



Why the egg is a symbol of Easter

The egg is a symbol of new life and giving eggs to celebrate Easter and the arrival of spring, has been a tradition for hundreds of years.

The egg: a symbol of life

The egg is a universal symbol of life and rebirth, and is particularly associated with many rituals. The tradition of giving undecorated eggs, then decorated ones, dyed or worked on, predates Christianity and is probably one of the oldest traditions in the world. This tradition is found in many countries.

In the Kalevala, the sacred book of ancient Finland, the world was born from an egg. The mother of water, Ilmatar, slept at the bottom of an ocean without a shore. In her sleep she moved her knee and it left the water like an island. Then the master of the air fell from the empty heavens and laid a golden egg on that divine knee. But lightly touched, like an insect annoying a sleeper, the goddess trembled and quivered, and broke the perfect egg shell.

Then all the pieces were transformed into good and useful things: the bottom of the egg shell formed a sublime firmament, above, the yellow became the shining sun, the top of the white shell became the moon and the sky was stained with bright shell debris which became stars, and finally, any piece of dark shell became clouds in the air. As time went by, many customs evolved.

For some, the Easter egg custom would be linked to Lent. From the fourth century, the use of eggs during the forty days of penance was prohibited by the Church. As a result, a large quantity of eggs built up in family homes. The easiest way to get rid of them was to give the eggs to children.

Another tradition dating back to twelfth century

From the twelfth century in many European countries, commoners had the habit of



exchanging eggs simply as a blessing of the church. Nobles soon adopted this practice and then transformed it. The change was directed to artisans such as painters, goldsmiths and engravers to make egg style gems, decorated with delicate paintings, enamel or precious stones. Easter egg exchange gained another dimension.

Eggs containing surprises is a tradition that dates back to the sixteenth century, and some of these surprise filled eggs even made history because they were so exceptional:

A good example is the statuette of Cupid enclosed in a huge Easter egg given by Louis XV to Madame du Barry, incense burners found in an egg in 1770 by Catherine II, or the tiny chick hidden in a precious egg which has been preserved in collections in Copenhagen's royal palace of Rosemborg.

The Easter eggs tradition of is known to have been in place during the sixteenth century in the court of the kings of France.

Louis XIV solemnly blessed Easter baskets holding large golden eggs which he handed out in a ceremony to his family. Madame Victoire, daughter of King Louis XV, even received two Easter eggs painted by Watteau and Lancret.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries until the revolution, the exchange of eggs was the prerogative of the court and nobility. The largest egg in the kingdom, laid during Holy Week, went to the rightful king. And also during the eighteenth century in France,

fresh eggs were emptied and then filled with chocolate.

In the nineteenth century, the bourgeoisie began practising this tradition. We can distinguish the dyed eggs which are eaten from those decorated which were offered to family and friends as a token of love and friendship.

The Easter Bunny

In Alsace and in Germany it is believed a rabbit is responsible for producing the precious eggs. The day before Easter, children make a nest of straw or foam that parents hide in the garden or in the home so that the Easter bunny can lay her coloured eggs. The next morning, the children leave the home to hunt for eggs!

Source:
<http://www.teteamodeler.com/culture/fetes/ouef-paques.asp>



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Business Hours:

Monday through Friday:

8:00 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 5:00 pm



THE MUNICIPALITY IN SHORT

TOWN HALL

Please note that during the Easter Holidays, our office will be closed:

Friday and Monday, April 22nd and 25th

As well as Monday, May 23rd, 2011 (Victoria Day)

ROAD WORK SCHEDULE

7 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SUMMER 2011

DAY CAMP COORDINATOR



- be at least 18 years old
- responsible for the coordination and supervision of all the different group activities
- manage expenses and revenues
- produce a report, at the end of the project, on the activities and the staff.

ANIMATORS FOR DAY CAMP

(Full time and part time)

- be at least 16 years old
- hold a CPR and/or First Aid certificate (would be an asset)

Candidates, for all positions, must be dynamic, responsible, bilingual and enjoy working with children.

Salary is based upon position, qualifications and experience.

Please bring your C.V. and a copy of your qualifications and complete a job application at the Ormstown Town Hall, 81 Lambton St.,

Deadline:

Friday, April 15th 2011, 4:30 pm

(Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted)

TEMPO SHELTERS

Please note that all TEMPO shelters must be dismantled by May 1st.

The canvas and framing must be removed at the end of the winter season. First offence will be subject to a fine of at least \$250. Subsequent offences will be subject to higher fines.

FIRE PERMITS

As of April 15th, and until November 15th, you will need a fire permit which is available free of charge at the Town Hall.

ORMSTOWN'S WEB SITE

www.ormstown.ca



In recent weeks, the Municipality of Ormstown has finally become online. The site will evolve to keep you informed of activities and important matters that may arise in your community.

If you wish to highlight an activity, we must receive the information via email at: loisirs@ormstown.ca at least

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Public sessions are held every first Monday of the month.

The population is invited to assist at these meetings which are held at 7:30 PM.

A question period is reserved for citizens at the beginning of each session.

Telephone: (450) 829-2625 / Fax: (450) 829-4162



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES IN THE NEWSLETTER

The "Ormstown Voice" Newsletter is published every two months and is distributed at around the beginning of the month. Organizations in the municipality and those in charge of activities are invited to send in their articles or news before the 5th of the preceding month. Articles should be forwarded as Word files with photographs in separate files (JPG or BMP) by email to: loisirs@ormstown.ca

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (450) 829-2625



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THE MUNICIPALITY IN SHORT (Cont'd)

3 weeks prior to the date of the activity. The text must be sent in English and French. A poorly translated text may be rejected or its release may be delayed.

The publication of information remains at the sole discretion of the Municipality of Ormstown.

MUNICIPAL TAXES 2011

Don't forget your first tax instalment is due on April 1st, 2011.



RESIDENTIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

You will soon be receiving a brochure in the mail containing information for special waste collection.

Here are the first dates to note:

April 19th: Collection of Green Organic Waste

April 23rd : Ecocentre

May 3rd : Collection of large items

May 17th : Collection of Green Organic Waste

NEW: May 31: Branch collection

Council Meeting Schedule for 2011

- January 10th
- February 7th
- March 7th
- April 4th
- May 2nd
- June 6th
- July 4th
- August 1st
- September 12th
- October 3rd
- November 7th
- December 5th

WINTER PARKING

Please note the restricted parking hours will be lifted as of **April 15th.**



Lions Clubs of Canada Purina walk for the Guide Dog Foundation



Did you know that lions clubs has been involved in training guide dogs for the last 25 years. The Lions Club of Ormstown is proud to host for the 1st time the Purina guide dog walkathon to raise money to train guide dogs.



The Sûreté du Québec will be present to conduct a program for child I.D. passports.

Polixe will also be in attendance at the celebration.

The walk takes place Sunday, May 2 at the fairgrounds. Registration at 11 am / Walk at 12 am.

Info : Ghislain Schinck 829-3139

RABIES CLINIC

April 30th 2011, 1:15 pm to 4:00 pm

At the Fire Station

Cost : \$10

Clinique Vétérinaire Johnston

GARAGE SALES

Garage sales will be held again this year, on Victoria weekend, May 21st, 22nd and 23rd. You must register at the town hall or by phone at 450-829-2625 before May 9th. It is free!

The Municipality will prepare road maps, indicating where all the garage sales will be located.

Please note that you are not allowed to have a garage sale on any other date throughout the summer.



DOG CATCHER

If you find a lost or stray dog, please contact the town hall at 450-829-2625. Dog licenses for the year 2011 will be available soon.



How can I learn more about provincial programs and services that are available to seniors?

For more information on health care, home care, health insurance, dental care, eye care or other care for seniors, please contact the ministry responsible for seniors or the Department of Health in your province or your territory:

Quebec - Ministry of Family and Seniors (Ministère de la famille et des aînés)

www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca

Phone: Toll Free 1-866-640-9919





EXPO ORMSTOWN

JUNE 9,10,11 & 12TH, 2011

SPECIAL !!!

From May 2nd to 13th only

BUY YOUR 4 DAY FAMILY PASS for admission only

2 Adults & 2 Children, 12 and under
Cost - \$50.00

Additional children 12 and under \$10.00 extra per child

Cost of pass between May 16th and June 1st- \$65

Passes not available after June 1st
2 Adults & 2 Children 13 to 18 years
Cost - \$60.00

Additional children 13 to 18 years \$15.00 extra per child

Cost of pass between May 16th and June 1st- \$75

Passes not available after June 1st
BUY A SINGLE 4 DAY PASS for admission only

Cost - \$20.00

Cost of pass between May 16th and June 1st \$25

Passes not available after June 1st

Purchase at – Ormstown Fair Office

1 McBain St., Ormstown
Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tel. 450 829-2776

SPAGHETTI DAY

To benefit Saint-Malachie Church

Thursday, May 5th from 11am to 2pm and from 4pm to 7pm

at the Recreation Center

(Take out)



The following are our Opti-voyages winners:



Jean-Pierre Vinet (5th)

Jean-Claude Dagenais (6th)

Congratulations, and Bon Voyage!!

CLUB VTT DES VISIONS

Club Vtt des Visions would like to thank those property owners who allow us access to their property and the members for their participation this season.

See you next winter!



ORMSTOWN LIONS CLUB Brunch 2011

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS :

To la Croisée des Chemins (Vincent Meloche), Boucherie Benoit Primeau, Boulangerie Chartrand, Érablière Blair, Érablière Le Pirate, IGA Ormstown, Jasmin Laframboise, Marché Richelieu St-Antoine, Michel & Khadija Leroux, Notaire René Therrien.

Thanks to your participation and that of the people of Ormstown, we were able to raise \$3,000.00

THANKS TO ALL !

LADIES AUXILLIARY

JULY 1ST

BBQ chicken dinner for the benefit of the Ladies Auxilliary H.B.M

For information: Louise Rollin or Monique Duchesne (450) 829-2211

Annual Meeting

Would you like to meet the members of the Women's' Auxiliary and learn more about their plans for the money that was raised. All these questions will be answered at their Annual Meeting.

When: **Thursday April 28th, 2010** at 8:00 pm

Where : 65 Hector Street



The Ormstown market will once again be back in 2011

Thank you for your support.

Every Thursday from June 16 to September 15, 2011 at the Ormstown fairgrounds

Open from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

The market has made many improvements for this year.

It will mainly be a farmer's market with local artisans present.

For more information you can call **450-829-2776** or email marcheormstownmarket@gmail.com.

ARTHUR L'AVENTURIER

To the delight of the organizers, the free concert last February 12th in the auditorium of the CVR was packed. The Municipality of Ormstown who was a partner in the event wishes to thank, on behalf of the children, the Comité d' Action Local (CAL) du Haut-Saint-Laurent and their various partners for this magical morning.





SCOUTS AND GUIDES BOTTLE DRIVE

Saturday, April 30th from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Door to door or at Dépanneur Bouchard

Info : Linus (450) 322-6158

SPAGHETTI SUPPER



To benefit the Ormstown Scouts

April 8th, 5 to 8 pm

At the Legion

Info : Linus (450) 322-6158

Guy : (450) 829-2132

SUR LES ROUTES DU SAINT-LAURENT

Annual General Assembly

Wednesday, April 6th, 2011 at 7:00 pm

At the Carole Tremblay community center, 475 Chemin de l'Église, Ste-Barbe

For information, please call Alain Trépanier and/or Rachel Yelle at 450-264-2267

WINTER MARKET

April 10th, 2011

Ormstown Elementary School

7 George Street, Ormstown

Featuring:

- Local products (vegetables, bread, cheese, honey, alcohol, meat, baked goods, chocolate)
- Artisans (soap, decorations, jewellery, pottery)
- Family activities, live music, café and light lunch



- Violette with face painting, storytelling and contests for children

CARNIVAL AND SPRING BREAK

Between February 26th and March 4th, Ormstown took on a festive aire. Ms. Johanne De Luca along with the encouragement of several downtown shops, organized some very interesting and well planned out events. Sculptors and performers dazzled people during the day while a concert of classical music by



McGill University students won over those who attended the evening performance. During spring break, activities under the butterfly theme were

highly appreciated by several families in Ormstown. Learning about and seeing butterflies at the Biodome and at des papillons en Liberté at Jardin Botanique were part of the program. The activities were organized with the financial participation of several partners. Thank you to the Optimist Club of Ormstown, the Caisse Desjardins du Haut-Saint-Laurent, Leahy Orchards, Stéphane Billette, MP for Huntingdon, Claude DeBellefeuille, MP for Beauharnois-Salaberry and the Ormstown Veterinary Hospital.

FAMILY BINGO

for Notre-Dame du Rosaire Elementary School

Sunday, April 10th, at 1:30 pm

At the Ormstown Recreation Center

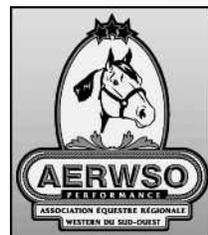
Cost : \$5

Come and have fun !!!



STORY TIME WITH VIOLET IN ORMSTOWN

Don't forget to join us at the library the last Saturday of each month, April 30th, May 28th and June 25th at 10 am.



SUD OUEST HORSE CLUB

Do you have a passion and an appreciation for horses? Come watch or join us at our local shows. Our show dates are 4 & 5 of June at Ormstown Fairgrounds, July 16 in Lévis and August 13 in St. Valentin.

For more info, visit us on the web at www.aerwso.com





THE FOLLOWING ARE STATISTICS REGARDING OUR LIBRARY:

In 2010, the library had 873 members and made 10 579 loans. The local collection includes 6386 books and members have access to 12 155 books by an exchange program.



Remember, there is no membership fee to Ormstown residents ... why miss out!!!

HERE'S SOME NEW ITEMS YOU CAN FIND AT YOUR LIBRARY

RECENT FRENCH ADDITIONS

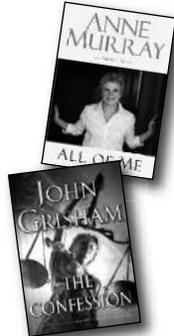
- Mémoires d'un quartier Marcel Louise Tremblay D'Essiambre
- Un bonheur si fragile Les amours Michel David
- L'homme inquiet Henning Mankell
- Le soldat de verre Steven Galloway



- Marina Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- Le secret du coffre bleu Lise Dion

RECENT ENGLISH ADDITIONS

- The confession John Grisham
- The reversal Michael Connelly
- Cross fire James Patterson
- Minding Frankie Maeve Binchy
- All of me Anne Murray
- Rescue Anita Shreve

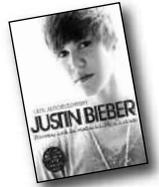


FRENCH NOVELS AND REFERENCE BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Ailes Aprilynne Pike
- Massie Lisi Harrison



- Fascination 4 tomes Stephenie Meyer
- L'homme qui marchait Martin Charbonneau
- 365 histoires du soir t.2



ENGLISH NOVELS AND REFERENCE BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Dancing through the snow Jean Little
- First step 2 forever my story Justin Bieber
- Frogs & french kisses Sarah Mlynowski
- Riding and pony care Rosie Dickins



LIBRARY schedule

Info: 450-829-3249

Tuesday	7 to 9 pm
Wednesday	Noon to 3 pm
Thursday	7 to 9 pm
Saturday	10 am to noon



STATISTICS CANADA: THE 2011 CENSUS

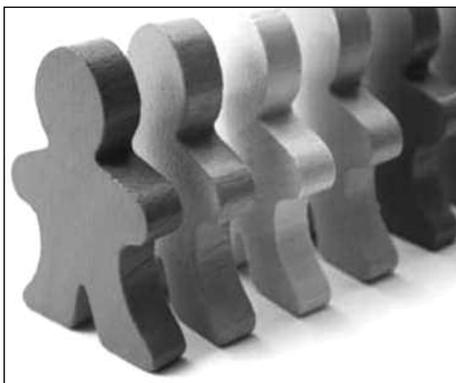
Canada's next census will be held in May 2011



Census information is important for all communities and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, police services and fire protection.

Count yourself!

Census questionnaires contain 10 short questions about basic demographics topics such as age, gender and mother tongue.



In early May, yellow census envelopes will be delivered to every dwelling in Canada, providing residents with the information they need to complete the census online or on paper.

Completed questionnaires will provide valuable information that will be used by all levels of government to make decisions about your neighbourhood and community.

Count yourself in and take part in the 2011 Census.

For more information about the 2011 Census, visit www.census2011.gc.ca.

For the first time: The National Household Survey

For the first time, one in three households will be asked to participate in the new, voluntary,

National Household Survey (NHS).

Information collected by the questionnaire will also support provincial/territorial and local government planning and program delivery. Furthermore, the information collected in the NHS will provide data to plan and support family services, housing, roads and public transportation, and skills training for employment.

When you receive the NHS, you can complete the survey online or on paper!

For more information about the NHS, visit www.nhs.statcan.gc.ca

Staff is required for a variety of supervisory and non-supervisory positions for the 2011 Census.

For more information and to apply online, go to www.census2011.gc.ca