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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday 8 am to noon and 1 pm to 4 pm

ALICE-QUINTAL LIBRARY
3643 Queen St., Rawdon (Quebec) J0K 1S0
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Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 1 pm to 8:30 pm
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GOOD DEEDS!

MUNICIPAL Good Deeds



NEWS

THE FIRST SENIOR'S EXPO DEEMED A SUCCESS

Under the theme "Awareness for wellness", the first edition of the Seniors' Expo was a great success. Approximately 300 people were in attendance.

This gathering event allowed the Expo visitors to establish a first contact with the participating organizations, and this, in their own community.

They were able to interact with some 40 organizations dedicated to the seniors of Rawdon, and obtain information regarding the services they provide. Classrooms were made available so that our Rawdon seniors could attend seminars on various topics.

It is thanks to the action plan of the Age-Friendly Municipality policy (MADA) that the first edition of the Seniors' Expo was born; the Municipality's commitment to seniors, so that they may thrive and grow old while remaining active within their community.

Mayor Bruno Guilbault thanked the Expo's organizing committee members, the volunteers, Collège Champagneur, the Municipality of Ste-Béatrix and the Pédest'Art organization. A special thank you also went out to the partners and sponsors of this special event: Bijouterie Rawdon, Promo Line Raiche, RBC Banque Royale, Pharmacie Pierre Bergeron (Proxim), Familiprix Rawdon, Rosa Karina Côté – chiropractor at the Clinique chiropratique de Rawdon, Korvette, Johanne St-Cyr – massage therapist at la Maison de Rose, Kinadapt, Caisse populaire Desjardins, Table régionale de concertation des aînés de Lanaudière, the Rawdon IGA, La Rawdonnoise Bakery, Tim Hortons, Centre Visuel Rawdon, Métro Boucher, Subway, Maxi, Pharmacie Jean Coutu, Clinique Global Medic Soins, Duo Vélo and MP Gabriel Ste-Marie.

Awareness for wellness
Seniors expo



NEW EQUIPMENT IN THE PARKS

NEWS



Bridge at the municipal beach



Donald Stewart Park



Dorwin Falls Park

With the MADA committee members:

Francine Laramée, Diane Vachon, Michel Picard, Lynn Scott, Gilbert Bourgeois and councillor Stéphanie Labelle (not shown on the photo : Michel Cyrenne and Luce Beaudry).

RESULTS OF THE FIRST RAWDON FLEURI CONTEST

The prize draw for participation and the people's choice for the Rawdon Fleuri contest, which attracted some 60 people, was held on August 15th.

Participation prizes – residential category were awarded to:

1st prize: **Brenda McLarnon** • 2nd prize: **Marie-Josée Jean** • 3rd prize: **Joël Deslauriers**

Participation prize – commercial category was awarded to the **Résidence Sainte-Anne**

People's Choice: 1st prize: **Brenda McLarnon** • 2nd prize: **Germain Aubin** • 3rd prize: **Jacques Laferrière**

A nice surprise awaited the participants during this evening. **La Ferme Bastien**, whose proprietor Jérémie Bastien is a Rawdon native, donated 3 gift certificates! The lucky winners were **Pierre Bohemier**, **Jean-Guy Dubord**, as well as **Lucia and Claude Dupuis**.

For a glimpse of the winning landscapes, please see the article on the Home page of the Municipality's website.



Stay tuned! Follow us on Facebook!



Municipalité de Rawdon

PUBLIC WORKS

The following subsidized projects are well under way.

The Queen Street reconstruction project, the infrastructure reconstruction on Church St. and parts of 2nd and 3rd avenues, as well as the work on the Woodland St. pressure station and municipal aqueduct between Woodland St. and Carroll Rd., are all on schedule.

Thank you, once again, for your understanding regarding the inconveniences created by these different projects.

DOGS WALK FOR CATS

As mentioned in the last Rawdonnois, a community cat spay/neuter project is in the works. Therefore, we are very proud to unveil the project's logo and name: « Les Pattes de Rawdon ».



The next fundraising activity will be a 5 km walk, with or without your dog, on **Saturday October 28th at 10 am** (in case of rain, postponed to the following day). The starting point will be in the École Marie-Anne parking lot (4567, Mont-Pontbriand St.) and we will return to this same spot.



To register, simply drop by Town Hall and pay the \$10 registration fee. You will be given a form so that you can find other participants or sponsors. Donations can be remitted to the organizers on October 28th. You can also register on the morning of the event (no funds will be reimbursed).

Come one, come all!

Get your friends and loved ones to join us too!

MESSAGE FROM THE SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK



The Sûreté du Québec and the Matawinie RCM would like to remind you that it is important for everyone's safety that we share the road with courtesy. Co-existence between pedestrians and drivers is omnipresent. You will find several pedestrian crosswalks in the streets of your municipality (painted yellow lines on the ground).

ADVICE FOR MOTORISTS:

- Slow down when approaching a pedestrian.
- When a pedestrian steps onto a crosswalk, you are obliged to stop to allow him/her to cross safely. **The pedestrian has the right of way.**
- Pay attention to the road and avoid all distractions: changing radio stations, looking for something that has fallen under the seat, using your cell phone, etc.

If you violate a pedestrian's right of way, you could receive a fine of \$100 plus fees, for a total of \$169.

ADVICE FOR PEDESTRIANS:

- Be careful.
- Look left, right and then left again.
- Before stepping onto a crosswalk, make sure that you have been seen by the motorists.

Audrey Bastien Gingras

Community Policing Coordinator • Matawinie RCM, Sûreté du Québec

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Did you know that...

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To work as a firefighter for the Municipality of Rawdon, the candidate must have obtained the Firefighter 1 certificate, following 255 hours of training. There are an additional 135 hours of specialty training: fire engine driver, ladder operator, "Jaws of Life" and swiftwater rescue. Firefighters wishing to become officers must complete the 120 hour Firefighter 2 training (firefighters with a DVS are exempt from this training) and the 150 hour Officer 1 training.



This is a result of the 2004 provincial legislation, which defined the minimum training required to work as a firefighter in Québec. The regulation professionalized the firefighting occupation, to better serve and protect the population and to carry out tasks in complete safety.

If you have any questions on this subject, please do not hesitate to drop by the fire station and meet with us, Monday to Friday from 10 am to 6 pm.

ENVIRONMENT

POSITIONING YOUR BLUE AND BROWN BIN

You can bring your bins to the curb on the eve of collection day. The bins must be placed

no further than 1.5 m (4.5 ft) from the road, lids closed, elastic bands removed (if applicable) and with no heavy objects placed on top of the lids. We recommend that you leave a 50 cm (18 in.) space between them so that the truck grippers can grab one bin without clipping or pushing the other bin over. The wheels and handles must be facing the house.



INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS - THE COMMON REED (PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS)



A powerfully invasive grass

The Common Reed is a very invasive plant species. When it takes root (usually in wetlands, near ditches, waterways and lakes), it literally takes over the area. If this plant is not controlled, it spreads to the point of creating a monoculture and pushes other types of plants out. This monoculture threatens native species who have a difficult time resisting this invader. Moreover, the presence of dense colonies compromises human activities such as swimming, boating, etc.

THE MEANS TO CONTROL

These actions must be repeated until complete eradication:

Mowing:

Cut the dead stems and collect them. You can mow the young shoots to at least 1 cm above the ground, every two weeks from spring to fall. This will exhaust the plant's reserves and prevent it from producing seeds.

INVASIVE EXOTIC PLANTS - THE COMMON REED (PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS) (CONT'D)

Sheeting:

After you have cut the dead stems and young shoots, you can install a dark plastic tarp over the entire colony. The heat and lack of light will eventually kill the plants

Once the colony has been eradicated, it is very important to plant native trees and shrubs. These plants will compete and create shade, which will hinder the re-growth of the reed.

Very important: Since it only takes one small fragment of the plant to regenerate a shoot, the reed plant debris must be dried and burned or placed in hermetically sealed bags and sent to a landfill site.

Resist the urge of using this plant to decorate your home. This practice is quite common around Halloween. The eradication of this invasive plant is a long term project; this is why it is very important to pay close attention to how it spreads (by fragmentation, through its rhizomes (underground stems) and its seeds).

Prevention is our best weapon against the spread of invasive exotic plants.

INTERESTING FACT

One reed stem can produce between 1000 to 2000 seeds. In a reed bed (colony of reeds), there can be, on average, 300 stems per square metre and a colony can advance several metres into a new area in just a few weeks. Also, one stem can grow up to 4 cm a day!

ELECTRO MOBILITY - CURRENTLY FLOWING THROUGH RAWDON!

Did you know that there are several charging stations available for electric cars in your municipality? Behind Town Hall, you will find two standard charging stations and one TESLA charging station, courtesy of Bourgeois Chevrolet. This dealer is the largest seller of electric cars in the country!



There are additional charging stations at the Matawinie RCM, at the La Lanterne restaurant, as well as at the Bourgeois Chevrolet dealership. .

To learn more on this subject, check out the *Association des véhicules électriques du Québec* website at aveq.ca.

WINTER IS COMING - GETTING YOUR SHORELINE READY



Good news! There is no work to be done to prepare your shoreline for winter. Leave the fallen leaves in place as they will protect the invertebrates and amoebae from the harshness of the season. Moreover, since native plant species are very hardy, they are naturally adapted to survive the cold.

Furthermore, we would like to remind you that vegetation maintenance is prohibited on the shore (between 10 to 15 metres, depending on the slope), except on your access (2 metres on Rawdon and Pontbriand lakes and 3 metres on other lakes and watercourses).

WINTER RECREATION ACTIVITIES

RECREATION &
CULTURE

Registration: online at rawdon.ca or in person at Town Hall

Registration period: Rawdon resident November 27th to December 3rd • Everyone December 4th to 8th

Activities begin: January 11th 2018

INTRODUCTION TO SKATING 4-7 YRS

Sunday 9:30 am to 10:30 am • Leasure skating rink at the municipal beach

Required material: safety helmet and skates

Cost: \$30 Duration: 4 weeks

Instructor: Joël Laliberté

INTRODUCTION TO ICE HOCKEY 8-12 YRS

Sunday 10:30 am to noon • Hockey skating rink at the municipal beach

Required material: safety helmet, hockey stick and skates

Prerequisite: children must know how to skate

Cost: \$40 Duration: 4 weeks

Instructor: Joël Laliberté

AQUATIC ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY NATATION EN FORME

Registration: begins November 21st

By telephone: 450 752-1380 • Online: natationenforme.com

École secondaire des Chutes • 3144 18th Avenue

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Saturday morning, depending on level

Cost: \$76 | Non-resident: \$95 • Duration: 8 weeks • Begins: January 16th

AQUA FITNESS

Monday and/or Wednesday 6 pm or 7 pm

Cost: \$76 | Non-resident: \$95 • Duration: 8 weeks • Begins: January 22nd

RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

Family Swim : Saturday 2 pm to 4 pm • The "Rendez-vous": Monday and Wednesday 8 pm to 9:15 pm

Cost: \$4/pers., \$10/3 pers., \$12/4 pers. Discount card available.

Closed from December 20th to January 8th

OUTDOOR GEAR SWAP / SALE

Saturday November 25th from 9 am to noon | Beach Chalet

Trade/sale/purchase of outdoor gear. Bring the equipment that you no longer use (skis, snowshoes, boots, poles, backpacks, skates, sports clothing, etc.) and see what others are ready to offer. This activity is overseen by la **Tournée des Cantons de Rawdon**, in collaboration with **MD Sports**.

It's a date!



HALLOWEEN Tuesday October 31st starting at 3 pm

Join us as we celebrate Halloween. Come and "trick or treat" on Queen St., which will be closed to traffic between 4th and 5th avenues, from 3 pm to 6 pm. A unique phenomenon is about to happen. A spatial-temporal breach will open at Place Rawdon, where you will be able to discover PARALLÈLE CITÉ! An eclectic universe that is at once odd, funny and wonderful. Come one, come all!

autumn rendez-vous



The first 3 Saturdays of November | École Marie-Anne • 4567 Mont-Pontbriand St.

Doors will open at 7:45 pm. Reserve your show ticket online, or at Town Hall **before November 3rd** and take advantage of the following rates (price for each show, plus taxes): Rawdon resident free, non-resident \$10. Prices at the door after November 3rd: Rawdon resident \$10, non-resident \$15.



JAMES FOREST • NOVEMBER 4TH 8:30 PM

After five years of touring and adventures around the world, James Forest returns to present his new album. A colorful and nuanced musical voyage and an evening when music takes on its true meaning! Genre: folk.



BEYRIES • NOVEMBER 11TH 8:30 PM

This Montreal singer-songwriter offers up soft, powerful, touching, intense music that is unpretentious and has the power to gather around universal and timeless themes.



PARADOXE LE PIRATE - CIRCUS, MAGIC, HUMOR • NOVEMBER 18TH 4 PM

Get ready for an exciting adventure with Captain Paradoxe! Sword juggling, an impossible balancing act and breathtaking magic in a hilarious realm; this is what awaits us. All aboard, Maytees!

FRISSON CALLS ON CELEBRATION! Saturday December 16th, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Place Rawdon

Sparklers will be handed out to all participants to call on Frisson, so that he may appear and light up Place Rawdon at 5 pm. What a magical moment to behold!

- DJ, dance and storyteller who will tell us where Frisson comes from;
- Fluorescent face-painting for children;
- Food and bar service;
- Fires, marshmallows, hot chocolate;
- A small gathering before Christmas; a great opportunity to take care of your last minute shopping on Queen Street!!



ALICE-QUINTAL LIBRARY

ACTIVITIES

Registration at the circulation desk or by telephone at 450 834-2596, ext. 7162

LIBRARY

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STORY TIME IN PYJAMAS **Fridays at 7 pm** | October 20th, November 3rd and 17th, December 1st and 15th. Accompanied by a parent and their favorite stuffed animal, children are invited to come and listen to two stories followed by an arts and crafts activity.



RAT BIBOCHE'S CLUB **Saturdays at 10 am** | November 11th and December 9th

Reading develops memory, reinforces imagination and awakens curiosity. Come and discover Rat Biboché's favorite stories! This Club is for children from 3 to 6 years of age.



ADULTS ADULTS ADULTS

BREAKFAST CHATS

24 HOURS OF SILENCE **Friday November 10th at 9:30 am**

Mr. Robert Benoît is an initiator and facilitator of over 100 X 24 hours of silence. With 35 years of experience, he joins us to explain his approach and the benefits that a 24 hour silence can bring.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION **Friday December 15th at 9:30 am or 1:30 pm**

Come and make your Christmas decoration with **Mrs Sylvie Laberge**, horticulturist at the Municipality.

BOOK CLUB **Wednesdays at 1:30 pm** | November 15th and December 20th

Reading group for adult in English where participants share their thoughts on a book they have read.



DIGITAL BOOKS **Afternoon appointment only**

Assistance offered for registration to the Alice-Quintal digital library.

PUBLIC LETTER WRITER **Tuesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, by appointment only**

Do you have to respond to a personal, administrative or government letter but writing is not your strong point? A public writer, **Ms. Florence Hally**, is there for you. **Free and confidential.**

BOOK LAUNCH **Friday October 27th, from 2 pm to 4 pm**

As part of **Public Library Week** that will take place from October 21st to 28th, we invite you to the launch of the book written by **Ms. Marie-Lyse Brière**.

LA GRANDE SEMAINE DES TOUT-PETITS (GSTP) **From November 19th to 25th**

A big week for little ones. For over 60 years, November 20th marks Universal Children's Day. It serves as a reminder that children have the right to be respected in their individuality and to grow up in an environment that will allow them to develop their full potential.

Activities will be held in honour of the 2nd edition of the GSTP. Stay tuned...

ORGANIZATIONS

Book Fair at École Marie-Anne on Wednesday November 22nd from 10 am to 7 pm
More than 4000 books for all ages

DATE AND TIME	ACTIVITY	RATES	ORGANIZATION, LOCATION AND INFO
Mondays 10 am	Breakfast get-together	Free	MAISON DE PARENTS DE LA MATAWINIE OUEST 3615 Queen St., Rm 2 450 834-5179 maisonparents.mo@gmail.com
Mondays Noon to 3 pm	Used items for sale and distribution of food vouchers	Various	SOCIÉTÉ SAINT-VINCENT-DE-PAUL St-Patrick's Church basement 3763 Queen St. 450 755-7753 450 834-4444 (Mondays from noon to 3 pm)
Monday to Friday 7 pm	Billiards, darts, exercices, etc.	Various	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 3604 Albert St. 450 834-2373
Tuesdays every 2 weeks (October 31 st) 9 am to noon	Various activities	Free or low prices	ECOL ENGLISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF LANAUDIÈRE Christ Church Parish Hall • 3569 Metcalfe St. 450 421-5929 450 421-5379 ecollanaudiere@hotmail.com
Tuesdays 1:15 pm to 3:30 pm	Scrabble (in French) Beginners are welcome!	\$3 / game	ÉCRIS-TÔT DE RAWDON SCRABBLE CLUB Christ Church Parish Hall • 3569 Metcalfe St. 450 834-1142 450 834-3396
Tuesdays (Oct. 27 th , Nov. 24 th) 7:30 pm	Card game (Military Whist) (bilingual)	4 \$	RAWDON RURAL ASSOCIATION United Church • 3253 4 th Avenue 450 834-3535 mparkinson@xplornet.com
Tuesdays and Thursdays Between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm	Zoo Therapy and Music Therapy 4 sessions of one hour	\$20 / session	JARDIN D'ÉTOILES DAY CENTRE 3931 Lakeshore Drive 450 834-3070, ext. 1027 info@jardinettoiles.ca
Tuesdays and Fridays 1 pm	Walk	\$0,50 / walk OR \$20 / year \$5 membership card	LA MARCHÉ DES RAWDONNEURS St-Patrick's Church parking lot • 3763 Queen St. 450 834-6612 lesrawdonneurs@gmail.com
Wednesdays 9 am	VieActive	Free	FADOQ St-Patrick's Church basement 3763 Queen St. 450 834-2874
Wednesdays 12:45 pm to 4:30 pm	Bridge (in French)	\$4	RAWDON BRIDGE CLUB United Church • 3253 4 th Avenue 450 333-0508 mtccaron@hotmail.com
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Saturdays 9 am	Taekwondo	Various	ACADÉMIE DE TAEKWONDO CCS Pavillon Ste-Anne • 3790 Lac-Morgan Rd. 450 758-1006 lorne.crawford@live.ca
Thursdays 6:30 pm to 8 pm	Scouts 7-17 yrs Association des Aventuriers de Baden-Powell	\$45 + other fees	45^E GROUPE SCOUT DE RAWDON Pavillon St-Louis • 3763 Albert St. 450 834-2314 45egrouperawdon@gmail.com
Fridays 10 am to 3 pm	Various activities for seniors	\$8, lunch and transportation included	FRIDAY FRIENDS United Church • 3253 4 th Avenue 450 834-6604 brucelyne.scott@sympatico.ca
October 21 st 8 pm	Michaël Angelo's "Pop Acoustic" concert	\$16 member \$20 non-member	RAWDON MULTIETHNIC CENTRE 3588 Metcalfe St. 450 834-3334 mail@cimrawdon.info
October 29 th 2 pm	Sunday Classics "Around the world" with Angela Morin Nguyen, violonist	\$16 member \$20 non-member	RAWDON MULTIETHNIC CENTRE 3588 Metcalfe St. 450 834-3334 mail@cimrawdon.info
November 3 rd and December 1 st 7 pm to 9:15 pm	Optimist Club Disco	\$3 admission \$1 snack bar	RAWDON OPTIMIST CLUB Pavillon Ste-Anne • 3790 Lac-Morgan Rd. 450 834-4270
November 11 th and 12 th 10 am to 4 pm	Le Marché de Rawdon Christmas Edition	Free	LE MARCHÉ DE RAWDON Collège Champagneur gymnasium • 3713 Queen St. lemarchederawdon@gmail.com
November 17 th , 18 th and 19 th	Bazaar	Various	MAISON DES AÎNÉS Beach Chalet • 3304, 8 th Avenue 450 397-1180
November 18 th 6:30 pm	Rock'n'Bowl Stars 2nd edition Fundraiser for the Jardin d'Étoiles Day Centre	\$15 child \$20 adult	SALON DE QUILLES RAWDON 3870 Queen St. 450 834-3070, ext. 1027 info@jardinettoiles.ca
December 2 nd 5 pm	Christmas lunch	\$20 member \$25 non-member	RAWDON MULTIETHNIC CENTRE 3588 Metcalfe St. 450 834-3334 mail@cimrawdon.info