

# Summer 2020

## Fire Department News



Hello,

I trust that this newsletter finds everyone keeping well!

After the past few stress filled months; the warm days of summer, blooming trees and gardens, blue waves of the lake, are all welcome changes and distractions for many.

While distractions can be good, it is important to maintain clarity and focus when it comes to fire safety at home, the cottage, or the camper. Smoke and CO Alarms are required in all of these location and should be checked monthly.

When cooking remember to stay with your food, and have a fire extinguisher near by. Accidents happen quickly in the kitchen with drastic consequences.

Stay health, Stay safe, and enjoy the summer

James Bertoia, Fire Chief.



**IT'S THE LAW!**  
IT CAN ALSO **SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

It's the law to have **working smoke alarms** in your RV, trailer or mobile home.

Failure to comply could result in a ticket for **\$360** or a fine of up to **\$50,000**.



**TEST IT EVERY MONTH!**

Fire, one of summers favorite past times!

It is great to get outside with the family and enjoy an evening campfire. To ensure a safe, fun filled, memorable experience make sure of the following. The fire should be a small, confined fire, supervised at all times. Keep the fire a minimum safe distance (15 FT) from structures, have a means to extinguish, and ensure the fire is completely out before leaving.

Any burning larger than a campfire requires a permit from the municipality as indicated in the revised Open Air Burning Bylaw (2020-14)

Open Air Burning is allowed between 8pm and 8am, this is the lowest risk time to burn and least likely to be a nuisance to your neighbours.

## Before You Burn...

Contact your local fire department about **local by-laws and restrictions** on open air burning.

Open air burning can include **bonfires, firepits** and **outdoor fireplaces**.



# Be Holiday Smart.

Fire doesn't take the summer off!



Cooking is the leading cause of home fires.



Always watch what's cooking on the stove.



Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home and cottage.



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## FISH FRY Community Center

20 Casimir St.  
St. Charles

Canada Day  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020  
3:00PM TO 7:00PM  
MENU

FULL MEAL \$15  
FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW  
HALF MEAL \$8  
FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW  
FRIES ONLY \$5  
BEVERAGERS \$1  
ASSORTED SODA & WATER \$1

TAKE OUT ONLY

Please Contact to preorder:  
Stephanie Roy 705-561-3397

Pre-order and scheduled pick up preferred to ensure physical distancing and general Covid-19 precautions are followed

RECRUITING NOW



BE EXTRA JOIN OUR  
ORDINARY TEAM

All applicants must be 18 years of Age or Over

## Becoming a firefighter:

### What you need to know

- No previous experience is necessary to become a volunteer firefighter and volunteers train to professional standards.
- Volunteer firefighters are all ages, male and female, and come from many diverse backgrounds.
- Volunteers are paid on-call for their response, training and practices.
- All required personal protective equipment and training are provided — there are no out-of-pocket costs.
- Your local volunteer fire department constantly needs to recruit volunteers to replace members who retire or move away.
- Volunteer firefighters commit to two hours a week of training at their local fire hall.
- The federal government provides tax credits to volunteer firefighters who serve at least 200 hours per year.  
Visit the municipal website to download an application