



# LE MESSENGER

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## A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

Let's begin with the hottest topic in Frelighsburg right now: the condition of the roads.

Yes, many road sections are in a terrible state. Some are worse than others, but once again, with the ongoing sequence of repeat freezes, thaws and rain, no remedy can be effective at the moment.

But it is clear that we will have to take significant corrective measures in 2024. We recently learned that a substantial government subsidy that would have enabled the reprofiling and resurfacing of priority roads was unfortunately denied.

In the coming weeks, the Council will decide on the required specific repairs and find the optimal financing method to carry them out. More details to come.

### Municipal Tax Bill and Assessment

The 2024 tax bills have now been sent. I remind you that property assessment is the responsibility of the MRC Property Assessment Service and not the Municipality.

Therefore, if you have questions about the value of your property or wish to dispute it, please visit [mrcbm.qc.ca/demande-de-revision](http://mrcbm.qc.ca/demande-de-revision).

### Eclipse, eclipse!

As you probably know, there will be a total solar eclipse on Monday afternoon, April 8th. Be sure to read the Public Safety section below for precautions you should take.

A total solar eclipse is a very rare and spectacular phenomenon that creates a nightfall feeling in the middle of the day. You can even see stars in a clear sky!

For the occasion, we will set up the Municipality's outdoor fireplace at Place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville and we will make a few pairs of protective glasses available to those who will come to the site. Exceptionally, the "Le DOME" exhibit – produced with the Montreal Planetarium and presented in 2023 – will be accessible to visitors on that day.

### Let's Help Garagona

The Garagona Association is a flagship organization in our community, always ready to lend a helping hand for any projects, whether of other organizations or the Municipality.

Garagona needs to purchase a new adapted van. Please help them by contributing to their fundraising campaign!

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## NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

### Environment

One year after the conference on starry skies held by the Mont-Mégantic International Dark Sky Reserve, the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Frelighsburg Municipality's Urban Planning Department are working on a draft regulation aimed at controlling outdoor lighting, which should be tabled during the coming April meeting.

The purpose of this regulation is to minimize the impact of light pollution. The provisions will mainly control the type, time and intensity of outdoor lighting as well as the direction of light projection.

The term "light pollution" refers to the excessive or inappropriate use of artificial light. This includes any modification of the natural light environment and any disturbance caused by artificial light on the visibility of the sky, fauna, flora, ecosystems and health\*.

The UN plans to deem starry skies a "common heritage for all humankind". We are privileged to still have a starry sky here in Frelighsburg. Let's work together to preserve it!

For any questions on the future regulations, please contact the Municipality's Planning Department.

\* Source: [cietoilemontmegantic.org/pollutionlumineuse](http://cietoilemontmegantic.org/pollutionlumineuse)

### Agriculture & Forestry

Producers are looking for new ways to make their products available. Given the current context, securing the future of farms is no easy task and, considering the rise in food prices, the time is right to find solutions together.

"Terre fertile", a new Vitalité Frelighsburg Committee, wishes to promote tangible actions to support agriculture, contribute to food security and initiate a dialogue between producers and citizens.

There are solutions! Come and share your vision of local agriculture at Beat & Betterave, on March 28 at 7 h.

### Three Vacant Positions

The Environment Committee, the Culture & Tourism Committee and the Urban Planning Advisory Committee each need a representative. If you are interested in working with passionate citizens, send your letter of intent and resume to: [municipalite@frelighsburg.ca](mailto:municipalite@frelighsburg.ca) before March 31st.

### Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held Monday, March 4 2024, at 7 p.m. To send a question to the Municipal Council, see the agenda or take part in the meeting online, go to : [frelighsburg.ca/conseil](http://frelighsburg.ca/conseil).

### Town Hall Opening Hours

Monday to Thursday from 8 : 30 a.m to 12 h 00 p.m, and from 13 p.m to 4:30 p.m

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## MUNICIPALITY

### Fire Department



#### Another good news this month!

The Municipality is proud to announce the hiring of Samantha Salois as Training Master. Samantha lived in our territory for several years and is an experienced firefighter from a neighbouring fire department. She has given countless training courses in the MRC and elsewhere.

Her inexhaustible positive energy is highly appreciated by her colleagues. To our knowledge, Samantha is the first woman to hold this position in the entire MRC. She is a pioneer with values anchored in mutual aid and dedication to her community.

Welcome Samantha and thank you for choosing us!

### Public Safety



#### Eclipse

With the April 8 total solar eclipse coming soon, here are a few basic safety instructions.

Observing a solar eclipse without adequate eye protection can lead to partial or total vision loss. You must wear special ISO 12312-2:2015 approved glasses. **Regular sunglasses are ineffective.**

Pay attention to the origin of your glasses. There are many counterfeits on the popular online shopping sites. Check out the American Astronomical Society's list of certified retailers.

To avoid counterfeit glasses, we suggest purchasing directly from the manufacturer or a local distributor.

If you don't have special glasses to observe the eclipse, you can visit the Société d'astronomie du Planétarium de Montréal's website at [sapm.qc.ca](http://sapm.qc.ca) to find other ways to safely observe an eclipse.

If you experience eye pain or vision problems after viewing an eclipse, seek medical attention immediately. If in doubt, call 811.

#### Prime Observation Site

Since Frelighsburg is located precisely in the centre of the eclipse course, we expect a high number of observers in the area. We therefore ask you to follow the road signs in the village and comply with the parking bans to keep the streets clear for emergency vehicles.

Finally, be extra cautious when driving during the eclipse. Visibility will be reduced, like at sunset, and many pedestrians will walk on the roads. Safety first!

## COMMUNITY

### Garagona Association

[gofundme.com/f/garagona-en-mouvement-un-trajet-solidaire](https://gofundme.com/f/garagona-en-mouvement-un-trajet-solidaire)

Join the "Ensemble pour Garagona" campaign and help them reach their \$60,000 goal to buy a new adapted van.

Big or small, every contribution will help ensure safe travel for people living with an intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder.

### La brimbalante

La Brimbalante comes out of hibernation and offers 2 original courses: **Polyphonic Singing** (everyone is welcome, with or without experience) and **Introduction to Therapeutic Clowning** (includes an outing to a CHSLD).

NEW! 10% Discount for Frelighsburg citizens. La Brimbalante is an NPO whose mission is to re-enchant the world through the performing arts.

Donate at: [info@brimbalante.com](mailto:info@brimbalante.com) or (514) 661-0054

### Hiking Trails

As part of its public consultation on the sustainability and development of hiking trails, the Eastern Township MRCs seek your opinion to know your hiking habits and needs.

Complete the survey at: [cspe.cocoriko.org](http://cspe.cocoriko.org). You can follow the development of this hiking trails policy at: [concertation@lessentiersdelestrie.qc.ca](mailto:concertation@lessentiersdelestrie.qc.ca)

### Boulevard des Arts

For its 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Boulevard des Arts gives emerging visual artists and craftspeople from the region the opportunity to participate in its collective exhibition held in Saint-Armand on August 24 and 25 and from August 31 to September 8, 2024.

Boulevard des Arts dedicates space in its collective exhibition to early-career artists and artisans of all ages who have a good command of their art and wish to professionalize.

Interested? Send your resume, a description of your artistic approach and 10 photos of your works to: [leboulevarddesarts@gmail.com](mailto:leboulevarddesarts@gmail.com) before April 14, 2024.

