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CITY GUIDE



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Curbside Recycling - Sort it Out

Sort recyclables into two bags – **containers** and **paper products**.

Learn more at CurbitStJohns.ca/Recycle



Containers



Aluminum trays

Aluminum cans

Aluminum foil (clean)

Milk & juice cartons
(including non-dairy alternatives)

Plastic trays & tubs

Plastic food containers

Plastic cleaning product containers

Plastic toiletries containers

Plastic drink bottles

Steel (tin) cans

Tetra Pak containers



Papers



Newspapers, flyers & junk mail

Magazines, catalogues & phone books

Writing and computer paper

Envelopes
(no bubble/insulated)

Books (remove hardcovers)

Boxboard

Egg cartons (cardboard only)

Take-out drink trays

Empty paper towel & toilet paper rolls (tubes only)

Corrugated cardboard



Not Accepted

- X** Glass containers
- X** Disposable coffee cups
- X** Tissues & paper towels
- X** Wrapping paper
- X** Styrofoam

Yard and Organic Waste



Mulching

There's no need to rake grass clippings or fallen leaves, just mulch them with your mower. The grass clippings and leaves provide nutrients to the soil and help retain moisture requiring less watering and fertilizer for a healthy lawn. Mow and go and spend your extra time doing the things you enjoy!

Yard Waste

From May to November each year, all yard waste placed at the curb for collection must be in paper yard waste bags. Yard waste bags are collected every second week, on the same day as your recycling.

Paper yard waste bags can also be dropped off at the Residential Drop Off at Robin Hood Bay, open Tuesday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Backyard Composting

The City of St. John's, in partnership with the Memorial University Botanical Garden and MMSB, offers **FREE** basic introductory sessions about backyard composting. Sessions are offered in-person (one hour) and the online session is available at any time. Once completed, St. John's residents can purchase a reduced-price backyard compost tumbler bin.

2026 in-person sessions take place at the Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road:

1 to 2:15 p.m. Saturday, May 2

1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 30

Online session is available at:
mun.ca/botanicalgarden/learn/composting

For more details
CurbitStJohns.ca/Recycle/Yard-Waste and
CurbitStJohns.ca/Recycle/Backyard-Composting

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My Schedule
10 Lower St, St. John's
Next Dates
Monday, April 19, 2021
Garbage
Recycling
Future Dates
Monday, April 26, 2021
Garbage
Monday, May 3, 2021
Recycling

Never Miss a Pickup
Get the Latest Collection
Schedule and Alerts

Download the free Curbit St. John's App
Available for iPhone & Android

Downtown Street Cleaning



Street cleaning removes dirt and debris from streets, reduces the amount of debris going into storm sewers and helps prevent damage to infrastructure.

Street Cleaning Schedule

Overnight between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Sunday, April 26 to Friday, September 25, 2026.

Find out when your street will be cleaned:

Map.StJohns.ca/StreetClean

Find out what streets are scheduled for cleaning each night. All streets are listed and shown on a map. The colours indicate if it's both sides of your street or just one (odd or even house numbers).

Searchable Street List

Search by address or date so you know where and when not to park in an area. Find the list at StJohns.ca/StreetCleaning

Subscribe to Emails

Receive an email, including a map, on the day your street is scheduled for cleaning at StJohns.ca/Subscribe

Not online?

Call Access St. John's at 311 or 709-754-CITY (2489) to get your street cleaning dates or request a paper copy.



TRAIL EXPLORERS

Join us in exploring the beautiful trails of St. John's through this inclusive program that promotes health, wellness and community connection. Scan the QR for more information and to see the full schedule or visit StJohns.ca/TrailExplorers.

For questions about Trail Explorers email HealthyPrograms@StJohns.ca.

If you require adaptive equipment to participate, learn more about the Adaptive Equipment Lending Program by emailing Inclusion@StJohns.ca or calling [709-576-6972](tel:709-576-6972).



Special Events



2026 DOWNTOWN PEDESTRIAN MALL

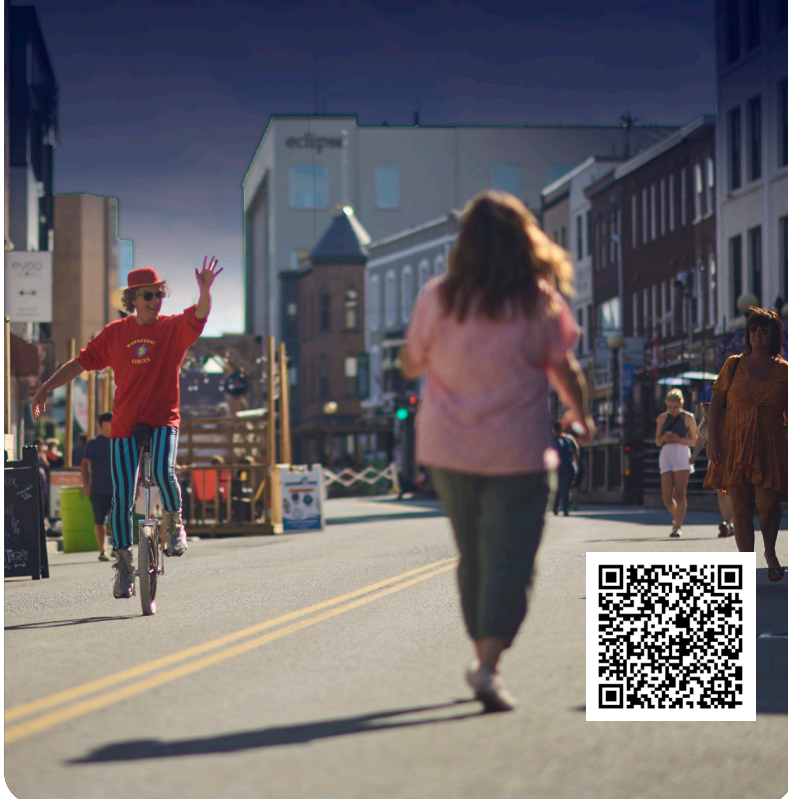
Dive into the vibrant energy of the Downtown Pedestrian Mall in the heart of St. John's this summer! Whether you're a local or a visitor, there's always something exciting happening - from unique shops and stunning galleries to lively outdoor dining. Come soak up the charm and buzz of downtown. Don't miss out - follow What's Happening St. John's on social media for all the latest on events and entertainment at the Downtown Pedestrian Mall!

Hours of operation:

June 25 to September 7, noon to 10 p.m. daily

Road closures:

Water Street (Adelaide Street to Prescott Street)







Canada Day Festivities

With support from the Government of Canada, Parks Canada, Metrobus and other Canada Day partners, Canada Day in St. John's (July 1, 2026) will highlight the many reasons we are proud to call Canada home.

As more event details are confirmed, they will be posted at [StJohns.ca](https://www.stjohns.ca)

Canada Day Festivities

-  6 a.m. Sunrise event at Signal Hill
-  1-5 p.m. Family fun and entertainment at King George V Park
-  8 p.m. Concert at Quidi Vidi Lake
-  10 p.m. Fireworks at Quidi Vidi Lake

Should weather conditions not be ideal, the fireworks will be rescheduled for July 2 at 10 p.m.



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Inclusive Services



We can help provide support to participate in City of St. John's recreation programs.

Therapeutic Recreation Referrals

A therapeutic recreation referral must be submitted to the City's Certified Therapeutic Recreational Specialist (CTRS). The CTRS will connect participants to safe and supportive recreation and leisure opportunities offered by the City for those who may experience physical, mental, social or emotional barriers. Participants may be referred by a professional or self-referral.

Attendant Pass

Persons with disabilities who require the support of an attendant to accompany them to events may apply for an attendant pass. Please contact 709-576-4556 for more information.

Adaptive Equipment Lending Program

We have recreation equipment that can assist people with disabilities to participate in recreation and leisure activities. Contact us to borrow adaptive equipment free of charge.

Contact us

For more information about any of these programs or services:

709-576-6972

Inclusion@StJohns.ca

The following are inclusive and accessible playgrounds located within the City:

- The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Playground at Mundy Pond Park
- Kenmount Terrace Community Park
- Galway Village Green Park
- Ariel Place Park
- Bannerman Park



The City also has several playgrounds with accessible and/or inclusive features, which are listed on our website.



Visit StJohns.ca/InclusiveParks for more details or scan the QR code.

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PROGRAM



Recreation Registration



Programs are subject to cancellation, based on minimum registration numbers or instructor availability.

Program Registration	St. John's Residents	Residents of Other Municipalities
Summer children, youth, fitness and outdoor programs	7 a.m. Thursday April 30, 2026	7 a.m. Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Summer adult and seniors programs	New Time: 2 p.m. Thursday May 14, 2026	New Time: 2 p.m. Thursday May 19, 2026
Swimming lessons and aquatic leadership	7 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2026	7 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2026

Registration Options:

Online: StJohns.ca/REconnect

In-person: H.G.R. Mews Community Centre, 60 Blackler Avenue or Paul Reynolds Community Centre, 35 Carrick Drive.

By phone: 709-576-8499 or 709-576-8631

Telephone registration is available after 10 a.m. on registration day. For Summer Adult and Seniors Programs telephone registration is available after 5 p.m.

You must ensure your account is activated and up-to-date at least 72 hours before the registration time.

To view all program details, schedules and to register visit StJohns.ca/REconnect.



Outdoor Programs

We offer a wide range of outdoor programs for families and adults. Get outdoors and have some fun while trying a new skill with one convenient registration for the whole family!

Family Programs: Family Geocaching, Family Canoeing and Family Archery

Adult Programs: Paddle Night, Kayaking Skills and Stand Up Paddleboard Skills

All programs are under \$40, making it easy to find an adventure that fits your budget. Equipment for all programs is provided.

Children and Youth



The City of St. John's children's programs are HIGH FIVE® Accredited — the national standard for excellence. Safe. Inclusive. FUN. Led by trained, caring staff. Give your child confidence and friendships that lasts year round. Learn more about some of our programs below!



To view all course details and to register visit StJohns.ca/REConnect or scan the QR code. Registration is also available in person and by phone.

Preschool

Our part-time preschool program helps children build confidence through play. With a focus on socialization, early learning, and physical literacy, children develop fundamental movement skills through fun, engaging activities tailored to their interests and abilities.

Led by caring staff, programs run at the Paul Reynolds Community Centre and Southlands Community Centre.

For children attending Kindergarten in September 2027. Preschool is offered three times per week from September to December for \$495.



After School Program

Registration for After School Programs for the 2026-2027 school year is open. Programs are offered at the Kilbride Community Centre and the Paul Reynolds Community Centre for children in kindergarten to grade 6. The After School Program is \$375 per month.

Children Summer Camps

Give your child a summer filled with games, sports, outdoor adventures and exciting off-site trips. Choose from Camp Discovery (grades 1 to 3), Camp Explore (grades 4 to 6) or Camp Adventure (grades 1 to 6). Children must have completed kindergarten to register for Camp Discovery and Camp Adventure.

Summer camps run weekly from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rotary Park, Bowring Park and the Paul Reynolds, Kenmount Terrace, Kilbride, Southlands and Shea Heights Community Centres. Camps are \$125 to \$160 per week. Bus transportation available for Rotary Park only; no camp July 1 or August 5. Spaces fill quickly — register early!



Home Alone Course

Our Home Alone course is a full day safety and life skills program for children in grades 4 to 6 to develop independence to be unsupervised for short periods of time. Topics include online safety, fire safety, street smarts, emergency response, healthy eating and a home readiness plan. Course offered at the Paul Reynolds Community Centre on July 2, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for \$55.



Youth Summer Camps

Looking for exciting ways to keep youth engaged this summer? The City offers a wide variety of camps for youth ages 12 to 16, with programs ranging from two to five days, perfect for busy schedules and active teens.

Choose from themed camps like Art of Photography, Games Galore, Cook it Up and Youth and the Arts held at various community centres. From hands-on challenges to creative projects, camps may feature special guest speakers, field trips and plenty of high-energy fun. Prices range from \$21 to \$90.

For those who thrive outdoors, our Camp Expeditions at Rotary Park deliver adventure and skill-building experiences. Options include Outdoor Pursuits, Fun on the Water, Camping Frontier (featuring an overnight experience), Outdoor Move It and Wilderness Survival. Prices range from \$128 to \$175.

There is something for every interest and every schedule, making this a summer to remember!



Youth Workshops

We offer a variety of one-day workshops at Rotary Park and Bowring Park for youth to try something new, build skills and spend the day outdoors. Choose from options like Cooking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Archery and Stand-up Paddleboard. With prices ranging from just \$14 to \$21, it's the perfect way to add a little extra fun to summer plans!



Adult Programs (18+)

Whether you want to paint, dance or simply meet new people, our Adult Programs (18+) offer relaxed, welcoming spaces to try something different.



To view all course details, schedules and to register visit StJohns.ca/REconnect or scan the QR code. Registration is also available in person and by phone. Details on page 8. Resident registration is May 14 at 2 p.m. (**new time!**).



Painting

Unleash your creativity and unwind in our welcoming indoor and outdoor adult acrylic painting classes—no experience needed, just a desire to explore and have fun. Even if you're picking up a brush for the first time, you'll enjoy guided instruction and a masterpiece to take home. All materials are included, no experience necessary. \$19.50 per class.



Line Dancing

Kick up your heels and join our line dancing classes to enjoy great music, easy-to-follow steps, and plenty of laughs. Build confidence, get a fun workout, and make new friends on the dance floor! Held at the Paul Reynolds Community Centre over 7 weeks, \$38.50.

Seniors Programs 50+

Bus Tours

Visit interesting places and attractions in St. John's and the Avalon Peninsula this summer.

Registration is required at least one week prior – details on [page 8](#). Registration is **May 14 at 2 p.m. (new time!)**. Price includes transportation and lunch or light refreshments. Outdoor activities can be cancelled due to weather conditions at the discretion of the City.

If you require additional information about summer programs, need accommodations to participate, or have dietary restrictions we should be aware of, please contact us by email at AdultAndSeniors@StJohns.ca or by phone at 709-576-8490, 709-576-5701, or 709-576-8411.

Opening Party Bingo and Brunch

June 23 | \$19

Summer is here! Beat the heat and cool off with friends. Meal, bingo and prizes included.

Kenmount Terrace
Community Centre
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Event Code: 38708

Coach Bus - Conception Bay North

June 30 | \$71

This tour is aboard a Coach Bus. Lunch and admissions are included. Appropriate footwear for walking is recommended.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Code: 38709

Coach Bus - Ferryland Dinner Theatre

July 14 | \$90

This tour is aboard a Coach Bus. Cold plate lunch and admissions are included. Appropriate footwear for walking is recommended.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Code: 38715

Swim and Pool Party

July 16 | \$22

Join us for a senior's pool party with food, refreshments and activities. Swimming optional.

Bannerman Park Pool
10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Event Code: 38711

Entertainment and Social

July 21 | \$19

Dance the afternoon away with friends at our afternoon social. Lunch included.

Paul Reynolds
Community Centre
12 to 3:30 p.m.
Event Code: 38713

Spend the Day in the City

July 23 | \$31

Spend the day exploring St. John's. This will be on board a school bus with stops throughout the day. Lunch and admissions included.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Code: 38714



Social Time

Socialize with friends while enjoying leisure activities, music, games and light refreshments.

July 3 - August 21 | \$16

H.G.R. Mews Community Centre
Fridays
10 a.m. to noon
Event Code: 38707



Please note that all programs and events are **strictly scent-free** to ensure a comfortable experience for everyone.



Coach Bus - Irish Loop

July 28 | \$71

This tour is aboard a Coach Bus and will cover half of the Irish Loop. Lunch and admissions are included. Appropriate footwear for walking is recommended.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Code: 38719

Tea-rrific Afternoon

July 30 | \$19

Visit somewhere local followed by tea, sweets and good company.

1 to 4 p.m.

Code: 39190

Day at Rotary 'Sunshine' Park

August 4 | \$24

Spend the day enjoying outdoor activities. Meal included, dress for the outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, activities will take place inside the Rotary Park Chalet. Drop off/pick up location will be in the parking lot off Thorburn Road.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Code: 38716

Bingo and Social

August 11 | \$19

Spend time with friends playing bingo. Meal, bingo and prizes included.

Paul Reynolds

Community Centre

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Code: 38717

Coach Bus - Placentia Dinner Theatre

August 14 | \$110

This tour is aboard a Coach Bus. A hot meal and admissions are included. Appropriate footwear for walking is recommended.

9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Event Code: 38712

Barn and Bowl

August 18 | \$19

Spend the afternoon with friends at a local bowling alley and a stop at a local farm for treats. This outing is on board a school bus, with admissions and a snack provided.

1 to 4 p.m.

Code: 38718

Summer Luau Closing Party

August 20 | \$23

Join us at our Hawaiian Luau summer with an evening with good friends, food and entertainment.

City Hall

6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Code: 38720

Transportation

Transportation for special events is included in the event price. Please call 709-576-8594 the evening before the event to determine the bus schedule. Pick-ups occur at the following City facilities and apartment complexes:

- Bishop Meaden Manor
- Building #10 Pasadena Cres
- Churchill Square
- H.G.R. Mews Community Centre
- Kenny's Park Apartments-Tiffany Lane Building #35
- Maplewood Apartments
- Morgan Hollow
- Paul Reynolds Community Centre
- Shea Heights Community Centre
- St. George's Court Apartments
- St. Luke's Cottages/Babb Manor
- Thomas Estates
- Victoria Manor
- Wigmore Manor

NOTE: If the bus cannot fit into the parking lot it will park at the entrance of the lot.

Swimming



Swimming Lessons

For more details visit: StJohns.ca/Swimming

Swimming lessons are offered year-round and follow the Lifesaving Society Swim for Life Program and are available to swimmers of all abilities from the ages of four months to adult. Lessons are offered once per week and include the following programs:

- Parent and Tot 1, 2 and 3
- Preschool, Swimmer and Teen Lessons
- Adult Lessons
- Private Swimming Lessons
- Adapted Swimming Lessons*

*A parent or aide may be required to support the swimmer in the water; a swimmer intake form is required two weeks prior. Contact Inclusion@StJohns.ca for more details.

To register or view current offerings visit StJohns.ca/REconnect.

Splash Pads

Our splash pads are scheduled to open July 2 and are located at:

- Bowring Park
- Bannerman Park
- Kenmount Terrace Community Centre

To ensure wise water use, the water features at our splash pads are set on a four-minute timer. After four minutes, the water shuts off until the button is pushed to reactivate it.



Outdoor Pools

Bannerman and Bowring Park outdoor pools are scheduled to be open July 2 to August 30.

Indoor Pools

H.G.R. Mews Community Centre,
60 Blackler Avenue

Paul Reynolds Community Centre,
35 Carrick Drive

Visit StJohns.ca/Swimming for swim descriptions, accessibility features and pool schedules. Schedules are also available by phone at 709-576-8155 (PRCC) and 709-576-8408 (Mews) or by email at Recreation@StJohns.ca.



Fitness

We have a variety of fitness classes available for all ages and abilities.

During the summer we offer aquatic fitness. We also offer yoga (beginner, intermediate, mixed, Yang Yin Yoga) which requires registration.

For more information and how to register visit StJohns.ca/FitnessClasses.

Facility Rentals



Parties and Rentals

Most of our recreation facilities are available to rent for birthday parties, baby or bridal showers, family gatherings, community and corporate events or sports activities.



Swimming Parties

Cost \$200

Available at the H.G.R. Mews Community Centre, Paul Reynolds Community Centre and Bannerman Park Pool.

Call us to book!

709-576-8499 or 709-576-8631



Court Sports

H.G.R. Mews Community Centre has two courts designed for racquetball, handball and squash which are available for 50-minute court rentals (\$9 a session)

Pickleball court rentals are available at the Kenmount Terrace Community Centre and the H.G.R. Mews Community Centre for one hour bookings (\$10 an hour). A max of four individuals permitted per court.

Players can make reservations up to 7 days in advance. Reserve online at StJohns.ca/REConnect, in-person at H.G.R Mews or Paul Reynolds Community Centres or call 709-576-8499.

Outdoor Sports Facilities

City-owned outdoor sports fields and pitches are typically available to rent from June to mid-October. For details, visit StJohns.ca/Rentals or email Sport@StJohns.ca.

The City also has a variety of free outdoor facilities including skate parks, basketball courts and tennis/pickleball courts.





music@

concert series

July 3 to Sept 18

The Music @ Concert Series is back for another year! Each concert opens with a local youth performer and features a diverse line up of main acts that span many musical genres. Come enjoy some of the finest musical talent St. John's has to offer.

Music @ Harbourside Park
12:30 p.m. every Friday
July 3 to September 18

Music @ Bannerman Park
3 p.m. Saturday concerts
July 11, August 8, August 22



For concert schedule and performer lineups visit:
StJohns.ca/Concerts

Party in the Park

Wednesday, July 8

**Lawn of the Bowring
Park Bungalow**

1 to 4 p.m.

Come out for a fun afternoon with friends, local entertainment and light refreshments.

Free Event

Registration is required for transportation via school bus \$6 | Back-up date July 9 | Event code: 38710

If weather is not suitable on July 9, event will be held indoors at the Shriners Club at 530 Topsail Rd.



For more information:

Call 709-576-8411 or email AdultAndSeniors@StJohns.ca