

EDITORIAL

Dear residents of Montmaurin

As the opening of the municipal swimming pool approaches everything is being done to make things as pleasant as possible for you. Various activities, events and services will be on offer thanks to local employees and different partners who are contributing to this activity.

Measures in case of a heat wave in 2016 have been put forward by the Préfecture of Haute Garonne: within this plan, those elderly and/or those of reduced mobility who wish it may ask to be registered on the village list so that regular contact with them can be organised in the event of a heat wave. The Montmaurin CCAS can then arrange help.

The safety of our roads and public electrical installations is a concern for us. Work on both the roads and the public lighting network has been undertaken and further work is planned.

Therefore, the speed limit in the village centre and on the RD69c will be 30 km per hour starting from this summer.

As for the public lighting, most of the street lights are out of date. In order to remedy these problems we are approaching SDEHG to establish a reasonable way of changing the lighting in the village. There will certainly be several stages of work. We will inform you of our progress and our choices very soon.

We hope that you will have some very happy moments in Montmaurin throughout the summer.

Yours sincerely,

Silvia Belair, Mayor

CURRENT NEWS

The big St Gaudens Intercommuality : a forced marriage with an unknown future

Within the furtherance of the joining of 5 communautés de communes, those of Saint Gaudens, Boulogne, Nebouzan-Rivière-Verdun, Porten du Comminges and Terrestrial d'Aurignac and the SIVU* Children and Youth, registered in the departmental plan, the communes of the canton and the Boulogne Communauté de communes must take a position on this merger, the limits of which have been defined by the prefectural order of 18 April 2016.

Yet to be decided, in collaboration within the intercommunities, are the taxation and budgets, the responsibilities, the organisation and human resources, as well as the name and the seat of the new big Intercommuality.

The consequences of this merger will depend on a common, evenly applied taxation, responsibilities undertaken by the new Intercommuality ... In the absence of dialogue and possible alternatives according to the area... This is a recentralisation of decision making powers which will have an impact on our small rural communities: the loss of independence of

management as well as the loss of proximity of local services to the detriment of the population. It is estimated that taxation for all the 105 communes which must agree the rate of taxation (within a limit of a 12 year transition period) will be subjected to an increase to be born by the 44.000 taxpayers, given that we know that certain Intercommunal groups are currently in a very worrying financial situation which will have to be absorbed.

We therefore have a duty to vote at communal and Intercommunal levels on a plan for merger without knowing either the taxation or the responsibilities of the future Intercommuality within very short time limits and with restricted preparation. The rate of taxation will be imposed on us from this Autumn.

The village vote was to challenge the feasibility of this Intercommuality working in the unknown, starting from 1 January 2017 and our unfavourable view is aimed at the compulsion of this merger "in the dark" that has been planned and imposed on the village and its inhabitants.

Summer opening of the municipal swimming pool 2016

You will be welcome to use the pool this summer from 1 July 2016. You will see the work that has been carried out to renovate the outdoor furniture of the relaxation area.

Activities available last year will be offered again, such as table tennis, water volley ball, chess games assisted by the **Gesse Chess Association**, for beginners or for those who wish to improve their knowledge of the game... and night time sessions will be organised according to the weather.

New arrivals: a table for the game of draughts and, from 20-31 July "**escape with a book**" will be happening at the pool, making books, cartoons and mangas (Japanese cartoons) available.

The leisure area becomes a **non-smoking area**, conforming to the prefectural decree no 2015-768.

During the summer period **the semi-automatic defibrillator will** be moved from its box at the side of the Mairie to be kept in a similar box

outside the pool so that this apparatus will be available for all those using the pool as well as for the residents during the months of July and August.

In wet or stormy weather the pool will have to be closed: a table tennis table will be set up in the village hall. Those employed at the pool will supervise this activity when it arises, but only in the afternoons (the same times as the pool). Young children will have to be supervised by their parents.

Throughout the summer every afternoon in the **St Christophe Square, Nell and Julien Serre** will be selling... Refreshments, icecreams, panini etc....

Municipal swimming pool : open every day from 1 July till 31 August: 11.00-12.30/ 15.30-19.00

We look forward to fine days when we'll see you at the water's edge!

(*) SIVU : Syndicat Intercommunal à Vocation Unique

EVENTS IN JUILLET

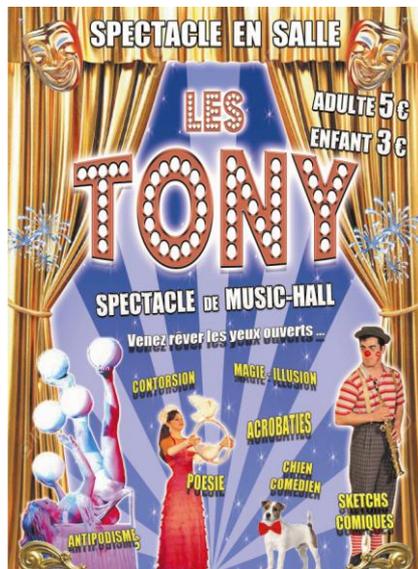
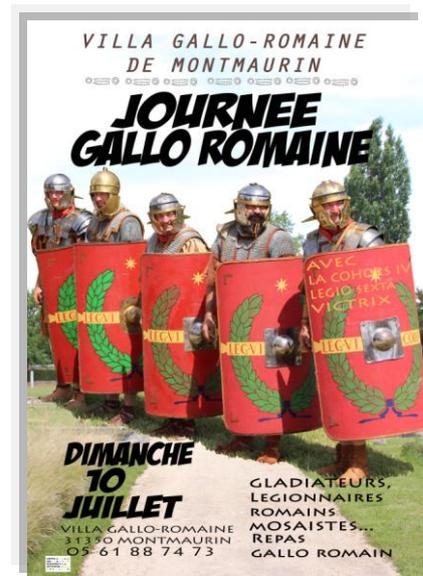
GALLO-ROMAN DAY

Gladiators and legionaries will appear at the Gallo Roman villa – there will be demonstrations of mosaic making and illustrated visits.

For the **gallo-roman meal**, please register in advance

Sunday 10 July 2016

Open to the public – Entrance : 3 € - Contact : 05 61 88 74 73



MUSIC-HALL SHOW

In the Montmaurin village hall the Tonys will be producing a music hall show lasting one hour and 30 minutes on **12 July 2016** : acrobats, magic tricks... poetic.

Refreshments available with drinks in the interval.

Open to the public - Entrance : 3 € for children - 5 € for adult.

READING IN SHORTS THIS YEAR IS BECOMING « READING AT THE SWIMMING POOL »

Introduced by the Ministry of Culture and Communication, the big book festival for young people is returning from 20 to 31 July 2016 throughout France. In Montmaurin we are making books available for young people at the swimming pool. The very young will be given the chance to discover the magic of a book.

Happy reading !



CIRCULAR CYCLE ROUTE – THE BOULOGNE HILLSIDES

40th circuit of the Boulogne Hillside from **17 July 2016**: with two circuits - **green** (40 km) and **yellow** (63km) from Boulogne sur Gesse to St Plancard for the first route and from Boulogne sur Gesse via Sèdeilhac - Arné and Gensac for the second.

Two other circuits are planned for the more experienced cyclists. **Orange** (94km) and **Red** (114km).
These are routes that you will find on the Internet site: WWW.MONTMAURIN

Snapshot We wish Marie and Lucie, twin daughters of Sybille Cazabonne, a happy birthday as they have just celebrated their 18th Spring.

Young people from the age of 16 years. All young people (boys and girls) of French nationality must be registered between the date of their 16th birthday and the end of the three following months. Having registered they are then obliged to complete a day of defence and citizenship (JDC) formerly known as the JAPD.

Management of the communal forest

The commune of Montmaurin does not want to continue to over-exploit its forest in the coming twenty years (2016-2035). The reports from the ONF are that only 8.32 hectares are likely to be exploited out of the 95.78 hectares largely concerned. It has therefore been decided that the forest will be left in peace in its entirety and that no felling will be carried out in the communal forest.

Indeed, under the previous management of the forest (1996-2015) felling has been excessive with the removal of 8m³/hectares of wood per year, the impact of which affects the whole of the vegetation in the area. Production of wood by felling has disrupted the stages of maturation and ageing of trees. Therefore other species of flora, fungi and fauna dependent on these phases of tree life and the consequent ecosystems have suffered as a result.

Traffic on the RD69c (the entrance to Montmaurin / Blajan to Larroque)

For the safety of all in the village centre, we have chosen to establish a speed limit of 30 km per hour followed by a limit of 50 km per hour, moving back the limit of the built up area on the RD69c. There have been many reports of excessive speed by vehicles using the RD69c. This is the only reasonable solution to make this road safer as it goes through the village without incurring costly work (discussion of 26 May 2015; by order of the mayor February 2016).

Death announcement We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of M. Gérard Mallet who passed away on 3 June 2016.

OPENING TIMES AT THE MAIRIE : Tuesdays : 14.00-17.00 – Wednesdays and Fridays : 14.00-17.30

The Mayor and her deputies are also available to see people by appointment :

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In emergencies : Silvia BELAIR – Tél. 06 07 23 16 07 – Bertrand MIRO – Tél. 06 75 10 76 20

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**THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
ON THE FOLLOWING DATES :
FROM 19 JULY TILL 25 JULY INCLUSIVE
FROM 16 AUGUST TILL 22 AUGUST INCLUSIVE**

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