

Town of St. Alban's

Community Volunteer Database Registration

This form can be completed and returned to the town office by residents that are able/available and interested in signing up for the volunteer database and for what types of activities. While some volunteers sign up for committees and groups; others may prefer to sign up for an event or specific activity as opposed to joining an organization but others may like to do both. The town and community organizations/groups can then use this database to find potential volunteers. If interested in registering, please complete and return.

Activity or Activities You May Be interested In:	Please Indicate Those That Interest You
Town Beautification Committee (Planning & Organizing Activities)	
Town Cleanups (Cleanup, planting, raking, painting, tidying up, etc.)	
Events (Benefits, Fundraising, Dances, Dinners, Bingos, Card Games, etc.)	
OTHER ACTIVITIES OR SPECIFIC DETAIL (Please List):	
COMMENTS:	

Duties or Tasks You Are Interested In:	Please Indicate Those That Interest You
Computer Work (Word processing, PowerPoint, and/or others)	
Food Preparation and/or Serving	
Organizing, Sorting, Counting and/or Tallying	
Building, Construction and/or Carpentry	
Cleaning and Tidying Up (Indoors)	
Cutting Alders, Brush, and/or Trees OR Raking and/or Shovelling	
Security At Function, Crossing Guard at Bus Stop, etc.	
OTHER DUTIES OR SPECIFIC DETAIL (Please List):	
COMMENTS:	

Name:		Email Address:	
Phone:		Mailing Address:	

I understand that in performing any volunteer duties, my services will be rendered without payment and will not be entitled to any benefits normally provided by the municipality or any organizations or groups for paid staff. I will be responsible for my own health insurance. I agree to release and discharge the Town of St. Alban's or any organization or committee from and against all claims and proceedings, in respect of any damage or injury sustained by myself arising of my provision of these services. I also understand that some activities will depend on uptake and interest for them to proceed.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING
St. Alban's, NL "Strong Roots – Stronger Future"

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION PERSPECTIVE AND TIPS

“Civic pride, surrounding the appearance of our town, inspires greater population growth. It triggers investment and jobs into our economy. Improving your residential or commercial property will encourage your neighbours to also improve their own maintenance practices.” *Source: Town of Winterton*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Do not litter our streets or highways -Mow lawns and trim unsightly growth -Keep property clear of debris -Store wood piles in a hidden place -Remove damaged trees or branches -Mend fences and damaged signs -Paint surfaces that are peeling -Replace all broken windows and worn doors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Replace faded or damaged vinyl siding -Fix shingled roofs that are in disrepair -Remove delapidated buildings or sheds -Maintain vacant properties and buildings -Park large commercial vehicles out of sight -Do not leave abandoned vehicles on display -Plant flowers and trees... every bit helps !! -Create volunteer beautification committees
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Source: Town of Winterton

“ALL HANDS ON DECK” INSPIRATIONAL STORY FOR ANY COMMUNITY MOVING FORWARD

As a community, town council, and mayor we all could benefit from more motivation to continue to work together, and continue to improve our town and area, even more in the future. We have “strong roots” and a “stronger future”. We have great people!!!! The below story is based on Yarmouth, NS (in early fall of 2013) that was going through a downturn and was waiting for their ship to come in, both literally and figuratively. The community benefited from getting ready so that when the ferry to the area from the U.S. returned providing economic benefit, they would be prepared. That is, when their ship came in, they were going to be ready! Read the below article from the Nova Scotia newspaper The Vanguard for more information.

<p>Last Wednesday evening at the Mariners Centre we witnessed something unprecedented in the nearly 50-year history of this newspaper.</p> <p>Mayor Pam Mood’s call for citizens to gather with ideas about how to improve the community is unheard of. She didn’t wait for council’s approval, although she sought and received their support. She acted decisively on what she saw as an urgent need for action. And had the courage to risk failure. Her call to action, and the response speaks well, not only of the mayor, but of all those who attended.</p> <p>All Hands on Deck drew 400 citizens to the Mariners Centre. They were called to participate. They came to pledge support. They were armed with ideas. They understood that this was not a forum to whine or assign blame for what was or has been. They came, not to debate, but to act.</p> <p>They came to answer one question: what can you do to move Yarmouth forward?</p> <p>There were numerous positive ideas coming from those in attendance and, in this climate of negativity we all suffer through these days, it was a testimony to the community when so many positive ideas were heard. The griping and negativity was left for the Facebook crowd.</p> <p>Not only were people quick to speak, they</p>	<p>were quick to say how they would work towards making the community better.</p> <p>And sometimes it’s the little things that can make a big difference.</p> <p>We have no doubt that those who took the time to attend – and the hundreds more who filled out a survey asking questions about the area – will pitch in and do whatever they can to address the issues that were brought up.</p> <p>Some of what was mentioned seems like common sense. Particularly when it comes to the service industry. Be open. Smile. Make customers, local and otherwise, feel welcome. Appreciate their business. That doesn’t cost money. It just requires a change of attitude.</p> <p>Make Main Street more appealing.</p> <p>Make certain that visitors have access to information. Make sure we’re all equipped with more than a passing knowledge of our area. Let visitors know what they can do and what they can see.</p> <p>We should know what’s available in our own area. Perhaps it’s time for familiarity tours around here for the locals. Bring them to the museums, bring them to the art galleries, bring them to the places that present plays and musical performers, let them take a peek at their own family’s genealogy so they can appreciate</p>	<p>what a rich genealogy treasure this area offers. We all are ambassadors in our community. We need to know it to promote it.</p> <p>There is, as was plain at last Wednesday’s session, much that can be done. And it is achievable.</p> <p>The All Hands on Deck meeting showed there is a true desire to make things better around here. Hundreds of people turned out to show their support and to advance ideas.</p> <p>Of course we ought to spruce up the place, of course we have problems with people and their menacing-looking dogs hanging out on the main drag, and of course we need to work at fixing those things we can fix.</p> <p>And it is incumbent upon town council to support the mayor’s initiative by listening to the concerns people bring up—signage comes quickly to mind.</p> <p>We ought to be a community focused on “what can we do to make this happen.”</p> <p>Leadership in the end is not so much about doing, it is about being the catalyst and providing the inspiration for change. The crowd came into the Mariners Centre as individuals. They left as a community. Pam Mood was elected mayor of the Town of Yarmouth 11 months ago. Last Wednesday evening at the Mariners Centre she became this community’s leader.</p>
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Source: <http://www.thevanguard.ca/> and Georgetown Conference – Redefining Rural