



INSIGHT

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Summer is fast approaching and so is the idea of living normally again

Beautiful Terrio Park is buzzing with the return of our community gardens, the Public Market under the big top, fun Saturdays at the Bistro with musicians every week and activities for the kids led by the Youth Recreation Committee.

But there's more to come! Getting together once again, being outdoors and reconnecting with our community under a bright sun, enjoying the breeze. There is also swimming, walking in the forest, cycling and more...

The good times are ahead of us, in full bloom!

A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

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Nice occasions to share!

Spring is here at last as is the latest edition of Insight, showcasing our community's rich life.

Activities are not just a pleasant way to spend time together; they also provide opportunities to forge stronger ties. They give us the chance to share news of our daily lives and talk about our projects and dreams. They provide a space to meet our neighbours, whom we regularly come across without really knowing much about them.

This year, we also offer structured themes around specific topics. We had our first Citizen's Forum on how Terrio Park should be developed; a focus group on the development of the sandpit will get underway soon, and a broad review of our bylaws will also be put in place. There will be plenty of opportunities to express yourself, so stay tuned.

I will be involved in these groups, but I will also be on site on a regular basis at various events in the park. Don't hesitate to come and introduce yourself.

Vinciane Peeters, Mayor

Volunteering... a great way to become part of a community



Your municipality can be an important place to put down roots. It's a place that can help you to build relationships, and find out more about what drives the people we meet in our daily lives.

Do you have a passion? Do you like to connect with others? Do you have skills you'd like to share?

Volunteering is a great opportunity to explore all of this. Whether you want to get involved in an activity, be part of the organizing team, share or implement an idea, feel free to ask Jessika, our community agent (communautaire@boltonest.ca), the mayor or one of your councillors.

We'll be happy to tell you about the different opportunities available.

Whether you want to set up an exhibition, take part in a work bee or help out at events, you'll get a lot out of volunteering with others. The Municipality offers a variety of opportunities to get involved.

Come and meet us!

MOBILE ECOCENTRE

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 AT TERRIO PARK, FROM 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

Bring your enthusiasm and your equipment, the spring mobile ecocentre is fast approaching. The Environment committee is proud to organize another festive mobile ecocentre, with help from our many volunteers.

*If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact:
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MATERIALS ACCEPTED

Construction materials; large waste; metals; household hazardous waste (light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, batteries, propane tanks, used oil, paints, solvents, acids, etc.); electronic equipment; textiles; tires; clean styrofoam (food trays, electronic equipment packaging, etc.)

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

Waste and recycling that are part of the weekly collection; contaminated soil; asbestos; medications and other substances not classified as "household hazardous waste"; materials from businesses and industries.

SOME IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW

- > Bring proof of residence in Bolton-Est.
- > Sort materials in your vehicle or trailer.
- > Enter from the north side of Terrio Rd. (2, Terrio Rd.) and not from the south, in order to avoid overflow on Route 245.
- > Help volunteers unload the rubbish.
- > Be courteous with volunteers; it's thanks to them that the mobile ecocentre can take place.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided to volunteers by the Municipality and served by *Le Rucher Boltonnois*.

Distribution of compost, trees and shrubs will be offered to all residents of Bolton-Est. We have 100 hardwoods, 50 conifers and compost to give away. Compost and trees will be distributed on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Shrubs must be ordered via our website by May 9, 2022. To access the shrub order form, go to the home page of our website.

For more information on shrubs, please contact Cynthia Sherrer. Her contact information is listed above.

A pick-up service will be available for those wishing to organise ditch clearing with their neighbours. Equipment such as a safety vest, rubbish grabber and bags will also be available for those wishing to take part. Please contact Cynthia Sherrer to reserve equipment and determine a pick-up point.

There will also be a mobile ecocentre held on October 15, 2022.



AT TERRIO PARK, EVERY SATURDAY, FROM JUNE 11 TO OCTOBER 8, 2022, FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.



Come and meet producers and craftpersons from the area and support your local economy. Enjoy a bite to eat at the Market Bistro while listening to talented musicians. The Bistro is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Public Market is more than just a market. It's your weekly happening!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SATURDAYS FROM JUNE 11 TO OCTOBER 8, 2022
10:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M. TERRIO PARK

On the Saturday mornings of the Public Market, children will be able to enjoy themselves with the Youth Recreation Committee team: story time, art activities, games and face painting are on the agenda! Some special activities will also be offered upon registration.

CONCERTS

AT TERRIO PARK

Summer wouldn't be summer without outdoor concerts! An initiative of the Cultural Committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

SUNDAY, JULY 17 AT 2 P.M.

Embark on the shaggy and energetic universe of Chaloupe, an explosive and authentic trio drawing its inspiration from bluegrass, old-time and folk blues music. Rowing against the tide, these three multi-instrumentalist tinkerers will get you moving and splash you with their infectious fun!

SUNDAY, JULY 31 AT 2 P.M.

Through stories in song that will have the whole family dancing and poetry adapted to young audiences, Ariane DesLions offers words and melodies to get young and old alike to let their spirits soar and tinker with colourful dreams!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 AT 2 P.M.

For blues lovers who like to spend a good time in good company, come and enjoy the atmosphere of Smooth Jazz & Blues! They are four passionate musicians who love to meet people.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 2 P.M.

Cecilia Trio bring together the best of many musical worlds in their explorations of traditional, Celtic and Quebec music. Each of their pieces is skillfully arranged and enhanced by influences from contemporary, classical, jazz and swing styles.

There will also be 18 concerts presented during the Public Market, from 11:15 a.m. to noon, organized by *Le Rucher Boltonnois*. It's a date!

NEIGHBOURS' DAY

Neighbours' Day has become a true tradition throughout Quebec and continues to grow in popularity, with many benefits observed in the communities that take part. Among other things, we note mutual help between neighbours, an increased sense of security, new ties between families, the welcoming of new citizens by the neighbourhood and an increase in citizen participation. The provincial event will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The Municipality encourages citizens to organize a party on their street by providing them with material to promote it to their neighbours.

For more information, please contact *Jessika Dufresne*: communautaire@boltonest.ca, 450 292-3444, ext. 29

MISSISQUOI CHALLENGE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. AT TROUSERS LAKE CAMPGROUND

Once again this year, the Missisquoi Challenge will take the form of a day of fun on the water with the whole family. It's the perfect time to introduce the whole family to kayaking.

VITRINE DES ARTS 8th EDITION

SATURDAY, JULY 2 TO SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Saint Patrick Centre, 854 Missisquoi Road (Route 245)

Visual arts exhibition with more than 20 artists from the North Missisquoi Valley and surrounding area. The opening will be held on July 2 at 4 p.m. in Terrio Park.



GROOVE!

SUNDAY, JULY 10

AT 10:30 A.M.

GROOVE is a dance and body expression practice to learn to let go, detach oneself from the gaze and judgement of others and gain self-confidence. Groove is a delicious and unique way to make dancing easy, accessible and fun for everyone. If you can move, you can groove! Join us on the dance floor at Terrio Park!

PITOUS'ENSEMBLE

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022, FROM 10 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



Dog lovers, don't miss this event that celebrates the charmed relationship between dogs and humans. Organised by the Centre d'intervention thérapeutique par la présence animale (CITPA), the fourth edition of this educational day will be held under the theme "Dogs at work". On the program: booths, conferences, and demonstrations from experts in the canine field. Dogs are welcome! By becoming a CITPA member (\$10), admission to the event is free. To see the detailed program of the day: pitousensemble.com

SCULPTURE DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

Public performance of the major steps in creating a sculpture by professional woodcarver Daniel Haché.



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The site commonly referred to as “the sandpit” in communications from the Municipality refers to the land adjacent to Terrio Park and most of the properties along Missisquoi Road. The land in question encompasses about 72 acres, meaning that it’s roughly the size of 60 American football fields!

History of the sandpit site

From 1945 to 1960, the western half of the lot remained wooded, while the eastern half of the site was farmed land. Between 1962 and 1966, the sandpit was operated on part of the farmed area, while the other part remained fallow. From 1966 onwards, the sandpit expanded and reached peak exploitation between 1998 and 2007.

In 2018, the Municipality of Bolton-Est, under the administration of Mayor Joan Westland Eby, acquired the land. The owner of the site at the time wished to sell it off, as its commercial potential was coming to an end. The Municipality quickly included the land in Bolton-Est’s urban perimeter and proceeded to plan how to integrate it intelligently.

WORKING GROUP: DEVELOPMENT OF THE SANDPIT

We are pleased to announce that the working group on developing the sandpit has been formed. A jury made up of Pierre Lemay, President of the Land Use Planning committee (CCU), Daniel Thériault, member of the Environment committee (CCE), Michèle Turcotte, a person from outside the Municipality, and Vinciane Peeters, Mayor of Bolton-Est, met to select 10 people from the 15 excellent applications received.

In order to take into account a range of points of view, they discussed each of the candidates based on the criteria mentioned in the call for candidates published in the *mini Insight* of February 9 and 23, 2022.

The mandate of the working group will be to make recommendations to the Municipality on the goals and visions for developing this land that would best meet the needs of the community while being integrated seamlessly into the natural environment.

These recommendations will contribute to the design of the development agreement, which will be attached to the call for proposals from qualified developers.

We are eager to contribute our citizens’ expertise to this project, which will shape and enhance our community!

TRAIL

A 1.8 km trail will be built in the summer of 2022 in the sandpit. This trail will be added to the Missisquoi North trail network (missisquoinord.com). This network, created in partnership with the municipalities of the valley, allows the development of a shared project supporting the notion that the quality of life of its citizens hinges on outdoor activities and free access to nature.

The work, carried out by Aménagement Sentiers Verts, will resume when the ground has thawed. Stay tuned by reading the *mini Insight* newsletter, where we will notify you of a ground-breaking activity to take place sometime this summer.

STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 23 and Fridays, June 24 and July 1, 2022.

SEPTIC TANK SLUDGE MEASUREMENT

Septic tank sludge measurement get underway on May 3, 2022. Please take note of the schedule for your area (below) and leave your lids accessible, as the measurement will be carried out without prior appointment.

If you are not at home the attendant will leave a sign on the door indicating whether or not your tank needs to be emptied. If so, the Municipality will inform the emptying company, which will come in the following weeks. It's important to leave the lids accessible until the emptying is done. We thank you for your cooperation.

May 3 to May 13	Eastman limits
May 9 to May 27	Trousers Lake
May 23 to June 10	Bellevue sector
June 6 to July 1	Lake Nick
June 27 to July 22	Bolton Centre
July 18 to August 5	Austin limit
August 2 to August 12	South Bolton

POTTON ECOCENTRE

The Potton Ecocentre is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., from May 7 to October 29, 2022, except August 13, 2022. You must bring proof of residence in Bolton-Est. Rates for building materials:

- > \$30 per cubic metre for wood and bulky items;
- > \$50 per cubic metre for shingles.

For more information on the materials accepted: potton.ca/environment/residual-materials/

TREE CUTTING

A certificate of authorization is required to cut down trees. Only dangerous, diseased or dying trees are authorized to be cut down and must also be identified by the municipal inspector. The Municipality also has several restricted cutting zones. For more information on tree cutting:

450 292-3444 or info@boltonest.ca



OPEN AIR FIRES AND FIREWORKS

Anyone wishing to use fireworks at their homes must apply for a permit by contacting the Austin or Eastman fire departments. The same applies to lighting an outdoor fire. When a fire ban is in effect, the ban also applies to fireworks.

Austin: 819 843-0000
(between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.)

Eastman: 450 297-3440
Extension 223 (open air fires)
Extension 222 (fireworks)

DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS

This spring, the Municipality will be conducting a well drinking water analysis campaign. Stay tuned by reading the *mini Insight* newsletter.

SHORELINE REVEGETATION

As in years past, we are ordering shrubs for the reforestation of shoreline areas. The species recommended are indigenous. This year, two tree species suited to riverine forest zones (buffer zones between a deforested area and a watercourse) have been recommended to complement the shrubs, as an ideal riverine forest zone includes all three layers of vegetation (grasses, shrubs, trees).

The species mentioned are available in two sizes: small (minimum of 5 plants at \$15) and large (\$6.75).

- > Orders must be received by noon on May 9, 2022.
- > Collection date: May 21, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Terrio Park

To find out which plants are available and to access the order form, visit our website at:

boltonest.ca/AchatArbustes

If you have any questions, please contact

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The Eventful History of East Bolton

A-1 PHOEBE AUSTIN (1743-1841), FIRST ERASED WOMAN OF BOLTON

Women are generally ignored by history or discussed superficially in a generalized manner. The 1793 founding of Bolton and East Bolton townships is no exception. The definitive figure in the history of Bolton is the male Quaker, Nicholas Austin. Seldom does his wife, Phoebe Chesley, earn a mention. However, a female historian, Catherine Matilda Day, provided a glimpse into Phoebe's life in 1862. Day's principal source was Nicholas Austin Jr. (1782-1867), son of the preeminent citizen and subsequent patriarch of the extended family. Raised until he was 11 years old in New Hampshire and then living at Gibraltar Point from 1793, he was an authoritative source. In 1862, he related to Catherine Day the harshness of Austin family life and their unhappy circumstances, particularly as experienced by his mother, Phoebe.

Phoebe led an idyllic life while in New Hampshire. Born into an upper-middle-class family, she enjoyed a privileged education, which was evident in her refined manners. When she married Nicholas in 1768, it was out of love. Nicholas, who was cast out by his congregation for marrying a non-Quaker, reaffirmed his commitments to wife and to faith. Phoebe would not join his church regardless of the autonomy that she knew Quakers women enjoyed. Their marriage appeared blessed on the surface: Phoebe had her social status, while Nicholas was a gentleman-farmer with properties and a certain social standing, quickly making him a leader in the region. While in New Hampshire, the couple had seven children.

Nicholas exuded leadership, was elected to the state legislature and took on public duties. His reputation, however, suffered a series of setbacks. After coming under public criticism, Nicholas resolved to leave the United States and seek his fortune in Canada. Phoebe supported her husband's decision and signed the necessary contracts to liquidate their assets in the United States.

In the winter of 1794, the 50-year-old Phoebe travelled to Gibraltar Point with her husband and most of their seven children. They suddenly found themselves cut off from any and all services in a massive nearby forest, where Phoebe raised and schooled the children, contributed to farm duties and entertained her husband's visitors and employees. She also ran the household during her spouse's frequent absences. Irascible by nature, Nicholas fell out with associates, suffered legal setbacks and ultimately ended up in poverty. It seems that Nicholas unveiled his impetuous side after settling at Gibraltar.

As for Phoebe, pioneer life led to a partial derangement of her mental faculties, after the shock of a fundamental change from a life of refinement to the hardships of life in the woods. Catherine Day describes Phoebe as being "of a reserved and uncommunicative nature, but of elevated moral sentiments."

The couple's respective burials represent a tragic symbol of the distance between them. After he died in 1821, Nicholas was interred at Gibraltar Point without any marker, in keeping with Quaker tradition. It is believed that Phoebe, who died still a Methodist 20 years later, was laid to rest at the hamlet of Millington, in a little cemetery that exists no more.



Phoebe Chesley Austin and the work of a pioneer with some of her children at Gibraltar Point

Credit: Historical reconstruction from a 1999 film about Nicholas Austin by Martin Duckworth, a descendent of the founder)