

The Marigold Project returns for 19th year

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SAINT JOHN • Kids in Saint John will be hitting Main Street on Thursday to do one thing: plant marigolds.

The Marigold Project will be celebrating its 19th year on Thursday.

Opening ceremonies for this year's event will begin in front of the McDonalds on Main Street at 9:30 a.m.

"The morning will include the planting of marigolds along Main Street, a presentation of the Marigold Awards celebrating community volunteerism, Centennial School Choir singing O Canada and the Marigold Song and greetings on behalf of the Province of New Brunswick and the City of Saint John," according to a press release from the City of Saint John.

Over 7,000 students from Sussex to St. Stephen plant almost 140,000 marigolds on this day each year.

"Special recognition is extended to the members of the Marigolds Committee who continue to make it a priority to engage youth from Sussex to St. Stephen to beautify neighbourhoods, increase community pride, and place education around our environment at the forefront," said a press release issued by the city.

A section of road from Lansdowne Avenue to Simonds Street will also be closed for the event from 9 a.m. to noon.

"Motorists are advised to plan their



Centennial School Grade 1 student Cole Perry uses his fist to make a hole to plant marigolds during the 14th annual Marigolds Project on Main Street. This year's event will take place in front on the Main Street McDonalds at 9:30 a.m. in Saint John. PHOTO: CINDY WILSON/TELEGRAPH-JOURNAL

travel accordingly, reduce speeds in construction zones, observe signage, and drive safely," said the press release.

Fresh soil beds along Main Street have been prepared by Saint John's Growth and Community

Development Services, making them ready for kids to channel their inner green thumb.

Founder of Marigolds on Main Street, Barry Ogden, has said in the past that the project is about education.

"Sitting down and doing exams, doing lectures, that's all old school. That's not the way kids learn," he said. "The education system has got to change. It's so bureaucratic. Now look at them: They're having a ball and they're learning."

Ogden has also said that the project allows students to use things they have already learned in class, such as math and the process of photosynthesis.

In the past the event has even honoured the deceased.

In 2015, students wore bright colours to honour Cindy Flemming, one of the first teachers to participate in the growing of the marigolds used at the event.

"She was one of the first teachers to plant marigolds in her classroom, and from there we started working on cross curriculum, incorporating the marigolds in poetry, math and science," he said.

But Ogden said the event can also empower people.

"Being able to be empowered is what will create change. All the children grow the marigolds, they plant them and are proud of them. It gives them meaning and empowerment," said Ogden.

— With files from Colin McPhail



The conceptual layout for the container ship village at the Area 506 festival in Saint John set for July 29 to July 31.

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Long Wharf to transform into container ship village for festival

Area 506, set for the end of July, will showcase local municipalities, groups and businesses in addition to music

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SAINT JOHN • The music of Matt Andersen and Big Sugar, among others, will fill the air during the inaugural Area 506 festival at the end of July, and Saint John's waterfront will be revamped into a "shipping container village."

Streets will be constructed of shipping containers for the festival, which will take over Long Wharf from July 29 to 31. It will feature participating municipalities, multi-cultural groups and well-known New Brunswick bands to bring a piece of every part of the province to Saint John on the weekend leading up to New Brunswick Day.

"Even we didn't understand the incredible talent and diversity available right here in New Brunswick. We're super excited to provide a platform to stand proud and highlight what makes

us so unique," said Ray Gracewood, chair of Area 506, in a media release.

In a phone interview Tuesday afternoon, Gracewood said the initial idea for the village was to create an event that "really celebrated New Brunswick.

"What was the unique thing that we could do that's true to Saint John as a port city and reflective of the industry of the province?" he said.

The shipping containers were a natural fit because of the festival's partnership with Port Saint John, among others, said Gracewood.

"This is a terrific opportunity for all of New Brunswick to celebrate our province and for each of our municipalities to showcase our unique cultural, artistic, and commercial attributes," said Derek O'Brien, the chief administrative officer of the Town of St. Stephen.

Even without festival passes, the public can visit the village from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on July 30 and 31.

"The initial reaction has been incredibly positive," said Gracewood. "We're currently open to any other cultural groups or New Brunswick-based brands to take part."

Those interested in carving out a spot for themselves in the container ship village have until June 30 to sign up.

The list of participants so far includes:

Municipalities

- Saint John
- Sackville
- St. Stephen
- Miramichi
- Perth-Andover
- Hampton
- Rothesay

Cultural groups

- Saint John Multicultural Group
- New Brunswick Museum
- Sculpture Saint John
- Parks Canada
- ARCF
- Asian Heritage Exhibition
- Philipino Association
- St. Mary's (Sitatsisk) First Nation
- the Irish Comhaltas Saint John
- Provincial Archives
- New River Beach
- Charlotte Coastal Region

Businesses

- Olivier Soaps
- Sabian Cymbals
- King Cole Tea
- Mrs. Dunsters Donuts
- Covered Bridge Chips
- Sussex Beard Oil
- Corey Nutrition

Man nailed for lying at border

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only 48 beers and no tobacco at the duty free store.

The agent in the primary booth asked further questions then referred the vehicle for "suspected overage in terms of alcohol and goods," the prosecutor said.

They found packages of cigars and an open bottle of Carlo Rossi red wine in the back seat, and more alcohol and tobacco in the trunk, he said.

The agents recovered 288 packages of five cigars each, 20 cartons and five packs of cigarettes, 12 1.75-litre bottles of ABC Vodka, 12 1.75-litre bottles of the same brand of rum, a bottle of Crown Royal whisky, a bottle of Jägermeister liqueur, and two full four-litre jugs of Carlo Rossi plus the open one with about 300 millilitres left, but only six cans of Budweiser beer, Thorn said.

"Mr. Crouse ultimately took responsibility for the product and he paid the civil penalty that was levied against the vehicle," Thorn said.

"He indicated that he smoked the cigars that were seized and his wife smoked the cigarettes that were seized, and that he was certainly remorseful for what he had done," the prosecutor said.

"He had quite a bunch of cheap liquor, more than enough for the backwoods," the judge said, remarking that anglers use cigars to ward off flies.

The judge accepted the guilty plea without Crouse coming to court, allowable for summary charges, because he co-operated with the authorities once he was caught.

The fine could have been higher or lower, but the judge noted that Crouse already paid a civil penalty and the court accepted the joint recommendation.



Sobeys Extra is set to open in east Saint John in late July or early August.

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Sobeys to offer more services

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chef, a well-being counsellor, a sushi and noodle bar, a tempered chocolate program, and a community room.

"We want to have options that differ from the regular chicken and taters that we have at our regular stores; we want to focus on healthy options; we want to help people feel better and it starts with what goes into your body," said Selig.

Some of the new options will include grilled vegetables, grilled salmon, and "a wider assortment of healthier options for families that are on the run to stop in and pick something up," said Selig.

The store will also include a community room in which non-profit organizations can meet free of charge. According to Selig, the room will also be used for cooking classes aimed at mothers and

babies on healthy eating.

Selig said one the big differences with Sobeys Extra is the well-being counsellor.

"They will be able to point you in the right direction if you're looking for certain supplements or have a gluten-free diet," said Selig.

They will also be available to advise customers with diabetes, looking to lower their cholesterol or blood pressure, or to help develop menu plans.

Barter said he thinks the new location across the street from Costco will help drive customers toward his store.

"I think our store will complement Costco. When the shoppers are done picking up groceries there, they will have a beautiful new Sobeys store right across the street with a wider offering of services to meet their needs," he said.