



## Report to council August 2014

- **Community Bake Oven Training:** On Saturday, August 9th Community members got trained in how to safely use & train others in using our community bake oven! If you are interested in getting trained/getting keys to the bake oven please contact us. We will be publishing a mini-bake oven guide which will be published after being edited by bake oven users, specialists & our fire chief, Craig Bowser.
- **Rural Economic Development Breakfast:** We are continuing to support “First Friday” meetings to support local people working in Community Economic Development.
- **Entrepreneurship Meetings:** Renaissance is seeking feedback & will be hosting informal meetings with Economic Development organizations, councillors and town staff in regards to next steps for supporting entrepreneurship in Sackville. We want to build up partnerships and the capacity of Economic Development in Sackville, which will inform what we publish in the final draft of our Entrepreneurship Guide.
- **Entrepreneurship Consulting:** Julia is offering consulting to local businesses & people interested in entrepreneurship. Please pass the word!
- **Together Tantramar:** We’ve created a shared group for community organizations to work together & plan together online! We have also paired with Volunteer Greater Moncton to populate their Volunteer Map for Sackville. Please spread the word!
- **ABCD Workshops:** With Town Staff & Community Organizations, we are making sure we create a map of our assets here in Sackville. Renaissance is hoping to meet with copious organizations before October to engage the community in creating a map of what Sackville has to offer & our shared priorities.
- **Active Living & Sustainable Transportation:** Our CarShare program pilot has been extended indefinitely, and work is being continued to complete an Active Living map for our town. Please share interesting routes for walks, skiing, snowshoeing & biking with our summer student [sackvillebikecoop@gmail.com](mailto:sackvillebikecoop@gmail.com)
- **Community Garden:** The Renaissance Board is proud to announce we are supporting the infrastructure & upkeep of the Sackville Community Garden. We want to make sure it is a beautiful, safe community space for years to come. This fund will be ongoing, and includes upkeep of the garden beds, composting toilet, greenhouse etc.
- **Fall Fair:** Julia has agreed to help coordinate volunteers for Fall Fair. If you have feedback from previous years (concerns, questions etc.) please get in touch.
- **Beginner Farmer Symposium:** Supported by Renaissance, ACORN is hosting their BFS on Monday August 18th. If you know a farmer or someone interested in becoming a farmer, pass it on! Early registration closes Wednesday, August 13th.
- **Renaissance Staff on Maternity Leave:** As of October 1st, Julia will be on Maternity leave but maintaining our functions with Janine O’Reilly, our board and some supplementary help from Julia.

**For more information on what we’re up to, please check our [renaissancesackville.ca](http://renaissancesackville.ca) blog & facebook page for pictures and active updates!**