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## MUSICAL PARTNERSHIP



The municipality is proud to announce a partnership with Stanstead House Concerts Network (SHCN) founded by Hal Newman. The SHCN focus is on emerging voices from all genres of music in small venues and homes. The intimate settings create a unique ambiance for both the musicians and the audience. Hal Newman will be collaborating with the municipality to bring a selection of hand picked musical performances to Fitch Bay during the next few months.

The first concert will be on **Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** at the Town Hall in Fitch Bay. In concert will be Ryan Cook from P.E.I. who, according to his website "forges a sound between contemporary folk and dyed-in-wool country".

To find out more: [www.ryancook.ca](http://www.ryancook.ca)

**Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>** Reserve the date for a concert with the Dupont brothers.

**Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>** featuring: My Father's Son, an indie folk group with roots in Ontario and Montreal, melds together intricate lyrics with the richness of simplified, acoustic sound. This event will be held outdoors (weather permitting) in Thayer Parc. Bring your own chair or blanket and a picnic. To find out more: [www.myfatherssonlive.com](http://www.myfatherssonlive.com)

Tickets for concerts are 20\$. Visit the municipal website calendar for more information. Stay tuned!



# RYAN COOK

SUNDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT :

[https://www.picatic.com/RYAN-COOK\\_FITCHBAY\\_SHCN](https://www.picatic.com/RYAN-COOK_FITCHBAY_SHCN)



Stanstead House Concerts Network

## FIRE PREVENTION

In order to reduce fires to a minimum risk in our municipality and to respect the safety coverage plan, the Stanstead Township firefighters are going door to door to visit citizens to ensure the presence of elements of the regulations and compliance with standards. Each sector will be visited according to a schedule advertised on its website.



### Here is what the firefighters are checking when they visit :

- ◆ An operational smoke detector, not painted over or aged more than 10 years on each floor, including basement and/or crawl space.
- ◆ A carbon monoxide (CO) detector present and in good working order, if the house has a combustion device or a garage. The CO detector must be installed less than 5 meters from a sleeping area.
- ◆ A regulation civic address number installed at road side according to norms and made of reflective material.

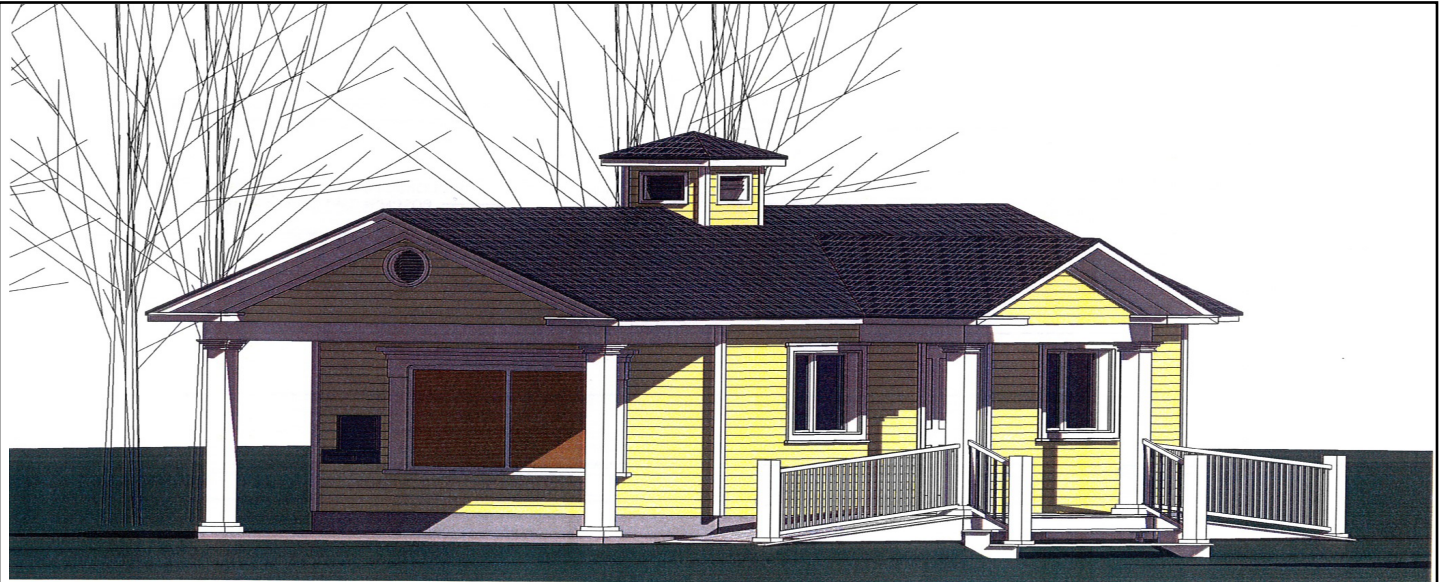
During the visit, all improvements regarding fire safety deemed necessary by the firemen will be written out on a form and given to the owner who will have 15 days to correct the situation. Failure to comply will lead to a fine.

In the meantime, your local fire department strongly urges you to be proactive and bring your home up to date!

Thank you for helping us to keep you safe!

For more information, please visit : <http://www.cantonstanstead.ca/en/public-civil-security/fire-safety/>

Your fire chief and his team.



## THAYER PARK

The final phase of the renovation for Thayer park will take place this summer.

Along with the gazebo and new multipurpose surface built in 2017, we are renovating the accessory building to create a new handicap accessible toilet as well as a shelter for cyclists with a water fountain and bike repair station. The Heritage Trail sign and a public bulletin board will also be incorporated into the site.

The municipality is waiting for a positive reply from the *Fonds pour le développement du sport et de l'activité physique* for a grant to purchase the following sports equipment: pickleball, basketball and skate boarding.

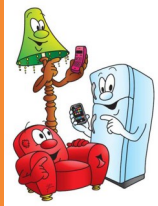
Sketch of the renovated accessory building is above.

## TEMPORARY SHELTER

Some seasonal adjustments must be made. As in all years and as stated in section 7.11 of the Zoning By-law (212-2001), temporary car shelters must be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## SPRING CLEANING

You do your spring cleaning and you have items you would like to get rid of. See the options available to you:



- **Ressourcerie des Frontières:** for functional and non-functional items, computer equipment, furniture, mattresses, tableware, tools, bicycles, sporting goods, etc. No charge, collection at home or deposit at the site directly 177 Cutting Street, Coaticook. 1-855-804-1018
- **The Ecocentre of Magog:** Building materials, bulky furniture, tires, computer equipment, hazardous household waste. Registration required at the municipal office at a cost of \$ 25.50 before going to the ecocentre. 2300 Tanguay Street, Magog.
- **Free collection of hazardous household waste:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> only, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Stanstead, 10, Villeneuve Street or at 77 avenue de la Gravière, Coaticook.

## COMPOST

In keeping with the directions of the 2013-2020 Action Plan on Climate Change, we encourage you to compost and reduce the landfilling of compostable materials.

Tips to limit odors during composting:

- Avoid placing the bin in the sun.
- Wrap meats and leftovers in a paper bag or newspaper.
- Cover kitchen waste (wet) with dry matter (leaves, newspaper, etc.).
- Mow your lawn one or two days before collection or let it dry before putting it in the bin. Better yet, leave the cut grass on the ground, it is an excellent natural fertilizer.
- Rinse the bin with mild soap and water or a solution of water and vinegar.
- Sprinkle some baking soda in your brown bin.

## ACCS NEXT ACTIVITES

### National Day at Forand Park

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4 p.m.  
Group of music, dance under the tent, fireworks, bonfire, inflatable games, children's entertainment, gondola rides, bar and canteen on site and more !! Rain or shine. We encourage carpooling.



### Picnic



Between neighbors and friends, bring your lunch. Activities and pleasure  
Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 11 a.m. at Thayer Park. More details to come.



**Community Action  
Canton de Stanstead**

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF GEORGEVILLE



### Spring cleaning

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.

### Nature hike with Georgeville Ski Nature

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m.

### Strawberry delights

Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. - United Church

### Canada Day Parade

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. -Carré Copp

Softball game, 3 p.m.

### Sale of books

Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon,

Murray Memorial

### Arts Festival

July 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Several places in the municipality.



## SUPPORT FOR ARTISTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MEMPHRE MAGOG MRC

The MRC Memphremagog has awarded \$ 14,000 grant to Mrs. Louise Abbott to support artists. Her project is named : A Portrait of the Artist. Mrs. Abbott is a resident of Ogden and is a very talented writer, photographer and film maker. She is also president of Studio Georgeville. One of the portraits featured in the short film is about Mrs. Anne-Bruce Falconer, professional dancer, citizen of the municipality for several years and bussiness woman.

**Fisrt Nations Activities for Canada Day** also received \$ 750 in financial assistance. This project is headed by Mr. Paul Carignan, representative of the Métis Band Memphrémagog and citizen of the municipality. Come and meet Mr. Carignan at Square Copp from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> as part of Canada Day. Discover the workshops on culture and the craftsmanship.

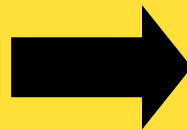
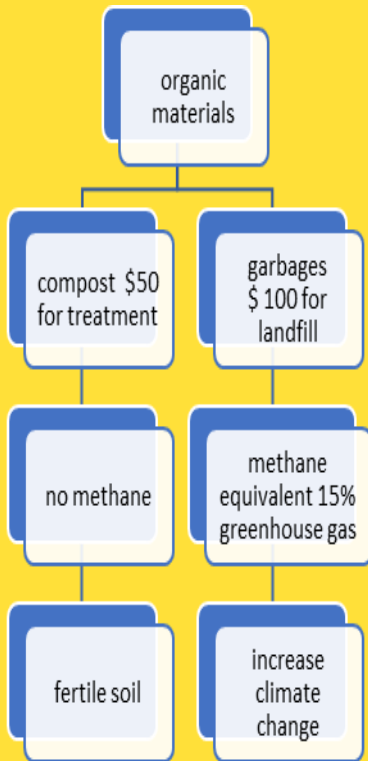
## COMPOST

### Our organic residues, a problem or a resource: your choice!

The upgrading of our residual materials is a key to the sound environmental management of our daily activities, and composting organic matter is one of them.

Organic matter in our municipal garbage composes about 40% of the total weight. The municipal balance sheet of 2017 indicates a cumulative weight of about 300 tons of garbage sent to the landfill. Based on 2017 assessment alone, an equivalent of 120 tonnes of organic material could have been sent to compost.

Composting is therefore a responsible gesture to adopt in our everyday behavior. Our waste is transformed into a resource that can be used in the short term. Moreover, in a global vision, it is an easy and quick way for an individual to contribute directly to the reduction of GHG emissions. In this sense, the municipal regulation surrounding composting is a guideline for responsible actions that will be habit forming.



What method will you use?  
Considering costs, causes and results, composting is definitely the **BEST** solution.

For more information, click on the following link : <http://www.cartonstinstead.ca/services/environment/gestion-dea-matieres-residuelles>



**Memphremagog Conservation inc.**

### Healthy Fitch Bay project

The municipality is undertaking its fourth year of participation in the Healthy Fitch Bay project in collaboration with Memphremagog Conservation Inc (MCI) and several other partners. A series of actions aimed at improving the quality of the water of Fitch Bay and preserving the watershed's biodiversity have taken place since 2015.

We would like to commend the active participation of the citizens in this project. In 2017, numerous shoreline residents implemented renaturalization plans on their shorelines, obtaining plants from the municipality to ensure that buffer zones play their full ecological role. As well, several citizens with outdated septic systems took advantage of the municipality's financing program to bring their systems up to code.

In collaboration with MCI, other citizens participated in activities to control phragmites (European common reed), an exotic invasive species threatening the biodiversity of the bay's wetlands. As well, several owners of private land interested in protecting their natural landscapes have approached MCI for help in guiding them through the process.

We should also recognize the contributions made by the area's farmers to the project, under the aegis of the provincial Agriculture ministry (MAPAQ)'s Prime vert program. Under this program, the farmers in the watershed have access to a free erosion analysis of their agricultural fields as well as to generous subsidies for the adoption of soil protection

measures. For more information, farmers are asked to contact Stéphanie Durand of the Club agroenvironnemental de l'Estrie at 819 820-8620 ext. 32.

In partnership with the Hydrographic Service of Canada, MCI updated the bathymetry of Fitch Bay, finding that the bay has an average depth of 3.1 m. and a maximum depth of 5.8 m. Because of its shallowness, certain motor boats are bringing bottom sediments back into the water column, contributing to the premature ageing of the bay.

Thanks to the citizens and the different partners, the Healthy Fitch Bay project is redoubling its efforts to preserve and improve this exceptional part of the municipality. To provide more information on the project, a conference has been organized for Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Forand Park, the municipality and MCI will jointly host the activity of selling shrubs and distributing trees. During this activity, MCI will distribute hardwoods and conifers, offered free of charge, thanks to joint program between the AFSQ and the MFFP. In addition, this year we would be adding a kiosk for the exchange of seeds and various plants for this day of activity. Participation in this exchange is simple: If you have seeds or plants to share, you bring them, identify them and leave them at the kiosk. If at the time of your visit to the kiosk, seeds or plants interest you, you can take some. To participate in this exchange, it is not necessary to give seeds or plants. However, your contribution will contribute to the variety of choices.

## INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES (IAS)

We are talking about invasive alien species (IAS), specifically invasive alien plants (IAP). In most cases, the species were brought decades ago because of their beauty and practicality.

Most IAPs have consolidated their place in our ecosystems and landscapes for reasons of their adaptability and ability to dominate native plants. We are seeing territorial gain of IAPs who are becoming a real threat to our biodiversity. The municipality's goal in the short, medium and long term is to contain the risk. This is why the choice of control measures requires a long term vision. It will be necessary to plan our actions adequately in order to maximize the energy invested and obtain the best results.

### Control measures

There are three types of control measures: *mechanical, biological and chemical*. It is recommended to use methods with a minimal impact on the environment, that is why mechanical and biological methods are favored. In addition, they are complementary. The chemical method, which is the option of last resort, due to the precautionary principle and the uncertainties of the possible impacts on ecosystems, should be used with caution.

The 4 steps of application of the control measures  
Knowing our territory is essential to progress in this project.

**1<sup>st</sup> step** is taking the inventory of the IAP. Every citizen can participate. It is necessary to build a directory of the distribution and characterisation of the IAP on the territory. Reports from citizens remain the main source of information.

**2<sup>nd</sup> step** is to characterize the extent of the various IAP, identify the main sources of dispersion and their accessibility. This step will make it possible to determine the intervention best fits with the control objectives of the IAP.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> step** is action. By knowing the distribution and the main sources of dispersion of the IAP, the choice and planning of the control measures can then begin. As part of a short, medium and long-term strategy, a good understanding of community-based IAPs is a must.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> step** is the monitoring of the sites. Based on observations of the results from actions made on the intervention sites, the municipality will develop the knowledge on the effectiveness of intervention methods, which will help guide the choice of future interventions.

For those who would like to apply IAP control measures on your property, there are certain conditions that must be met. First of all, you have to learn about the methods for disposing of the plants on which a control measure is applied. Indeed, the method for disposing of the residues changes according to the IAP. As an example, for some plants, burying them is a solution while for others the site will become a new source of dispersal. This activity must be done outside the periods of flowering and seed dispersal. If there is a risk of seed dispersal during plant mowing, be sure to wrap the plants when moving residues.

Here is a link that can help you list these species: <https://www.pub.mddefp.gouv.qc.ca/scc/Catalogue/ConsulterCatalogue.aspx>

If you would like to report the presence of IAP and / or get involved in a control project, do not hesitate to write me [inspecteur2@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:inspecteur2@cantonstanstead.ca) (Pierre Simard).

Opening : April 27 <sup>th</sup>		BOAT LAUNCH		Closing : September 4 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>FORAND PARK</b>		Sticker, boat wash, parking and boat launch-Free for residents of the municipality Free boat wash at Forand Park. Sticker available at Forand Park \$375 for non-resident Parking with trailer \$15 Boat launch \$15		<b>GEORGEVILLE WHARF</b>	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	6 am to 11 am			Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	7 am to 11 am
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	6 am to 3 pm			Friday, Saturday & Sunday	6 am to 3 pm
<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup></b>				<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
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## 2019 MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

We are proud to announce a new community initiative, a municipal calendar. Yes, the old-fashioned paper version that you can refer to and use for your own appointments! It will be filled with useful municipal information and become indispensable. An on-line version will also appear on the municipal website. We are calling on all interested people to submit photographs taken in the municipality. If your image is selected, it will be used in the calendar and your name will appear on the image.

### Photos should be :

- from Stanstead Township
- of public spaces and or events, nature
- taken throughout the year.

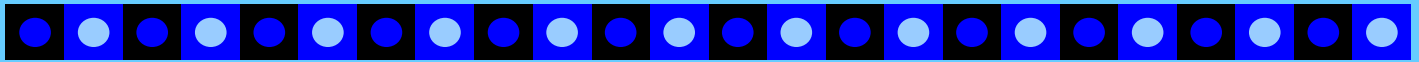


Please do not include pictures of people unless they have given you their permission to have their picture in the calendar. We will need their signed authorisation. The selection committee will review the pictures at the end of August.

Please email high resolution JPEG picture to H el ene Hamel [agent@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:agent@cantonstanstead.ca). Final image size will be 8 1/2 x 11 in.

We are looking forward to seeing your creative pictures.

Deadline for receiving the photos is August 24<sup>th</sup>, but please do not wait until the last day!



Do YOU or your organisation want to add your public activity to the calendar ex. a play, community lunch, parade or movie? We do not need the details, simply the date, name of event and contact info.

If you do want to announce the event, please send us your information no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Send to [agent@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:agent@cantonstanstead.ca)



### ARE YOU THE OWNER OF A WELL?

Did you know that your water can be clear, odorless and pleasant to drink, but contain bacteria and chemicals that can affect your health? Treatment devices installed often improve the appearance of water (e.g. softener, activated carbon filter, green sand filter) but do not eliminate the main health risks. It is your responsibility to ensure the quality of your drinking water to prevent

#### What needs to be analyzed?

Bact�eria	Analyze twice a year. The analysis includes total and faecal coliforms, E. coli, enterococci and atypical colonies	Risk of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach ache.	Presence caused by human and animal activity.
Nitrates	Analyze once a year.	Decrease the oxygen transport in the blood. Pregnant women and infants are more vulnerable.	Presence due to agricultural activities and septic tanks.
Arsenic	Analyze at least once.	Carcinogenic substance, naturally present in the soil, particularly in the soil.	

**When** : in Spring and Fall (during thaw or heavy rain) or if your water has changed appearance, taste or smell.

**Where**: In a laboratory accredited by the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight against Climate Change.

Visit : [http://www.ceaeq.gouv.qc.ca/documents/publication-listes.htm#labo\\_accr&lang=en&lang=en&lang=en](http://www.ceaeq.gouv.qc.ca/documents/publication-listes.htm#labo_accr&lang=en&lang=en&lang=en) to know the accredited laboratories.

Some labs also offer the option of ordering an analysis kit and have it delivered to your home. Costs can be associated with it.

Shrubs to re-naturalize the shorelines  
2018 Order form

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Common name		Size*	Cost	Quantity	Amount
Myrique baumier (Myrica gale)		Small	\$1,75		
		Big	\$5,50		
Saule arbustif (Salix discolor)		Small	\$1,75		
		Big	\$5,50		
Sureau du Canada (Sambucus canadensis)		Small	\$1,75		
		Big	\$5,50		
Spirée à larges feuilles (spirea latifolia)		Small	\$1,75		
		Big	\$5,50		
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$</b>

\*The size of the plants varies according to the species: 20 to 30 cm for small size and 40 to 60 cm for the large size. Small plants come with an exposed root ball (please bring paper bags or other containers) and should be planted quickly, while larger plants are distributed in 1-gallon containers.

**\$\$\$ Payment on site at time of pick up, cash only.**

**Important dates to remember**

Order received before :            Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Pick up date :                        Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Pick up location :                    Forand Park, 201 chemin Narrows

By email : [info@cantonstanstead.ca](mailto:info@cantonstanstead.ca)

By fax : 819-876-7007

By mail : 778 chemin Sheldon, Canton de Stanstead (QC), J1X 3W4

Or you can bring it to the Town Hall