



Newsletter

December  
2010

## Warden's Message

The holiday season is a busy one for everyone but this year we are issuing a challenge to all residents- please try and buy items from your local businesses such as gifts, food, and services. A strong local economy is good for everyone.

We also urge everyone to take time out and visit or help out other residents of Argyle who may not be able to get out easily, are lonely or perhaps just would appreciate a visit and a chat. For some, having their steps shoveled or sharing a cup of tea would mean a lot. Doing small things for your neighbours will give you back far more than you are giving.

On behalf of council and staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Enjoy the newsletter

Warden Aldric d'Entremont

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## Our New Look

We are pleased to introduce our new logo that we will begin using for our newsletter, website, municipal signage and promotional material used for tourism etc.

Allison Cottreau was chosen as the designer. He is a resident of Wedgeport and this is what he had to say when explaining his choices for the content of the logo:



*"After all, most of the villages in the municipality stick out like fingers into the sea, therefore we have an abundance of shorelines. So I tried to create the impression of a rolling green hill that meets the ocean."*

We are very pleased with this new look and hope that when people see it that they get an idea as to what sort of wonderful place that Argyle is to live, work and play in.



**Équipe d'alphabétisation- Nouvelle-Écosse (ÉANÉ)** offers several free French programs aimed at helping Acadians and Francophones who wish to improve their skills in reading, writing, and math.

**For adults** (ages 18+): Basic French course in a community setting based on individual needs. This course is offered in Tusket on Monday mornings.

### **For families:**

**Jouons ensemble** - for parents and their babies up to age 18 months. Available in Wedgeport, Tusket and Pubnico, winter 2011.

**Bon Appétit**- this program consists of four cooking workshops for children ages 4-6 accompanied by an adult which encourages literacy, numeracy and healthy nutrition. Available in Tusket, winter 2011.

**To register or for more information, please contact Ghislaine d'Eon at 648-0501 or visit the website at [www.bdaa.ca/eane](http://www.bdaa.ca/eane)**

## Did you know...

- ◆ Council meetings are open to the public and are held the second and last Tuesday of each month - meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ All individuals or groups requesting an opportunity to make a presentation to Council must contact the CAO's office at 648-3293 at least two weeks prior in order to be added to the Council meeting agenda
- ◆ Council meeting agendas are ready for distribution (on the Municipal website - [www.munargyle.com/council](http://www.munargyle.com/council) or pick-up in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

# Municipal Anniversary Celebrations in 2011

Experienced staff working for you!

Peggy..... 34 years



- Peter.....23 years
- Lorelei .....22 years
- Sheila.....22 years
- Marsha.....14 years
- Scott.....9 years
- Simone.....8 years
- Ginette.....6 years
- Carol.....6 years
- Alain.....5 years
- Brenda.....5 years
- Brad.....3 years
- Pam.....3 years
- Julien.....2 years
- Glen.....1 year

## NOVEMBER STORM AND FLOODING



Everyone has a story or memory about the storm that happened during the first weekend of November 2010 and most of those are not happy stories.

There were many flooded homes, washed out roads and bridges.



We here at the Municipality, especially in the Emergency Management Office have a few memories that we would like to share with you.

We saw a community that came together and helped in any way possible. People opened their homes to those who had to leave theirs, fire department volunteers worked long hours, community groups prepared food, people manned phone lines 24 hours per day and gave both important information and comforted those who needed it.

Being a part of all this has made us, as staff and council of the municipality very proud to be able to say that we live here and that there are so many wonderful giving and caring people; folks who look out for their neighbours and care about their communities.

Thank You all- Argyle really is a place that we should all be proud to call home.

## CHRISTMAS IS HERE— HOW DO I SEPARATE MY WASTE?

Recyclables (blue bag)	Organics (Green Cart)	Garbage (clear bag)
<b>Bag 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Boxboard/cardboard from gifts</li> <li>- Plain Greeting Cards (without sparkles, ribbon, etc.)</li> <li>- Wrapping paper (paper kind only)</li> <li>- Regular tissue paper</li> </ul> <b>Bag 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gift cards</li> <li>- Cellophane</li> <li>- Plastic packaging from toys</li> <li>- Plastic tape dispenser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All food waste</li> <li>- Soiled paper products (e.g. table napkins)</li> <li>- Christmas wreaths (<b>ALL</b> decorations and metal must be removed)</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bows &amp; ribbons</li> <li>- Metallic/foil wrapping paper</li> <li>- Broken tree decorations/tinsel</li> <li>- Gift bags (please reuse)</li> <li>- Greeting cards <b>WITH</b> sparkles, ribbon, etc.</li> <li>- Wooden Clementine boxes</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Giving gift certificates or using gift bags <b>WILL</b> reduce your waste and involve <b>LESS</b> clean up on Christmas morning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Give original gifts to avoid extra packaging such as: jams/preserves in reusable glass jars, handmade gifts or pack cookies, candy and fudge in reusable tins.</li> <li>- Carefully unwrap gifts and reuse the paper, ribbons and bows next year.</li> </ul>	

**Friendly reminder:** All milk cartons/jugs should be placed in your blue bag # 2 (containers) for recycling.

**Your collection schedule will not change during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays**

## COMMUNITY PLANNING PROCESS

The Municipality of Argyle has recently developed an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). This long term plan was approved by Council in February 2010 and provides vision and direction for navigation towards a healthy and prosperous future. The ICSP recognizes the relationship between the economy, the environment and the social and cultural dimensions of our communities. It also details how the municipality will use the federal gas tax revenues it receives for municipal infrastructure projects aimed at environmental improvement. Some of these current projects include the West Pubnico sewage treatment plant upgrade, Tusket wastewater improvements, and regional solid waste disposal site improvements. A copy of the ICSP is available on the municipal website.

The Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) oversees the community planning process. The Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) and Land Use By-law (LUB) are concerned with land use and development and contain policies to guide and control that development to ensure long term community benefit.

On the last Thursday night of each month at 7pm, the PAC comprised of both councillor and citizen members meet in the municipal council chambers to review and discuss community planning policy. These meetings are open to the public and all residents are invited to attend. Some past discussions have included coastal wetlands, wind farms and wind turbine generators, land development standards, and commercial development.

For information contact the Yarmouth-Argyle-Barrington District Planning Commission at 648-3166.





## Business Spotlight: I.C. Fish Smokers

Charlie and Ian d'Entremont are the "I" and the "C" behind I.C. Fish Smokers of West Pubnico.

Elaine (wife of Charlie and mother of Ian) is also an important part of this family business.

They started out smoking fish in 1980 for their personal use with a home-made smoker and in 1989 the official business began and today over 110,000 lbs of fresh fish goes through their doors- with approximately ¼ of that being smoked.



Only fresh haddock or pollock is used— **never** over 24 hours from the sea! It is placed in a simple brine solution for a short time then onto trays in the smoker for between 12 and 24 hours. The smoke comes from smouldering sawdust.

The sawdust quality is very important- only softwood, no bark, nothing from wood such as plywood that would contain glue etc...and must be from an approved and inspected source. Once lit, the sawdust must be checked every few hours which means that there is often a 1am check and a 5am personal check-in—now that's dedication!

The fish is sold in 15 lb boxes or by the pound. Totally natural- no preservatives or additives (no liquid smoke) - and only 99 calories per 3 oz serving with 1 gram of fat.

This holiday season consider serving it the traditional way – baked in milk or cream with onions and pepper added or consider some new alternatives such as smoked haddock dip, adding it to chowder, fishcakes and more. I.C. Fish Smokers also sell fresh fish as well as supplying many local restaurants and grocery stores.



**Quality product in a licensed and inspected facility and all in our municipality!**

**Try some today.**

**Visit them at #1730 Highway 335 in Lower West Pubnico or by phone at 762-2343.**

## The Chambre de commerce d'Argyle Chamber of Commerce

The Chambre de commerce d'Argyle Chamber of Commerce strives to promote success for the individuals and businesses in the Argyle region. The administrative council is made up as follows: President Réal Boudreau, Vice-president Phillip Atkinson, Co-secretaries Angélique LeBlanc et Norbert LeBlanc, Treasurer Calvin Boudreau, Board Members Charles LeBlanc, Donna LeBlanc, Peter Boudreau, Brian LeBlanc, Helen LeBlanc, Gwen LeBlanc.

The monthly meetings are held at the Vaughne Assurance office in Tusket.

Projects of the Chamber:

- The Chamber is in communication with members of Bell Aliant in an effort to improve communication services in the region (especially telephone)
- The Chamber supports local projects such as the last Business Information session organized by the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDENE), by its presence, its participation and its financial support.
- The Chamber supports the Centre d'aide en affaires et en entrepreneuriat (CAAE).

The Chamber is still evolving and we are in search of active and determined members. We are currently in the process of recruiting new members as well as renewing current memberships. The fee is \$75 for businesses and \$50 for individuals. For more information, please contact Gwen LeBlanc at 648-3556 or you can contact any of the members of the administration.

With the onset of the Christmas season, the Chambre encourages all residents of the Municipality to make their purchases from local vendors in order to stimulate our economy. Buying local helps grow our community!



CHAMBRE - DE - COMMERCE  
CHAMBER - OF - COMMERCE

### Municipal Office Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office and Archives will be closed at noon on December 24 and re-opening on Tuesday January 4, 2011.

#### EMERGENCIES

EMO 648-2314  
Public Works 648-7930  
Chief Admin. Officer 648-4751



### 2010 Property Tax Rebate for Seniors.

**Application deadline is December 31, 2010**

This provincial program provides eligible seniors a 50% rebate off of their property taxes up to a maximum of \$600.

**For eligibility and other information, please phone toll free at 1-800-670-4357.**

Application forms available at our office.

We all know that this municipality is a great place to live...  
and we want to continue to make it even better.

Do you have a great idea you'd like to share or a question you've been meaning to ask?

Why don't you contact your municipal councillor, get to know them and have a conversation—they would love to hear from you.



**Dist 1 Councillor  
Bruce Hubbard**  
Tusket, Hubbard's  
Point, Abram's  
River, Gavelton,  
Pleasant Lake, Little  
Egypt, East  
Kemptonville  
Phone 648-2071



**Dist 2 Councillor  
Roderick Murphy Jr**  
Plymouth, Upper  
Wedgeport,  
Wedgeport,  
Melbourne, Little  
River Harbor,  
Comeau's Hill  
Phone 663-2397



**Dist 3 Councillor  
Charles LeBlanc**  
Lower Wedgeport  
and Wedgeport  
Phone 663-2661



**Dist 4 Councillor  
Guy Surette**  
Amirault's Hill,  
Sluice Point,  
Surette's Island  
and Morris Island  
Phone 648-3347



**Dist 5 Councillor  
Malcolm Madden**  
Ste.-Anne du  
Ruisseau, Eel Brook,  
Belleville, Bellneck,  
Springhaven and  
Quinan  
Phone 648-3223



**Dist 6 Dep Warden  
Richard Donaldson**  
Glenwood, Robert's  
Island and the Argyles  
Phone 643-2047



**Dist 7 Councillor  
Kathy Bourque**  
Pubnico Head,  
East Pubnico  
Phone 762-0550



**Dist 8 Warden  
Aldric d'Entremont**  
West Pubnico,  
portion of Middle  
West Pubnico  
Phone 762-2195



**Dist 9 Councillor  
Calvin d'Entremont**  
Lower West Pubnico,  
portion of Middle  
West Pubnico  
Phone 762-0338

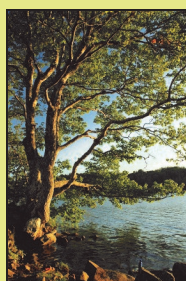
*Welcome to  
all new  
Argyle  
residents!*

## PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT

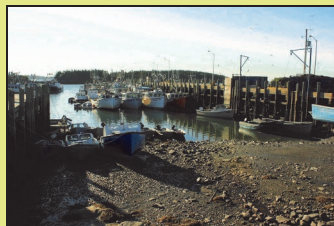
Georgina d'Entremont of Middle East Pubnico was recently hired to take pictures throughout Argyle so that we may use them for our website and for printed applications. Here is just a sample of the beautiful pictures that she has submitted.



Amirault's  
Hill Church



Glenwood



Little River  
Harbour Wharf

**Thank You  
Georgina!**



Ste-Anne-du-  
Ruisseau

### Municipality of Argyle

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### Municipal Office Hours

Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Community Development - 648-2931  
EMO - 648-2314

Finance & Administration - 648-3293

Municipal Archives - 648-2493

Property Inspection & Public Works - 648-2623

Recreation & IT - 648-3379

Taxation - 648-2311

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Email us at [newsletter@munargyle.com](mailto:newsletter@munargyle.com)