# The Village News

Fall 2024 / Winter 2025 Programs, Events & News



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**Please Note:** We will be <u>CLOSED</u> on the following dates: September 30, October 14, November 11, December 25—January 1, February 17, April 18 & 21.

Note: Information contained in this publication was accurate at the time of printing. Please confirm dates/activities on the Village website, our social media or contact staff directly at the Village office.





Mayor's Welcome Message Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee

As we transition from Summer to Fall, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Fall 2024 / Winter 2025 Program, Events and News Guide.

Prepared by the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, this guide is designed to keep our residents informed about the diverse programs and special events available in our community.

In addition to program details, the guide includes important departmental news, updates on ongoing projects, and information on our local non-profit organizations and clubs. Staying active throughout the seasons is essential for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and we are committed to providing opportunities that support your well-being. No matter the time of year, engaging in physical activities can help you lead a healthier and more fulfilling life. I encourage all residents to stay informed by following us on "X" (Twitter) @VLGNewMaryland, liking our Facebook page, or visiting our website— <a href="https://www.vonm.ca">www.vonm.ca</a>.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the Fall / Winter Programs, Events & News possible. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

A special thank you goes to our committed Village staff and members of Council for their invaluable support. I also want to acknowledge the vital contributions of our local volunteers and the generous support of our sponsors.

Your collective efforts have greatly enriched our community, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, & Be Kind to One Another

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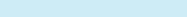
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#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

Fall Festive Photos (Lions)	October 6
Fire Department Open House	
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Pumpkin Carving	October 26
Texas Hold 'em Tournament	Nov. 2
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Remembrance Day	Nov. 11
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Babysitter Course	March 8









## **Departmental News & Updates**

























#### Communities in Bloom!

Many thanks to our Village staff, residents, and community group members that took the time to meet with the Communities in Bloom judges John Lohuis and Anthony O'Neill on Wednesday, July 31st. Special thanks to our Recreation (Parks) staff as well as our beautification contractor, Dave Dunbar, for their extra efforts over the summer months. Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee and our Recreation Coordinator Michelle Sawler were pleased and proud to show off the Village, and the judges were very enthusiastic and appreciative of our efforts. The community results will be presented at the Communities in Bloom conference and symposium in October. Stay tuned to our website and social media for updates!















**CANADA** 







**New Maryland Fire Hall** 600 New Maryland Highway



**New Maryland Fire Department** 

## **Open House**

October 10, 2024

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12, is "Smoke alarms: make them work for you!"

#### Join Us For:

- A Fire Prevention Information
- Demonstrations
- **Door Prizes**
- Free BBQ & Beverages
- Free Parking at Village Office (next door)

Now that the new school season has begun, please SLOW DOWN and watch for children as they are walking to and from school. Please remember to STOP at all stop signs and obey school bus stop lights.

Reminder! The posted speed limit on all Village streets is 40 km/hr and 60 km/hr along the New Maryland Highway. Please exercise caution and watch out for other motorists, students, pedestrians, and school buses.

Safety Matters in Our Community!



**SPEED** 





## **Departmental News & Updates (cont'd)**

#### **Sunrise Wellfield Development Project Update**

The Village of New Maryland has started the construction of a Water Treatment Process (WTP) Control Building and a Booster Pump/PRV Station for the Sunrise Wellfield Development Project this summer. This project involves the construction of two buildings, and the development of two sites including emergency power, paving, landscaping and security fencing.



The water treatment plant is being constructed in Sunrise Estates near Sunrise Estates Park and the booster station is being constructed along the New Maryland Highway in front of the Village's Operations Building (494 New Maryland Highway).

This wellfield development will provide redundancy for the Village's existing water system as well as allow further development in the Village. The Sunrise Wellfield Development project would not be possible without the financial support from the Federal and Provincial governments' infrastructure funding program.

If you have questions about this project, please contact Rockland Miller at the Village Office (506-451-8508) or e-mail <a href="mailto:rockland.miller@vonm.ca">rockland.miller@vonm.ca</a>.



## Village of New Maryland Fall Leaf Pick-Up 2024

FERO will be picking up bags of leaves on the

EAST side of HWY. 101—Wednesday, November 6th

& WEST side of HWY. 101—Thursday, November 7th.

Please have your bags to the curb by 7:00 a.m. the morning of pick-up

For one day only, Saturday, October 26th, bins will be placed in the parking lot at the Operations Building site (492 New Maryland Hwy.) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. where residents can take their leaves.



#### QUESTION?

Call the Village Office at (506) 451-8508 or Email: office@vonm.ca



#### **Important Points to Remember:**

- Bags of leaves will <u>NOT</u> be picked up by <u>Fero</u> prior to November 6th and 7th.
- ONLY compostable paper leaf bags will be accepted.
   Plastic bags will no longer be accepted.
- ONLY bagged leaves will be collected by FERO (no loose piles of leaves).
- NO branches, NO garbage, NO twigs, NO animal waste, NO yard debris, NO grass clippings will be accepted.
- Any bags of leaves that are found to contain items other than leaves will be left at the curb for residents to clean up and dispose of themselves.





#### **Animal Control Information**

<u>REPORTING ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES</u>: Issues such as stray dogs, unleashed dogs, barking dogs, dog bites, and/or dangerous dogs can be reported to the SPCA 24-hours a day at 1 (877) 722-1522.

**DOG REGISTRATION:** Dog owners are required to purchase a license for their dog(s) on or before **December 31st** each year.



Dog registration tags are provided by the NB SPCA and can be purchased online at <a href="https://spca-nb.docupet.com/en\_CA/">https://spca-nb.docupet.com/en\_CA/</a>, or by e-mailing <a href="info@spcanb.ca">info@spcanb.ca</a> or calling <a href="506-458-8208">506-458-8208</a> ext. <a href="204">204</a>. As well, Service New Brunswick offers the DocuPet registration service.

Proof of up-to-date rabies vaccination must be provided at the time of purchase. The cost for the dog license is \$15 for a one-year license, \$25 for a two-year license, or \$35 for a three-year license.

MORE INFORMATION: For more information regarding Animal Control or our Animal Control By-law, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.vonm.ca/services/animal control/">www.vonm.ca/services/animal control/</a> and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Village office at (506) 451-8508.



## **Recreation Programs and Special Events**

#### Pumpkin Carving

Saturday, October 26th at the New Maryland Centre. Three sessions offered at 10:00; 11:15 & 12:30. Pumpkins, stencils and carving tools are all provided. This event is free of charge but registration is REQUIRED.

E-mail Michelle <u>michelle.sawler@vonm.ca</u> or call the Village Office to register!



#### Remembrance Day Service

Monday, November 11th at 10:45 a.m. at the Cenotaph located at Victoria Hall Park. A lunch reception will follow the service at the

New Maryland Centre.



If you would like to lay a wreath during the ceremony, please contact the Village Office at 451-8508 by November 4th.

Wreaths may be purchased through the Royal Canadian

Legion Branch #4, phone 506-460-8732.

### Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00

p.m. at Victoria Hall Park (note earlier date). The lighting of the Village Christmas Tree is sure to bring some



holiday cheer to you and yours. Join the Mayor, Council & Village staff for a carol sing, cozy drinks & Christmas treats! Of course, Fire Chief Harry will make sure Santa joins us for a visit with the kids as well. Stay tuned to our social media and website for details.

#### Stay Safe Course

Friday, November 22nd at Victoria Hall
Ages 9-12
9:15 a.m.—3:15 p.m.
\$55 (Includes course manual and certificate).

Maximum registration is 20 participants. Course instruction is provided by KCM Technical Solutions. Registration form is on our website and e-transfer payments are available. Details are available on our website and social media.



#### Christmas Lights Challenge

Are you a Clark Griswold? Does your neighbour's house light up the street? From Monday, November 25th—Friday, December 6th submit a photo of your own home <u>OR</u> a neighbour that you would like to nominate. Our judges will visit the homes and prizes will be awarded! Watch for details on our website and social media later this Fall!



#### Wreath Making Course

Saturday, November 30th at the New Maryland Centre. Judy Wilson-Shee will teach you how to make a beautiful fresh wreath for your home. Three sessions will be



offered: 9:00-10:00 a.m., 10:30-11:30 a.m., & 12:00 -1:00 p.m. Registration is REQUIRED and spaces are limited! No charge to attend, but Food & Toy Drive donations are gratefully accepted. Contact Michelle in the Village Office to register!

#### Snow Much Fun!

A staff favourite! Wondering what to do with the kids this winter? Why not enter our weekly **Snow Much Fun** contest? Starting **January 13th**, enter our weekly contest for fun family prizes. What a great way to get outside and

create some magic in the snow! We can't wait to see your creations again this year! Watch for further contest



details in December. Go play in the snow!

#### Seniors Valentine's Tea

Last year's first annual Seniors Valentine's Tea was a fantastic event! If you missed out, we hope you can attend our next one. Mark your calendars



for Thursday, February 13th from 12:30—2:00 p.m. at the New Maryland Centre. A light lunch, music, fun, and games await! Registration will be REQUIRED and seating will be limited to 75 people. Watch for details in the New Year on our website and social media.

#### Babysitter Course

Friday, March 8th (tentative)
Victoria Hall
Ages 11 & Up
9:15 a.m.—4:45 p.m.
\$60 (Fee includes user
manual, personal first aid
kit and course certificate).



Course instruction by KCM Technical Solutions. Registration will be available online later this Fall and we now offer an e-transfer option for payment.



## **New Maryland Elementary School Gym Programs**



#### Open Gym (September—June)

Open Gym returns for the Fall season on Friday, September 20th. Drop in with friends to play badminton, pickleball, basketball, or volleyball. Equipment is available to borrow

but you are welcome to bring your own equipment as well. Please note that Floor Hockey is <u>NOT</u> permitted. All ages (note children under 12 are to be accompanied by an adult) are welcome to use the New Maryland Elementary School Gym during this dedicated open gym time:

Fridays: 6:00—9:00 p.m.

The cost is \$4 per person per visit, or you can purchase a Gym Membership Card for \$50/person for the full year (September—June). Passes may be purchased during Open Gym times (please see the Gym Supervisor on duty) or at the Village Office (584 New Maryland Highway).

Staff actively monitor participants and reserve the right to set a limit to the number of attendees. Open Gym times are regularly updated on Thursdays on our **Recreation Hotline** (506-451-4732) as well as on our Facebook & Twitter pages (@VLGNewMaryland). For more information, please contact the Recreation Department by phone 506-458-6094.

#### Co-Ed Adult Volleyball (September—June)

Come enjoy a night of co-ed adult recreational volleyball. Meet new people, be active, and have fun! Adult Volleyball is held on Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the New Maryland Elementary School Gym and new this year, we have added a second time on Saturday evenings also from 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$4 per person or you can buy a Membership for the year (September—June) for \$50. Passes will be available during Adult Volleyball times or may be purchased at the Village Office. Please note the annual pass can be used for Open Gym and Volleyball. For more information, search "New Maryland Sunday Night Co-ed Volleyball" on Facebook.



## **Community Facilities**

#### Victoria Hall

A quaint heritage hall, built in 1918 with vaulted ceilings and restored original wood floors and washroom facilities. Our newly renovated kitchen makes this a beautiful facility for community events, celebrations and special rentals.

For more information or to make a booking, e-mail <u>nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca</u> or give her a call at 506-459-1611, ext. 204.



#### **New Maryland Centre**

New Maryland Centre is an enhanced facility perfectly suited for your next event. NMC is suitable for meetings, conferences, seminars, trainings, banquets, wedding receptions, reunions, and seasonal parties.

For more details or to make a booking, phone 506-459-1611, ext. 204, or send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca">nancy.stcroix@vonm.ca</a>. You can also find the forms, pictures & more info. on the VONM web site.



Important

#### New Maryland Elementary School

Did you know that the NMES Gym and Cafeteria are available to rent in the evenings and weekends?

Through a Community Use of Schools Agreement with School District Anglophone West, the Village manages the NMES School on weeknights and weekends to provide the community with a variety of programs, sports, and events.

Why not think about the NMES Gym & Cafeteria for your next birthday party or team event? Rates are very reasonable and kids love being able to use the school gym "after hours". For more information or to make a booking, contact staff in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department.



#### **NMES News & Events**

Some important dates to keep in mind this Fall & Winter at NMES:

- ♦ October 18—Fall Frolic
- November 22 (Report Cards / Professional Learning)
- December 6 (Parent—Teacher Interviews / Professional Learning)
- December 11 (Christmas Concert)
- December 21—January 5 (Christmas Break)
- March 3—7 (March Break)
- March 28 (Report Card Writing)
- April 11 (Parent—Teacher Interviews / Professional Learning)





## Village Parks & Playgrounds / Events



#### Outdoor Rinks (Athletic Park)

#### Rinks will be open for the season in early to mid-January depending on the weather.

The New Maryland outdoor rinks are open daily, weather and maintenance permitting. Dusk till dawn lighting is provided for evening skating.

- The use of helmets and/or any other safety gear is recommended.
- Sticks and pucks are <u>NOT</u> allowed on the Public Skating Outdoor Rink, but ARE allowed on the Hockey Outdoor Rink. Note: when only one rink is open, it is a SHARED ice surface.
- The Village makes every effort to keep the rinks clear and ready for use; however, we encourage residents to bring a shovel to assist in the clearing of the ice surface.

#### Sliding Hill (Sunrise Estates Park)



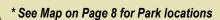
Adjacent to the Sunrise Community Garden, a sliding hill has been created and shaped over the past few years that only requires a few inches of snow! This year, several loads of fill from the Sunrise Wellfield project have been added to the sliding hill and it will be steeper and faster than ever this year!

Please Note: The Outdoor Rinks and Sliding Hill are not supervised by staff. Skate and slide at your own risk. If you witness any damage or vandalism, please contact the Village Office at 506-451-8508.

#### Parks and Playgrounds

Check out your local Village parks and playgrounds\* located at:

- Shaw Park
- Orchard Park
- Centennial Park
- Sunrise Park
- Wildwood Park
- NMES







#### **New Maryland Nature Trails**

The Trails System located behind the New Maryland Centre (754 New Maryland Highway)



has three unique sections: Fletcher's Walk. Charter's Way and Cameron's Loop. Also,



check out the uniquely designed 42 ft. span suspension bridge. The Fall is the perfect time to enjoy a walk on these beautiful trails and explore their natural beauty. In the winter months enjoy snowshoeing our nature trails!

#### **Family Glow Skate**

Where: Outdoor Athletic Park Rink\*

Date: Saturday, February 22nd

Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

Hot chocolate, glow novelties, and a cozy bonfire with outdoor

skating.





\*As with any outdoor event, this will be dependent on the weather and quality of the ice surface.

Save the date and watch for details in the coming months!

#### The New Maryland Fire Department reminders residents and businesses... "To help you, we have to find you!"

The New Maryland Fire Department highly recommends the

use of "Blue Signs" which are made from long lasting metal (same as a street sign) with reflective white lettering.

To order a civic address sign, please

contact the Village office by phoning 506-451-8508 or send us an email: office@vonm.ca.

The price for a one-sided sign is \$14.00 (HST included).



The Age Friendly Committee is working on establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Program. When we have updates we will share the information with our residents. Please stay tuned to the Village's website and social media!



## **Community Programs and Events**

#### **PNM Zoomers**



The PNM Zoomers is a group for residents 50+ representing the

Village of New Maryland and surrounding communities. The club aims to promote and provide an environment for physical activity, socialization and networking, community engagement, and advocacy. The club has an active membership and offers a variety of activities & programs. Everyone 50+ in the New Maryland area is welcome to join. Memberships are only \$20 for the year!

Zoomers activities presently include: stretch & strengthening classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00—11:00 a.m., a craft group every other Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. —12:00 noon, book club every fourth Thursday at 11:00 a.m., and a



painters group that meets Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 — 3:30 p.m. Gentle yoga classes meet from 2:00—4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays (cost is \$10.00 per class) and classes resume after Thanksgiving.

Activities are held in the PNM Zoomers dedicated space at the New Maryland Centre or in the downstairs boardroom. Most activities run from September—June and are free with a membership.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact us via e-mail, <a href="mailto:pnmzoomers@gmail.com">pnmzoomers@gmail.com</a> or visit the Zoomers section of the VONM Web Site. We hope you can join us!









#### **New Maryland Lions Club News & Events**

The New Maryland Lions Club is excited to announce their beloved *Toy* & *Food Drive* will be held this year from Monday, December 2nd—Thursday, December 5th inclusive. After a very successful trial run with four nights last year, we have decided to maintain this schedule again this year. Further

details will be released on our social media as the dates approach, including parade routes for each night. Santa and his elves will be travelling through the subdivisions, collecting non-perishable foods and new toys to help make the season more special for families within our service area.

We will also be hosting *Photos with Santa* again



this year, on **Sunday**, **November 24th from 1:00—3:00 p.m.** at Victoria Hall. Come and take some family photos with Santa and a selection of festive

backgrounds. Contact Lion Fonda French via e-mail at <a href="mailto:fondafrench@rogers.com">fondafrench@rogers.com</a> to arrange an appointment. Reminder this event is not open to your four-legged family members due to the limited space available. Building on the popularity of our other photo shoot events, we'll be hosting a Festive Fall & Hallowe'en Photo Shoot at the New Maryland Market on Sunday,



October 6th from 11:00—3:00 p.m. Contact Lion
Fonda French via e-mail at fondafrench@rogers.com to arrange an appointment.



After our first successful *Texas Hold 'Em tournament* in June, we will be holding subsequent tournaments on November 2nd, January 4th and April 25th at the New Maryland Centre. Please check our social media page for more details as the dates get closer.

We are excited to announce a Leos Club (youth 12-18) has recently been formed under the guidance of the New Maryland Lions Club. We welcome all youth to come join us and learn more while serving our community.

The New Maryland Lions Club is a local service group committed to improving the health and wellness of the community. New Maryland Lions celebrate more than 38 years of serving the New Maryland area. Our objective is to always be there, to help meet the needs of those less fortunate, and to make our community a better place to live. We Serve. We always welcome new members and new volunteers—visit the New Maryland Lions Facebook page to learn more about joining the club and making a difference in your community!

#### **New Maryland Heritage Association**



On **Sunday**, **December 1**, **2024**, **from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, join members of the **New Maryland Heritage Association** at the New Maryland Heritage Place (aka the St. Mary the Virgin Church or the Historic Church in the Village) at 373 New Maryland Highway to kick off the holiday season with "**Christmas in the Village**". Greet old friends and new, enjoy refreshments, entertainment and take in the sights and smells of the historical church decorated for the holidays. Admission is **FREE**, but we will be accepting non-perishable food and/or new toys for the annual **New Maryland Toy & Food Drive**.

We hope to see you all there!



New Maryland Heritage Association Inc.

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