

COMING EVENTS

Create A Smile 5km



**Sunday
June 5, 2022**
Walk at 2pm
Meet at the
Milt Dunnell
'Flats Pavilion'

Register online
See pledge sheet
enclosed

**2022 Annual
General Meeting**
Monday June 20

**Stay tuned for more
information.**

**Interested in
committee work?
New members
welcome!**

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page for info:

Diversity, Inclusion &
Wellness

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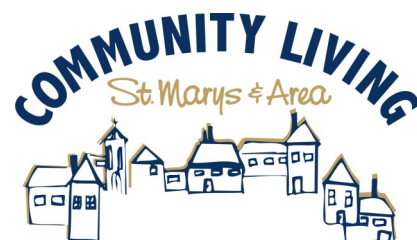
Joint Health & Safety



Newslink

April 2022

Community Living St. Marys and Area
"A community where everyone belongs."



SPRING IS HERE!

After more than two very long years, we're happy to have our newsletter Newslink coming to you!

The Pandemic has challenged us in more ways than we care to remember. However, with everyone working together, few people connected with CLSMA have been sick with COVID-19 ...until this last wave. The community spread has been difficult.

We are so grateful for everyone who vaccinated early, wore their mask, physically distanced, wore other PPE, rapid antigen tested, followed all the protocols, etc.

Working together we will continue to move forward as we find **safe ways to 'live'** with COVID-19!

Building our Strategic Plan: We need to hear from you!

Two more opportunities...Contribute your ideas by completing the online survey by April 19, 2022.

For families: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZFW6Y6>

For people supported: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6XGJ5PP>

For almost three years, The Stories Project has worked to collect the history of Community Living St. Marys and Area. Dozens of people were interviewed and filmed and the result is amazing. Almost 60 years of history told by people who lived it!

Finally in December of 2021, a Launch was held at the Legion for a limited number of viewers and it was also live streamed. It's now available for you to see!

There will be people you know, people you remember and new things to learn about. You will be reminded, surprised and we think you'll learn new things about our organization and our remarkable community.

Here's how to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfNrHC5URBo5656WIAJ57FQ>



Subscribe to CLSMA-YouTube

We are so grateful to the many people that contributed to The Stories Project and the launch of our history films!

Thank you!

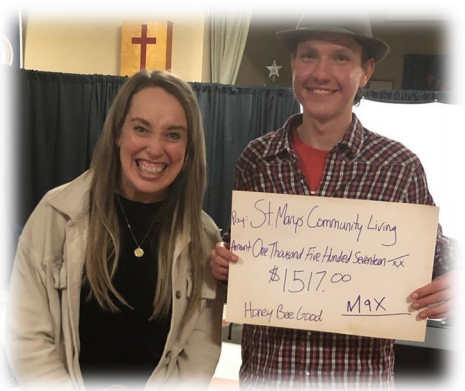


Help support Community Living St. Marys

10% of sales on February 18th will be donated to Community Living St. Marys.



How to build community



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Vickie Logan on her upcoming retirement! After almost 29 years, Vickie has decided to spend more time on her numerous hobbies and yes, less time on numbers. Through the years, Vickie took early individual budget work and developed a very comprehensive and massive budget electronic program. "Everything starts with the person" is the philosophy behind Vickie's commitment to our individualized budgeting system.

Welcome Wendy Albrecht in her new role as Finance and Administration Manager. Wendy has a wide range of experience including many years as a bank manager, benefits consultant, and more.

Fortunately, Wendy is learning our system from one of the best as Vickie is providing excellent support and training prior to her departure at the beginning of June.



Searching for a new ED...

After almost twenty-one years, Marg McLean is moving on from CLSMA.

From Marg; *"When I joined this wonderful organization, I never dreamed that I would enjoy so many years of meaningful work here in my home community. It's been a privilege to be part of so many people's lives."*



Thanks everyone!"



Celebrating two Community Living employees...

Ruth Lamond is celebrating 40 years with our Association! If you don't know Ruth, then get to know her. She has had a huge impact on our community. Thank you Ruth! And ask her about the man in the painting she's standing beside

Olivia Rutledge has just joined our Association as a team leader. Welcome Liv!



I am so excited to embark on this journey in my new role as the **Youth and Family Support Manager!** I have been busy meeting families, representatives from both school boards, as well as other service providers in Huron Perth County. Since starting this position a little over a month ago, I have received a warm welcome from families and we have begun planning for the Summer Support Program 2022. We are in the process of recruiting our team of summer employees. If you know of anyone *looking for a summer job that is fun and challenging? A job that can help to build a resume for the future? A job that allows you to make a difference in people's lives? Please pass along our information.* I am looking forward to a fun summer ahead, and meeting more families in person very soon! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at abrown@clstmarys.ca or 519-284-1400 ext. 226. - Amanda Brown



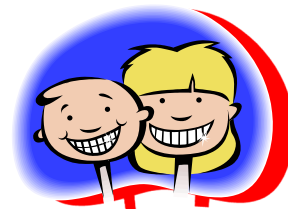
Join us for the 18th Annual Walkathon for Create A Smile!

Date: Sunday June 5, 2022

Time: 2-4 pm (registration begins at 1 pm or preregister by emailing cohearn@clstmarys.ca)

Starting & finishing location: Milt Dunnell Park (The Flats)

(Pledge forms and maps are available at www.communitylivingstmarys.ca)



Diversity, Inclusion & Wellness Committee

Purpose: The DIW committee aims to foster an environment that enables all CLSMA employees and people we support to feel empowered, valued, respected, safe and well, to cultivate a diverse and inclusive staff, and to strengthen and enhance CLSMA's commitment to advancing the cause of making sure that all people feel like they belong.

Members: Laura Cannon, Don Dingwall, Kim Melville, Jenna Rankin, Carly Geiger & Sheri McDonald



Interested in Respecting Rights? Call Jodi McLean to learn more!

Employee Management Relations Committee

Purpose: To provide a forum for discussion for all employees through their elected representative to discuss matters of mutual interests and concern as it relates to the policy and procedures of Community Living St. Marys and Area. The Committee may also discuss matters, provide direction and support to employees. The Committee provides a forum for constructive suggestions and ideas regarding our working environment. Are you interested in learning more?

Members: Becky Huffman, Kim Melville, Reda Ali, Edna Willows, Marg McLean, Jennifer Leslie & Kim Monden

The Joint Health & Safety Committee

Items of interest, dealings of the Health & Safety Committee and the minutes are posted at JPC in the photocopy room. Any concerns of a health and safety nature can be forwarded to the Chair Paul Williams at pwilliams@clstmarys.ca
Members: Paul Williams, Jackie Haycock, Linda Pickering, Kim Monden & Marg McLean. New members needed.



N95 Mask Fit Testing

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