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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

OUR NEW DAM WILL AMAZE YOU



Dear fellow citizens,

We have recently unveiled our financial results for the year 2022. As you will see in the details below, we have accumulated a surplus of \$2.96M. Council has decided to allocate 2 million dollars of this surplus to two separate initiatives. The first is to go towards working capital. This allows us to make purchases without borrowing money from financial institutions (\$1M). The second amount will be allocated for road and street repair projects (\$1M).

Regarding our roads and streets, we have made some progress over the past few years in rehabilitating the network. A number of significant projects, however, are yet to come; for example, the reconstruction of Fulford Road. Our financial reserve for road construction projects has reached \$2.79M. Having a surplus is an advantage because the amount to be borrowed is decreased. This is significant in this period where interest rates are very high.

On another subject, it is with great pleasure that I inform you that we are working on a housing strategy. This will undoubtedly contribute to the next revision of our Town Development Plan.

Our town is facing several challenges in the area of housing, whether it's the increase in the price of houses, a phenomenon that has taken on more significance with the pandemic, or the availability of affordable rentals. The question of availability is a cause of concern, and we will touch upon it below.

This diagnostic will present an accurate picture of the situation which will allow us to evaluate our options and propose concrete solutions. Because this is a process, I invite you to stay tuned to our communications on the subject over the next months.

In closing, I would like to touch upon a project that had a major impact on the landscape of our town center: the reconstruction of the Mill Pond dam. Now that the work has been completed, it is amazing to see the extraordinary panorama offered by a return to normalcy of the level of the Mill Pond. I am certain that this brings back happy memories for many of you.

In the coming years we will be able to concentrate on the landscaping of Coldbrook Park in conjunction with the enlargement project of the Pettes Memorial Library. This will create a gathering place for our entire community.

Wishing you a pleasant summer! ■



Richard Burcombe
Mayor, Town of Brome Lake

PHOTOS OF OUR NEW DAM



View of the front of the dam.



View of the Mill Pond which has risen to its past level!



Sodding and landscaping of Coldbrook Park. Three young white pine trees were planted in honor of our local author, Louise Penny, and her series of mystery novels that are set in the Village of Three Pines, inspired by our town. It is to be noted that the landscaping work will be completed this summer.

THE TOWN OF BROME LAKE CURRENTLY REVIEWING HOUSING NEEDS

A new strategy on housing is being developed. With the help of Jean-François Vachon, it will become part of a new Town Development Plan which will be presented in 2024.

WHY DO WE NEED A HOUSING STRATEGY?

The housing situation has evolved over the past years in the Town of Brome Lake and the real estate market has been affected by an increase in the price of homes. This reality has become more serious in the region of Brome-Missisquoi since the pandemic and the price of houses in Lac Brome has increased by 58% since 2019.

This increase in the price of homes, as well as the increase in the interest rates, constitutes a barrier to access to ownership for first time buyers. In addition, the residential inventory in Lac Brome is made up mainly of single family dwellings (81%), which results in a lack of inventory of rental units.

All these elements impede the attraction of new residents, which is necessary for the economic, social and community vitality of the Town. In addition, Lac Brome is experiencing an accelerated aging of its population. Households of 65 years of age and over represent 45% of the total households, which is high in comparison to the rest of the MRC (36%).

The preparation of a strategy on housing appears to us to be the best method to respond to these issues in an adequate and thoughtful manner. This strategy is being developed and will be finalized in cooperation with the different housing stakeholders in our town.

DID YOU KNOW?

There exists an indicator* to calculate availability of housing. Since 1986, the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the Canadian provinces have agreed to use the threshold of 30% of gross revenues to measure availability in order to define the needs related to housing. A housing unit is considered accessible if its occupants contribute 30% or less of the total household revenue to housing.

The average price of a single-family home in Lac Brome** was \$520,000 in 2022. A family that would want to purchase a house at this price while not spending more than 30% of the household income would have to earn approximately \$142,000 per year. The average revenue of a household in Quebec was \$52,000 in 2020***.

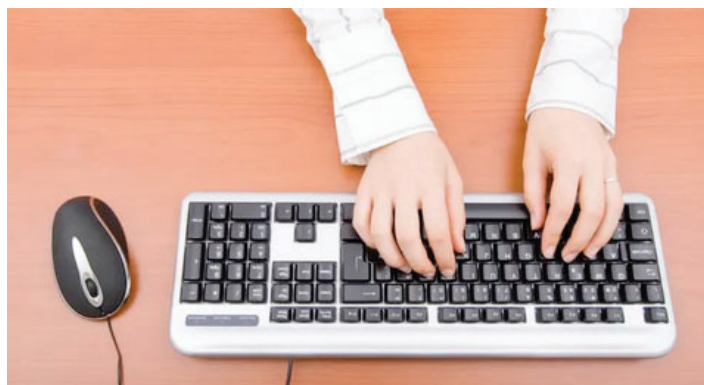
SOURCES :

* Statistics Canada, Reference guide on the characteristics of housing, 2021 census.

** JLR Solutions foncières, 2023.

*** Institut de la statistique du Québec, Average and median revenue of households and individuals 16 years of age and over, Quebec.

INTRODUCING AN ONLINE PORTAL FOR PERMITS



The time when one had to print and fill out a PDF form to request a permit from the Town has passed. You can now [go to our website](#), fill out your request, pay and receive your permit without leaving your home!

HERE IS THE LIST OF PERMITS THAT MAY BE OBTAINED BY USING THIS NEW METHOD:

- enlargements
- balconies and decks
- accessory buildings
- main buildings or extensions
- change of use
- construction of a lake
- demolition
- moving of a building
- drinking water
- signs
- installation of a well
- septic installation
- temporary pesticides
- pools
- landfill
- renovation

Consult the planning by-laws and the applicable tariffs by clicking [here](#).

WE ARE NOW ON INSTAGRAM!



Some of you may have noticed that the Town of Brome Lake now has its own page on Instagram. This social media network allows us, among other things, to reach younger people and share other types of content (reels, stories, etc.) as well as beautiful pictures of our magnificent part of the country.

You can join [here](#) or type in [villedelacbrome](#) in the search bar of the Instagram app.

A \$2.96 MILLION SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR 2022

As dictated by tradition, at this time of the year in the municipal field, it is time for us to share the financial results for the year 2022. Here are the highlights of the 2022 year for Town of Brome Lake:

● THE MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- **STREETS, ROADS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**
 - Reconstruction of roads (for a little over \$1.6M)
 - Johnston
 - Rumsby
 - Wells
 - Sewer and water lines in the mobile home park in West Brome (a \$3M project)
 - Mill Pond dam
- **RECREATION AND CULTURE**
 - Public art - installation of two sculptures
 - Integration of an accredited daycare in our municipal buildings
- Operating revenues of \$20.02M (+\$2.73M)
- Expenses of \$15.05M (+\$52,000)
- Surplus of revenues over expenses of \$2.68M
- The surplus is mainly attributable to the collection of \$1.86M more in mutation fees (also called the welcome tax) than projected in the budget.

This is the list of projects to which Council has decided to attribute a portion of the surplus in the amount of \$2.96M:

● INTENDED USE OF SURPLUS

Sewer	\$289 000
Increase in working capital	\$1 000 000
Roads	\$1 000 000

In closing, because of this, as of December 31, 2022, the Town has a surplus of \$1.74M available for unexpected contingencies, while the surplus designated for various projects is as follows:

● RESTRICTED SURPLUS

Town Center project - Library	\$1 000 000
Mill Pond Dam	\$1 553 000
Roads	\$1 789 000
Fire station	\$983 000
Sewer services	\$593 000
Retirement fund	\$75 000
Green funds	\$74 000



OUR ENVIRONMENT



ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH OUR BOAT WASHING STATION?

The preservation of Brome Lake is one of the most important environmental issues in the eyes of our elected officials. With this in mind, the Town took charge of the management of the boat washing station last year. For the second year running, Maurice Marine will be operating it on behalf of the Town.

This station, which was inaugurated and then operated by the Conservation Lac-Brome organization in 2020 and 2021, was put in place to prevent the proliferation of undesirable aquatic species in our lake.

As the high season for nautical activities approaches, the Town has initiated a campaign to better publicize the existence of the station, including signage in various places of the town as well as through publications in local media.

“We all want to keep our lake in good health,” says Louise Morin, the Councillor responsible for environmental issues. “The boat washing station is a simple, free measure to prevent the introduction of invasive species. We are very lucky that we do not have Zebra mussels in our lake and we wish to keep it that way. We therefore hope that every watercraft, motorized or not, will pass through the boat washing station before launching into our lake.”

We should point out that watercraft that are situated on the lake permanently are not required to be washed at the station.

MAIN SOURCES OF INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES PRESENT OR LIKELY TO BE PRESENT (source: Government of Canada)

- **ZEBRA MUSSELS** (not found in Brome Lake)



(Photo: Government of Canada)

Originally from Eurasia, the Zebra Mussel (and the Quagga Mussel) live and reproduce primarily in freshwater. These species have the capacity to lay a million eggs per year, monopolizing the food sources to the detriment of indigenous species. The Zebra Mussel can constitute



colonies of a density exceeding 700,000 individuals per square meter on surfaces like boats, docks, rocks, etc. It has been found in certain aquatic areas in the Townships since 2017.

- **FEATHERED WATERMILFOIL** (found in Brome Lake)



(Photo: Government of Canada)

Originally from Eurasia and Africa, this species reproduces rapidly, invading and replacing the local indigenous plant life. Because of its density and large numbers, it is harmful to swimming, watercraft navigation and fishing and renders beaches less attractive.

STATISTICS ON OUR BOAT WASHING STATION

881 watercrafts were washed in 2022, of which over 700 did not come from Brome Lake.

SERVICE HOURS IN 2023

From May 20 to June 21

- From 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays only

From June 26 to September 4

- From 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Seven days per week

The boat washing station will not be available on days when navigation is not practicable, such as days of strong winds or heavy precipitation.



VILLE DE LAC-BROME
TOWN OF BROME LAKE

COME AND MEET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL!

OUR ACTION PLAN FOR A NOURISHING COMMUNITY IS UNDERWAY



Following several steps taken with the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi, the Town of Brome Lake has unveiled its action plan as part of its nourishing community project.

Projected over a three-year period, the *proposed action plan* is centered on six aspects: agricultural production, transformation and distribution of food, food security, local purchasing, management of residual materials and governance and mobilization of the community.

Among the proposed actions, let us point out the planting of edible plants and fruit trees on our territory as of this summer, the priority purchasing of local foods for municipal events and the organization of educational trips to food producers of the region for students in our two primary schools.

The Town has stepped up, with a number of other municipalities, joining this project whose objective is to place food security at the heart of our community and to make our food production system more sustainable.



Once again this year, the elected officials of the Town of Brome Lake will come to meet you in your electoral district as part of a Meet the Citizens project.

These meetings allow you to discuss issues that are pertinent to your sector directly with your elected official. This is a great supplement to our Council meetings, enabling us to hear your ideas.

DATES AND LOCATIONS OF THE MEETINGS*		
Bondville Sector	June 21	Salle du Club de la Bonne Humeur (5, Mill Rd)
West Brome and Iron Hill Sectors	September 6	Auberge West Brome (128, Rd 139)
Fulford Sector	September 13	Davis Community Hall (62, Davis Rd)
Foster Sector	September 20	Ovide Dagenais Hall (25, Taylor Rd)
Knowlton and East Hill Sectors	September 27	Centre Lac-Brome

* All meetings will take place on a Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



EVENTS CALENDAR

ALL YEAR ROUND



June 23, July 21, August 18
► 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

BROME LAKE FOOD BANK

For registered clients.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- 📞 For emergencies, call Gary Crandall : 450 242-2020 ext. 319
- 🆓 Free

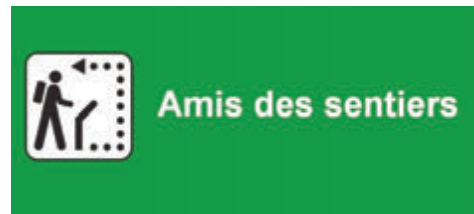


Saturday Morning June 3 to October 7
► 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FARMER'S MARKET LAC-BROME

Your farmer's market is back for the summer! Fill up on local products!

- 📍 267, Knowlton Rd (behind Knowlton Pub)
- 📞 450 242-2020
- lacbrome.ca/en/residents/farmers-market



Thursdays
► 10 a.m. to noon

LES AMIS DES SENTIERS LAC-BROME

Walks every Thursday morning throughout the year.

- 📍 See online
- 📞 450 242-1003
- clubdelabonnehumeur.ca
- 🆓 Free



All Summer, Monday to Friday
► Various schedules (subject to change)

CLUB DE LA BONNE HUMEUR DE LAC-BROME: SUMMER ACTIVITIES

These activities are reserved for members of the Club de la Bonne Humeur. Contact them to register. 50 years and older. For a complete list of activities available, please consult the table below or go online.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR: Summer 2023 (Schedules and prices subject to change)

	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi	
AM	COURS DE PICKLEBALL 10 à 11 h 17 avril – 6 sem. 20 \$/6 cours/personne Parc Prouty (CBH) Doreen Drolet 819 918-4768	PÉTANQUE & MOLKKY 13 h 30 16 mai Gratuit Louise Morier 450 684-8422	PICKLEBALL – LIBRE 8 h 50 19 avril Gratuit Parc des Lions Louise Lavallée 450 779-8346	LES AMIS DES SENTIERS 10 h - Gratuit En continu Invitation et inscription par infolettre Richard Dubois 450 242-1003	PICKLEBALL – LIBRE 9 h 30 21 avril Gratuit Parc Prouty (CBH) Doreen Drolet 819 918-4768		
	PICKLEBALL – LIBRE 9 h 30 29 mai Gratuit Parc Prouty (CBH) Bob Calvez 450 931-0713						

PM	BRIDGE 13 h 30 à 17 h En continu 24 \$/année calendrier Jean Plaisance 450 243-0010		SCRABBLE ANGLAIS 13 h En continu Gratuit Doreen Drolet 819 918-4768			

	Lundi	Mardi	Mercredi	Jeudi	Vendredi	Samedi
SOIR		PÉTANQUE & MOLKKY 17 à 19 h À compter de juillet Gratuit Louise Morier 450 243-0156		PÉTANQUE & MOLKKY 17 à 19 h 15 juin Gratuit Doreen Drolet 819 918-4768		

📍 Club de la Bonne Humeur de Lac-Brome 📞 450 243-5620 - info@clubdelabonnehumeur.ca - clubdelabonnehumeur.ca 📞 Prices subject to change



All year round
▶ Anytime

THÉÂTRE LAC-BROME

Subscribe to our newsletter! It is a fun way to discover more information about upcoming shows, behind-the-scene activities, and what's going on at TLB!

- 📍 Théâtre Lac-Brome - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
- 📞 450 243-2270 - theatreclacbrome.ca/newsletter - theatreclacbrome.ca
- 🆓 Free



First Saturday of every month
▶ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FREE TASTING!

Join us on the first Saturday of every month for a free tasting!

- 📍 Virgin Hill Coffee Roasters - 770, Lakeside Rd
- 📞 450 539-5222 - atelier@virginhillcoffee.com - virginhillcoffee.com
- 🆓 Free



Second to last Friday of the month
▶ 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

COFFEE MEETING OF ACTION COMMUNAUTAIRE LAC-BROME

Coffee-meeting for the general population. We offer coffee, tea, juice and donuts. Guests are present to inform the population of their services.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- 👤 Marta Gubert Gomes - Seniors Outreach Worker: 450 204-9423 - mgaclb@gmail.com - facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS
- 🍽️ \$5

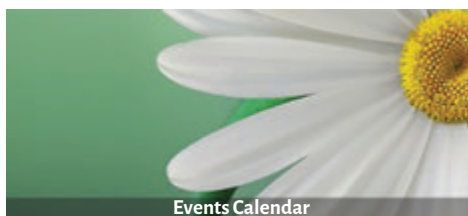


12 times/year
▶ 9 a.m. to noon

COLLECTIVE KITCHEN

Group of 6 people cooking a variety of meals. We explore different types of cooking.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- 👤 Marta Gubert Gomes - Seniors Outreach Worker: 450 204-9423 - mgaclb@gmail.com - facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS
- 🍽️ \$5



Events Calendar

All Summer
▶ Anytime

FULL PROGRAMMING

Reminder: find details of all the activities planned for this Summer on the Town's website.

- 📞 lacbrome.ca/en/events-calendar



Every Sunday from June 25 to Sept. 4
▶ 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

RHYTHM & WINE

Come and admire the view, sip one of our famous cocktails prepared especially for you and listen to the music of local artists.

- 📍 Domaine Les Brome / Léon Couville
285, Brome Rd, Fulford
- 📞 leoncourville.com
- 🆓 Free entrance



All year round
▶ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION: THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN: FINDING HOME IN BROME COUNTY

The Brome County Historical Society invites the public to this exhibition which focuses on British children who immigrated to Canada between 1869 and 1932 due to a program set up by the United Kingdom (British Home Children). More than 100,000 young people, boys and girls, mostly between the ages of 7 and 14, have left everything with only the promise of a better future.

- 📍 Lac-Brome Museum - 130, Lakeside Rd
- 📞 450 243-6782 - info@shcb.ca - lacbromemuseum.ca
- 🍽️ Adults: \$10, Seniors (65+): \$8, Students (7-17): \$6, 0 to 6 years old: Free



June 9
▶ 8 p.m.

FRIDA KAHLO, CORRESPONDANCE

Letters, messages, confessions, poems, diaries... Frida Kahlo wrote herself as she painted herself. During a show with the appearance of a fiesta, mariachi in support, Sophie Faucher plunges head first into the literary and musical universe of this woman of genius, an outstanding figure of Mexican painting.

- 📍 Théâtre Lac-Brome - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
- 📞 450 243-2270 - theatreclacbrome.ca/newsletter - theatreclacbrome.ca

JUNE



Fridays, June 16 and 30
▶ 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BLANKA GALLERY'S BUVETTE

Every other Friday, Blanka Gallery invites you to its Buvette event, a friendly Happy Hour to discover the works of the gallery and drink a glass of privately imported wine in good company. Soft drinks and gourmet boards are also available. With DJ music and a backyard garden, the venue offers a warm and unique atmosphere.

- 📍 Blanka Gallery - 243, Knowlton Rd
- 📞 facebook.com/blanka.galerie



June 17
▶ 8 p.m.

STEVE HILL – DEAR ILLUSION

With several thousand shows to his credit, Steve Hill has built his reputation on the stage. It is with his musicians that Steve Hill presents his latest offering *Dear Illusion*, probably his best album to date in terms of maturity and execution, which marks his 25 years of career.

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
📞 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



June 17 & 18
▶ Starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday and at 7 a.m. on Sunday

TOUR DU LAC-BROME

The Tour du Lac-Brome is a great tradition in Quebec foot racing. This annual event has been held in Brome Lake for the past 43 years and attracts several thousand runners from across the province.

📍 **Lions Park** - 270, Victoria Rd
📞 Info and registration: tourdulacbrome.com



June 18
▶ 3 p.m.

LOUIS RIEL: A COMIC-STRIP STAGE PLAY

Infinithatre dramatizes Chester Brown's famous graphic novel, *Louis Riel: A Comic-Strip Biography*, using puppets. This epic takes us on a journey through the history of Canada at the time of its founding.

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
📞 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



June 18 to August 28
▶ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DOUGLASS BEACH OPENING

Swimming area, sandy beach, picnic areas, washrooms and canteen. Lifeguards on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

📍 **Douglass Beach** - 213, Lakeside Rd
📞 450 242-2020 - lacbrome.ca
📌 Free for residents. Parking meter for non-residents (\$6 < 2 hours and \$20 > 2 hours)



June 24
▶ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LAC-BROME'S FÊTE NATIONALE DU QUÉBEC

Entertainment and games, music and dance. Come celebrate with family and friends! Details will follow.

📍 **Lions Park** - 270, Victoria St.
📞 facebook.com/fetenationalelacbrome
📌 Free



June 25
▶ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ANTIQUES & CRAFTS MARKETS PRESENTED BY THE BROME COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A wide variety of antiques, including antique furniture, art, knick knacks, dishes, books, clothing, crafts, jewelry and many other treasures.

📍 **Lac-Brome Museum** - 130, Lakeside Rd
📞 450 243-6782, ext. 1 : Lisa, ext. 2 : Arlene
lbelanger@shcb.ca - aroyea@shcb.ca - lacbromemuseum.ca
📌 Free for the public rental spaces for vendors

JULY



June 30, July 1 & 2
▶ See online

HOME CHILD, A PLAY BY LAURA TEASDALE

Home Child, by Laura Teasdale is a play based on the true story of a child immigrant sent to the Knowlton Distributing home in 1894.

📍 **Lac-Brome Museum** - 130, Lakeside Rd
📞 450 243-6782, ext. 1 - lacbromemuseum.ca
📌 Ages 12+, \$20



July 1
▶ 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

CANADA DAY

A day of family fun with music, inflatable games and canteen on site, culminating in a magnificent firework display at dusk. Festivities will be postponed to July 2 in case of rain.

📍 **Lions Park** - 270, Victoria St.
📞 lacbromecanaday@gmail.com
📌 Free



July 1
▶ 5 p.m.

KNOWLTON LIONS CLUB CANADA DAY GOODIES!

Join the Lions Club to celebrate Canada's birthday with their free annual treat of cake and ice cream at Lions Park in Knowlton on July 1 at 5 p.m.

📍 **Lions Park** - 270, Victoria St.
📞 Contact: margo.pfeiff@gmail.com
📌 Free



July 3
▶ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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📧 lbelanger@shcb.ca - aroyea@shcb.ca - lacbromemuseum.ca
🆓 Free for the public rental spaces for vendors



July 8
▶ 6 p.m.

QW4RTZ - GALA EVENING

QW4RTZ A CAPPELLA will ignite the room and deliver a Gala evening full of breathtaking magical moments! From country to metal, from classical to electro, through the well-known pop repertoire of yesterday and today, QW4RTZ presents a firework of sketches, vocal stunts and original numbers directed by Serge Postigo.

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
☎ 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



July 15 to 31
▶ Anytime

REMINDER FALL 2023 ISSUE

Deadline to submit your events planned for this fall and allow your info to appear in our next *Events calendar*.

☎ 450 242-2020
📧 info@sirs@lacbrome.ca



July 7
▶ 6 p.m.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS THE RANDOM CHANCE BAND

The Random Chance Band is comprised of 6 local musicians from Knowlton that have been entertaining audiences with shows that include a variety of songs from many musical genres- classic rock, country, R&B, soul, and ballads. The band has a loyal group of fans who fill the dance floor every night and who have helped the band raise over \$30,000 for various charities over the past 10 years.

📍 **Coldbrook Park**
📍 lacbrome.ca/vendredisfestifs 🆓 Free



July 14
▶ 6 p.m.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS MOKATEK ET L'ÉTOILE DISPARUE

For little Mokatek, counting the stars to fall asleep every night is a real pleasure. Since his mother disappeared under the river, he likes to tell his stories to the one that shines brightest in the sky, his compass that protects him from above: the North Star. One night during a full moon, the North Star disappears. It is then the beginning of a journey to find the shining star and to discover the strength and the courage that he carries inside him. A quest towards himself, towards his origin, which will be guided by the spirit of sounds and animals.

📍 **Coldbrook Park**
📍 lacbrome.ca/vendredisfestifs 🆓 Gratuit



July 15 to 23
▶ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

34TH TOUR DES ARTS

Come celebrate the 34th edition of the Tour des Arts, meet the artists and artisans in their studios and enjoy music, theatre, and dance at our evening events! In Brome Lake, you will be able to meet Muriel Faille, Susan Pepler, Michel Beaucage, Ross Parkinson, Marie-France Bourbeau, Loose Canine, and Caroline Lanctôt-Benoit.

📍 **At the registered artists' place**
📍 tourdesarts.com 🆓 Free



July 8
▶ 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

BIBLIOFÊTE

This free family fun day will include lots of activities for children all the young at heart, including: reading of texts by local authors, a bouncy castle, yoga for kids and adults, an art competition, a historical tour of Pettes building, a story walk, a nature walk, music, and much more.

📍 **Pettes Library** - 276, Knowlton Rd
☎ 450 243-6128
📍 pettes.ca - facebook.com/biblio.pettes.library
🆓 Free



July 14
▶ 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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📍 **Blanka Gallery** - 243, Knowlton Rd
📍 facebook.com/blanka.galerie



July 21
▶ 6 p.m.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS: JORDANE

Based on Île d'Orléans, near Quebec City, Jordane reveals her strength and vulnerability through her committed and poetic indie pop songs. With her colourful lyrics, warm voice, strong interpretation and feminine vision, she speaks of sisterhood, mutual support, wounds, nature and resilience. Her music is intimate, carried by contrasting arrangements, both in terms of dynamics and stylistic choices.

📍 **Coldbrook Park**
📍 lacbrome.ca/vendredisfestifs 🆓 Free



July 22
▶ 8 p.m.

GUY BÉLANGER
VOYAGES ET AUTRES HISTOIRES

Harmonica player and singer Guy Bélanger will present his new album *Voyages et autres histoires*. This is an opportunity to return to the stage with a show that offers a stroll along the many paths of blues and folk, without forgetting a few escapades on the side of funk and rock rhythms. Accompanied by his musicians, Guy Bélanger will present several pieces from his vast repertoire.

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
📞 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



July 27
▶ 8 p.m.

TIM & JOE

Two cabaret stars unite as a duo on their quest for their big break. A hilarious show incorporating circus skills, physical comedy and... jazz. We grow to love this amazing duo as they confront their fears, dare to listen to their hearts and follow their dreams.

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
📞 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



July 28
▶ 6 p.m.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS
THE TWO (BLUES)

The blues, vector of torn journeys par excellence, allowed the improbable meeting of the Swiss Thierry Jaccard and the Mauritian Yannick Nanette. Of their solidly anchored roots. In the 20's, an atypical arborescence grows, influenced by modern and creole sounds.

📍 **Coldbrook Park**
📞 lacbrome.ca/vendredisfestifs 🆓 Free



July 30
▶ 7 p.m.

SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARC
CYMBELINE

Part fairy-tale, part historical-fiction, part tragic-comedy - *Cymbeline* is an adventure story with multiple plot twists, all tangling together into a seemingly-impossible knot, making for a miraculous unravelling in the final act.

📍 **Coldbrook Park**
📞 450 243-2270
theatrelacbrome.ca



August 4
▶ 6 p.m.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS
IN-BEAUTY

Hip hop show with 4 performers. In-situ performance. In-Beauty questions the parameters of female gender through its choreographic language, anchored in Hip Hop. How do societal codes influence the image of women? What happens when these rules no longer apply, when we are motivated by an inner strength that overcomes the clichés attached to gender?

📍 **Coldbrook Park**
📞 lacbrome.ca/vendredisfestifs 🆓 Free

AUGUST



August 4 to October 10
▶ Anytime

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📞 Contest rules and online form on the Town's website: lacbrome.ca



August 5 & 6
▶ **Schedule to be confirmed**

SIDE WALK SALE

Details will follow.

📍 **Knowlton** (downtown)



August 6
▶ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ANTIQUES & CRAFTS MARKETS
PRESENTED BY THE BROME COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A wide variety of antiques, including antique furniture, art, knick knacks, dishes, books, clothing, crafts, jewelry and many other treasures.

📍 **Lac-Brome Museum** - 130, Lakeside Rd
📞 450 243-6782, ext. 1 : Lisa, ext. 2 : Arlene
lbelanger@shcb.ca - aroyea@shcb.ca - lacbromemuseum.ca
🆓 Free for the public rental spaces for vendors



August 6
▶ 3 p.m.

J'AIME HYDRO – EXCERPTS AND CONVERSATION WITH SOPHIE BROCHU

A reading of excerpts from the play by Christine Beaulieu and actor Mathieu Gosselin, followed by a conversation between Christine Beaulieu, Sophie Brochu, and Annabel Soutar, author and artistic director of Productions Porte Parole, about the impact of *J'aime Hydro* on energy policy in Quebec.

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
📞 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



Fridays, August 11 & 25
► 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

BLANKA GALLERY'S BUVETTE

Every other Friday, Blanka Gallery invites you to its Buvette event, a friendly Happy Hour to discover the works of the gallery and drink a glass of privately imported wine in good company. Soft drinks and gourmet boards are also available. With DJ music and a backyard garden, the venue offers a warm and unique atmosphere.

📍 **Blanka Gallery** - 243, Knowlton Rd
 📌 facebook.com/blanka.galerie



August 12
► 8 p.m.

SCHOOL - SUPERTRAMP MEMORIES

Since 2002 *School - Supertramp Memories* has been performing at venues and festivals in Quebec and the rest of Canada. The Mauricie-based band has been seducing Supertramp's biggest fans with their rigorous and energetic interpretation of the band's greatest hits. Having sold out six times at the Cogeco Amphitheatre in Trois-Rivières as well as in several other renowned venues, the group offers a breathtaking show. You will be blown away by this nostalgic experience!

📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
 📌 450 243-2270 - theatrelacbrome.ca



August 17
► Schedule to be confirmed

BEACH PARTY

Details will follow.

📍 **Douglass Beach** - 213, Lakeside Rd
 📌 450 242-2020 - lacbrome.ca
 📍 Free



August 18 to 26
► Programmation will soon be available

KNOWLTON FILM FESTIVAL

We are very proud to have Pascale Bussières, also a resident of the Eastern Townships, as our spokesperson for the 4th edition of the KFF! One of the great actresses of her generation, Pascale has had a successful career both in French and English, in Canada and internationally. She has received numerous awards, including the Jutra and Genie awards for best actress for her role in *Ma vie en cinémascope*. More days, More films, More venues... The Knowlton Film Festival is expanding!

📌 Programmation will soon be available on festivaldufilmdeknowlton.ca



August 28
► 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DOUGLASS BEACH IS CLOSING

Last day to enjoy the swimming area, sandy beach, and picnic areas. Washrooms and canteen on site. Lifeguards on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

📍 **Douglass Beach** - 213, Lakeside Rd
 📌 450 242-2020 - lacbrome.ca
 📍 Free for residents. Parking meter for non-residents (\$6 < 2 hours and \$20 > 2 hours)




September 1 to 4
► 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BROME FAIR

Annual fall agricultural fair and exhibition, which takes place in the tiny village of Brome.

📍 345, Stagecoach Rd, Brome
 📌 450 242-3976
bromefair.com



FOLLOW US!

Like us on Facebook and follow us for updates, additions to the schedule, and special activities!

📌 facebook.com/vlbtbl
lacbrome.ca/loisirs
 450 242-2020

La Grande TABLEE
LAC-BROME

juil 7-8 Vitalité Sureau x Patrick Morrissette

juil 21 Léon Courville Vigneron x Lysanne O'Bomsawin

août 5 Ferme Cheeky creek x Chloé Ostiguy

Vivez une expérience gastronomique 5 services directement chez le producteur!

Enjoy a 5-course gastronomic experience directly on the producer's land!

Tous les détails au | More information at tourismelacbrome.ca

LAC-BROME M105 LA ROUTE DES VINGT ANS

LA GRANDE TABLEE

Tourisme Lac-Brome is proud to announce the return of this initiative that showcases the expertise of its artisans. On the menu: an unparalleled gastronomic experience where bucolic landscapes and local expertise meet. The guest chefs, all of whom have

refined their art in the Eastern Townships, will use their creativity to showcase the featured products. Their offerings will be presented in a 5-course menu also made up of local food, all from the farm of one of our participating producers.

More details at tourismelacbrome.ca

VOTRE MARCHÉ PUBLIC EST DE RETOUR POUR L'ÉTÉ!

Your farmer's market is back for the summer!

Tous les samedis
au Théâtre Lac-Brome
Every Saturday
at Theatre Lac-Brome

3 juin au 7 octobre
8 h 30 à 12 h 30
June 3 to October 7
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Knowlton Pub

FARMER'S MARKET
MARCHÉ PUBLIC
LAC-BROME

FARMER'S MARKET

Nearly twenty merchants and producers are waiting for you in the parking lot of the Theatre Lac-Brome to offer you their incomparable fresh artisanal products!

To discover the complete list of the farmer's market merchants: lacbrome.ca/residents/marche-public

Every Saturday morning, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from June 3 to October 7.

267, Knowlton Rd

JULY 15-23
JUILLET 2023
TOUS LES JOURS 10-17 DAILY

RENCONTREZ 32 ARTISTES ET ARTISANS DANS LEURS ATELIERS
MEET 32 ARTISTS AND ARTISANS IN THEIR STUDIOS

34th
TOUR des ARTS

ABERCORN - BOLTON EST - BOLTON OUEST - BROME
KNOWLTON - LAC BROME - MANSONVILLE - SUTTON
www.tourdesarts.com
@letourdesarts

VISITES D'ATELIERS ET VENTE D'OEUVRES
CANTONS DE L'EST - QUÉBEC
STUDIO TOUR AND SALE
EASTERN TOWNSHIPS - QUÉBEC

Du 04 août au 10 octobre
August 4th to October 10th

LAC-BROME

Concours photo contest

Si tu as entre 9 et 17 ans et que tu vis à Lac Brome, montre nous ce que LE LAC t'inspire !
If you are between 9 and 17 years old and live in Brome Lake, show us how you feel about THE LAKE!

TRAVAILLEUR DE PROXIMITÉ JEUNESSE • YOUTH OUTREACH WORKER

Sam est le travailleur de proximité jeunesse à Lac-Brome, Bolton-Ouest, et Brome, pour les 12-25 ans.

Vous le verrez au skatepark, à la plage et à d'autres endroits dans les villages. Il aidera au camp d'été de la Salamandre, organisera des activités de temps en temps et sera une présence positive et sans jugement dans la communauté où se trouvent les jeunes.

Il est aussi disponible pour vos questions, demande d'aide ou de besoin d'information à propos des services sociaux offerts.

Sa priorité est la santé et la santé mentale. Il crée des circonstances qui nous permettent de voir notre situation avec clarté et compassion et d'apprendre à faire des choix différents.



Sam Greenwood
samgaclb@gmail.com
450-830-1016



Sam is the youth outreach worker in Brome Lake, West Bolton, and Brome, for ages 12 to 25.

You will see him at the skatepark, the beach, and at different places in the villages. He will help at the Salamander summer camp, organize activities from time to time, and be a positive and non-judgmental presence in the community where the youth spend time.

He is also available for your questions, requests for help, or information about the social services available.

His priority is health and mental health. He creates circumstances that allow us to see our situation with clarity and compassion and to learn about different possible choices.

[FACEBOOK.COM/ACLB.JEUNESSE.YOUTH](https://www.facebook.com/aclb.jeunesse.youth)

SUMMER 2023 CLASSES

■ KIDS
 🕒 SCHEDULE
 📍 LOCATION
 💰 COST
 📅 DURATION

Unless specified, classes last 8 weeks (from June 26 to August 19) • Registration information: See below



MULTISPORTS / AGES 2-12

7 SPORTS

Offered by 7 Sports, the child will be able to discover and practice 8 sports among more than 21 disciplines including soccer, baseball, rugby, track and field and kin-ball. No competition, no games, just fun through the practice of different skills.
For all levels.

- 🕒 Ages 2-4 (parent-child): 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
- Ages 4-6: 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- Ages 7-12: 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

📅 TUESDAY, JUNE 27

📍 LIONS PARK (GAZEBO)
💰 \$135



“SKATE POUR TOUS” TOUR

PLANCHES COMEBACK SKATEBOARDS

The Comeback Skateboard team proposes a family and inclusive day to introduce as many people as possible to the practice of skateboarding. This day will be accompanied by animation, music and fun! Boards, helmets and protective equipment will be provided to participants.
For all levels.

- 🕒 SATURDAY, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 📅 SATURDAY, JULY 29

📍 LIONS PARK (SKATEPARK) 💰 Free

📌 Registration: comebackskateboards.com/inscription-événement
(40 spots available)



SWIMMING

LIFESAVING SOCIETY PROGRAM

For all levels. Lifesaving society program.

- 🕒 SEE DETAILS ON THE RIGHT
- 📅 FRIDAY, JUNE 30*

📍 DOUGLASS BEACH
📌 See table on the right
📅 8 weeks

IMPORTANT

* Please note that exceptionally for week 1, the classes scheduled on Wednesday, June 28 will be moved to Friday, June 30. The hours mentioned will remain the same. Starting week 2, the traditional schedule will resume.

As of 2023, the Lifesaving Society will be responsible for the swimming program in Quebec. We invite you to consult our [website](#) to better understand the level at which you should register your child.

LEVEL	SCHEDULE	COST
Preschool (Ages 3 - 6)		\$55
Parent and child 3	WEDNESDAY, 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	
	WEDNESDAY, 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Preschool 1	WEDNESDAY, 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	
	WEDNESDAY, 4:40 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.	
Preschool 2	WEDNESDAY, 5:20 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.	
Junior (Ages 6 - 12)		\$65
Swimmer 1 - 2	WEDNESDAY, 10:20 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.	
	THURSDAY, 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	
Swimmer 3 - 4	THURSDAY, 11:10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	
Swimmer 5 - 6	THURSDAY, 12 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.	

CLASSES REGISTRATION

ONLINE

- Online registration at lacbrome.ca/en/loisirs.
- Full payment by credit card upon registration.

IN PERSON

- At Centre Lac-Brome, weekdays, from 1 to 4:30 pm.
- Full payment by credit card, cheque or cash, upon registration.

8-week session: from June 26 to August 19, 2023
Classes registration from March 26 to June 9, 2023

INFORMATION

- Places are limited depending on the group. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- The fees listed apply to residents of Town of Brome Lake and West Bolton, upon presentation of a proof of residence.
- There is a 70 % surcharge for registrations by non-residents.
- **Family discount:** save 5% on the total bill if two or more children register at the same time, for recreational classes.

LOCATION OF CLASSES 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St. 📍 Lions Park - 37, Centre Rd 📍 Douglass Beach - 213, Lakeside Rd
📞 450 242-2020 - info@loisirs@lacbrome.ca & facebook.com/vlbtlb

LAC-BROME

Culture AT HEART



Podcast

Residents of Brome Lake, you have stories to share and we want to hear them! Whatever your profile, you are invited to share your experiences and memories in the new podcast, Voices From the Lake. This is also your opportunity to ask the Town any questions you may have.

lacbrome.ca/en/voices-of-the-lake-podcast/

Artists' Happy Hour

In the spirit of creating a close-knit artistic community, the Town of Brome Lake and its cultural committee invite you to an artists' happy hour. Artists and artisans, please RSVP on the Town's website.

The Happy Hour will take place in late September (more information to come). We look forward to seeing you there!



Group show

Artists of Brome Lake, from September 15 to December 14, 15 to 20 works will be exhibited on our walls as part of a group show.

For more information, and to submit your works, go to the Town's website.

Artists' Directory

The Town of Brome Lake has been working for some time on developing a directory of its artists. This Artists' Directory is now taking shape and will soon be available online! Artists and artisans, if you haven't already done so, you can fill out the online form on the Town's website <https://lacbrome.ca/en/artists-directory/>.



Knowlton Heritage Circuit

The Knowlton Heritage Trail has been updated in collaboration with the Brome Lake Museum. New informative plaques have been installed: if you wish to discover or rediscover the history of Knowlton, now is the time!



Les Articulés Contest

As part of the Articulés contest, you will be invited to vote for your favorite work starting June 8. The winners will be awarded prizes on September 6. Reminder: if you are a participating artist, you have until June 1st to turn in your work.





Fairy Trail

Birdhouses. 2023 Edition: 100 birdhouses will be added in the heart of the fairy trail. To reserve your birdhouse to paint contact Isabelle Daval at info@hors-cadre.ca. Does your 2021 edition birdhouse need some love? Pick it up by June 1st and bring it back to the trail after its renovation. Don't forget to post a photo on our Facebook group Sentier Feerique!

Painted pebbles. Want to participate? Easy. You can drop your painted pebble on the Fairy trail at the indicated places. Don't forget to take a beautiful picture and to post it on our Facebook page, "Sentier Feerique".

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GRATUIT - FREE

**TOUS LES VENDREDIS
DU 7 JUILLET
AU 4 AOÛT
DÈS 18H !**

**EVERY FRIDAY FROM
JULY 7 TO AUGUST 4
AT 6 PM**

AU PARC COLDBROOK - AT COLDBROOK PARK

**déplacé au Théâtre Lac-Brome en cas de pluie
relocated to Théâtre Lac-Brome in case of rain

7 Juillet | July 7



**THE RANDOM
CHANCE BAND**

*Musique anglophone
Anglophone music*

14 Juillet | July 14



**MOKATEK
ET L'ÉTOILE
DISPARUE**

*Culture autochtone
Native culture*

21 Juillet | July 21



JORDANE

*Musique francophone
Francophone music*

28 Juillet | July 28



THE TWO

*Musique du monde
World music*

4 Août | August 4



IN BEAUTY

*Danse
Dance*

PLACES LIMITÉES - LIMITED SEATING

APPORTEZ VOS CHAISES | BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS

