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Already thinking about Spring Break?

From February 27 to March 6, a variety of free activities await the children of Morin-Heights: activities to get them moving, creating, exploring, and, above all, having fun!

On the schedule: the Spring Break Fest, a snowshoe hike, clay sculpting, an animal tracking workshop, and much more. Young and old alike can enjoy "The Village's Old Tree" show, while the more adventurous can try their hand at snowskating! Some activities require registration, so be sure to reserve spots for your children.

All activities are free!

See details on page 18.





Word from the Mayor

Fellow Morinheighters,

Winter is already upon us after a truly magnificent Fall. The major street repair work is now complete. Six streets have been improved.

They are:

- Beaulieu Street, starting at Village Road for 450 meters;
- Carver Street, starting at Village Road for 150 meters;
- Jackson Road between Perry and Alpino streets;
- Perry Street in its entirety;
- Sunnymount Street in its entirety;
- Village Road, 200 meters from Beaulieu Street toward the village.

Our teams have been working around the clock to complete all this work, thank you! In addition, the crosswalk on Village Road in the front of the library has finally been completed.

The Ministry of Transportation and Sustainable Mobility has approved our requests to lower speed limits on Route 364 and Route 329. As for Route 364, we'll be redesigning the road by reconfiguring the approach to Village Road. This involves implementing additional traffic-calming measures, such as speed bumps, flower beds, traffic markers, educational speed cameras, and road markings. Following this, we will be able to establish a 50 km/h zone flanked by a 70 km/h transit zone.

For the southern section of Route 329, a 70 km/h buffer zone will be introduced between the 50 km/h zone in the village center and the transition to the 90 km/h zone. A preliminary development plan will be submitted to the MTMD in December to expedite the implementation of the new speed limits.

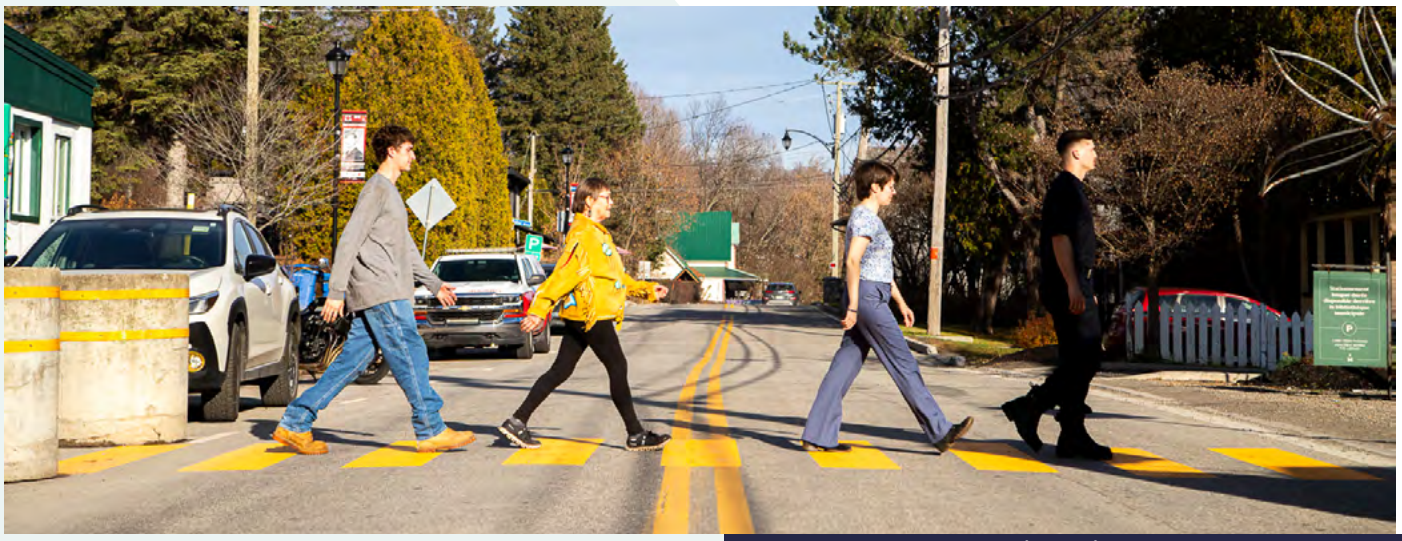
I am particularly proud to see the Municipality adopt its very first Climate Plan. It aims to equip us with the tools we need for our efforts toward ecological transition and the fight against climate change. It includes a structured action plan that outlines the actions to be taken and the steps to follow. I hope many of you will take an interest in it and, in turn, take concrete steps in your daily lives.

The trail maintenance team is hard at work to ensure that the cross-country ski and snowshoe trails are ready to welcome you this winter. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that you have access to 132 km of cross-country ski trails, including 67 km of machine-groomed trails and 65 km of Nordic ski trails. The snowshoe trail network offers 33 km of trails. It's up to you to enjoy them!

For the second year in a row, Domaine Castel-Marie Park will feature a walking loop, while retaining the cross-country ski trail and the snowshoe trail. In addition, a new flat walking loop starting at the Habitat Morin-Heights residence and leading to the 364 bridge is now open.

We look forward to seeing you on our beautiful trails and HAVE A GREAT WINTER!

Your Mayor,
Louise Cossette



Knitting Trees

Mittens, scarves, tuques, neck warmers; our knitting trees are starting to bear fruit! Please continue to feed them with your knitted items for children. Once your items are finished, take them to the library or Chalet Bellevue and hang them on the trees that will be in place until early January.

As we did in the past years, we will "pick" the trees when they are full and distribute the knitted goods to less fortunate families in the region. So, knitters, pick your needles and get to work!

For more information, please contact Monique Bélisle at 514 608-2323.

Pickleball Tournament

On September 12, the second annual Morin-Heights Pickleball Tournament took place. This major event, organized by members of the Pickleball Club, brought together more than 60 pickleball enthusiasts. The funds raised by the club through initial registration at the start of the season and tournament registration made it possible to donate $2,500 to the *Garde-Manger des Pays-d'en-Haut*, compared to $1,000 last year. Well done to all the players who participated in the event, and congratulations to the organizing committee, who once again rose to the challenge with flying colours!



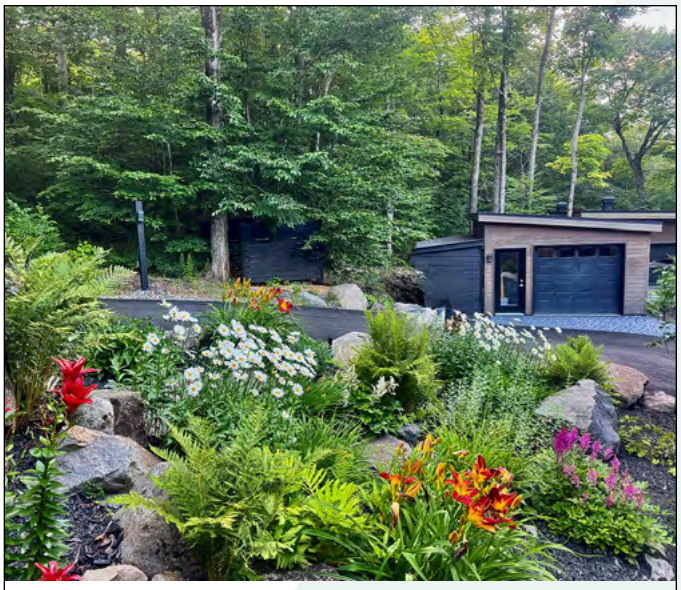


Photo Contest

Now is the time to showcase your most beautiful local images!

Submit your finest snapshots to **karyne.bergeron@morinheights.com** for a chance to win a gift card from a local shop! The winner will be announced in the upcoming bulletin.

To be accepted, your photos must:

- Have a minimum size of 1 MB.
- Be free of rights.

Please note that selected photos will be kept in our municipal image bank and may be used to illustrate our various communication tools or ads.

The winner of the previous edition's contest is Mrs. **Marie-Josée Gladu**, who received a gift card valued at $75 from L'Abri, located at 422, Road 364. Congratulations!



If you belong to the English-speaking community, live in the Laurentians, and want your voice heard to thrive in an inclusive society, you should become an official 4Korners member!

4Korners works toward empowering the regional partners and the Laurentian English-speaking community to improve service access. We aim to connect individuals with programs and services to meet their identified needs in a secure and inclusive environment.

The organization also offers a wide range of activities that focus on healthy lifestyles and mental health, foster creativity, improve employability, and provide support for youth, families, individuals, seniors, and caregivers of people 65 years and older.

www.4korners.org/event-calendar/

For more information: info@4korners.org • 450 974-3940 • https://4korners.org



Laurentian Region Cancer Support Group

The group offers English-speaking support services to cancer patients, caregivers and their families in the Laurentian Region, in a friendly and welcoming setting. The meeting format includes group discussions and relevant information from guest speakers. Free monthly meetings are held at Chalet Bellevue (27 Bellevue Street) or online via ZOOM. Upcoming dates: **January 16, February 20, March 20** and **April 17**. Donations are welcome (tax receipts provided).

For more information about the group's services, meetings, and guest speakers, call June Angus at **450 226-3641** or email **cancer.laurentia@yahoo.ca**.

Saturday December 12th

GUIGNOLÉE

GARDE-MANGER DES PAYS-D'EN-HAUT

FOOD AND CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

TO MAKE A DONATION

The Garde-Manger des Pays-d'en-Haut is a non-profit organization established since 1995.

We provide food and clothing assistance services to vulnerable individuals within the MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut.

FOR INFORMATION/REGISTRATION FOR THE FOOD COUNTER IN MORIN-HEIGHTS

450 227.3757 | 450 229.2011 Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

info@gardemangerpdh.ca

gardemangerpdh.ca

To receive food assistance, each person is assessed according to their socio-economic situation.

LA FOUILLERIE

VÊTEMENTS & ARTICLES DE MAISON USAGÉS
USED CLOTING & HOUSE ITEMS

The Fouillerie is managed by the Garde-Manger. We offer affordable clothing, as well as a variety of household items, sports equipment, and second-hand toys donated by local residents.

ALL PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO THE GARDE-MANGER DES PAYS-D'EN-HAUT.

Open |	Thursday	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
	Friday	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	1st Saturday of the month	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

28 Bennett Street, Morin-Heights | 450 644-0087





What if Now Was the Right Time to Think About Your Future?

Pays-d'en-Haut

The CJE des Pays-d'en-Haut is here for young people aged 15 to 35 who want to work, explore their options, get involved in their community, or simply gain clarity.

--> Looking for a job.
--> Changing career paths.
--> Returning to school.
--> Building an entrepreneurial project.

Every journey is unique, and our team is here to support you. Through individual meetings, group activities, and fun and educational workshops... It's all **free**.

Sometimes, all it takes is a little help to get started!

Visit www.cjepdh.ca to register or make an appointment.

CJE des Pays-d'en-Haut:

22 Goyer Street,
Saint-Sauveur,
QC, J0R 1R0
450 227-0074
info@cjepdh.ca
www.cjepdh.ca
Facebook: @CJEPDH
Instagram: cje_pdh



Ruisseau Jackson: Protecting Nature, Together

This summer, the Mayor of the Municipality of Morin-Heights presented the Lake Écho Homeowners' Association Trophy to Richard Cusson, a dedicated citizen and member of the *Ruisseau Jackson* natural protected area team, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the protection of our natural heritage. Through his determination and leadership, about a dozen property owners joined forces, with support from the Municipality and the *Société de Protection Foncière de Sainte-Adèle*, to establish a large natural conservation area in perpetuity around Cottage Road and Mud Lake. This initiative resulted in the protection of nearly 10 additional hectares within the *Ruisseau Jackson* watershed, equivalent to approximately 15 Canadian football fields, in close proximity to several bodies of water, including Echo, the most populated sector within the *Ruisseau Jackson* area.

For more info: **www.ruisseaujackson.org**

Holiday Schedule

Municipal offices will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 21, 2026, to Friday, January 1, 2027.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a 2027 filled with joy, good health, and many pleasures!



Community Pulse

Everyone experiences Morin-Heights differently. For some, it's the trails and nature; for others, it's neighbours, culture, or tranquillity. We would like to hear from you through a simple exercise: describe **YOUR** Morin-Heights in **THREE** words!

While you're there, take this opportunity to sign up for the citizen portal if you haven't already. You can subscribe to alerts of your choice, share your opinion through a survey like this one or about one of our major projects, or submit various types of reports and requests: **citoyen.morinheights.com**.



Town Planning and Environment

Preserving Nature: A Vision for Our Community

In Morin-Heights, the richness of our community is reflected in its forests, lakes, wetlands and many natural areas. These environments are essential to biodiversity and contribute to our quality of life by helping filter water, regulate temperatures and prevent erosion.

Protecting nature also means preserving the connections between these natural areas.

The Importance of Ecological Connectivity

Ecological connectivity allows wildlife and plant species to move between different natural areas. Forest corridors, wetlands and shoreline areas therefore contribute to maintaining diverse and resilient ecosystems.

With this in mind, the Municipality is conducting a local ecological connectivity analysis to identify key conservation areas, the natural corridors that connect them, and areas where actions could help preserve these connections.

A Conservation Plan to Guide Our Actions

This initiative is part of the development of our Conservation Plan, which will help identify natural areas of interest and establish priorities suited to the reality of Morin-Heights.

The goal is not to hinder the development of our community, but rather to better plan for growth while taking the natural characteristics of our territory into account. A better understanding of environmentally sensitive areas will allow us to make informed decisions and encourage a harmonious coexistence between human activities and the natural environment.

Preparing for Climate Change

Protecting natural areas also contributes to our ability to adapt to climate change. Heat waves, heavy rainfall, droughts and other extreme weather events are prompting us to rethink certain approaches to land-use planning and development.

Since September 2026, the Municipality has been working on its Climate Change Adaptation Plan, which will establish priority actions to strengthen the resilience of our community. The plan will come into effect in 2027, marking another important step in our efforts to adapt to climate change and build a resilient, healthy and sustainable community for current and future generations.

Your Voice Matters!

The Municipality would like to sincerely thank all residents who have contributed to these initiatives, whether by responding to surveys, participating in consultation workshops, or volunteering their time as members of the CCE, CCU and project technical committees. Your participation and commitment help shape a shared and sustainable vision for our community.

Jennifer Durand, Urban Planner OUQ, MICU
Director, Planning and Environment Department



MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut

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COLLECTIONS CALENDAR

SECTOR 2 YELLOW

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Recycling | Compost | Garbage | Bulky items

Sign up at **infocollecte.com** to receive email reminders and notifications about collections in your area.



1. At the curbside before 7:00 on day of pick-up.
2. Allow a 50 cm space around the bins.
3. Lid must be closed and wheels facing the property.
4. Place the bin at the end of the driveway (maximum 1.5 m from the street), with no obstacles in front.
5. Bulky items must be placed at the curbside on Sunday evening for pick-up during the week. All bulky items are buried without being sorted or reused. Consider selling or donating before discarding.
6. In winter, the bin must not be buried in snow or frozen to the ground.

Ecocentre

The inter-municipal Ecocentre is located at 2125 chemin Jean-Adam, Saint-Sauveur.

OPENING HOURS

Starting on the first Monday of April: open every day (except Wednesdays), from 7:30 to 16:45.

Starting on the first Monday of December: open Tuesday to Saturday, from 8:30 to 16:00.

Information: www.vss.ca/services-aux-citoyens/services/ecocentre • ecocentre@vss.ca • 450 227-0000, poste 3200

Bins and Bulky Items: The *MRC des Pays-d'en-Haut* Is Responsible for Waste Collections

Collection calendars and all information related to this essential service are available at: www.infocollecte.com.

For any questions, please contact the MRC. Bins placed at the roadside too early or not brought back in after collection not only create visual pollution but may also damage snow removal equipment. Place garbage, recycling, and compost bins as shown in the photo below, **1.5 m from the road**. The collection trucks' long-reach equipment can pick them up without interfering with snow removal when they are placed at the required distance.



Morin-Heights Fire Department and First Responders

Don't forget the *Guignolée* on December 12!

As every year, we will be located near the IGA, at the intersection of Village Road and Route 364.

During the holiday season, the demand for food increases. We stand together to allow everyone to celebrate this period with dignity. The donations collected are also used in the months that follow, when donations are often rarer, but the needs are still present.

Is Your Home Ready for Winter?

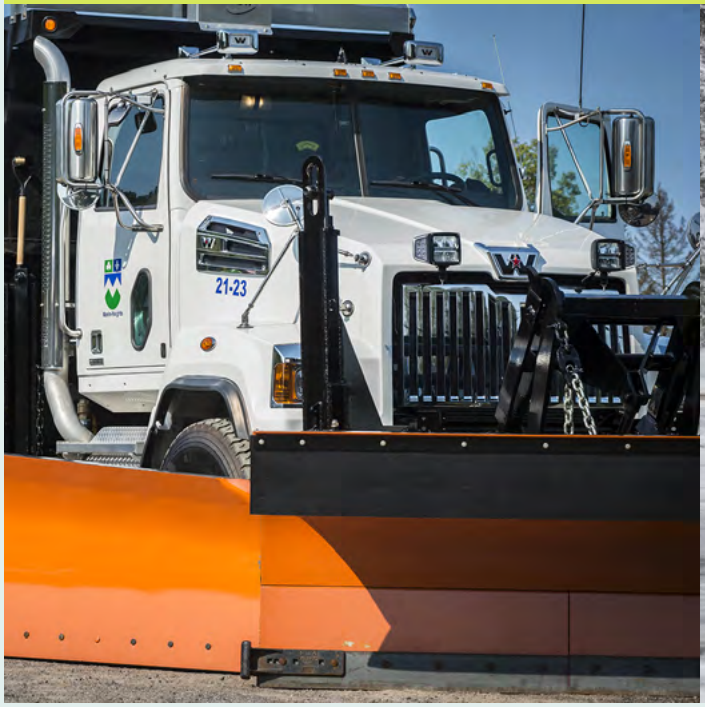
- Smoke alarms are working properly.
- Carbon monoxide (CO) alarm is working properly.
- Exits are clear and accessible.
- Civic address number is clearly visible.
- Access route is cleared of snow.
- Chimney has been cleaned.
- Ashes have been disposed of safely.

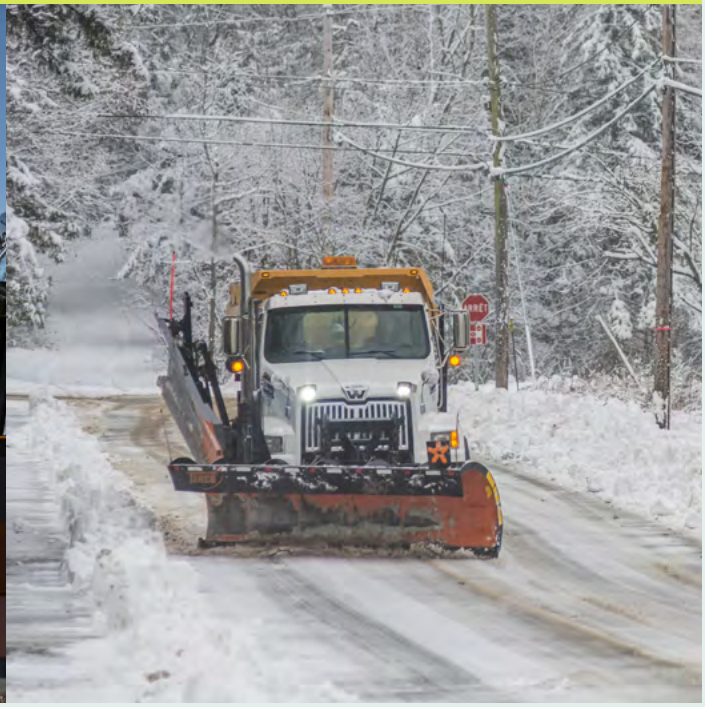


Public Works and Infrastructures

Demystifying the Work of Public Works Employees

The work of a **Blue-collar** Employee





In Morin-Heights, an average team of 15 blue-collar employees, both permanent and temporary, works year-round to ensure the safety, accessibility, and proper operation of municipal infrastructure. In winter, their day often begins before that of the nearly 5,000 residents. Despite snow, ice, cold, and unpredictable weather, this team is dedicated to keeping roads and facilities accessible and safe.

A Typical Winter Day

Before setting out, a blue-collar employee conducts a safety inspection of the snowplows, loaders, graders, sanders, and other vehicles. Any problem is quickly reported to the mechanic to minimize delays. Snow removal follows this order of priority: main roads, access routes for emergency services, school zones, residential streets, and municipal sidewalks. At times, reduced visibility requires patience and vigilance.

We monitor our road network 24/7: in addition to the day and evening crews, a designated employee monitors weather conditions when no crew is on duty and calls in reinforcements at night or on weekends during snow or freezing rain events. This work requires stamina, discipline, and teamwork. After a storm, snow is removed as quickly as possible from streets with sidewalks, usually within the following few days.

During thaws, the team manages water accumulation, frozen culverts, clogged catch basins, ice, and road surface deterioration. Catch basins, which are cleaned in the fall, are checked after storms. A mixture of sand, gravel, and salt improves traction but may need to be reapplied during extreme cold.

Blue-collar employees also respond to urgent calls and reports and keep fire hydrants accessible at all times. In this small team, everyone must be versatile and move quickly from one outdoor, physical task to another.

Facilitate Their Work

STREET PARKING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES: A vehicle left on the street prevents complete snow removal and may delay the next pass until the following day, depending on priorities. The municipal by-law stipulates that no vehicle or equipment may be placed within one and a half metres (1.5 m) of the road right-of-way. Your vehicle must be parked in your driveway, even if your private snow removal contractor has just passed. Thank you for helping us clear your streets properly and keep them clean and safe by avoiding any obstruction to the work being carried out.

MOVEMENT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT: Under a municipal by-law, no one may stop a snow removal operator while they are carrying out their duties to make a complaint. If you have a comment, complaint, or word of thanks, you can contact the Public Works Department from Monday to Friday. Stay visible to the operator of any machinery. Making eye contact is ideal for preventing incidents and accidents.

OBEY SPEED LIMITS: Throughout the year, obeying speed limits and road signs helps prevent accidents. In winter, be twice as vigilant. Leave earlier rather than driving too fast and putting your life and the lives of others at risk!

Often working behind the scenes, blue-collar employees are at the heart of winter operations. They make travel safer, keep emergency services accessible, and allow the Municipality to continue operating despite the challenging conditions of Laurentian winters.

We wish you a wonderful winter in Morin-Heights. Please be careful and patient during major weather events and give our team a warm greeting as they always do their best to quickly restore a safe road network!



Outdoor Network



Events Calendar

• *Première Neige* Race at Sommet Morin Heights	December 11 and 12, 2026
• Torchlight Evening	January 23, 2027
• Viking Ski Club: The 54th Viking Loppet	February 24, 2027

The network: more than 160 km of cross-country skiing, snowshoe and fatbike trails within your reach!

Cross-country Skiing

Whether you're a fan of classic skiing, skate skiing, or backcountry adventures, our trail network invites you on a true escape into nature, with breathtaking snowy landscapes!

- Classic cross-country skiing: access points at Basler Park, Chalet Bellevue, the Aerobic Corridor, and Domaine Castel Marie Park.
- Skate skiing: accessible from the Aerobic Corridor.
- Backcountry skiing: discover the trails at Des Bouleaux Park.

With a seasonal pass or a day ticket purchased online or at one of our sales points, the trails of the Viking Cross-Country Ski Club (Jackson Road) are also accessible, although parking there is limited.

Snowshoeing

Several nearby trails are accessible:

- **Basler Park** – 99 Lac-Écho Road: Snowshoe enthusiasts are invited to explore the 15 km of available trails. Surrounded by stunning scenery, visitors can truly enjoy the great outdoors.
- **Des Bouleaux Park** – 19 des Bouleaux Road: Quiet forest trails leading to natural lookouts.
- **Camping and Cabins Sommet Morin Heights** – 185 Bennett Street: This area features several marked trail loops offering beautiful views of the Saint-Sauveur Valley and its surrounding landscapes.
- **Domaine Castel Marie Park** – 900-910 Route 364: This peaceful sanctuary offers a quiet moment in a park that blends nature and history.

In addition to snowy vistas, these sites are ideal for wildlife observation, winter photography, and peaceful nature breaks.

Fatbike

About 15 km of trails are accessible and maintained by snowshoers at Basler Park.

Pricing:

- **Season passes can be purchased online or at the Chalet Bellevue.**
- **No charge for children 17 years old and under.**
- **Access to the snowshoe and fatbike trails is free upon presentation of the citizen card!**
- **Details: www.morinheights.com/Outdoors**

Landowners & Ski or Snowshoe Trails

Do you own a property with a municipal cross-country skiing or snowshoe trail on it? Send an email to skidefond@morinheights.com with your proof of residence and lot number to receive free VIP passes, for you and two of your guests (transferable guest passes). Once your request has been submitted, we will process it within 7 to 14 days before your passes are issued.

Service Centres

WELCOME CENTRES	SERVICES OFFERED AT EACH WELCOME CENTRE	ACTIVITIES STARTING AT EACH CENTRE	OPENING HOURS
Chalet Bellevue 27 Bellevue Street	• waxing room • ticket office • restrooms • showers • rest area • rental*	• classic cross-country skiing • snowshoeing • fatbike	every day from 9:00 to 16:00
Basler Park 99 Lac-Écho Road	• restrooms • heated rest area • outdoor fireplace	• classic cross-country skiing • sliding • snowshoeing • fatbike	
Des Bouleaux Park 19 des Bouleaux Road	• restrooms	• backcountry cross-country skiing • snowshoeing	
Domaine Castel Marie Park 900-910 Route 364	• restrooms	• classic cross-country skiing • snowshoeing • groomed walking trail	
Aerobic Corridor Pavilion 50 Lac-Écho Road	• restrooms • heated rest area	• classic cross-country skiing • skate skiing • snowshoeing • fatbike	
Viking Cross-Country Ski Club 393 Jackson Road	• restrooms	• classic cross-country skiing • snowshoeing	Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 to 17:00

Conditions and Opening of the Trails

Want to know the conditions?

Visit morinheights.com/Outdoors. An update is made daily, as well as the date of the last mechanical maintenance.

Some conditions do not allow the use of the trails in order to preserve their quality or restoration; please respect these instructions when notices are issued. In addition, some trails have been modified; it is crucial to respect signage and private properties.

Equipment Rental*

Cross-country ski and snowshoe: The rental shop is located at 27 Bellevue Street, in the basement of Chalet Bellevue. It is open Friday through Monday, and by appointment Tuesday through Thursday. During the holiday season and spring break, it will be open seven days a week.



Reminder About Dogs

Dogs are allowed on snowshoe and hiking trails only AND must be on a leash. It is also possible to walk your dog at the Canine Corridor, on du Midi Street, or at the dog park, located at 100 Lac-Écho Road.

Library

The municipal library is closed on statutory holidays. Library membership is free for all residents. **The library will be closed from December 22nd to January 2nd, inclusive.**

Hours:
Tuesday to Friday, from 10:00 to 18:00
Saturday, from 9:30 to 16:30

823 Village Road
450 226-3232, ext. 124
bibliotheque@morinheights.com
mabiblioamoi.ca

We invite you to reserve your documents in advance on mabiblioamoi.ca or by email at **bibliotheque@morinheights.com**. For returns, the book chute is always accessible on the side of the building.



The Christmas *Écolo-héros* Storytime
DECEMBER 12, 10:30
Have you been good this year? The Eco-heroes are going to show you how to be your best self, with stories that will inspire you and make you smile as you wait for Christmas!

Men, Kings, and Palaces... with a Twist!
AVAILABLE FROM JANUARY 19 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, ON THE MUNICIPAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL
A journey into the heart of the surprising architectural projects of some of the great kings of the 19th century. From Portugal to Germany, discover fairy-tale castles drawing on a variety of inspirations, built for visionary kings seeking to live out their fantasies as dreamy, childlike adults.

Crafts: The Medicine Bag
FEBRUARY 6, 10:30
Considered a sacred object, the medicine bag contains powerful objects and symbols. In this craft workshop with Valérie Hamelin, children are invited to discover the Mi'gmaq approach behind its creation.

Introduction to Clay
MARCH 3, 10:30
In this introductory workshop on clay sculpting, Geneviève Mercure will guide children in creating fun objects (see page 18)!

Seed Library: Seed Harvest!

The planting season kicks off in early March! Come pick up your seeds at the library before they're all gone!

New Arrivals

The library keeps its collection up to date! Here's a look at our new additions:
You'll Be Sorry/Lisa Gardner
Meet Me in Paris/Kristin Hamel
City of Widows/Nadia Hashimi
It Could Have Been Her/Lisa Jewell
Brain Damage/Freida McFadden
Miss Wolcott's Ghost/Louise Penny
We Chase Shadows/Richard Osman
The Unknown/Riley Sager
Whiskey Chaser/Lucy Score
John & Paul: A Love Story in Songs/Ian Leslie



Cultural Programming



Exhibition by Watercolourist Isabelle Thouin

The Municipality of Morin-Heights presents an exhibition of watercolours by an artist from Morin-Heights. Over the past five years, Isabelle Thouin has taught herself to master watercolour painting and its subtleties. Her work expresses innocence, naivety, wonder, and gentleness. Her approach, inspired by nature and small moments of happiness, aims to evoke an emotion that will touch the heart of anyone who takes the time to pause and look.

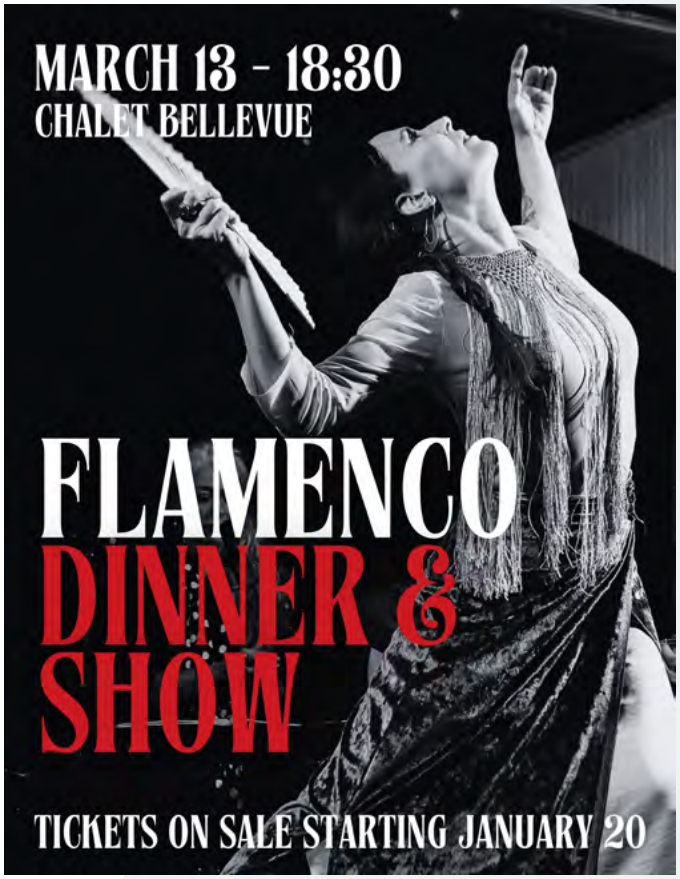
At Chalet Bellevue, from March 12 through March 31. Vernissage is open to all on Friday, March 12, at 16:00.

Knitting Group

The knitting group gathers for a cozy session of knitting, conversation, and creative exchanges. It is not just for knitters; anyone who enjoys crocheting, embroidery, or other needlework is also welcome!

Meetings occur every Thursday, from 13:00 to 16:00, at the library. Feel free to drop in for the whole meeting or just part of it, depending on your availability.

It is an informal gathering, so no registration or reservation is necessary, simply bring your materials and enthusiasm. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Monique Bélisle at 514 608-2323.





Flûtes en fête de Noël

A Christmas concert for the whole family on Tuesday, December 15, at 19:00 at the United Church (831 Village Road).

Tickets: $25; free admission for students under 17

Information and reservations:
514 757-7002 or jkdflute@gmail.com

Village Noise

The VILLAGE NOISE Christmas choir will perform at IGA Morin-Heights on Saturday, December 19, at 14:00. Don't miss it if you want to get into the holiday spirit!

Cultural Programming



Theatre Morin Heights: Winter Season 2027

We thank all of our loyal patrons and hard-working cast, crew, and other volunteers for making our November production of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" by John Bishop a resounding success!

Save these dates for our upcoming events at Chalet Bellevue at 19:00 (complete details will be available on our website shortly):

- **January 13:** Open play reading, so anyone can join in to read a few lines or sit back, relax, and enjoy.
- **February 17:** Annual General Meeting followed by a short play reading. Everyone is welcome. TMH 2027 members are eligible to vote.
- **March 17:** Rehearsed/staged play reading complete with some costumes and props, but scripts still in hand. Let us know if you would like to be part of the show!

If you want to get involved on stage or behind the scenes or even as part of our board of directors, please contact us. There are numerous ways that you can volunteer to become part of our thriving local English community theatre troupe—just let us know you are interested.

For more information or to inquire about getting involved, call 579 765-3999, email **theatremorinheights@gmail.com**, or visit our website at **theatremorinheights.ca**.

HISTOIRE — HISTORY MORIN HEIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2026

In March 2026, we launched "**All Aboard**," a project showcasing our collections to a packed house at Chalet Bellevue. These exhibitions are now travelling throughout the community, with displays at Chalet Bellevue, Habitat Morin-Heights, the library, and the museum at Trinity Church on Sunday afternoons during the summer.

This mini-museum, hosted by our dedicated volunteers, was well received and attracted both local residents and tourists.

For the fall and winter, the museum is open by appointment for individuals and groups. To arrange a visit, please contact **qckatiana@gmail.com**.

In November, we held our annual fundraising event at Chalet Bellevue: a **Heritage Musical Gala**. As we write this in October, tickets have sold out!

As our activities and collections continue to expand, volunteers remain at the heart of our work. They catalogue and preserve our growing collections, prepare and publish our annual publication, "The Porcupine," plan social events, and install our many and varied displays.

These exciting initiatives create an increasing need for volunteers to assist with a variety of activities. **Consider joining our team!**

For more information on our Association and upcoming events:

EMAIL: mhha98@hotmail.com
FACEBOOK: Morin Heights Historical Association
WEBSITE: www.morinheightshistory.org

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MORIN-HEIGHTS 1855

French-Language Reading Club (CLEF)

The French-Language Reading Club continues its monthly meetings. We discuss new finds, books we rediscover, and favourites. Meetings are held at Chalet Bellevue every fourth Tuesday of the month, from 14:00 to 16:00.

For more information:
Monique Bélisle, 514 608-2323

Laurentian Reading Club

Enjoying reading, ideas, and each other's company since 1959.

The Laurentian Reading Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month from September to June, at 13:00, at Chalet Bellevue.

Members are asked to contribute $20 a year to help cover the cost of books. For more information, please contact Jane Philibert at **450 275-2491** or at **janephil@cgocable.ca**.



Fondeurs Laurentides DEPUIS 1975

Fondeurs-Laurentides Cross-Country Ski Club

YOUTH PROGRAMS & 2026 FIRST SNOW INVITATION

Get ready for winter with the Fondeurs-Laurentides Cross-Country Ski Club! Registration for our youth programs and lessons (Jackrabbit, trail level, and options for all skill levels) opens this fall. Come improve your technique and enjoy skiing in a fun, supportive atmosphere.

Plus, don't miss the **2026 First Snow Invitation**, where skiers are invited to our flagship early-season major cross-country event that kicks off the winter season!

- **Location:** Sommet Morin Heights (231 Bennett Road)
- **Dates:** Program registration opens in the fall
  First Snow Invitation: December 2026
- **Fees:** Varies by program and category
- **Information:** info@fondeurslaurentides.ca
  579 888-2005 / fondeurslaurentides.ca

MAISON DE LA FAMILLE des Pays-d'en-Haut

WINTER 2027 PROGRAM

The *Maison de la famille des Pays-d'en-Haut* winter program will run from Monday, January 18, to Thursday, March 25, 2027. Families will be able to enjoy a variety of activities, including parent-child workshops, activities for young children, parent gatherings, collective kitchens and much more. Some activities are free, while others are offered at a low cost.

Online registration will open on January 4, 2027. Visit our website to view the complete program and registration details.

Maison de la famille des Pays-d'en-Haut
480 Capucines Street, Sainte-Adèle
www.maisondelafamille.com

SPRING BREAK

FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 6













Learning while having fun!

ACTIVITIES

February 27: Spring Break Party
February 28: Owls and Snowshoe Hike* (10 years old and over)
March 3: Introduction to clay sculpture*
March 4: Wildlife tracking workshop with *Les Primitifs**
March 6: The Village's Old Tree show (in French at 13:30 / in English at 15:05)
March 6: Introduction to snowskate

***upon registration only**

PRICE

All activities are **free**!

INFORMATION

450 226-3232 (132)
www.morinheights.com

Our Facilities in Basler Park

99 Lac-Écho Road

Fire Pit

A fire pit is set up at Basler Park and tended by our team on weekends and school holidays. Take advantage of it to warm up between activities; bring hot chocolate, marshmallows, and blankets for a cozy time!

Slide

Enjoy our naturally landscaped slide! Bring your sled, saucer, or crazy carpet to race down the slide and enjoy the pleasures of winter! Open daily, from 9:00 to 16:00, weather permitting (information on our website).

Ice Rinks

Ice Rinks' Schedule*

Small rink

	EVERY DAY
Free skating	from 9:00 to 21:00

Big rink (NHL-sized)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Free skating	-	16:00 to 18:00	-	-	-	9:00 to 11:00	16:00 to 18:00
Hockey	9:00 to 21:00	9:00 to 16:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	9:00 to 21:00	9:00 to 21:00	9:00 to 21:00	11:00 to 21:00	9:00 to 16:00 and 18:00 to 21:00

* These schedules are subject to change without notice.

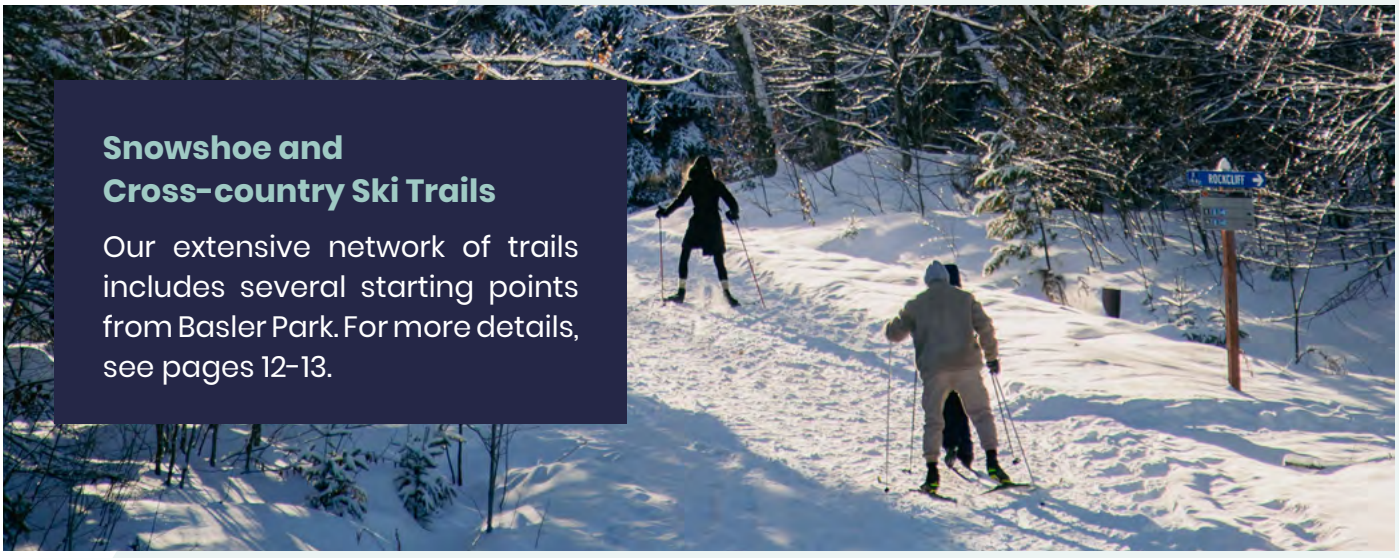
Before Visiting the Park:

Check whether our ice rinks are open, based on ice conditions and reservations, by visiting the municipal website.

On-site, you will find:

- heated trailer for change of clothes
- heated washrooms
- stabilizing supports for skating aids (for children and adults)





Snowshoe and Cross-country Ski Trails

Our extensive network of trails includes several starting points from Basler Park. For more details, see pages 12-13.

Accès-Loisirs Québec

Free Activities for People with Low Income

This program offers an opportunity to participate in recreational activities free of charge for individuals aged 0 to 99, who are living on a low income, in an atmosphere of respect and confidentiality. This opportunity allows *Pays-d'en-Haut* residents to break out of isolation and become socially active.

REGISTRATION—WINTER SESSION 2027

SAINT-SAUVEUR

- Wednesday, January 6, from 9:30 to 11:00
  Church basement
  (205 Principale Street)

OR

SAINTE-ADÈLE

- Monday, January 11, from 13:00 to 16:00
  Garde-Manger des Pays-d'en-Haut
  (1291 Sainte-Adèle Boulevard)

To be eligible for the program, you must provide proof of income when you register.

For more information about this program, please call 450 226-3232, ext. 132.





Next Issues!

The Info Morin-Heights bulletins are delivered to all residents and are available at municipal buildings or in digital format on the municipal website.

Visit www.morinheights.com to register for the citizen portal and our email newsletter!

SPRING EDITION - **March 15 to June 1, 2027**
Deadline: January 19, 2027
Distribution: March 9, 2027

SUMMER EDITION - **June 1 to August 15, 2027**
Deadline: March 22, 2027
Distribution: May 26, 2027

FALL EDITION - **August 15 to December 1, 2027**
Deadline: June 2, 2027
Distribution: August 10, 2027

WINTER EDITION - **December 1, 2027, to March 15, 2028**
Deadline: September 28, 2027
Distribution: November 24, 2027

60 Years of Orienteering in Morin-Heights

Although **Orienteering** remains a little-known outdoor sport among the general public, it has been part of Morin-Heights' history for over sixty years. As early as 1967, the **Viking Club** organized a major international competition, held over six days, starting at the Bellevue ski resort (now Basler Park) and on the surrounding terrain. Since then, the Viking Club has continued to promote orienteering. It regularly offers activities and provides free access to permanent courses, which can be navigated on foot in the summer and on skis in the winter.

A second Morin-Heights-based organization, ***Rogaine Laurentides***, has been helping to introduce people to orienteering since 2000 by organizing several annual events in the region.

Finally, since 2018, ***Azimut Laurentides***, the third local organization, has been creating permanent courses for schools, parks, and summer camps, in addition to offering team-building activities focused on orienteering and collaboration.

Running and Thinking: Two Words That Perfectly Sum Up Orienteering

Orienteering takes place in forested or urban areas. Using a map and a compass, participants set out to find control points marked by a circle on the map, and by an orange-and-white triangular flag on the ground. The challenge is to complete the course by combining map reading, route selection, and navigation on the ground, all while working within one's own physical limits. Whether approached playfully or strategically, every participant's mind and legs are put to the test!

There are many different forms of orienteering: solo or in teams, completing the course in the given order as quickly as possible, or without a set order but within a time limit; on foot, on skis, by bike, in a canoe, in a wheelchair, on horseback, during the day or at night—the possibilities are endless! Accessible to everyone, orienteering is enjoyed by people of all ages and skill levels.

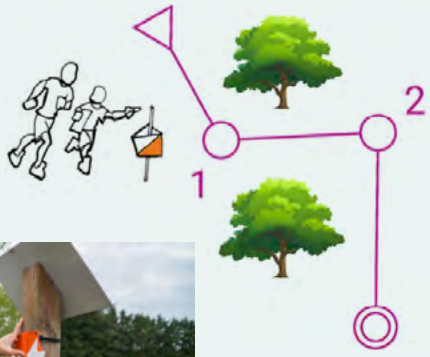
Orienteering Activities in Morin-Heights in 2027

The orienteering community hopes to introduce the local population to orienteering by inviting them to participate in various activities organized throughout 2027. Here is the preliminary schedule; details for each event will be found on the websites of the respective organizing organizations:

- **Sunday, January 31:** Orienteering introductory course on cross-country skis and snowshoes at Viking Club. An activity for the whole family; participants must bring their own skis or snowshoes.
- **April through October:** Several events in the region organized by *Rogaine Laurentides*.
- **Sunday, August 29, at Basler Park**, and **Sunday, October 3, at Viking Club**: Two on-foot orienteering races, organized by the Ramblers Orienteering Club.
- **Friday, October 15, in the evening:** "Vampire Hunt" at Basler Park, a large-scale game of tag in the dark for the whole family. Participants must bring a headlamp; the activity concludes around a campfire, organized by the *Azimut Laurentides Club*.

To learn more about orienteering, visit the websites of the clubs and the *Fédération Québécoise de Course d'Orientation* (FQCO).

Running Is Great, but Thinking While You Run Is Even Better!







The Royal Canadian Legion's Activities

127 Watchorn Road

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Live Music with Madhouse, 20:00

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
TGIF Smoked Meat, 17:30 to 19:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Live Music with Posa Blue & Friends, 20:00

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
TGIF Smoked Meat, 17:30 to 19:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Valentine's Day Supper, 18:00

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26
TGIF Smoked Meat, 17:30 to 19:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Snowball (soft ball in snow), 13:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 5
75th edition of the Kids' Ski Races

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
St. Patrick's Day Supper, 18:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 26
TGIF Smoked Meat, 17:30 to 19:00

Events are open to the public.

Darts every Thursday, 13:00.
Djembe Classes every Monday and Tuesday, 19:00.
Street hockey every Saturday morning.
Game Day (Mahjong, cards, etc.) every Sunday, 14:00 to 16:00.
Chair Yoga every Monday, 10:00.

Hall rental with bar service or not available (info via email).

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Music shows Facebook: morinheights live
450 226-2213



Inter-Municipal Agreement

An inter-municipal agreement between Morin-Heights, Piedmont, Sainte-Adèle, Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs, Sainte-Marguerite-du-Lac-Masson, Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard, and Saint-Sauveur allows residents from these seven towns to register for the following courses at resident rates. This agreement aims to promote specific courses and to offer our residents access to a more varied range of options.

Registration Process

Follow the registration procedure of the municipality offering the activity of your choice. Proof of residence is required to register with each municipality.

The list of courses offered for winter 2027 through this agreement is available via this link: www.morinheights.com/Courses-activities-offered

INFORMATION

Municipality of Piedmont:
450 227-1888, ext. 230 / piedmont.ca

Municipality of Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs:
450 224-2675, ext. 262 / sadl.qc.ca

City of Sainte-Adèle:
450 229-2921, ext. 7244 / ville.sainte-adele.qc.ca

City of Sainte-Marguerite-du-Lac-Masson:
450 228-2543, ext. 221 / lacmasson.com

Municipality of Saint-Adolphe-d'Howard:
819 327-2044, ext. 241 / stadolphedhoward.qc.ca

City of Saint-Sauveur:
450 227-0000, ext. 4000 / vss.ca

Consult the complete Morin-Heights course schedule on pages 23 to 26.

Important Numbers

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Sûreté du Québec des Pays-d'en-Haut:
450 227-6848

Animal Control:
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Citizen Portal:
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t.me/morinheights

Emergency 9-1-1:
Public Works
(evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays)
Fire — Police — Ambulance
Emergency Measures

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WINTER PACKAGE

Starts on January 18 - 10 weeks of classes!

DAY package — $ 250 residents — $ 288 non-residents

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:15 - 10:15 **Tonus-Flex** Katy	8:45 - 9:45 **Cardio-Tonus** Manon 11:00 - 12:00 **Introduction to boxing** Boxe Laurentien	9:00 - 10:00 **Yoga for all** Lynda	9:00 - 10:00 **Snowshoe Fitness** Sophie 10:30 - 11:30 **Solo-Latino** Francisco

EVENING package — $ 175 residents — $ 201 non-residents

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
18:30 - 19:30 **Cardio-Tonus** Katy	19:00 - 20:00 **Zumbaaa** Manon	18:30 - 19:30 **Yoga for all** Lynda

REGISTRATION

RESIDENTS: FROM NOVEMBER 25
NON-RESIDENTS: FROM DECEMBER 2

MORINHEIGHTS.COM
450 226-3232 (132)
CHALET BELLEVUE



Courses offered

New!

REGISTRATION

Residents of Morin-Heights now have access to a pre-registration period, from November 25 to December 1.

Starting December 2, registration will be open to everyone.

BY INTERNET

Go to www.morinheights.com and click the "Registration" button on the homepage.

BY PHONE

450 226-3232, ext. 132

IN PERSON

Chalet Bellevue, seven days a week, from 9:00 to 16:00

Physical activities (adults)

*course included in the inter-municipal agreement (p.22)

ACTIVITY	DAY	AGE GROUP	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	START DATE	COST RESIDENTS	COST NON-RESIDENTS
Bridge Lessons	Monday	adults	Louise Lalonde	9:30 - 11:30	9 weeks	March 1	free	free
Cardio-Latino	Thursday	adults	Francisco De La Calleja	11:45 - 12:45	12 weeks	Jan. 7	$180	$208
Cardio-Tonus* *also offered in the Winter Package*	Tuesday	adults	Manon Coulombe	8:45 - 9:45	10 weeks	Jan. 19	$150	$175
	Monday		Katy de Denus	18:30 - 19:30		Jan. 18	$150	$175
Country Line Dancing beginner*	Wednesday	adults	Wendy Aitken	19:00 - 20:00	10 weeks	Jan. 20	$130	$150
Low-impact Line Dancing*	Tuesday	adults	Sylvie Labelle	16:00 - 17:00	10 weeks or 15 weeks	Jan. 19	$110 (10 weeks) $165 (15 weeks)	$127 (10 weeks) $191 (15 weeks)
Line Dancing beginner 1*	Tuesday	adults	Sylvie Labelle	17:15 - 18:15	10 weeks or 15 weeks	Jan. 19	$110 (10 weeks) $165 (15 weeks)	$127 (10 weeks) $191 (15 weeks)
Line Dancing beginner 2*	Tuesday	adults	Sylvie Labelle	18:30 - 19:30	10 weeks or 15 weeks	Jan. 19	$110 (10 weeks) $165 (15 weeks)	$127 (10 weeks) $191 (15 weeks)
Winter Package* Access to six different classes at a single price!								
Flexi-Dance	Thursday	adults	Francisco De La Calleja	13:00 - 14:00	12 weeks	Jan. 7	$180	$208
Introduction to Boxing*	Tuesday	adults	Boxe Laurentien	11:00 - 12:00	10 weeks	Jan. 19	$150	$175

Physical activities (adults, continued)

*course included in the inter-municipal agreement (p.22)

ACTIVITY	DAY	AGE GROUP	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	START DATE	COST RESIDENTS	COST NON-RESIDENTS
Karate	Friday	adults	Gilles Labelle	17:30 - 18:30	1, 3, 5 or 10 months	Jan. 8	based on the length of the session	
For registration, please contact Kyoshi Gilles Labelle at 450 431-1444.								
Parent-Child Sled Training	Tuesday	parent with baby	Sophie Desrochers	10:00 - 11:00	8 weeks	Jan. 19	$115	$133
Snowshoe Fitness	Thursday	adults	Sophie Desrochers	9:00 - 10:00	10 weeks	Jan. 21	$150	$175
Qi-Gong Do In Meditation*	Thursday	teens adults seniors	Geneviève Pepin	16:30 - 18:00	10 weeks	Jan. 14	$210	$242
Solo-Latino* *also offered in the Winter Package*	Thursday	adults	Francisco De La Calleja	10:30 - 11:30	12 weeks	Jan. 7	$180	$208
Tonus-Flex* *also offered in the Winter Package*	Monday	adults	Katy De Denus	9:15 - 10:15	10 weeks	Jan. 18	$150	$175
Yoga beginners*	Wednesday	adults	Lynda Dupont Yoso zen	17:15 - 18:15	10 weeks	Jan. 20	$150	$175
Soft Yoga 65 y.o. & +*	Wednesday	adults	Lynda Dupont Yoso Zen	10:15 - 11:15	10 weeks	Jan. 20	$150	$175
Yoga for Everyone* *also offered in the Winter Package*	Wednesday	adults	Lynda Dupont Yoso Zen	9:00 - 10:00 18:30 - 19:30	10 weeks	Jan. 20	$150	$175
Zumbaaa* *also offered in the Winter Package*	Tuesday	adults	Manon Coulombe	19:00 - 20:00	10 weeks	Jan. 19	$150	$175

Cultural activities (adults)

ACTIVITY	DAY	AGE GROUP	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	START DATE	COST RESIDENTS	COST NON-RESIDENTS
Spanish* Level 2	Thursday	adults	Yoalli Gallagos	13:00 - 14:30	10 weeks	Jan. 14	$195	$224
Spanish* Conversation Advanced	Thursday	adults	Yoalli Gallagos	10:00 - 11:30	10 weeks	Jan. 14	$195	$224
Spanish* Conversation Beginner and Intermediate	Thursday	adults	Yoalli Gallagos	11:30 - 13:00	10 weeks	Jan. 14	$195	$224
Water-colour Painting*	Wednesday	teens adults seniors	Jules Bressani	17:00 - 19:00	10 weeks	Jan. 20	$300	$345

Sports and physical activities (children-teens)

*course included in the inter-municipal agreement (p.22)

ACTIVITY	DAY	AGE GROUP	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	START DATE	COST RESIDENTS	COST NON-RESIDENTS
Contemporary Dance 1* + show	Tuesday	6 to 8 y.o.	Azalée Leroux	17:55 – 18:40	15 weeks	Jan. 19	$375	$432
Contemporary Dance 2* + show	Tuesday	9 to 14 y.o.	Azalée Leroux	18:50 – 19:50	15 weeks	Jan. 19	$390	$449
Dance parent-child*	Friday	18 months to 3 y.o.	CANCELLED					$288
Hip-Hop* + show	Friday	7 to 12 y.o.	CANCELLED		15 weeks	Jan. 22		$449
Karate	Friday	children	Gilles Labelle	17:30 – 18:30	1, 3, 5 or 10 months	Jan. 8	based on the length of the session	
For registration, please contact Kyoshi Gilles Labelle at 450 431-1444.								
Mini-Ballet* + show	Tuesday	3 to 5 y.o.	Azalée Leroux	17:00 – 17:45	15 weeks	Jan. 19	$375	$432
Mini-Hip-Hop* + show	Friday	4 to 6 y.o.	CANCELLED					$432
Multi-Sports*	Sunday	3 ½ to 5 y.o.	Sportball	9:45 – 10:40	10 weeks	Jan. 24	$165	$190
Multi-Sports Parent-Child*	Sunday	2 to 3 ½ y.o.	Sportball	9:00 – 9:40	10 weeks	Jan. 24	$165	$190

Cultural activities (children)

ACTIVITY	DAY	AGE GROUP	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	START DATE	COST RESIDENTS	COST NON-RESIDENTS
Arts for kids*	Thursday	5 to 9 y.o.	Art Diana	17:55 – 18:55	8 weeks	Jan. 21	$250	$288
				17:55 – 18:55	4 weeks (lesson 1, 3, 5 and 7)	Jan. 21	$125	$144
				17:55 – 18:55	4 weeks (lesson 2, 4, 6 and 8)	Jan. 28	$125	$144
		9 to 12 y.o.		19:05 – 20:05	8 weeks	Jan. 21	$250	$288
				19:05 – 20:05	4 weeks (lesson 1, 3, 5 and 7)	Jan. 21	$125	$144
				19:05 – 20:05	4 weeks (lesson 2, 4, 6 and 8)	Jan. 28	$125	$144

Training (teens)

ACTIVITY	DAY	AGE GROUP	INSTRUCTOR	TIME	DURATION	START DATE	COST RESIDENTS	COST NON-RESIDENTS
Babysitting Course*	Sunday	11 to 15 y.o.	Secourys	9:00 – 15:00	1 single class	Jan. 31 (French) Feb. 7 (English)	$70	$82