

What's Happening?

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Dear Community Members:

We are delighted to bring you the 9th Edition of the Rat River Health Council 2008 Inc. (RRHC) E Newsletter. RRHC was established in 1994 by the community and for the community to pursue quality healthcare services. We proudly support and promote services provided by the De Salaberry District Health Centre, as well as those by private and non-profit organizations within the RM of De Salaberry, the Village of St-Pierre-Jolys and the RM of Ritchot.



FROM THE ST-PIERRE MEDICAL CLINIC

Physician Needed

The clinic is still looking to hire a full-time physician to replace Dr Timo Gosselin. Dr. Gosselin still works in the Emergency Room and at the Repos Jolys, PCH.

Clinic Appointments

If you desperately need a same-day appointment and can't get one with us:

- ◆ [CLICK HERE FOR MORE OPTIONS.](#)



- ◆ www.medinav.ca : an online app to book your own appointments at the Quick Care Clinic in Steinbach. For more information: www.southernhealth.ca/find-us/clinics/quickcare-clinic/

MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The first meeting of our new Board as per recent by-law amendments was held on June 17th. The focus is on building relationships between us, the organizations we represent and Southern Health-Santé Sud. A few seats remain to be filled.



Businesses: Elisa Griffin-Boily
Education: Alain Laberge
Métis: Paul Lagassé
Recreation: Murielle Bugera
Seniors: Monique Roy
RM of Ritchot Councillor: Joel Lemoine
Village of St-Pierre-Jolys Councillor: Raymond Maynard
Village of St-Pierre-Jolys at large: Louise Côté
De Salaberry District Health Centre: Elaine Hassan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

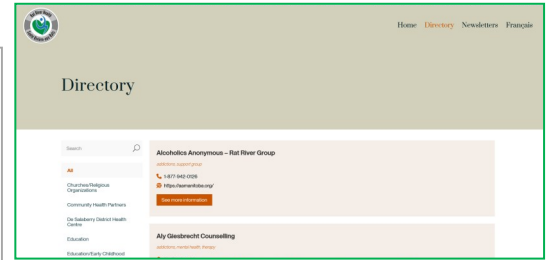
L'Université de Saint-Boniface provided great expertise when contributing to our Community Navigator funding proposal. This partnership will continue this fall to provide valuable community health experience for their 3rd year nursing students.
THANK YOU!



DID YOU KNOW?

We encourage you to visit our on-line directory of health and wellness services. The goal is to provide easy access to services that are often unknown or not recognized as part of the system that helps keep us healthy. If you see any errors or omissions, please email us and we will gladly update.

GO TO <https://service.ratriverhealth.ca>



DIRECTORY FEATURE

Our pharmacies are great community partners. There are 5 pharmacies in the Rat River Health Region: Ile des Chènes, St Adolphe, St Malo, St-Pierre-Jolys and Ste Agathe.

Watch this promotional video for our Walking is Medicine project with them:

www.facebook.com/sundowngraphic/



RURAL WEEKS May 25-29 and June 1-5

As we have been doing for close to 20 years now, we welcomed 1st year medical students: two students from the University of Manitoba and two students studying in French at the University of Ottawa. U of M students stayed at Norm and Marie Vigier's in St. Malo and U of Ottawa students stayed with family in Winnipeg. Our goal is to give them a taste of our communities i.e. Otterburne, St. Malo and St-Pierre-Jolys. The RM of Ritchot will be included in the future as it is now part of our organization. Once the students have completed their day at the De Salaberry District Health Centre (DDHC), we provide opportunities for the students to mingle with community members. This year we gathered for meals at Banh Mi King and Lucky Luc's, and paint nights at Arlene's Art Studio. Joining us: Village of St-Pierre-Jolys councillor, community members, Immigration Counselor, Public Health Nurse and DDHC Manager. St Malo residents provided activities at the St Malo Lake/Provincial Park and U of Ottawa students spoke to the high school students at Heritage Immersion. **A big thank you to Maplewood Golf Course for donating eight golf**

passes for students and health practitioners, to the Schreimer Family for tours of their greenhouses, to the St Pierre Museum for tours and maple syrup gifts and to the St Pierre Pharmacy for a cash donation. Students were truly appreciative!



SOUTHERN HEALTH-SANTÉ SUD NEWS



Emergency Room Updates: <https://southernhealth.ca/emergency-schedules/>

DE SALABERRY DISTRICT HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

From the Lab: A Hematology analyzer is being installed to give CBC results (a complete blood count). A Medical Laboratory Technologist position was created due to the high volume of phlebotomies being performed. Currently, only hemoglobin and WBC are provided with a small point of care instrument. Volunteer drivers are still required during the day, Monday to Friday, as lab does not have a chemistry analyzer, and evenings and weekends when there are no lab staff. Samples are taken to Bethesda for processing. **Regional Resource Charge Technologist**

Jobs: Intake is centralized online as paper applications/resumes are no longer accepted. It is important however to apply if there is an opening for something you want now or could want in future. Union people have priority. If there are no applications for a required bilingual position, unilingual will be accepted. **Volunteers:** More information to come for opportunities with patients and outdoors.



[Healthy Living Community Updates and Grants](#) (news/grants)

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