



### TOWN HALL COUNCIL MEETING

Regular monthly meeting  
January 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 7 pm

### Important

- Town Hall 789-2944
- Fax 789-2925
- Fire Hall 789-2944
- Library 789-2914
- Pool 759-9661
- Rink 789-2917
- Sugarloaf Park 789-2366
- Golden Age Club 789-0800
- Bowling 789-1700
- Post Office 789-0500
- Church N.-D. De Lourdes 789-0018
- S.P.C.A. 684-4396 686-019 (emergency)

# Atholville Messenger

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016

Dear citizens, It is with great pleasure that I join the members of the Municipal Council and all employees to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year 2016. Year 2015 has been synonym of changes and strengthening. I am very confident that this new year will bring positive economic and social changes in our community. Some of you are aware that Atholville will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation this year. A committee was formed to highlight this significant

event and for the occasion, we want to recognize our citizens for their exceptional contribution and



50 YEARS...

IT'S A CELEBRATION!

achievement in our community. Do you have anyone to suggest? We invite you to come to Town Hall and fill out a form for reg-

istration. All recipients chosen will be honoured during a special ceremony in August. All through the year, you will be invited to participate in various activities that will take place to remind us how privileged we are to live in such an amazing community. We will keep you posted on the complete programming of all activities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Atholville in the next edition.

Michel Soucy  
Mayor

## TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD A PROMISING FUTUR

Starting this year, three extremely important meetings will take place in order to seek the population's opinion on key challenges on economic and community development of the Greater Atholville.

**1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC CONSULTATION**  
January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm  
at the Alma Hall

The main purpose for this first meeting is to hear about your thoughts, comments, and personal reflections on the main strategic

direction that our community will lead for the years to come and it will also establish a strong base for a promising economic and community development plan.

**We want to hear you and to see you in great number!**



### 2016 Winter Carnival

*Leasures are actions and positive choices that we make to restore, balance, and regenerate our body and mind.*

Thank you all for your generosity throughout the year.



## Winter Carnival

### Activities

The Winter Carnival will take place on February 20 to 28. Here are some activities:

- Texas Hold'Em tournament at the Golden Age Club on February 21 at 1:00 pm. Registration at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$40. Tickets will be available at Town Hall on January 7.
- Smelt supper at the Golden Age Club on February 27 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost for adult is \$10 and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets will be available at Town Hall on January 7 or sold at the door.
- Dance for adults with (Entourage) at the Alma Hall on February 27 from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. Cost is \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

- Carnival Breakfast at the Church basement on February 28 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and \$15 for families.

Complete program will be available soon.

**Happy Carnival to all!**

## Recreational activities

**The Restigouche Archery Club** will resume its activities on January 4. Sessions will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm except for **Monday, January 25 which will be replaced by Sunday, January 24.** For information, please contact

Jean-Guy Cormier at 759-8304 or Donald Roy at 753-4352. **The Golden Age Club** meeting will take place on January 20 at 7:00 pm. Bingos take place every Wednesday at 2:00 pm. Line dancing classes are on Tuesdays at 11:30 am for beginners and 12:30 pm for advanced

group. Bowling games for members take place on Mondays at 1:00 pm. **Centre de la Vallée** invite you to card games (45) every Monday at 7:00 pm.

**Bingos half and half** take place every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at 1110 route 275, St-Arthur.

## Fundraising events

### ALMA HALL

Here they are! We are proud to show what your name will look like on the back of a chair. It's a great and non expensive

way to contribute to the Alma Hall renovation fund. We are almost half way there. Don't wait any longer, sponsor a chair today for as little as \$50 at the village office during opening hours.

### WINTER CARNIVAL

A Texas Hold'Em tournament will take place at the Golden Age Club on January 3 at 1:00 pm, registration at 12:00 pm at the door. Cost is \$40. For information, please call at 987-0798.

## Fundraising events, following...

### SECOND WIND EDITION

What a fantastic idea from three women living in our community.

They decided to start a second hand store in the basement of Val d'Amours Church and use all funds to repair the Church.

They will collect used clothing, toys, home accessories, furniture, etc., and you can call them to make arrangements.

Claudette Lagacé Levesque at (759-7734)

Rose-Marie Johnson at (753-7372)

Françoise Lagacé at (753-3591)

Support them and at the same time, give a second wind to your articles.

*We still need your favourite recipes to complete our cookbook. Moreover, presenting your recipe to the public will be part of an activity during the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations this year. Further information will follow in the next Messenger!*

## St-Arthur Arena, reconstruction

A very important meeting took place on December 15 regarding the reconstruction project of the Arena Hector Pitre. Over 250 citizens were present and had the opportunity to express their opinion and sign a petition to support their action towards this major project. Let's not

forget that mobilizing force is very powerful! Lotery arena is always available to raise funds. It costs \$2 a week and you get the chance to win a minimum of \$300. Tickets are sold at Depanneur Diane of St-Arthur, Depanneur Rose et Blanc in McKendrick, Depanneur

2000 of Val d'Amours, at Denyse McLaughlin of St-Arthur or Joanne Thibeault at 753-2802.

The arena committee thank you for your generosity and wish you a healthy and prosperous year 2016.

[www.arenahectorpitre.com](http://www.arenahectorpitre.com)

## 15 years of service for Marc Dion

Members of Council congratulated Marc Dion for his 15 years of service by offering him a coat during the special meeting of December 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you Marc!

*In the picture from left to right: Councillor Betty Cleveland-Firth, Councillor Marc Thibeault, Councillor Steve Thériault, Councillor Gaëtan Cormier, Councillor Jean-Guy Levesque, Executive Director Nicole LeBrun, Councillor Julien Ouellette, assistant public works superintendent Guy Maltais, and up front, Mayor Michel Soucy with Marc Dion.*



## Raymond-Lagacé Public Library

### Board games

**January 9 and 16** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Let's have fun with your friends while playing *Scrabble, Risk, Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, and many more.*

### Coffee and New Releases

**January 12** from 10:00 am until noon. Come and enjoy a hot coffee and see what's new at the library.

### Drawing mandalas

**January 14** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Connect with your inner world in a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere.

### Learning with my parents (age 2 to 6)

With Annie Guitard (FRC) on **January 16, 23, and 30** at 11:00 am. Parents play fun and stimulating activities with children for the benefit of their overall development.

### Tablet

**January 23** from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn how to use your tablet with Nancy Power. Register today as space is limited.

### Board games tournament

**January 30** from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Participate in our tournament and stand a chance to win our first prize!

275 Notre Dame Street (for information: 789-2914)

## Bulletin Board

### \*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*

Please avoid pushing snow in the streets or park your car on the street when it is snowing or when snow removal is underway. We thank for your cooperation.

### Ice Rink

Thanks to Mother Nature, the ice rink will be ready at the beginning of January. For information, please call (789-2917). Also, four pairs of snowshoes are available for lending, courtesy of the Atholville Carnival Committee.

### St-Arthur Outdoors Center

You can now rent the center for one evening, a weekend, or even on a long term basis. For more information, please contact Marc Thibeault at 789-3487.

### Notice Dog Licence

Every dog owner must register and license their animal and pay the license fee required for 2016. This can be done at Town Hall or with a dog constable. The license

costs \$20 and we need to see the vaccination proof of the animal. 50% rebate will apply if registered before March 31. For complaints regarding animals in the Village, please call S.P.C.A. at 684-4396.

### The Messenger

You would like to announce your activities in *The Messenger*? Please do not hesitate to contact us at 789-2944 or by email at [bois@nb.aibn.com](mailto:bois@nb.aibn.com).