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Happy Holidays!



A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

A NEW VALUATION ROLL AND PERSPECTIVES ON 2025

Dear fellow citizens,

Over the last few weeks, you will have received a letter by mail detailing the new valuation of your residence, which will take effect on January 1st. With an average increase of 51.8% of the total evaluation role, the Town of Brome Lake is reaching new heights.

The valuation of a property obviously serves as a basis for the calculation of municipal taxes, but an increase of the valuation does not necessarily indicate an increase in taxes. This amount is the result of a combination of the tax rate, established by Council during the budget meeting in December, and the valuation of the building.

I can, however, assure you that the elected officials will be mindful of this significant increase in determining the level of taxation; a task which is being carried out as we write these lines. I would encourage you to attend when the budget provisions for the coming year are presented during the Council meeting which will take place on December 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Centre Lac-Brome.

On another subject, the next municipal elections are just around the corner. We are, in fact, 11 months away. I would invite you to get actively involved in our community.

Becoming a candidate or supporting one is a valuable experience which allows you to participate directly in the decisions that will shape the future of the Town of Brome Lake. Our town needs diverse voices and new perspectives to respond to the needs of the population and to face the challenges of tomorrow. Do

not hesitate **to familiarize yourself with the process** involved in becoming a candidate and to consider this opportunity.

In closing, the Town, at its Council meeting in November, presented a new language policy. As a result of the reform of the French language charter which took place two years ago, let me remind you that the Town of Brome Lake has opted for the status of a bilingual town, and this allows it to continue to communicate with its citizens in French and in English.

A further step was taken recently when other administrative documents such as certain minutes and regulations may be translated into English. I would invite you to read the text on page 4 to learn more.

The year 2024 is coming to a close and, on behalf of my colleagues on Council, I would like to offer you our warmest wishes for the holiday season. May this time be filled with joy, peace and precious moments spent with those closest to you. As we prepare to welcome the new year, let's wish that 2025 brings everyone health, happiness and prosperity.

Happy holidays and happy new year! ■



VILLE DE LAC-BROME
TOWN OF BROME LAKE



Richard Burcombe
Mayor, Town of Brome Lake

A BUDGET AND A NEW VALUATION ROLL – WHAT TO EXPECT?

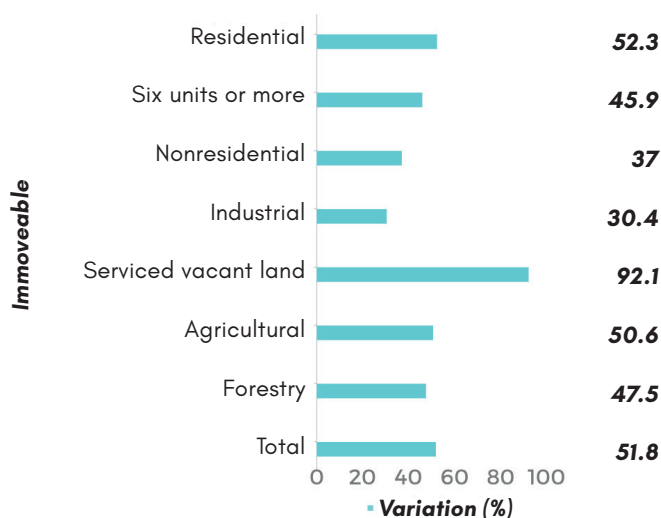
Next year, a new property assessment roll will come into effect, a process that is repeated every three years. According to the information provided by the independent firm of accredited evaluators Jean-Pierre Cadrin et associés, the taxable realty inventory of the municipality will see its value rise from 2.14 billion dollars to 3.25 billion dollars, an average increase of 51.8%. The average value of a property will increase from \$507,700.00 to \$ 772,200.00.

The values set out in the valuation roll take into account the market conditions as of July 1, 2023, in accordance with the Act respecting municipal taxation.

Before going any further, it is essential to point out that an increase in the valuation roll does not necessarily indicate a tax increase. The amount of taxes depends on a combination of the value of the property and the taxation rate fixed by the Municipal Council when the budget is adopted in mid-December. At the time of writing, we can already inform you that the residential tax rate will drop from \$0.615 per \$100 of assessment to \$0.42, making it one of the lowest in Quebec.

With the exception of condominiums and serviced vacant land where the new valuation roll presents values that have increased by more than 80%, the other immovables in the area present similar increases with a few exceptions.

The following table shows the main variations in categories of immovable and residential values:



Information meeting on how to calculate valuation

On November 6th, an information meeting took place at Centre Lac-Brome to explain how a valuation roll is produced and to answer questions from the 120 citizens who were present. [Click here](#) to watch or to repeat this meeting on the Town’s YouTube channel.

Although the representatives of Jean-Pierre Cadrin et associés, our evaluators, were not able to answer some questions dealing with specific cases, citizens are invited to contact them directly at 1 877 843-1635 with individual questions.

Revision Request

If you wish to contest your new property valuation, you can submit a Revision Request by following the instructions set out in the Notice of Evaluation that you have received. The final date for filing a request is April 30, 2025. For more information, including the form to be completed and the costs associated with a Revision Request, please consult the [Property Evaluation section](#) on the Town’s website. ■

TAX BILLS ONLINE: A PLATFORM WITH MULTIPLE ADVANTAGES

It is now possible to access your tax bill from the comfort of your home!

The Town of Brome Lake now allows residents to consult their tax bill online.

With your tax bill in hand, follow these four easy steps to access your file online:

1. [Visit this website](#)
2. Create an account
3. Click on “Property” to add your residential address
4. Then add your 2024 tax bill*

* You will need your tax bill number and the amount of your first payment.

▶ **Think green!** Activate this option: “Receive my bills online” and you will receive an e-mail as soon as your account is available online, as well as a reminder of the payment dates. ■

OBTAINING A PERMIT ONLINE: IT’S NOW POSSIBLE!

Simplify the steps involved in making a permit request [by filing your request online](#) today. Whether it’s for a renovation project or new construction, our online platform is designed to simplify and accelerate your requests. No need to come into the town hall; you can submit the necessary documents, follow the progress of your project and receive updates by e-mail.

This service will save time, reduce the amount of paperwork and avoid line-ups.

▶ Please note that it is preferable to make your permit request at least 60 days before the proposed commencement of work. For any questions, [our team is there](#) to help you. ■

ADOPTION OF A NEW LINGUISTIC POLICY

The Town of Brome Lake has recently adopted a new linguistic policy.

The Guidelines for the use of a language other than the official language, adopted by Council on November 4th, results from the most recent revision of the French language Charter in 2022.

All departments, government organizations and municipalities are required to adopt and transmit to the Ministry of the French Language a specific directive intended principally for its staff. This directive sets out the rules and conduct applicable in terms of language matters within the organization and the exceptions thereto.

With its bilingual status, the Town of Brome Lake may use a language other than French for signage and in its documents, its services and its use of technology, its denomination, its internal communications and its communications with other recognized organizations, as well as in its orders of the day and its minutes of public meetings.

Moreover, on its Internet site, the Town will publish new documents of consultation translated into English:

- minutes of Council meetings
- minutes of the Town Planning Committee (CCU)
- selected by-laws on planning, public security, public works, the environment and administration.

We should point out that, under the legislation in effect, the French version of each document is the official document and in the case of any discrepancy, the French version will always have precedence over the English text.

You may consult the [Guidelines for the use of a language other than the official language by clicking here.](#)

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!

In addition to its Internet website, the Town of Brome Lake uses other social media tools to communicate with its citizens. By signing up with [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), you'll have access to a vast array of information, whether it be notices to citizens, various upcoming events, road work, etc.

Follow us to remain well informed! A reminder: all important information is also published on our website.

NAUTICAL PATROL ACTIVITIES: A REVIEW OF THE SUMMER OF 2024



Having started its activities in June, the washing station conducted 1555 washing operations.

Boaters were numerous this summer on Brome Lake. This is why Nautical Patrol increased their interventions to ensure safety throughout the summer season. Patrollers put in a total of 350 hours on 79 days of patrolling and performed 1073 interceptions. These resulted in 94 expulsions from the lake because of violations of the regulations concerning the wearing of safety vests and flotation equipment.

Intervention of the Sûreté du Québec

In parallel, the Sûreté du Québec carried out 11 outings on the lake as well as two surveillance operations in the vicinity of the lake. These enabled the police to intercept 174 boats, resulting in 111 warnings and one infraction notice, details of which were not released.

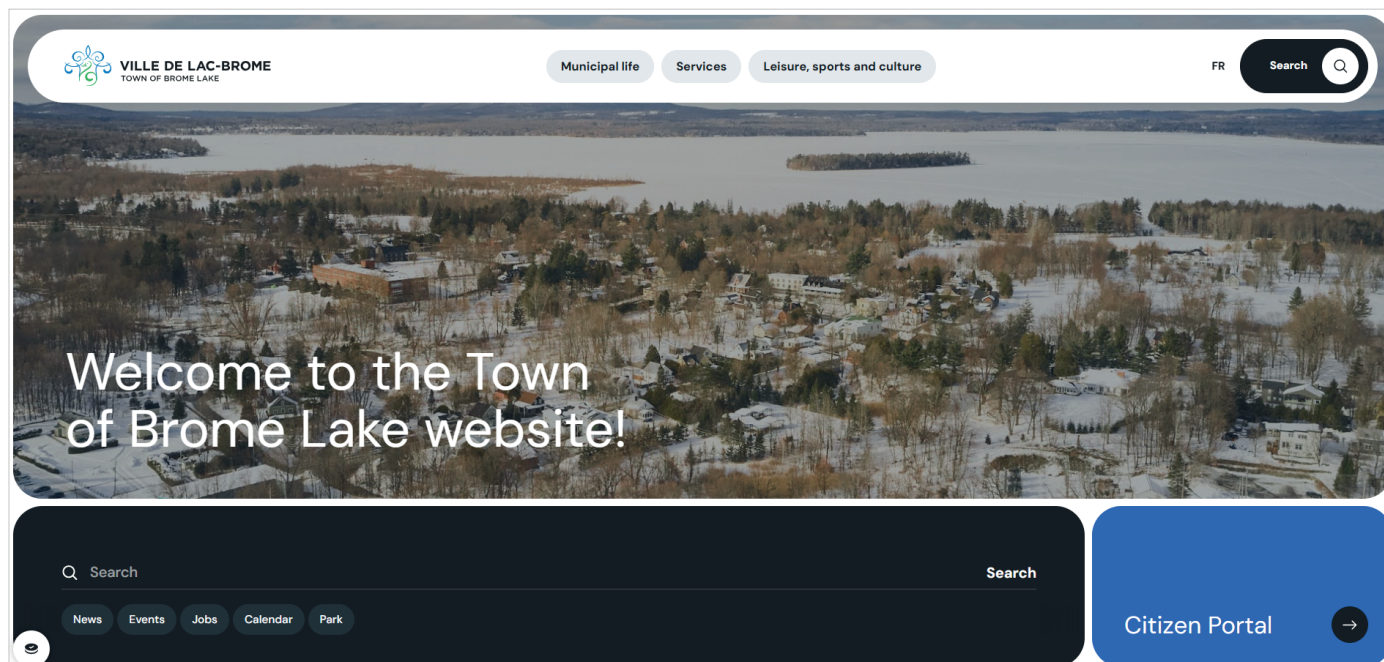
Washing of boats and increasing awareness of the regulations

The work of publicizing [regulations about the cleaning of boats](#) must be pursued, from what we have seen.

May we remind you that since the beginning of the summer, boat owners are required to clean and obtain a certificate of cleaning before boats are launched in the lake if they have been on other bodies of water. As for residents, whether they are shoreline residents or not, they may obtain a navigation sticker for Brome Lake without being required to provide proof of cleaning, provided, of course, that they use their boat only on our lake.

At the end of the last summer season, 1555 washing operations were conducted by the washing station and approximately 350 stickers were given to resident owners of motorized boats.

A NEW WEBSITE AND CITIZEN PORTAL FOR CHRISTMAS!



▲ Here's a look at the new Town of Brome Lake website.

The Town of Brome Lake is pleased to unveil its new website including a citizen portal. This is a project on which the Communications and Citizens' Relations Service has been working over the past few months with the Blanko firm.

In order to improve the users' experience, the Town decided to move forward with modernizing its website, which was last revised in 2017.

Because close to 60% of the approximately 5,200 monthly users reach the site with a mobile device, the site was designed to ensure optimal navigability on all types of equipment.

The addition of a simplified menu, a new interactive map and an improved search engine are part of the innovations we are very pleased to present.

All the information relating to democratic life can now be found in the category "Municipal Life", while various services offered to the population are included under their respective names. The category entitled Leisure, Sports and Culture gathers together a vast amount of information on different activities.

The new search engine provides quick access to information using keywords and the interactive map offers an overall view of facilities and services, allowing searchers to locate various points of interest.

New online services for citizens

With this new website, users may still submit permit requests online and, with the new citizen portal, this function will be improved over the coming months.

And because, in its most recent Strategic Plan, it has given

itself as an objective the increase of citizen participation, the Town wishes to install a consultation module, as soon as 2025. This will enable the opinions of residents to be collected on various subjects, in a timely manner.

This restructuring of our website reflects our efforts to improve communications and services offered to the community. Go to lacbrome.ca/en to discover these innovations.

▶ In fact, an online public consultation was conducted in the past weeks about the Brome Lake Farmer's market. The 2024 season closed on October 12th and the Town wanted to survey the population regarding its level of satisfaction.

Here are a few highlights:

Of the 182 respondents who visited the public market one or more times during the past season, 64.2% said they were satisfied or very satisfied with their experience, and 80.7% said they would recommend the Brome-Lake Farmer's market to friends and family.

As for the variety of products on offer, 64.8% of those surveyed who attended the market rated it as good or excellent, and 77.4% said it was well or very well organized.

In terms of infrastructure, 84% of visitors were satisfied with the rest areas, 82.4% with access to the site and 79.6% with parking.

This exercise will enable the city to prepare for the 2025 season, while taking into account the suggestions and recommendations submitted.

Thanks to all participants! ■

A REVIEW OF THE LAST TOURISM SEASON



▲ *Midnight Madness is one of the most popular events in Brome Lake.*

With the warm weather months behind us, we can now review the tourism season! Our colleagues at Tourisme Lac-Brome are able to produce positive statistics on tourist traffic for the past months.

The information collected indicates that more than 91% of the visitors come from Quebec, of which 12.4% come from Montreal and almost 39.7% from the Eastern Townships. A good number of our visitors also come from Ontario and the Eastern United States (Vermont, Maine, Boston and New York).

The Town of Brome Lake is proving to be a destination of choice for excursionists, which Tourisme Québec defines as a person making a day trip outside of his or her own city for a distance of approximately 40 kilometers. It is not surprising, therefore, to note that the average length of a visit is 6.7 hours. According to their profile, they visit Brome Lake approximately three to six times during the summer season.

From May 1st to September 30th, it is estimated that almost 35,000 people (individual visitors) passed through Brome Lake, including excursionists and tourists (which implies one- or two-night stays).

Regarding tourists, the majority of this clientele spends one or two nights in the Town of Brome Lake. It is estimated that, on average, they returned two or three times during the summer season.

Visitors from the Eastern Townships

These are the six destinations from which the majority of visitors from Quebec come:

- ▶ • Montreal
- Granby
- Sutton
- Bromont
- Cowansville
- Sherbrooke

These are the four attractions or events which draw the most visitors to Brome Lake:

- ▶ • Midnight Madness
- Tours relating to Louise Penny
- Tour du Lac-Brome
- Knowlton Literary Festival

In closing, Tourisme Lac-Brome wishes to salute the contribution of the 24 tourism businesses acting as ambassadors of our wonderful municipality. They offer quality services and information on available activities, restaurants and events. [Click here](#) to find the complete list of our ambassadors.

The Ambassadors of Brome Lake program was launched in 2020. These local participants offer an exceptional experience to everyone entering their premises. ■

2024 UPDATE ON OUR ACTIVITY TO PROTECT NATURAL AREAS

It is now time to present a review of the year's environmental achievements. The Town's team has made significant efforts in 2024 to minimize threats to our natural areas, in accordance with the Environmental Protection strategies set out in the 2024-2028 strategic plan.

These are the main actions achieved in environmental matters:

Management of exotic invasive plants

- Adoption of a [by-law requiring the washing of boats](#)
- Application of the by-law on nautical patrol
- Operation of the boat washing station
- Control of the Japanese Knotweed on the Coldbrook Trail
- Control of the common water weed in the Eugene area
- Control of poison ivy at Douglass Beach
- Control of Giant Hogweed on 15 municipal lots
- Characterization and mapping of 280 colonies of invasive aquatic plants on municipal lots
- Prioritization of colonies to be controlled in the coming years

Quality of the lake water

- Sampling of the lake and Yamaska River water from June to September
- Characterization of the tributaries of the lake
- Financial assistance for the cleaning of the lake in June

Follow-up committee on the [Action plan for a healthy lake](#)

- Creation of a committee dedicated to following up on efforts to preserve the lake

Revegetation of the shoreline

- Visits to 174 shoreline properties to determine the width of the revegetation of the shoreline. A summary will be sent to these owners during the winter of 2025
- Financing of a program to pursue the revegetation of the shoreline
- Distribution of a [guide about best practices to owners of shoreline property](#)

Management of rainwater

- Financial assistance for the creation of six rain gardens on residential properties
- Creation of a rain garden at Douglass Beach to facilitate drainage of rainwater from the roof of the building
- Information panel about rain gardens (coming in December)

Environmental communication

- Launch of the video [Ensemble, conservons le lac Brome](#)
- Various presentations made by the Environment Advisor to citizens and municipal employees
- Organization of conferences and training sessions on environmental matters for elected officials and municipal employees

Sustainable mobility

- Acquisition of an electric bicycle for the staff of the environment team
- Acquisition of an electric vehicle for the technical services team

These initiatives were made possible by the cooperation of citizens, the volunteers on the Town Planning Committee (CCE), and local partners. Together, let us continue to protect our natural areas and our unique landscape. ■



▲ In 2024, our environmental team took particular care to eradicate invasive exotic species.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING BETWEEN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY AND THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY

At the end of October, a special meeting took place at the Auberge Lakeview Inn: the Knowledge Cafe. This meeting brought together some 20 participants from the artistic community and the tourism industry of the Town of Brome Lake. This was an opportunity for the actors in both fields to enter into a dialogue and create synergy.

On tap, notably: workshops for interveners, networking, opportunities to create synergy and discussions of various ways to enrich the experience of visitors to Brome Lake. All of this took place in an atmosphere of camaraderie.

An experience to be done again! ■

COMPOSTING IS INCREASING!



The collection of organic material started in 2019 in the Town of Brome Lake. Five years after its launch, the results are significant; statistics indicate that the citizens have taken to this initiative and are pursuing their efforts to reduce the amount of material going to landfill sites.

As of its first year of implementation, the collection of organic material permitted us to reduce the compostable material (including dead leaves) collected over the territory by 466 metric tons. This amount reached 648 tons in 2023, representing a progression of almost 39% over 5 years. As for the current year, more than 600 tons of organic material have been collected between January 1st and October 31st, 2024. These facts indicate that the weight of organic material collected in the Town of Brome Lake has increased year after year since the introduction of brown bins.

A ton of garbage that did not go into landfill

Once collected, organic material is sent to the composting site of the Zone-éco in Cowansville, previously called the Régie intermunicipale de gestion des matières résiduelles de Brome-Missisquoi. This site, which receives 18,000 tons of organic residue annually, can produce 8,000 tons of mature compost each year. Once transformed, this compost is distributed free of charge to citizens at the eco-centre.

Since its opening in 2018, the composting site of Brome-Missisquoi has been able to redirect 67,278 metric tons of material from being buried in the landfill.

We must remember that under the Environment Quality Act, it is the regional municipalities which have the responsibility to plan the management of waste material. Cities, towns and municipalities are responsible for the collection of garbage, organic and recyclable materials as well as bulky items.

Targets to achieve in the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi

In its most recent Residual materials management plan (RMMP) 2023-2030, the Brome-Missisquoi MRC has set an objective to recycle 70% of organic material by 2027*, including food waste, compostable residue and municipal biosolids.

By setting such an objective, the MRC will meet the targets fixed by the Quebec government's 2019-2024 Action Plan as well as the strategic focus on organic waste of the *Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs*.

*Residual materials management plan of the Brome-Missisquoi MRC

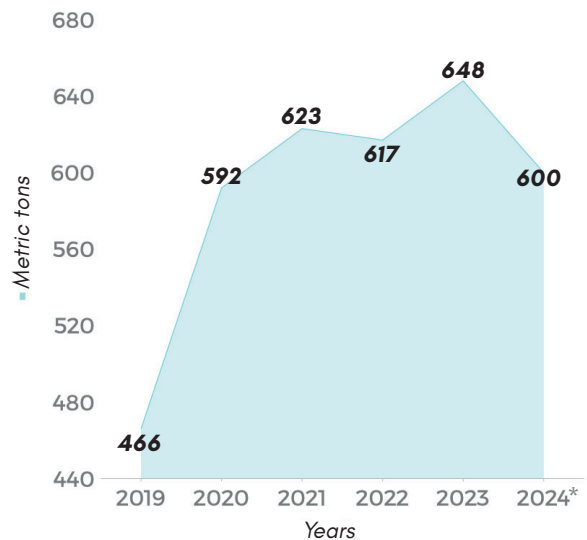
In anticipation of the winter season, here are a few recommendations:

- avoid putting liquid residue in your brown bin
- wrap your residue in a newspaper or a paper bag
- you may freeze your organic residue in your freezer before putting it in your brown bin
- line the bottom of your brown bin with a number of sheets of newspaper or pieces of cardboard in order to absorb dampness and facilitate dumping

What you can put in your brown bin?

1. things you eat
2. things that you garden
3. paper and cardboard that is not waxed or soiled

Summary of the weight in metric tons of organic material collected in the Town of Brome Lake (including dead leaves)



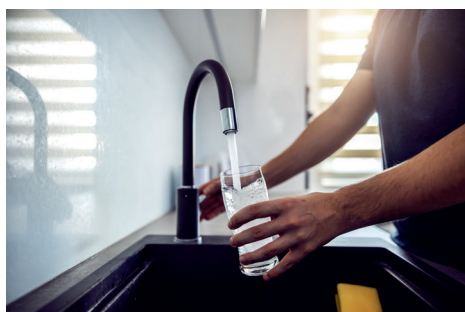
* (January 1st to October 31st): 600 (Organic material only)



A RETROSPECTIVE ON THE EARLY CHILDHOOD WEEK

In mid-November, the Town of Brome Lake Brome celebrated the Early Childhood Week, a special week for the wee ones! Thank you to all who came out for this event, a special moment to recognize the importance of young children and their families.

In order for each young person to grow up with dreams and aspirations, it is essential to create a stimulating environment where everyone feels safe. Highlights of the event included a speech by Acting Mayor Lee Patterson and a flag raising. ■



DID YOU KNOW?

Like every other municipality that distributes water, the Town of Brome Lake follows a schedule of sampling under the provisions of Quebec's regulations governing the quality of drinking water. The frequency and type of sampling are established according to the characteristics of our wells and our distribution network. Samples are taken in different areas on the territory within the network by qualified staff and analyses are conducted by an independent laboratory.

The microbiology is verified weekly, while certain physical-chemical parameters are validated monthly, tri-monthly or annually. In the event of non-conformity, appropriate steps are taken to protect the health of the public.

In this manner, the Town of Brome Lake undertakes to offer safe and high-quality water for its citizens. ■

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EVENTS CALENDAR



January 24 and February 21 ▶ 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 the website: clubdelabonnehumeur.ca
- ☎ 450 242-1003
- 🆓 Free



**Club
de la Bonne Humeur
de Lac-Brome**

Winter activities

Club de la Bonne Humeur de Lac-Brome
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 at page 20 or go online.

- ☎ 450 243-5620
- info@clubdelabonnehumeur.ca
- clubdelabonnehumeur.ca



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, Mont-Écho Rd
- ☎ 450 242-2270
- theatrelacbrome.ca/fr/infolettre
- theatrelacbrome.ca
- 🆓 Free



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

Free tasting!
Virgin Hill Coffee Roasters
Join us on the first Saturday of every month for a free tasting!

- 📍 Virgin Hill Coffee Roasters - 770, Lakeside Rd
- ☎ ateliervirginhillcoffee.com
- virginhillcoffee.com - 450 539-5222
- 🆓 Free



Tuesdays ▶ 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Art Between Us
Beginning of the session of 10 artistic meetings of the group "Art Between Us". From January 21 to March 25, 2025.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- ☎ szablabranche@gmail.com
- 450 292-5880
- 🆓 Free



Fridays ▶ Arrival time 12:45 p.m. - From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Lake Brome duplicata bridge club
A social place where you can encounter and stimulate your intellect. It is a game where you develop your memory and attention all in a friendly environment every Friday at the Community Center. We also offer a beginner's course. The

bridge session is supervised by a bridge director.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- ☎ Colette Martial: 450 955-1410
- colettemartial@videotron.ca
- 🆓 \$5/person



Ice rinks open

► **Weather permitting**

Keep an eye on our website for rink openings!

📍 Different locations
📞 450 242-2020



ATELIER PARENTS-ENFANTS

Mondays and Wednesdays ► 9:30 a.m. to noon

Parent-Child Workshop

Join our Parent-Child Workshops, where parents and children (aged 0-5) participate in fun and interactive activities together. Strengthen bonds, explore creativity, and learn

through play!

📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
📞 450 242-2020
📧 ressourcefamilleaclb@gmail.com
🆓 Free



Events Calendar

All Winter ► Anytime

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

DECEMBER



November 29 to December 8

Knowlton Players presents "The Alibis"

When eccentric billionaire J. Leslie Arlington is murdered, a clueless detective finds the suspects are all reluctant to admit their alibis... because they were all committing other ridiculous crimes at the time.

Performance in English only.

📍 Théâtre Lac-Brome - 9, Mont-Écho Rd
📞 450 915-0562
📧 knowltonplayersboxoffice@gmail.com
🌐 knowltonplayers.ca



Until December 31st

The Lions Club Fundraising Campaign

The Lions Club Fundraising Campaign once again seeks your support for our community work.

Go to **canadahelps.org** - search key words "Lions Club Knowlton" - or mail cheques to Box 3766, Knowlton QC, JOE 1V0.

📞 For information: 450 242-2280



December 7 ► 1 p.m.

Knowlton's annual Santa Claus Parade

The annual Santa Claus parade takes off from Windmill Plastics on Victoria Street at 1 p.m., 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.

📞 For information: 450 242-2280
🆓 Free



December 10 to 13

Assembly of lanterns

► **Tuesday 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
Wednesday 11, from noon to 7 p.m.
Thursday 12, from 9 a.m. to noon

Installation of lanterns at Coldbrook

Park: December 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.
 Volunteers expected!

📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
 (Meeting room and locker room)
 📧 info@hors-cadre.ca
 450 242-1908



December 11 ► 7 p.m.

**Ciné-Club:
 1995 by Ricardo Trogi**

In 1994, Ricardo abandoned his dream of becoming a filmmaker. However, a call rekindled the artistic flame of the young man whose application was selected as one of the finalists in the 1994-95 edition of La Course. "Even if six years have passed between the 1991 and 1995 releases, it's with the same joy that we rediscover the funny and touching universe of Ricardo Trogi's

series of autobiographical comedies". *Le Journal de Montréal*

📍 Théâtre Lac-Brome - 9, Mont-Écho Rd
 📞 450 242-2270
 info@tlbrome.com
 theatrelacbrome.ca



December 14 ► From 10 a.m.

**Brome County
 Historical Society's
 Christmas Bake Sale**

Stock up on Christmas goodies prepared by an army of generous volunteers.

Donations of packaged baked goods

can be dropped off at the Museum
 Friday, December 13 until 3 pm.

📍 Lac Brome Museum - 130, Lakeside Rd, Knowlton
 📞 450 243-6782, ext. #1
 info@shcb.ca
 museelacbrome.ca



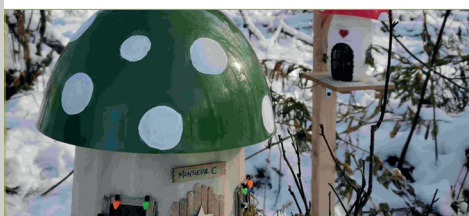
December 14 to March 16 (every day)

8th edition of the magic lantern garden

► **Inauguration on December 14 at 5 p.m.**
 A multitude of lanterns decorated by the young and old of our community light up every evening in the heart of the village, our Village Heart.

What a great kickoff to Midnight Madness!

📍 Coldbrook Park
 📧 info@hors-cadre.ca
 450 242-1908



December 14 to March 16 (every day)

5th edition - The fairy trail, world of gnomes and fairies

► **Inauguration on December 14 at 5 p.m.**
 The fairy trail along the Coldbrook River is transformed into a world of gnomes and fairies thanks to the participation of young and old in our community. Decoration contest! Prizes to be won!

📍 Coldbrook Trail (between Lakeside Road and Maple Street)
 📧 info@hors-cadre.ca
 450 242-1908



December 13 ► Noon

TBL Wellness Volunteer Centre / Christmas Lunch

► **For all TLB seniors**
 Limited seats. Reserve by December 6.
 Transportation available.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- ☎ Reservation: 450 242-2020
- 🆓 Free (for all TLB seniors)



December 14 ► 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Lions Club Christmas gift card / Pick up

Those who arranged for Christmas Gift Cards must pick them up at the Lac Brome Community Centre between 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Please enter by the side door.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St. (Please enter by the side door)
- ☎ For information: 450 242-2280



December 14 ► 10 a.m. - Door open at 9:45 a.m.

Christmas show

Dive into the magic of Christmas with "The Snow Sweepers," an extraordinary circus show for the whole family! Snacks and gifts will be distributed

after the show in collaboration with the Club optimiste de Lac-Brome.

- 📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
- ☎ 450-242-2020



December 14 ► 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.

- 📍 Downtown
- 📱 Follow the following page for more details: Facebook.com/foliedeminuit



UTA Brome-Missisquoi Courses and talks winter 2025 session (in French only)

Are you 50 years old or older and do you like to learn? Here is a program that might interest you. No prerequisites required and no exam... just the pleasure of learning together!

Courses

- Colonial History of the Eastern Townships by Laurent Busseau;
- Artificial intelligence: introduction to ethical, political and social issues by Thomas Adetou;
- The Arctic, permafrost and climate change by Frédéric Bouchard;
- Humanity in the Cosmos by Robert Lamontagne;
- Canada's National Security: Secrets, Threats and Issues by Thomas Juneau-Katsuya;
- Kings and Emperors by Louis Lavoie.

Talks

- Cowansville over time - its territory and some outstanding characters explained by Michel Racicot;
- Genocides in the Twentieth Century explained by Joannie Daigneault;
- Podiatry in Quebec and common pathologies: with Dr. Frédéric Lapointe.

Special Presentation

- Climate change and its effects on the health of older adults: with Dre Mélissa Généreux.

Entries

- 📍 **Online** : Starting December 18 at 10 a.m. until the maximum number of attendance is reached usherbrooke.ca/uta/prog/estrie/brm
- 📍 **In-person** : December 18 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Cowansville Library, Pauline-Martel Room, 608 South Street (entrance through the parking lot)
- 📱 usherbrooke.ca/uta/prog/estrie/brm uta.brome.missisquoi@gmail.com



December 19 ▶ 8 p.m.

**Montréal Guitare Trio (MG3)
Concert de Noël autour du monde /
Christmas Around The World**

Back by popular demand at Théâtre du Lac Brome! Considered one of the finest ensembles in the country, the Montreal Guitar Trio (MG3) has been imposing its virtuosity and breathtaking stage presence at home and abroad for over 25 years. On the program: Christmas music such as Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, Danny Elfman's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, Vince Guaraldi's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and much, much more! The three

brilliant guitarists of Montréal Guitare Trio reinterpret them in their own way, with ingenious, unique and unstoppable arrangements. As eclectic as they come, MG3 handle the guitar like no other, delivering high-flying performances. Audiences come back for more!

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☎ 450 242-2270
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December 20 ▶ 6 p.m.

Holiday Cocktail

Free for active members; \$40 non-members (which also buys their membership for a year).

📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
☎ 450 243-6782, ext. #1
info@shcb.ca - lacbromemuseum.ca
🎟 Members: free
Non-members: \$40



December 28 ▶ 6 p.m.

Fireworks

The traditional fireworks display will take place on Saturday, December 28, at 6 p.m. (postponed to December 29 in case of bad weather).

Once again this year, we invite you to gather downtown as a dazzling show lights up the winter sky above Coldbrook

Park. Please note that Lakeside Street will be closed from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the occasion.

📍 Colbrook Park
🎟 Free

JANUARY



January 5 to 31

**Exhibition
Sophie Privé
Les champs**

Through her pictorial research, Sophie Privé questions the upheavals caused by our way of life on the different landscapes that surround us. While revisiting certain formal characteristics of modern painting and the role of women as subjects, she explores the boundary between abstraction and

figuration. Come and meet the artist at the vernissage in January 2025. Dates to be announced.

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January 11, 18, 25, February 15, 22, and March 1 ▶ 1 p.m.

**Marion L. Phelps Commemorative Lecture
Series w/Jimmy Manson**

A two-part series of six lectures about the history of the Eastern Townships presented by Jimmy Manson. Visit our website for titles and details.

📍 Centre Lac-Brome - 270, Victoria St.
☎ 450 243-6782, ext. #1
info@shcb.ca - lacbromemuseum.ca
🎟 Free, suggested donation \$10 welcome



January 15 ▶ 7 p.m.

**Ciné-Club "Close to Vermeer"
in collaboration with FIFA**

Watch as a cast of Vermeer enthusiasts and experts create the largest Vermeer exhibition ever set to be mounted at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. This fascinating documentary is a unique opportunity to discover what goes on behind the scenes at exhibitions of this scale, from the latest techniques for determining what makes a Vermeer

truly Vermeer to new discoveries while searching for the master's paintings around the world.

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FEBRUARY

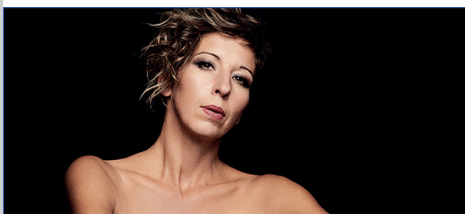


February 6 and 7 ▶ 9 a.m. to noon

Collective Kitchen

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

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☎ Marta Gubert Gomes - Senior Outreach Worker: 450 204-9423
mggacib@gmail.com
facebook.com/ACLB.AINES.SENIORS
🎟 \$5



February 7 ▶ 8 p.m.

**Catherine Major
La Mémoire du corps | Instrumental**

Consisting of original compositions for piano, some of which are arranged for strings, English horn, and wordless vocals, this new opus by Catherine Major forsakes the words that usually fuel her songs, to offer an entirely instrumental album, thus revealing a new facet of her musical sensitivity. "For the first time, I decide to silence the voice and the

words to return to this foundation: the instrument," confides Catherine Major. "The music that results is imbued with my memory and my memories: they are inherently linked to my body."

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February 8 ▶ 7 p.m.

**Conference on Debussy
with Marilou Garon, musicologist**

Presented as part of the Echoes of Classics series (In French). Ahead of the concert featuring cellist Stéphane Tétreault and pianist Olivier Hébert-Bouchard, discover key insights

into Debussy's music with musicologist Marilou Garon.

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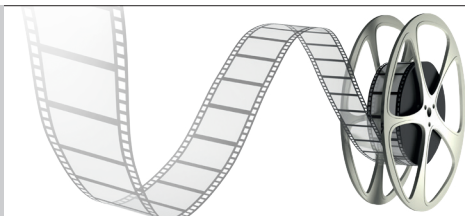
February 8 ▶ 8 p.m.

**Stéphane Tétreault
and Olivier Hébert-Bouchard
Claude Debussy: Images oubliées**

Reinvented for cello and piano by two artists whose reputation is unequivocal, these Images oubliées paint a timeless portrait of a musical legend. By merging these two instruments, the atmospheres evoked by these pieces become even more defined. The solo aspect of these works is therefore transformed into a dialogue, which

enables Debussy's music to resonate differently. It is either more intimate, or more grandiose at times, but always intent on creating a noteworthy connection with the audience. Hence, the evocative power of these compositions is inevitably altered, portraying their own story as well as that of the two musicians who recount it.

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February 12 ▶ 7 p.m.

**Ciné-Club
(movie to be confirmed)**

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February 14 ▶ 8 p.m.

Rockmantic
 Come and feel the rhythm of Rockmantic, the go-to band for power ballads in Canada, for an unforgettable Valentine's Day evening! Looking for a moment where love and rock collide in an electric atmosphere? On February 14th, let yourself be swept away by legendary songs that have made hearts race and transcended the decades. Rockmantic offers a spectacular show

dedicated to the most beautiful rock ballads, the ones that stir emotions and ignite the flame of passion.

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February 16 ▶ 3 p.m.

**Le Bibliothécaire
 La compagnie Le Gros Orteil
 (Presentation in French)**

▶ Ages 5-12 years
 Description: At first glance, Paul-Émile Dumoulin is a librarian like any other. He's serious, proud and concerned with order: his shelves are impeccable and every book is in its place. The only problem is that as soon as he puts his nose in a book, reality disappears and is replaced by the crazy worlds he discovers as he reads. As his adventures

unfold, the wise librarian is transformed. Suddenly, he's embodying strange, zany characters, performing acrobatics, balancing acts, juggling, break dancing and beat boxing. How far will reading take him?

Main themes: The power of reading and the power of imagination.

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February 22 ▶ 8 p.m.

**Homage
 Tribute to Cat Stevens
 Three for the Tillerman**

A show devoted entirely to the songs of Cat Stevens. The main performer is Pierre Trépanier, accompanied by two great friends. This is first and foremost an acoustic show, where the voice is supported by guitar, piano, bass, percussion, flute and

superb vocal harmonies. The chemistry between the artists is obvious!

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Reminder

Spring 2025 issue
 Don't forget to submit your events planned for Spring 2025 in time and allow your info to appear in our next « Calendar of events ».

☎ For information: 450 242-2280



ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS OFFERED BY ACLB



Hello! I'm Marta Gubert Gomes, Senior Outreach Worker at Action Communautaire Lac-Brome (ACLB). My role is to connect you with the resources available in our community that best suit your needs. Whether you're dealing with challenges related to convalescence, housing issues, a drop in income, loss of autonomy, caregiving, or any other situation affecting you, a family member, a friend, or a neighbor, I'm here to assist you. Feel free to reach out to me by phone at 450-204-9423 or via email at mggacLB@gmail.com. I can meet you at a location of your choice or welcome you to our offices. It's easy, non-binding, bilingual, free, and confidential.



LINE DANCING

WHEN - Mondays from January 6 to February 24, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE - Centre Lac-Brome

COST - \$20



ZUMBA

WHEN - Wednesdays from January 8 to February 26, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE - Centre Lac-Brome

COST - \$20



COFFEE MEETING OF ACLB WITH YOUR SENIOR OUTREACH WORKER.

Friday, January 24 2025 and Friday, February 21 2025

At Centre Lac-Brome, at the rear entrance to the basement from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. (during Food Bank)



COFFEE BREAKS - SOCIÉTÉ ALZHEIMER

For caregivers of a person living with cognitive impairment led by the Société Alzheimer Brome-Missisquoi et Haute-Yamaska in collaboration with ACLB. Come exchange with other caregivers and get support in a warm, familiar, and safe environment

WHEN - Every other week, Mondays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

REGISTRATIONS & INFORMATION

Contact Marta Gubert Gomes - Senior Outreach Worker

450-204-9423 / mggacLB@gmail.com

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1G2WzPjduJTTPJgZqD1cufkAA8kRSulcjbfnx9QK04XY/edit>



***Reporté au lendemain
en cas d'intempéries**

****Postponed to next day
in case of bad weather***

FIREWORKS

FEU D'ARTIFICE

28 DÉCEMBRE | DECEMBER 28 | PARC COLDBROOK

18 H - 6 P.M.



VILLE DE LAC-BROME
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CHRISTMAS SHOW

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14 DEC. • 10 A.M
CENTRE LAC-BROME
OUVERTURE DES PORTES À 9H45
DOORS OPEN AT 9:45 A.M.

CLASSES - WINTER 2025

Children

Classes	Schedule	Location - Dates	Cost	Information
Baby motor skills 12 months and less	Tuesday 10 to 11 a.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 21 to Mar. 11	Session: \$120.75 (8 weeks) Drop-in: \$14.63	Kim Valenta - Baby-centered, bonding and positive attachment classes to support your child's global motor, sensory, cognitive, social and emotional development. Participate in body techniques (movements, postures, massages) designed to stimulate baby's senses, motor skills, adaptability and interaction.
Baby Yoga 12 months and less	Thursday 10 to 11 a.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 23 to Mar. 13	Session: \$124.50 (8 weeks) Drop-in: \$15	Parent-child Kim Valenta - Bilingual yoga classes for quality time, relaxation and well-being with baby. Adapted exercises, breathing techniques and dynamic routines, while working with baby in certain postures to reclaim his body.
Mini-athletes ages 2 to 4	Saturday 9 to 9:50 a.m.	St-Édouard School Jan. 18 to Mar. 22	Session: \$120 (9 weeks)	Parent-child Parents and children will discover tennis, kin-ball, dance and more together. The session focuses on the fun of developing new skills as a family.
Sport explorers ages 4 to 6	Saturday 10 to 10:50 a.m.	St-Édouard School Jan. 18 to Mar. 22	Session: \$120 (9 weeks)	Children will be taken on a sports journey throughout the session, discovering 10 different sports, including soccer, tchoukball, basketball and more. With Explorers, there's no competition, no games, just the fun of discovering new sports and skills.
Sport adventurers ages 7 to 12	Saturday 11 to 11:50 a.m.	St-Édouard School Jan. 18 to Mar. 22	Session: \$120 (9 weeks)	Young athletes are invited to take part in 10 sports, including tennis, kin-ball, cricket, soccer, tchoukball, basketball and more. With no competition, everyone can learn or develop their sporting skills for the simple pleasure of moving.
Theater ages 8 to 14	Thursday 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 16 to Mar. 20	Session: \$93.75 (10 weeks)	Brenda Carr - Offered in English only, but all are welcome. Come and make friends as you discover and develop your acting skills. Through fast-paced games, improvisation, fun exercises, movement and voice, create your own characters and stories and, if you like, present them in a final performance the following week. For all levels. The teacher has over 20 years' experience in theater and film.
Playful painting and drawing ages 6 to 12	Tuesday 3:30 to 5 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 14 to Mar. 25	Session: \$110.25 (10 weeks) Per class: \$15.75	Isabelle Simard - Learning activities will be suggested by Isabelle Simard. Participants can also choose their own projects based on the materials available. Artistic notions are taught according to each participant's level and interests.

More on the next page

Manga creation ages 13+	Saturday 10 to 11 a.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 18 to Mar. 8	Session: \$168.75 (8 weeks)	Sylvain Blouin - Introduction to manga creation in several chapters. 1. creating manga characters (emotions), 2. proportions and movements, 3. manga boxes (learning perspective), 4. learning and creating a manga page (camera shots), 7-8. finishing a manga page.
Gymnastic ages 5 to 11	Monday 6 to 7:30 p.m.	St-Édouard School Mar. 10 to May 12	Session: \$180 (10 weeks)	Isabelle Giasson - Come develop motor skills, confidence and a passion for gymnastics while having fun! To register : 450-919-1095 or academieisabellegiasson@hotmail.com

Adults

Classes	Schedule	Location - Dates	Cost	Information
Balance for seniors	Tuesday and Thursday 2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 14 to Mar. 27	Session : \$125 (11 weeks)	Andrea Wilson - Exercises designed to prevent falls and increase your confidence. Offered in partnership with the Wellness Volunteer Centre for Seniors. For beginners - Ages 65+
Fitness for seniors	Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 14 to Mar. 27	Session : \$125 (11 weeks)	Andrea Wilson - Strength, balance and aerobic exercises to stay fit for everyday life. Offered in partnership with the Wellness Volunteer Centre for Seniors.
Fit for life	Tuesday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 14 to Mar. 25	Session : \$ 140 (11 weeks) Drop-in : \$20	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.
Fit for life	Thursday 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 16 to Mar. 27	Session : \$140 (11 weeks) Drop-in : \$20	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.
Tai-Chi Chuan	Monday 1:30 to 3 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 13 to Mar. 24	Session : \$190 (11 weeks)	Guy Côté - Gentle, precise movements helping to develop strength, flexibility and increase overall well-being.
Badminton	Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m.	St-Édouard School Jan. 14 to Mar. 18	Session : \$25 (10 weeks)	Open practice without teacher. For all levels.

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Classes	Schedule	Location - Dates	Cost	Information
Theater ages 14+	Thursday 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.	Centre Lac-Brome Jan. 16 to Mar. 20	Session : \$138 (10 weeks)	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. Brenda Carr has 20+ years of experience in theatre and film (acting, teaching, casting and coaching of all ages).

Classes location

Centre Lac-Brome : 270, Victoria St.
St-Édouard School : 376, Lakeside Rd.

Family Discount

Save 5% on the total bill if two or more children register at the same time, for recreational classes.

Information

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

From December 9 to January 10

REGISTRATION

Online
Registration at app.amilia.com/store/en/ville-de-lac-brome/shop/programs
Select *Registration*.
Full payment by credit card upon registration.

In person
At Centre Lac-Brome (270, Victoria St.)
Monday - Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday from 8 a.m. to noon
Full payment by credit card, cash or cheque upon registration.

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



Marché de Noël de Lac-Brome

Lac-Brome Christmas Market

14 décembre. 17 h à minuit

December 14th. 5p.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.



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