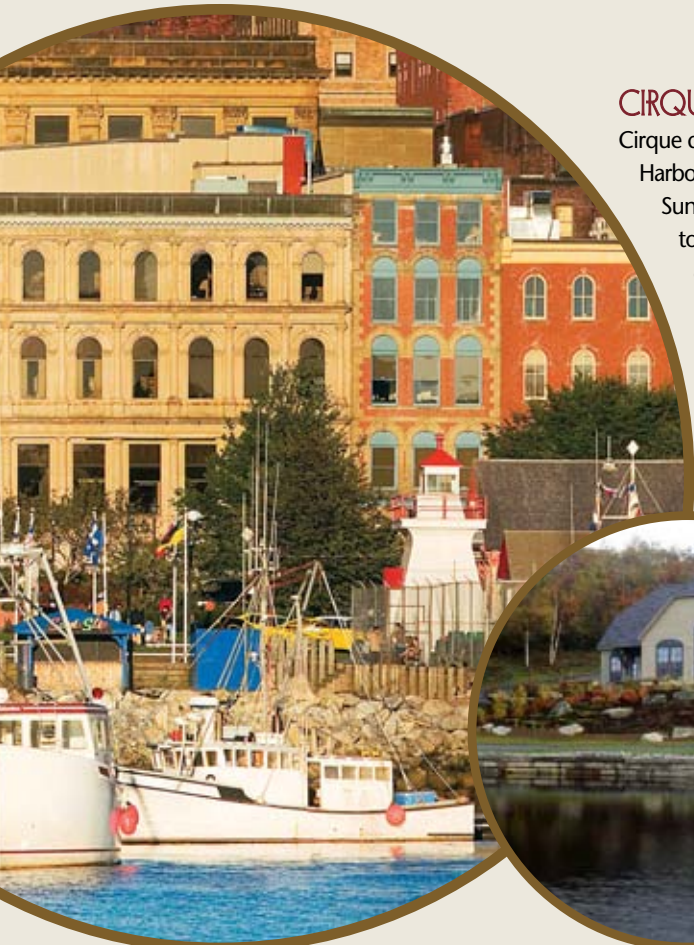


SAINT JOHN ON THE BAY OF FUNDY

WHAT'S NEW IN SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK IN 2009?
NEW PRODUCTS, EVENTS, ATTRACTION NEWS AND MORE!



CIRQUE DU SOLEIL RETURNS TO SAINT JOHN

Cirque du Soleil's new Alegria Arena Tour will perform at Harbour Station in Saint John from Wednesday, June 10 through Sunday, June 14, for eight performances only. It will be the tour's only New Brunswick stop. Alegria is a Cirque du Soleil classic featuring an international cast of 55 performers and musicians from 17 countries and showcases breathtaking acrobatics. Harbour Station Box Office (800) 267-2800 | www.harbourstation.nb.ca



CITY FLOURISHES WITH URBAN, WATERFRONT, AND PARKS DEVELOPMENT

Rockwood Park Additions Continue to Enhance Urban Gem

Located only five minutes from the city centre, Rockwood Park can now boast its year round availability as an outdoor recreation area featuring swimming, boating, biking, geocaching, rollerblading in the summer, Nordic walking, hiking, rock climbing and repelling in the fall and spring and skating, cross country skiing, sleigh rides and snow shoeing in the winter. A new improved trail and boardwalk encircling Lily Lake provides a spectacular vista worth bragging about. Visitors to Rockwood Park can now enjoy a leisurely stroll around the lake with much easier access.



When park goes need to rest, they can now enjoy a comfortable licensed cafe sitting on the water's edge in the lower level of the Pavilion. Lily's Café features a floor to ceiling stone fireplace and comfortable lodge like seating. Connected to the cafe is an ice cream parlour called the Lily Pad which features contributions by local artist Constance Wooldridge Vincent. Rockwood Park | (506) 658-2883 Lily Lake Pavilion | (506) 693-5033 www.lilylake.ca

The Three Sisters Lamp Now Resides in Picturesque St. Patrick's Park

St. Patrick's Park has undergone a considerable refurbishment, from the non-descript patch of land at the end of Prince William Street to a lovely park overlooking the cruise passengers' entryway to our city. The earliest light at the present location of the "Three Sisters" was a single oil lamp erected in 1842. It was placed in direct line with the steeple of Trinity Church so that harbour pilots and sea captains were able to navigate their way safely into the harbour at night. In 1849, it was replaced by three red gas lamps visible for three miles seaward. The official dedication of the park takes place on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day in Canada's most Irish City.

Barbour's General Store Museum Gets New Home Next to Famous Sculptures

Saint Andrew's Park, located directly across from City Hall at the foot of King Street has been recently redeveloped. The entrance will feature the relocated Barbour's General Store, an authentic nineteenth-century country store featuring over 2,000 artifacts. The store is a popular stop for visitors and cruise passengers seeking information on the city. The park will also feature John Hooper's famous sculpture *People Waiting*.

TWO OF NEW BRUNSWICK'S TOP TEN 2009 EXPERTS' CHOICE ATTRACTIONS GO TO:

- Fundy Trail Parkway
- Irving Nature Park

SIX SAINT JOHN ATTRACTIONS PROCLAIMED NEW BRUNSWICK'S

'BEST OF' FOR 2009

- Cherry Brook Zoo and Vanished Kingdom Park
- New Brunswick Museum
- New River Beach Provincial Park
- Reversing Falls
- Rockwood Park
- Saint John City Market

CITY FLOURISHES WITH URBAN, WATERFRONT AND PARKS DEVELOPMENT *continued*

Reversing Falls New Lookout Sees Two Worlds Collide

Reversing Falls has a new lookout for visitors to witness the amazing phenomenon. The lookout includes a magnificent view of the world famous Reversing Falls, access ramp and stairs, connecting walkways, lighting, landscaping, and interpretation panels at the eastern end of the Reversing Falls Bridge. In addition to the view of the magnificent rapids, visitors can see evidence of the continental drift at the formation of what is referred to as Split Rock, below the Reversing Falls Restaurant. The area is a unique geological area where continents collided and scientists have discovered rock formations sandwiched together that at one time in the distant past were in Antarctica and Africa.



Skateboard Enthusiasts Claim New Park is 'Fly'

The uptown skate plaza is 15,000 sq feet, and is located under the viaduct between Harbour Passage and Harbour Station. Designed to be the best in Atlantic Canada, the park echoes the lines of Saint John's architecture and gives skateboarders a place on the waterfront. The park is in heavy use and expected to draw visitors from across eastern Canada.



NEW FERRY SCHEDULE MEANS VISITORS CAN SPEND MORE TIME IN SAINT JOHN

The Princess of Acadia ferry, operated by Bay Ferries Limited has announced a new schedule for 2009. Departing from Digby, N.S., passengers will now be arriving in Saint John at 11:00 a.m. rather than 4:00 p.m. Terri McCullough, Bay of Fundy Tourism Partnership Program Manager says: Improvements to the Princess of Acadia schedule in '09 will open up a whole day to explore the city of Saint John. As a result of the established visitor information centre and the NB Museum's interpretive program onboard, visitors get a taste of the Saint John tourism experience that they will now have the time to fulfill when they disembark.

Information : (888) 249-SAIL | www.acadiaferry.com

OLD TALES AND NEW TUNES BRING MARTELLO TOWER TO LIFE

Visitors can make themselves comfortable in the cozy theatre and watch Carleton Martello Tower: The Sentinel of Saint John. See the Tower's story unfold in this lively audiovisual show.

Carleton Martello Tower is also getting musical with the debut of its summer concert series. Once a month, from June to September the Tower will host a different music event. Martello towers are not only bombproof, but it turns out that they have great acoustics too. Information: (506) 636-4011 www.pc.gc.ca/carletonmartellotower



NEW ACCOMMODATIONS OPEN IN SAINT JOHN AND ST. MARTINS

Best Western Hotel and Suites recently opened in Saint John's east side, adding 77 rooms including 17 suites to the popular shopping district. Information: (506) 657-9966 | www.bestwestern.com

Chateau Saint John is scheduled to open in summer of 2009 in the city's north end. The 7 storey hotel will have 112 units and is conveniently located off Highway 1 at exit 123, making it visible and accessible from east and west bound traffic through the city, not to mention its proximity to the uptown and Harbour Station. Information: (506) 850-8898 | chateausaintjohn@hotmail.com

Salmon River B&B offers eight newly remodeled rooms for visitors to St. Martins. The historic home was built in 1856 and offers spectacular views of the St. Martins Caves and the Bay of Fundy. There is a full service dining room that accommodates thirty, with an outdoor deck offering more views of the Bay. The B&B is currently open year round and is located at 4 Snow's Lane which is in the heart of St. Martins. Information: Mike and Barb Fiori | (506) 833-1110



CANADIAN COMEDY AWARDS & FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN SAINT JOHN

Make plans now to witness the best Canadian comedy of the year in Saint John this October 1- 3, 2009! More than 100 comics from across the country perform in sketch, improv and stand-up comedy, plus workshops, films and special events. The Last Laugh Gala on Saturday, October 3 at Imperial Theatre is one of the best nights of comedy you will ever experience. Tickets on sale April Fool's Day. Information: Imperial Theatre | (506) 674-4100 | www.canadiancomedy.ca

FUNDY TRAIL PARKWAY OFFERS NEW STRETCH OF COASTAL DRIVE

Visitors to the Fundy Trail Parkway can now enjoy Mitchell Franklin Bridge taking them across Big Salmon River. The bridge and kilometer of new road offer a new spectacular lookout overlooking the Interpretive Centre and Big Salmon River delta and mill remnants. New parking facilities have been added offering a shorter hike to the historic Hearst Lodge which now offers multi-day guided packages promising an unparalleled physically-active adventure travel experience.

Information: (866) 386-3987 |
www.fundytrailparkway.com

DINING SCENE HEATS UP IN GREATER SAINT JOHN

The Empire Room serves regional, seasonal, organic dishes, from light lunches and afternoon teas to fine evening dining. 79 Princess Street | (506) 693-7709

Loose Leaf Tea House is steeped with tasty treats to go along with its variety of teas and tea accessories. Corner of Richmond and Prince Edward Streets | (506) 214-3859

Pomodori has been firing up their wood oven for addictive artisan pizza in the Kennebecasis area since last fall. 83 Hampton Road | (506) 847-9663

Lily's Café has become a new favourite with its cozy lodge like décor and mouthwatering menu. Rockwood Park | (506) 693-5033

Sahara is also fare-ly new in town serving Lebanese. 136 Princess Street | (506) 634-4448

Northern Chinese Kitchen serves traditional Chinese cuisine, including homemade noodles and dumplings. 24 Coburg Street | (506) 693-1497

Jodi's Country Kitchen brings home style cooking back to Grandbay-Westfield, serving up homemade turkey dinners, pies and even homemade ice cream. Sobey's Plaza, Westfield Road | (506) 757-1881

NEW RETAIL OPENS IN UPTOWN SAINT JOHN

Market Square's newest boutique, **Stylin' Mama, Baby & Tot**, offers all the newest, hippest, and most popular products for parents and their children. From pre-natal to pre-school... a true one-stop shopping experience. Even something for mom!

The Shoppes of City Hall welcomed a new retail specialty jewelry store. **Jewels for Divas** carries handmade and imported pieces from countries such as India, Mexico, Thailand and Israel. The pieces are made of sterling silver and semi-precious stones.

Brunswick Square is blooming with **Edible Blossoms**. The new store has a wide variety of Fruit baskets that are sculpted to look like bouquets of flowers. **J&R Bags and Shoes** recently opened with unique bags and stylish shoes while **Je Suis Prest Boutique** offers the latest in women's fashion and accessories.

The Saint John City Market welcomes **Planet Pushers**, selling eco-friendly products and unique gift ideas. All products are made from organic sustainable sources or 100% recycled material containing 100% post consumer content.



Arts & Antiques in the City
Gallery Hop Dates:
May 8
August 21
October 16
December 5
5:00pm | (506) 649-6040

Saint John Arts Centre
Openings:
May 22
July 10
September 11
November 6
5:30 pm | (506) 649-6040

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

June 6-7
Oceans Day by the Bay
New Brunswick Museum
(506) 643-2300

June 10-14
Cirque du Soleil
Harbour Station
(506) 657-1234

July 3-4
Canada Day Weekend
Market Square
(506) 658-3600

July 10-11
KISS Tribute Weekend
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

July 10-12
Salty Jam Festival
Uptown Saint John
(506) 633-9797

July 11-12
Rothesay Fine Crafts Festival
Rothesay Commons
(506) 450-8989

July 17-19
Maritime Kitchen Party with
Jimmy Flynn
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

July 17-25
St. Martins Old Home Week
Village of St. Martins
(506) 833-2010

July 24-25
Buskers on the Boardwalk Festival
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

July 31-August 1
NB Day Weekend Activities
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

July 31-August 2
Greek Fest 2009
Lily Lake Pavilion
(506) 693-5033

August 6-9
Fundy Bay Festival
(506) 738-0990

August 7-8
Hola Saint John Latin Fiesta
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

August 14-15
Fundy Fog Festival
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

August 20-21
Country Boardwalk Style
Market Square Boardwalk
(506) 658-3600

August 25-29
Atlantic National Exhibition
Exhibition Park
633-2020

August 29
Dragon Boat Festival
Renforth Wharf
(506) 632-5497

September 17-19
Kennebecasis Valley Quilt Show
Island View Lion's Club
(506) 847-5663

September 26 -27
15th Annual Marathon by the Sea
(506) 642-5555

October 1-3
10th Annual Canadian Comedy Awards
Imperial Theatre
(506) 674-4100

October 15-17
Saint John Shakespeare Festival
Imperial Theatre
(506) 674-4100



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