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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

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Greetings everyone,

It's already May, and I hope you're enjoying the spring season and the dandelions. As we enter the month of seasonal cleaning, I would like to remind you that you have free access to the regional Ecocentre in Cowansville. The Ecocentre has a reuse space, which is perfect for giving a second or third life to items you no longer need, but which can still be used. You can find the Ecocentre's contact details and opening hours under the Municipality section. If you have large bulky items that you find difficult to dispose of, don't worry. Our Benevolent Squad is here to help. You can leave a telephone message at 450-298-5133, ext. 129 or write to escouadebienveillante@frelighsburg.ca, and we will contact you.

Dandelion-friendly May

Like many other municipalities and towns, Frelighsburg has taken the dandelion challenge for several years. In May, pollinating insects and bees face a scarcity of food. Among the first flowers to bloom after winter, dandelions provide them with abundant nectar. By letting the grass and dandelions grow until they turn white, we can help promote plant pollination, biodiversity, and the productivity of gardens. Let's all work together to protect the environment.

Financial Statements and Auditor's Report

At the upcoming Council meeting, we will present the key points of the financial report and the external auditor's report for the financial year that ended on December 31, 2023. We will mail you a copy of these reports shortly.

Speed in the Village

After the recent accident on Rue Principale, where a truck crashed into a Hydro post near Paul-Goodhue Park, I received many comments calling for the speed to be reduced in the village and that the 50 km/h speed limit be posted sooner at the village entrances.

It's worth noting that Rue Principale, along with all roads leading to the village, falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministère des Transports. The Municipality doesn't have the authority to intervene directly on any issue, including traffic speed, changes to the reduced speed areas, installation of speed bumps, or other arrangements. Our contacts at the Ministère are the ones who assess the requests and decide whether to approve or reject them.

We regularly send requests to the Ministère for speed revisions to ensure that traffic speeds are appropriate for the reality of our village. We will continue to work towards this goal.

Happy May to everyone,

Lucie Dagenais
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NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENT

Exciting developments within the Environment Advisory Committee!

Invasive Exotic Plants (IEP)

The Environment Advisory Committee and the Agricultural and Forestry Committee are collaborating with other organizations such as Mount Pinnacle Land Trust, comité Pré, Dura-Club, etc., to create an action plan to control two invasive exotic plants found in Frelighsburg.

The plants are Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*), which is present along the Rivière aux Brochets and in ditches along the roads, and glossy or cathartic buckthorn (*Rhamnus frangula* and *cathartica*), which is reported in certain woodlands. We don't yet know the exact extent of their occurrence on our territory.

Mount Pinnacle Land Trust has received financial support from the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs for invasive exotic plants. Together with the Trust, the Environment Committee is developing an action plan for 2024.

The goal for the summer of 2024 is to create a team of volunteers who will participate in the knotweed and buckthorn inventory in targeted locations. To achieve this, professionals will provide two training courses to equip volunteers with the knowledge to identify and report on the plants in a geo-locatable manner.

The first training course will be held before the trail cleaning chore on May 4, at the entrance to the Municipal Park at 9 am (approximately 30 minutes). The second training course will be organized in a 5 à 7 format, on June 6, at the Municipal Park.

Anyone interested is welcome to join! Your daily hikes could be very beneficial for our municipality.

Rainwater Collection Barrels

Don't forget that the subsidy for the purchase of rainwater barrels is still in effect until the budget provided for this purpose is exhausted. Keep your proof of purchase and you can get up to 100 \$ per property for the purchase of your rainwater barrels.

For more information, please contact the Municipality:
municipalite@frelighsburg.ca.

Mark your calendars!

May 30, at 6:15 PM at Beat & Betterave

Organisme de bassin versant de la baie Missisquoi will make a presentation on Rivière aux Brochets and the importance of riparian buffers. The Mount Pinnacle Land Trust will present its riparian conservation project (SIBO) for the area located between Frelighsburg and Stanbridge-East.

CULTURE AND TOURISM

The Municipal Park holds a significant place in our community, and it is essential to give it a name that aptly reflects its importance. This is one of the objectives set by the Culture and Tourism Committee this year. Therefore, if you have any suggestions for names or comments that could assist the Committee members, please send them to: municipalite@frelighsburg.ca.

Municipal Council

The next meeting of the Municipal Council will be held Monday, May 6 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.

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
Friday: by appointment only

MUNICIPALITY

Tree Cutting

Please be reminded that cutting trees within the urban area is strictly prohibited without first obtaining a permit.

Cutting trees outside the urban area is only allowed if it is part of forest development and a permit has been obtained. Otherwise, cutting down any tree is **not permitted**. If you notice a tree that poses a danger, please inform the Urban Planning Department by sending a message to urbanisme@frelighsburg.ca or by calling 450 298-5133, ext. 122.

Raccoon Rabies

There has been a recent increase in the number of cases of raccoon rabies recorded in Vermont. To address this, the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs has carried out a vaccination operation in 17 municipalities, including Frelighsburg.

The operation aims to immunize raccoons, skunks, and foxes against raccoon rabies to help protect the health of the human population.

Safe behaviour reminder

- If you have been bitten or scratched by an animal or have come into contact with its saliva, clean the wound with soap and water for 10 to 15 minutes, even if it appears minor. Quickly contact Info-Santé 811 to obtain appropriate medical follow-up.
- Do not approach unknown animals, wild or domestic, even if they seem harmless.
- Never touch the carcass of a wild animal with your bare hands.
- Take measures to prevent animals from being attracted to your property, such as storing outdoor trash cans out of reach of animals and not feeding your pets outside.
- Do not displace unwanted animals or animals that appear orphaned. Doing so could spread diseases to other territories.
- Consult a veterinarian to vaccinate your pet against rabies or if it has been in contact with a wild animal that could transmit rabies.

Ecocentre

2500 rang Saint-Joseph in Cowansville

Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday: from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM and from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM

The glass recovery containers have moved

The containers used to collect glass are now located on Garagona Road, opposite Bishop Stewart Church.

Clean Living Spaces

Dog feces were found in public areas, including Paul-Goodhue Park playground, trail and sidewalks. Let's work together to keep our village clean and welcoming for everyone.

COMMUNITY

École-o-village

FaceBook / École-o-village

Here are a few important dates to remember in May:

- Saturday, May 11th, starting at 9:00 AM: Join the École-o-village team for a great community chore and get your hands dirty while having fun and chatting with others.

- Saturday, May 18th, starting at 9:00 AM: Come and explore the École-o-village Arboretum and learn about the upcoming projects.

- Friday, June 7th, at the end of the day: Attend the Annual General Meeting followed by a fun fiesta with music and glitter!

Adélard

adelard.org

Adélard will launch its summer programming on **Saturday, May 18th at 2:00 PM** with the reopening of the barn and the Maude Arès exhibition titled "The Frogs will be there. They will undulate the earth and swallow the Moon."

To celebrate the exhibition, an outdoor musical performance called "Concert in Homage to the Pond" will be held at 3:30 PM. It will take place on a natural site accessible from the FR2 trail (entrance: Chemin du Verger-Modèle).

At the barn, visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy the artwork of Frédérique Ulman-Gagné, who is the first artist in residence for this summer season. There will be creative and free activities offered to all, including suminagashi, a Japanese paper marbling technique.

Finally, the afternoon will come to a close with a bar and DJ starting at 4:30 PM. For more information, please visit the website.

Camp Garagona

coordocamps@campgaragona.qc.ca

Looking for a rewarding experience this summer? Join the team of lifeguards at Camp Garagona and become a water hero! Camp Garagona's community is passionate and dedicated to providing campers with an unforgettable summer experience. If you are interested in applying and becoming an essential member of the team, please contact Laurence now for more information at:

Historical Society

shpf2020@outlook.com

The Frelighsburg Historical and Heritage Society's Board of Directors cordially invites you to their annual general meeting, which will be followed by a light snack. Here are the details of the event:

- DATE: Thursday, May 9th, 2024

- TIME: From 5 PM to 7 PM

- LOCATION: 2, place de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Frelighsburg

Please RSVP by email before May 6th to confirm your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Frelighsburg Historical and Heritage Society

Membership Drive

Do you have a soft spot for history? Become a Society member! Simply complete the coupon below and mail it to us to receive your membership card.

Attached is my membership cheque (\$10 for one year).

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Email: _____ Telephone: _____

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