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# Happy New Year!

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A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

# A BUDGET EXERCISE FILLED WITH CHALLENGES



Dear fellow Citizens of Brome Lake,

As we approach the end of the year, it is already the time for your municipal councillors and staff to begin looking at budget forecasts for the coming year. When you read this, the exercise will be almost finished. The entire budget for 2024 will be presented during a special sitting of Council which will take place on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

I can tell you that these inflationary times have created numerous challenges. In full transparency, this has been the most difficult budget exercise since I became Mayor in 2013. In parallel with what we are living in our personal lives, the cost of numerous services such as, for example, snow removal, has exploded. Our cultural and community partners, as well as suppliers who do business with the town, also face increases in costs and manpower.

With this new reality in mind, we must find a fair balance between the quality of service offered to the population and the fiscal burden placed on the shoulders of taxpayers. This is the mission given to our municipal team and I'm confident that it will comply with the mandate, no matter how difficult.

## OUR NEW PUMP TRACK IS OPEN!

You will understand if I pass up the opportunity to try it out, but I am very happy to see this new installation added to our offering of family activities. A number of families are already taking advantage of it and this is a pleasure to see.

In closing, at this festive time, I would like to take a moment to offer you, dear readers, my warmest wishes. May the magic of the holiday period bring you joy and comfort and may the new year bring you health, happiness and prosperity.

On behalf of the entire municipal team, I wish you a happy holiday period and an excellent new year! ■



VILLE DE LAC-BROME  
TOWN OF BROME LAKE



Richard Burcombe  
Mayor, Town of Brome Lake



## OUR PUMP TRACK STARTS WITH A BANG!

It is wonderful to note that our new pump track, inaugurated in October, is already very popular among the youth of Brome Lake!

Every day, weather permitting, dozens of young people and some older ones can be found behind the Centre Lac-Brome with their scooters, bicycles or skateboards to try our new pump track!

For those who are not familiar with the concept, a pump track is a paved track with a number of bumps and turns that allow the users to gain speed without putting a foot on the ground. The more skillful practitioners can also perform athletic maneuvers. Believe us, if you try it, you'll love it!

### COMING UP

Additional work will be performed next Spring to improve the track. A lighting system will be installed so that the users can take advantage of the space for longer periods during the day.

The official inauguration of our pump track will take place sometime in the Spring. Several activities will be organized around the event! We will keep you informed. ■

## STRATEGIC PLAN INFORMATION SESSIONS PLANNED FOR THE START OF 2024



The elected officials and the municipal team are hard at work preparing the new strategic plan. At the end of January, citizens of Brome Lake will be invited to information sessions where they will be advised of the latest developments.

Follow our various platforms after the holidays to learn more! ■

# SEVERAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE WORKS



A number of residential projects are active within the territory at the present time, at various stages of development. Some have already received the first of numerous authorizations required by the Town, while others are looking for buyers.

This is a look at them:

Location	Type of Project	Stage of Progress
Mill Road	20 duplexes	Agreement in principle given - proceeding towards a protocol of understanding
Frizzle Road	28 lots for single-family dwellings	Soon ready to build
Tibbits Hill Road	Approximately 29 lots for single-family dwellings	Agreement in principle given - environmental issues to be resolved
Julien Street	Seven multi-family lots (a maximum of eight lodgings per building)	Ready to build
Knowlton Road	Multi-family buildings (a maximum of ten buildings)	One building under construction

# TOWN PLANNING 101

While the Town of Brome Lake plans to launch the revision of its Town Plan in 2024, let us review certain terms frequently used in town planning.

## The Town Plan

The Town Plan, as defined by *le Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation (MAMH)*, is an essential document which establishes the objectives for the physical organization of the municipality. It offers a global vision of the territorial set-up and represents the most important document in terms of municipal planning.

## Densification

According to the organization *Vivre en ville*, "Densification refers to a method of growth of a city which consists of increasing the number of residents or activities (businesses, offices, daycares, etc.) in areas that are already urbanized rather than encouraging an extension of the city into areas that are not built-up[...] It has the potential of consolidating established neighborhoods by promoting the vitality of services and the profitability of existing facilities (businesses, schools, public transport, water services, etc.)"

## Urban Perimeter

All of the projects mentioned above are built within the urban perimeter. What does this term mean exactly? The urban perimeter designates the defined limit around an urban zone, encompassing the structures and the activities associated with an urban development. This includes residences, infrastructures, and public spaces.

Often defined by municipal regulations, the urban perimeter seeks to plan and control urban development expansion for a more efficient management of resources and the preservation of the environment.

It promotes the coherent development of inhabited zones by encouraging their sustainability and the quality of life. The management of the urban perimeter is crucial to balance urban expansion and preserve natural resources.

## Land Use

The concept of land use refers to the activities authorized in a zone, in accordance with the Town Plan. The uses are defined within the territory, taking into consideration their complementarity and compatibility with the environment.

For example (*see the picture below*), zone URA-27, in the area of Bourgade and Jean-Lapierre Streets on the map, is a low-density residential zone. The authorized use is limited to single family dwellings, meaning a house that does not share a wall with any other residence.

## Zoning Bylaw

According to the MAMH, a zoning bylaw allows for the division of the territory into zones in order to control land use and building construction as well as the siting, form, and appearances of the construction (for example, their height). ■

Map of Zone URA-27 (in the area of Bourgade and Jean-Lapierre Streets)



**UNDERSTANDING A ZONING CODE**

Let's take the URA-27 zone as an example, illustrated on the map:

- URA refers to a low-density urban zone
- 27 indicates the number sequence assigned to this zone. This is the 27th URA zone (out of 27).

# CELEBRATING 20 YEARS FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS!



*Current Brome Lake First Responders Brigade. From left to right: Glenn Mason, Steven Russell, Syed Mohamed, Kaylla Young, John Rhicard, Vivien Grenier, Pierre Laplante, Jarod Gagnon, Alfie Musto, Mayor Richard Burcombe, Marija Hozjan, Brien Grenne (back), Ghislaine Lebel, Jean-Sébastien Dionne, Sylvie Morin, Celie Cournoyer, Reginald Gauthier, Frances Jones, Lucy Davis, Pierre Brien (instructor) and Philippe Hébert. In front: Chief of Operations Alan Bowbrick. Absent from photo: Stéphanie Corbière and Robert Bournival, Joey Page, Paul Rogerson, Catherine Tremblay, Jean-François Vaillancourt, Curtis Cousens, Jay Ploss and Alain Roy.*

The atmosphere was festive on October 28<sup>th</sup> during the evening celebrating 20 years of existence of our First Responders service. During this special event, several previous first responders were honored for their commitment. Alan Bowbrick, Head of the Service, Reginald Gauthier, Glenn Mason and Philippe Hébert all received the Governor General's Medal in recognition of their 20 years of service as first responders of Brome Lake.

Municipal councillor Pierre Laplante, who is a first responder and former Brome Lake firefighter and policeman, was awarded a commemorative plaque and a trophy to highlight his impressive 48 years of service to our community. Thank you, Pierre, for everything that you have done and still do!

Vivien Grenier, Alan Bowbrick and Philippe Hébert were also awarded the Golden Heart (*le Cœur d'or*), in recognition of an intervention in 2021 which resulted in a successful cardiac resuscitation.

Finally, Stéphanie Corbière and Robert Bournival, both of whom are current members of the team, were promoted to the rank of officer.

The First Responders service of Brome Lake, which also serves the municipality of West Bolton, was started in 2003. Several members of the first team were also present at the evening: Alan Bowbrick, Thomas McGovern, Alan Gauthier, Amy Brown, Christina Faludi, Sherry Irwin, Reginald Gauthier and his son Justin Gauthier.

Thank you to all for your involvement and dedication. You contribute to making Brome Lake a safer place! ■



*From left to right: Alan Bowbrick, Glenn Mason, Philippe Hébert and Reginald Gauthier!*



*Stéphanie Corbière, Alan Bowbrick and Robert Bournival.*



*Our Councillor Pierre Laplante was very moved when he received his plaque and trophy for his 48 years of service to Brome Lake!*



*Members of the 2003 First Brigade. From left to right: Alan Bowbrick, Thomas McGovern, Alan Gauthier, Amy Brown, Christina Faludi, Sherry Irwin, Reginald Gauthier and Justin Gauthier, the latter's son.*

*Alan Bowbrick, Vivien Grenier and Philippe Hébert.*



## OUR ENVIRONMENT



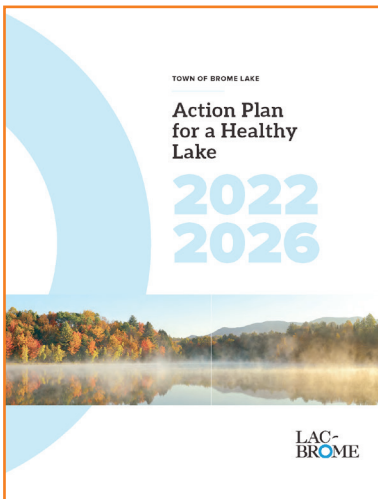
# ENVIRONMENT: A LOOK AT 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Nautical patrol officer  
Jean-Luc Marcil.

In 2023, the Town of Brome Lake resolutely decided to take a leadership position in terms of the environment on its territory by announcing the hiring of an environmental advisor and by putting a number of concrete actions in place. Here's a list of a few of these.

### Winter:



Our Action Plan for  
a Healthy Lake 2022-2026.

- a) Awarded of a grant to Conservation Lac Brome to follow up on water quality, hire a part-time biologist and implement certain steps to improve the health of the lake.
- b) Started monthly meetings with the consultative committee on the environment for the year 2023, thereby consolidating community involvement.
- c) Launched the *Action Plan for a Healthy Lake 2022-2026*, the result of collaboration between the Town of Brome Lake, Conservation Lac Brome and l'Organisme de bassin versant (OBV) de la Yamaska.

### Spring:

- d) Strengthening of the regulations concerning shorelines around the lake with the delivery of a letter to the owners who did not respect the rules, requesting that they conform.
- e) Public presentation on the *Action Plan for a Healthy Lake* by councillor Louise Morin during the annual general meeting of Conservation Lac Brome.
- f) Opening of the cleaning station for watercraft, that remained open until Labour Day.
- g) The Town joined the OBV Yamaska in a program encouraging the creation of rain gardens with technical aid and a municipal grant of up to \$1000.

- h) Beginning of the nautical patrol five days a week to sensitize pleasure craft users by pointing out the importance of respecting navigational limits to prevent shoreline erosion and sedimentation.
- i) The installation of two charging stations in the parking lot of Theatre Lac-Brome.

### Summer:

- j) Official hiring of Anaïs Renaud, our new advisor on environmental matters.
- k) Publication of *Identification and control sheets for the main terrestrial invasive alien species*.
- l) The testing of septic installations was carried out in certain risk areas.
- m) A vegetized shoreline was built at Carke Park.
- n) A guide outlining good shoreline practices was sent to new residents of Brome Lake.
- o) Infraction notices were issued to non-conforming shoreline residents; a first in Brome Lake.
- p) Evaluation of our performance in terms of the management of rainwater by following a self-diagnosis from the *Regroupement des organismes de bassins versants du Québec (ROBVQ)*.

### Autumn:

- q) Mayor Richard Burcombe invited the municipalities of the Brome Lake watershed to participate in the follow-up committee for a healthy lake, promoting an integrated management of the lake water.
- r) Collection of Halloween candy wrappers for recycling.
- s) Implementation of a program for the vegetation of the lakeshore for certain targeted owners.

This report for the year 2023 is an excellent exercise for the Town of Brome Lake. It demonstrates its continued undertaking in favor of the environment by taking tangible action to ensure the sustainability of the community and the preservation of the lake. ■



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## ALL YEAR ROUND



**January 19, February 16, March 22 & April 19**  
**► 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



**Amis des sentiers  
Lac-Brome**

**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](http://clubdelabonnehumeur.ca)
- 🆓 Free



**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 - [theatrelacbrome.ca/newsletter](http://theatrelacbrome.ca/newsletter) - [theatrelacbrome.ca](http://theatrelacbrome.ca) & [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/theatrelacbrome)
- 🆓 Free



**All Winter, Monday to Saturday**  
**► Various schedules (subject to change)**

**CLUB DE LA BONNE HUMEUR DE LAC-BROME: WINTER 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: Winter 2024 (Schedules and prices subject to change)**



# CBH ACTIVITIES - WINTER 2024



More info at: [www.clubdelabonnehumeur.ca](http://www.clubdelabonnehumeur.ca)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>ESSENTRICS</b> avec Sophie Deshaies 9h à 10h - 105\$ 15 janvier - 15 sem pour information : 450-243-5620	<b>LES CAUSERIES</b> du CBH 9h30 / 4e mardi du mois Responsable : Marc Pelletier 450-243-6677	<b>PETITES QUILLES</b> 10h 17 janv - 10\$/partie Cowansville  <b>CARDIO VITALITÉ</b> 10h à 11h - Plage Douglas 17 janv- 10 sem / 138\$	<b>LES AMIS DES SENTIERS</b> 10H - En continu Gratuit Inscription via l'infolettre Responsable Richard Dubois 450-242-1003	<b>YOGA</b> avec Chantal de Muys 19 janvier 9h30 à 11h Information auprès de Chantal de Muys 450-521-4833	<b>BRIDGE DÉBUTANT 3</b> 9h30 à 12h30 20 janv. 10 sem. Roger Rouleau 450-955-1410 7\$ le cours
<b>TAI CHI YANG</b> avec Lolita Dalpé 10h30 à midi - 15 jan. 12 sem. - 120\$ Responsable : Louise Lavallée 450-779-8346	La Dictée du CBH 9h30 - 3e mardi du mois Responsable : Martine Martel 613-297-2060	<b>QI GONG</b> avec Lolita Dalpé 10h30 à midi 17 janv- 13 sem 130\$	Nouveauté Information à suivre	Les vendredis sociaux	<b>PICKLEBALL</b> 13h à 15h & 15h à 17h 15 sem. École St-Édouard \$ variable Information Doreen Drolet 819-918-4768
<b>BRIDGE</b> 13h00 à 16h30 24\$/année calendrier Jean Plaisance 450-243-0010	<b>-DANSE EN LIGNE</b> avec Murielle Verreault 16 janv - 15 sem Débutant 2-intermédiaire 13h - 82 \$ Débutant 1 15h / 82 \$ Louise Lavallée 450-243-5620	<b>ENGLISH SCRABBLE DUPLICATA</b> 13h / en cours Gratuit  <b>BILLARD</b> 19h à 21h 17 Janv. - 15 sem.	<b>SCRABBLE FRANÇAIS DUPLICATE</b> 18 janv - 14 h Gratuit Responsable : Doreen Drolet 819-918-4768	Jeux de société 13h 19 janvier Gratuit	Code des couleurs
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📍 **Club de la Bonne Humeur de Lac-Brome** 📞 450 243-5620 - [info@clubdelabonnehumeur.ca](mailto:info@clubdelabonnehumeur.ca) - [clubdelabonnehumeur.ca](http://clubdelabonnehumeur.ca) 🆓 Prices subject to change



**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](mailto:atelier@virginhillcoffee.com) - [virginhillcoffee.com](http://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 - [mggacalb@gmail.com](mailto:mggacalb@gmail.com) - [facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS](https://facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS)  
 🆓 Free



**Wednesdays**  
 ► 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CLUB 9-12**

Club 9-12 is back with an entrepreneurial theme. Come and create your own business while having fun. Free snacks offered - limited places. See page 13.

📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.  
 ⓘ Claire Citeau: 450 242-2020 ext. 306  
[claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca](mailto:claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca)  
 🆓 Free



**Mondays (Every 2 weeks)**  
 ► 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**COFFEE-BREAKS ANIMATED BY SOCIÉTÉ ALZHEIMER BROME-MISSISQUOI ET HAUTE-YAMASKA**

Coffee-Breaks for the caregivers of a person with a cognitive impairment. Coffee-Breaks animated by Société Alzheimer Brome-Missisquoi et Haute-Yamaska in collaboration with ACLB. You are the caregiver of a person with a cognitive impairment? Discover the Coffee-Breaks. A safe space to share with other caregivers, explore new things, and get support in a warm, familiar, and safe environment.

📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.  
 ⓘ Marta Gubert Gomes - Seniors Outreach Worker:  
 450 204-9423 - [mggacalb@gmail.com](mailto:mggacalb@gmail.com) - [facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS](https://facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS) 🆓 Free



**Tuesdays**  
**From January 23 to March 26**  
 ► 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ART BETWEEN US**

Tuesday January 23: Beginning of the session of 10 artistic meetings of the group "Art Between Us".

📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.  
 ⓘ 450 242-1908 - [info@hors-cadre.ca](mailto:info@hors-cadre.ca)  
 🆓 Free

**ZUMBA POUR AÎNÉS**  
**ZUMBA FOR SENIORS**

11 Janvier au 28 mars  
 10h à 11h  
 Centre Lac-Brome  
 January 11 to March 28  
 10am to 11am

Activité animé par Debbie Bailey  
 Frais de participation 20\$ pour la session  
 Activity hosted by Debbie Bailey  
 Participation fee \$20 for the session

**Thursdays**  
**From January 11 to March 28**  
 ► 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**ZUMBA FOR SENIORS**

Session from January 11 for March 28. Activity hosted by Debbie Bailey. With support from Table de concertation aînés de Brome-Missisquoi. See page 13.

📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.  
 ⓘ Marta Gubert Gomes - Seniors Outreach Worker:  
 450 204-9423 - [mggacalb@gmail.com](mailto:mggacalb@gmail.com) - [facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS](https://facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS)  
 🆓 \$20 for the session



**Mondays and Wednesdays**  
 ► 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**PARENT-CHILD WORKSHOP**

Activities, conferences, outings, etc.

📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.  
 ⓘ Claire Citeau: 450 242-2020 ext. 306  
[claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca](mailto:claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca)  
 🆓 Free



**TBA**  
 ► **Weather permitting**

**ICE RINKS OPEN**

Keep an eye on our website ([lacbrome.ca](http://lacbrome.ca)) for rink openings!

📍 **Various locations**  
 ⓘ [lacbrome.ca/loisirs/activites-hivernales](http://lacbrome.ca/loisirs/activites-hivernales)  
 🆓 Free

## DECEMBER



Events Calendar

All Winter  
► Anytime

### EVENTS CALENDAR FULL PROGRAMMING

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

📍 [lacbrome.ca/en/events-calendar](http://lacbrome.ca/en/events-calendar)



December 1, 2 & 3  
► 7 p.m. (Dec. 1 & 2) / 2 p.m. (Dec. 3)

### THE KNOWLTON PLAYERS PRESENT "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids – probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem – and the fun – when the Herdmans collide head-on with the story of Christmas! See page 13.

📍 Théâtre Lac-Brome - 9, Mont-Écho Rd  
📞 Tickets: [knowltonplayers.ca](http://knowltonplayers.ca) & [thepointofsale.com/tickets/thebestchristmaspageantever](http://thepointofsale.com/tickets/thebestchristmaspageantever)



Until December 31  
► Anytime

### THE LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Lions Club Fundraising Campaign once again seeks your support for our community work. Go to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) - search key words "Lions Club Knowlton" - or mail cheques to Box 3766, Knowlton QC, J0E 1V0.

📞 450 242-2280



December 2  
► Starts at 1 p.m.

### KNOWLTON LIONS CLUB'S ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The annual Santa Claus parade takes off from Windmill Plastics on Victoria Street at 1:00 pm, finishing at Knowlton Academy with a Santa visit. Want to join in with a float or animals? Show up earlier to be placed in the lineup.

📞 450 242-2280



December 2 & 3

### ENJOY CHRISTMAS IN THE VINEYARD

Take a sleigh or horse-drawn carriage ride while enjoying a glass of delicately spiced mulled wine. Then, choose from our Christmas gift sets, the delicious gifts for wine and gourmet food lovers on your list. Finally, discover our exceptional wines at our animated tastings. Book a horse-drawn carriage ride on our website [leoncourville.com](http://leoncourville.com).

📍 Léon Courville Vigneron - 285, Brome Rd, Lac-Brome  
📞 [leoncourville.com](http://leoncourville.com)



December 7  
► 8 p.m.

### TIRE LE COYOTE - PULSATION

For a few concerts only, Tire le coyote will be performing with pianist and multi-instrumentalist Jérôme Beaulieu. A rare opportunity to be at the heart of the most beautiful songs of the singer-songwriter. This duet meeting will give way to Tire le coyote's unique voice, carried by Beaulieu's great talent as an exceptional musician.

📍 Théâtre Lac-Brome - 9, Mount-Echo Rd  
📞 450 243-2270 - [theatrelacbrome.ca](http://theatrelacbrome.ca) & [facebook](https://www.facebook.com)



December 9  
► 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### LIONS CLUB CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD / PICK UP

Those who have arranged for Christmas gift cards must pick them up at Centre Lac Brome between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.  
📞 For information: 450 242-2280



December 9  
► 10 :30 a.m. (Door open at 10 a.m.)

### CHRISTMAS SHOW

Attend the family Christmas show and discover the world of Ben the magician! Snacks and gifts will be distributed after the show in collaboration with the Club optimiste de Lac-Brome. See page 15.

📍 Centre Lac-Brome (Buchanan Hall) - 270, Victoria St.  
📞 450 242-2020



December 9  
► 4 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH "THE COMMUNITY SINGERS"

A concert in English and French to get you in the Christmas spirit! All funds raised will be donated to Académie Knowlton for their breakfast program.

📍 United Church of Knowlton - 234, Knowlton Rd  
📞 Voluntary contribution at the entrance



**December 9**  
 ▶ 5 p.m. to Midnight

**MIDNIGHT MADNESS**

The traditional Midnight Madness is back! Come and discover many merchants and products of Brome Lake in a magical holiday atmosphere. For the occasion, Lakeside Road will be accessible to pedestrians only! What to expect: light juggling, projections of short Christmas films, Christmas choirs, outdoor fire, BeaverTails foodtruck, Christmas music, etc. See page 19.

- 📍 **Downtown**
- 📄 More details on Facebook: [facebook.com/foledeminuit](https://facebook.com/foledeminuit)



**December 9 to March 17 (All day)**  
 ▶ Opening on Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

**7<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF THE GARDEN OF MAGIC LANTERNS**

Colourful Christmas lanterns decorated by children and adults from our community will light up the heart of the village, our "Cœur Villageois". What a great way to kick off Midnight Madness!

- 📍 **Coldbrook Park**
- 📄 For information: 450 292-5880 - [info@hors-cadre.ca](mailto:info@hors-cadre.ca)
- 🆓 Free



**December 9 to March 17 (All day)**  
 ▶ Opening on Dec. 9 at 5 p.m.

**4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION - FAIRY TRAIL**

The magical path, along the Coldbrook River, is transformed into a world of gnomes and fairies thanks to the participation of young and old in our community.

- 📍 **Coldbrook Path (Between Lakeside Rd and Maple St.)**
- 📄 For information: 450 292-5880 - [info@hors-cadre.ca](mailto:info@hors-cadre.ca)
- 🆓 Free



**December 15**  
 ▶ Noon

**TBL WELLNESS VOLUNTEER CENTRE / CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Limited seats.  
 Reserve by December 8.  
 Transportation available.

- 📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.
- 📄 Reservation: 450 242-2020
- 💰 \$5 contribution - For all TLB seniors



**December 16**  
 ▶ 8 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS WITH JOE BOCAN**

Enchanted by her participation in the show *Noël, Une Tradition en Chanson* last December, where she shone and won warm applause from the audience, Joe Bocan proposes an intimate show accompanied by her two musicians for the 2023 holiday season, which she directs herself. Knowing her artistic bent, there's no doubt that this show, with its colourful and playful repertoire, will be original, festive and astonishing, and an opportunity to gather around the Christmas values so dear to Joe Bocan.

- 📍 **Théâtre Lac-Brome** - 9, Mount-Echo Rd
- 📄 450 243-2270 - [theatrelacbrome.ca](http://theatrelacbrome.ca) & [facebook](https://facebook.com/theatrelacbrome)



**December 28**  
 (Postponed to the 29 in case of bad weather)  
 ▶ 6 p.m.

**FIREWORKS**

A dazzling display of fireworks will light up the winter sky over Coldbrook park.

- 📍 **Coldbrook Park**

**JANUARY / FEBRUARY**



**February 11**  
 ▶ 10 a.m. to noon

**VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS**

Valentine's Day crafts on February 11 for 18 months to 12 years.

- 📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.
- 📄 Claire Citeau: 450 242-2020 ext. 306  
[claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca](mailto:claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca)
- 🆓 Free



**February 11**  
 ▶ Schedule TBA

**OPTI-GÉNIES CONTEST CLUB OPTIMISTE DE LAC-BROME**



- 📍 **Lakeview Inn** - 50, Victoria St.
- 📄 Micheline: 450 243-0325  
 Colette: 450 243-1921



**February 25**  
**► Schedule TBA**

**ORATORICAL AND KID SPEAK OUT CONTESTS**  
**CLUB OPTIMISTE DE LAC-BROME**

📍 **Lakeview Inn** - 50, Victoria St.  
 📞 Micheline: **450 243-0325**  
 Colette: **450 243-1921**

## MARCH



**March 24**  
**► 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Brome Lake Optimist Club invites you to its 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Easter Egg Hunt. Snacks, arts and crafts and make-up.

📍 **Centre Lac-Brome** - 270, Victoria St.  
 📞 Micheline: **450 243-0325**  
 Colette: **450 243-1921**  
 🆓 Free

**THE KNOWLTON PLAYERS PRESENT**

**Christmas Pageant Ever**

By Barbara Robinson

Presented by arrangements with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French Inc.

Directed by: Jessica Brown  
 Produced by: Donald O'Hara  
 Stage manager: Juli Peasley. Costumes: Linda Carey  
 Piano: Danny Foster

At Theatre Lac-Brome  
 9, ch. du M. Echo, Knowlton  
 November 24,25,26 & December 1,2,3

Tickets on sale now!!

[www.knowltonplayers.ca](http://www.knowltonplayers.ca)

**CLUB 9-12**

WEDNESDAYS, FROM 3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM  
 JANUARY 24 TO MAY 29  
 CENTRE LAC-BROME

A STIMULATING BUSINESS CREATION PROJECT  
 GAMES, INTRODUCTION TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND HANDICRAFTS

REGISTRATIONS

- At Centre Lac-Brome
- Online : [lacbrome.ca](http://lacbrome.ca)

**FREE**

450 242-2020, poste 306  
[ville.lacbrome.qc.ca/aisirs](http://ville.lacbrome.qc.ca/aisirs)  
[claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca](mailto:claire.citeau@lacbrome.ca)

**ZUMBA POUR AÎNÉS**  
**ZUMBA FOR SENIORS**

11 janvier au 28 mars  
 10h à 11h  
 Centre Lac-Brome  
 January 11 to March 28  
 10am to 11am

Activité animé par Debbie Bailey  
 Frais de participation 20\$ pour la session  
 Activity hosted by Debbie Bailey  
 Participation fee \$20 for the session

POUR PLUS D'INFORMATION / FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 Marta Guibert Gomes  
 Travailleuse de proximité/Senior outreach worker  
 450-204-9423  
[mggacib@gmail.com](mailto:mggacib@gmail.com)

Avec l'appui de / With support from  
 Table de concertation aînés de Brome-Missisquoi

# LAC-BROME

Culture AT HEART



## Vernissage : Children's exhibition

Fresh on the heels of the youth photo contest and the Journées de la culture, we're proud to be exhibiting the works of our budding artists at the Centre Lac-Brome. The works will be on display from December 15 to March 8. A vernissage - open to all - will be held at the Centre on Friday, December 16.

Friday, December 16, 4-6pm, Centre Lac-Brome.

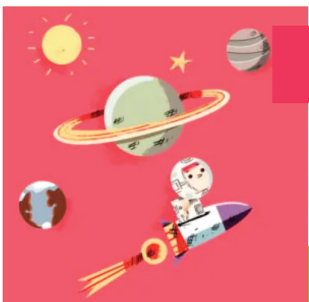
## Podcast release : Voices from the Lake

The recordings are ready and the podcast is on its way, full of beautiful childhood memories and historical anecdotes. A very warm thank you to all those who relayed the call and to the generosity of those who agreed to share a few fragments of their history!

[lacbrome.ca/en/voices-of-the-lake-podcast/](http://lacbrome.ca/en/voices-of-the-lake-podcast/)



## SPACE PROGRAM



### Episode 1 : The solar system

On **January 8**, Les Neurones atomiques will be presenting a workshop for 1st to 3rd grade children.

The solar system to scale, info on the planets, experiments on gravity, magnetism, gyroscopes, "space" photos and an aurora borealis! Get ready for a fascinating journey to the heart of the solar system!

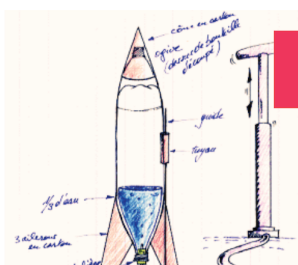
*In French.*

### Episode 2 : The Moon

On **February 9**, it's Profaqua's turn to present a workshop entirely dedicated to the Moon, for 4th and 5th graders.

Your astronauts for a day will embark on a journey to a satellite through a variety of experiments! From the various lunar phases to the Apollo 11 mission, the Moon will have no hidden face for your scientists! They'll even make their own craters out of Moon dirt!

*In English.*



### Episode 3 : Mini rocket

On **February 16**, Les Débrouillards are offering a Mini rocket workshop for children aged 8 to 12.

Build your own mini rocket and take part in its launch! Can reach a height of 30 metres!

*In French.*

# Spectacle de Noël

## Christmas Show



9 DÉC. 9

**CENTRE LAC-BROME**  
Salle Buchanan Hall

**10 H 30**

**10 H** ouverture  
des portes

**10:30 A.M.**

doors  
open at **10 A.M.**

**Gratuit!**

Ben le magicien

**Free!**

Ben the magician

**Après le spectacle**  
collations et distribution de  
surprises en collaboration avec le  
**Club optimiste de Lac-Brome**

**Snacks and gifts will be distributed**  
after the show in  
collaboration with  
**Brome Lake Optimist Club**



# WINTER 2024 CLASSES

■ KIDS 
 ■ ADULTS 
 🕒 SCHEDULE 
 📍 LOCATION 
 💰 COST 
 📅 DURATION  
 Unless specified, classes last 10 weeks (from January 8 to March 16) • Registration information: See page 18



## GYMNASTIC – AGES 5 TO 11

**ISABELLE GIASSON**

Develop the skills, confidence and passion of gymnastics while having fun! For all levels.

🕒 MONDAY, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
📅 FIRST CLASS: MONDAY, MARCH 18

📍 ST. EDOUARD SCHOOL  
💰 \$230

📞 Registration: 450 919-1095 - [academieisabellegiasson@hotmail.com](mailto:academieisabellegiasson@hotmail.com)  
📅 Note: session starts on March 18



## 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 tennis, kin-ball, cricket, football, tchoukball, basketball, dance and more. No competition, no games, just fun through the practice of different skills. For all levels.

🕒 SATURDAY, Ages 2-4 (parent-child): 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.  
🕒 SATURDAY, Ages 4-6: 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.  
🕒 SATURDAY, Ages 7-12: 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.  
📅 FIRST CLASS: SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

📍 ST. EDOUARD SCHOOL  
💰 \$135

📅 9 weeks



## THEATER – AGES 8-13

**BRENDA CARR**

Come and meet friends while discovering, exploring, and developing acting and theatre skills. Through fast-paced games, improv and fun exercises, movement and voice, create your own characters and stories to perform for each other and for a final week's performance, if desired. For all levels.

🕒 THURSDAY, 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
📅 FIRST CLASS: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

📍 CENTRE LAC-BROME  
💰 \$125  
📅 10 weeks



## BADMINTON

**THERE IS NO TEACHER**

Open practice. For all levels.

🕒 TUESDAY, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
📅 FIRST CLASS: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

📍 ST. EDOUARD SCHOOL  
💰 \$25



## BALANCE FOR SENIORS (AGES 65+)

**ANDREA WILSON**

Exercises designed to prevent falls and increase your confidence. Offered in partnership with the *Wellness Volunteer Centre for Seniors*. For beginners.

🕒 TUESDAY and THURSDAY, 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
📅 FIRST CLASS: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

📍 CENTRE LAC-BROME  
💰 \$125





## CARDIO PUMP

**NATHALIE GAUVREAU**

A full body workout with cardio resistance training and stretching at the end. All done to motivating music and a great group to work out with. For all levels.

🕒 **TUESDAY and/or THURSDAY: TUESDAY, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. • THURSDAY, 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.**  
**FIRST CLASSES: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 or TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

📍 **CENTRE LAC-BROME**

🗣️ **Check with the teacher**

📞 **Registration: 450 525-3014 - natgauvreau@gmail.com**



## DANCE-FITNESS

**ANNE-LISE PREUSSER**

Promoting cardiovascular fitness, calorie loss and body mobility, the Dance-Fitness class is the perfect opportunity to workout to rhythmic music. Moderate level.

🕒 **THURSDAY, 6:05 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.**  
**FIRST CLASS: THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

📍 **ST. EDOUARD SCHOOL**

💰 **\$132 - Drop-in: \$15**



## FIT FOR LIFE (AGES 55+)

**ANDREA WILSON**

Fun, motivating, no-fuss fitness class for active adults. Suggested for ages 55+ and anyone looking for a low impact workout. Moderate intensity. For all levels.

🕒 **TUESDAY and/or THURSDAY, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**FIRST CLASSES: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 or TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

📍 **CENTRE LAC-BROME**

💰 **\$147**



## FITNESS FOR SENIORS

**ANDREA WILSON**

Strength, balance and aerobic exercises to stay fit for everyday life. Offered in partnership with the *Wellness Volunteer Centre for Seniors*. For all levels.

🕒 **TUESDAY and THURSDAY, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**FIRST CLASS: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

📍 **CENTRE LAC-BROME**

💰 **\$125**



## TAI-CHI CHUAN

**GUY CÔTÉ**

Gentle, precise movements helping to develop strength, flexibility and increase overall well-being. For all levels.

🕒 **MONDAY, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.**  
**FIRST CLASS: MONDAY, JANUARY 8**

📍 **CENTRE LAC-BROME**

💰 **\$160**

📅 **10 weeks**



## THEATER - 14 AND OLDER

**BRENDA CARR**

Come and meet friends while discovering, exploring, and developing acting and theatre skills. Through fast-paced games, improv and fun exercises, movement and voice, create your own characters and stories to perform for each other and for a final week's performance, if desired. For all levels.

🕒 **THURSDAY, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
**FIRST CLASS: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**

📍 **CENTRE LAC-BROME**

💰 **138 \$**

📅 **10 weeks**



## ▶ CLASSES REGISTRATION

10-week session: from January 8 to March 16, 2024  
Classes registration from December 11, 2023, to January 20, 2024

### ONLINE

- Online registration at [lacbrome.ca/en/loisirs](http://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.

### INFORMATION

- Places are limited depending on the group. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

### 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. 📍 St. Edouard School - 376, Lakeside Rd  
📞 450 242-2020 - [info@lacbrome.ca](mailto:info@lacbrome.ca) & [facebook.com/vlbtlbl](https://www.facebook.com/vlbtlbl)

# OPÉRATION CADEAU GIVE <sup>OR</sup> AND TAKE <sup>A</sup> GIFT



**POUR DONNER  
TO GIVE**

**POUR I FOR**  
adultes ou enfants  
adults or children

**POUR PRENDRE  
TO TAKE**

### Pour que le cadeau soit accepté :

- Ne doit pas être emballé.
- Ne doit pas être comestible.
- Doit être neuf ou en très bonne condition.
- Doit être déposé au Centre Lac-Brome avant le jeudi 7 décembre.

### For your gift to be accepted :

- Must not be wrapped.
- Must not be edible.
- Must be new or in very good condition.
- Must be dropped off at the Centre Lac-Brome before Thursday, December 7.

**ET/OU  
OR/AND**

### CENTRE LAC-BROME

À partir du lundi 4 décembre

Sur les heures d'ouverture :

Lundi au jeudi : 8 h à 16 h 30

Vendredi : 8 h à 12h

### Starting Monday, December 4

During business hours:

Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Il n'est pas nécessaire de donner un cadeau pour en prendre un. Vous pouvez participer à l'Opération Cadeau à la hauteur de vos moyens.

You do not have to give a gift to take one. You can participate in the project according to your means.



# Marché de Noël de Lac-Brome

Lac-Brome Christmas Market

09 décembre. 17 h à minuit

December 09<sup>th</sup>. 5 p.m. to midnight

Venez découvrir plusieurs commerçants et produits de Lac-Brome dans une ambiance féérique du temps des fêtes. Marché de Noël, dégustations, expositions et plusieurs autres activités vous y attendent.

Come and discover several merchants and products from Lac-Brome in a magical holiday atmosphere. Christmas market, tasting, exhibition and many other activities await you there.

## Folie de Minuit

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Artisans. Festivités.  
Artisans. Festivities.



### BOUTIQUES PARTICIPANTES / PARTICIPATING STORES

- 1 Hors-Cadre Atelier-Galerie
- 2 Le Relais
- 3 Boutique Iris Setlakwe
- 4 Camlen
- 5 Boutique Windrush
- 6 Chouquette et Amandine
- 7 Friperie Karma
- 8 La Pantry de Knowlton
- 9 Le Bouquet de Knowlton
- 10 Boutiverre
- 11 Arts et Antiquités à la Carte
- 12 Les Filles du coin
- 13 Artlab 341
- 14 Galerie Art Lab
- 15 Belles Choses
- 16 Brome Lake Books
- 17 Boutique Rococo
- 18 Knowlton General
- 19 Le Panier Champêtre
- 20 La Touche Finale
- 21 Bibliothèque Pettes
- 22 L'épicerie d'Émilie
- 23 Caron & Frères Knowlton
- 24 Barnes Home Hardware
- 25 Sapin Bistro du Lac
- 26 Théâtre de Lac-Brome
- 27 The Well

### ESPACE DÉGUSTATION / TASTING AREA

- La Knowlton Co.  
Léon Courville Vigneron  
Clos Saragnat  
Domaine ValBrome

### ESPACE MARCHÉ DE NOËL / CHRISTMAS MARKET AREA

- K.C. Ça
- Passion Bellefeuille
- Out of the Craft Closet
- Mana Davina
- Herbes Orford
- Christine Marchand-Céramiste
- Équinoxe - Ferme Cidricole
- Misfits Creations

- Obscenely Knotty
- Gigi Art
- Lucy Pietraszkiewicz
- Vivre Ici Decor

- Loubijou
- I Am Lovelee
- Le Loom
- Farm House Baking Supplies

- Sylvie Ouimet
- Duog's Delicacies
- Rebecca Bailey
- Fafard Select
- Scentsy
- Double Zero Pasta
- Belle Vintage
- Viviane Hillinger

- Carbon Linving
- F. Cabana - Artiste
- Rue Des Sables
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