assist in the scheduling of meter installations. Once installed, meters will be able to provide readings to residents which can help to detect (and repair) leaks in the home prior to the changing of billing.

Residents who have their meter installed will continue to be charged the flat-rate for water until ALL residential meters are in place.



Bike Safety

With the warm weather now upon us, Stellarton Police would like to remind citizens of the rules of the road:

- Cyclists of all ages must wear a helmet.
- Every bicycle must have a bell or horn.
- Cyclists must use hand signals for intention to turn and when making lane changes.
- When cycling 30 minutes before sunset or 30 minutes after sunrise, you must have a front white light and a rear red light or reflector.
- Cyclists may not ride on the sidewalk or crosswalks while riding unless they are aged 16 or under.
- Cyclists must follow the same laws as motor vehicles, unless the law has made specific exemptions.

More info available: <https://bicycle.ns.ca/>



Stellarton Fire Department

Looking for Firefighters!

The Stellarton Fire Department is now accepting applications for the position of Firefighter on our Department!

No previous experience is necessary. You must be a resident of the Town to apply.

Applications are available at Town Hall during regular business hours, by contacting Chief Mike O'Sullivan at (902) 754-6999, or any Member of the Department.

The deadline to apply is Friday, July 22 by 4:00pm. We look forward to hearing from you!

Burn By-Law

The Stellarton Fire Department have received reports of fires at residential properties where owners were unaware of the Town's existing Fire Burning By-Law. This by-law is in place to help keep residents, properties, and the general public safer from fire-related incidents.

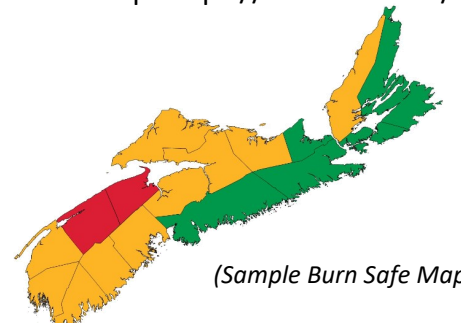
This by-law details what can and cannot be burned, all precautions required to have a fire, and the consequences of not adhering to the by-law.

Familiarize yourself with Stellarton's Burn By-Law and check Nova Scotia's Burn Restrictions map before planning to hold a fire. The province's burn safe map is updated daily at 2:00pm.

Help us keep Stellarton safe!

For full by-law: <https://bit.ly/2UiGZyA>

NS Burn Safe Map: <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>



(Sample Burn Safe Map)

Administration

Low Income Property Tax Exemption

The Town of Stellarton has approved the low income property tax exemption for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. If your household income is \$26,972 or less, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate on your final property tax bill. This exemption will be applied to your tax account during the final property tax billing in September 2022. You must provide a copy of your 2021 Notice of Assessment received from the Canada Revenue Agency as proof of income. Forms are available by contacting the Town office at 902-752-2114 or from the Town of Stellarton website at: www.stellarton.ca.

Tax Billing

Property taxes levied by the Town of Stellarton are billed in instalments as follows: 50% of the assessed taxes are billed on April 1st of each year due in June. The remainder of the current year tax levy is billed on September 1st and due in November.

Stellarton Heritage Corner

Quoit Competition Trophy Won by Leonard Charles Stewart



Leonard Stewart was the Superintendent of the Pictou County Asylum and won the pictured chalice at a Quoit Competition on August 1, 1893.

(History of Stellarton - A. Dorrington)

Quoits is a game in which players toss iron rings at a stake, called a hob, to score points. It has been said that the game was played in Roman-occupied Britain (1st-5th century).

(Encyclopaedia Britannica)