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WWW.MUNARGYLE.COM

We are currently working on an updated version of our municipal website and would value and appreciate your input.

Please contact us with your suggestions and comments.

Phone 648-2931, email info@munargyle.com



Message from Warden Aldric d'Entremont

I am happy to share with you the results of our 10th community conversation meeting. As you may be aware, we have hosted these meetings in each of our nine districts. 131 people came out to talk with us and many sent along comments before or after the sessions in their communities.

At all meetings, there was general consensus about three things:
#1- that there is a huge sense of community pride and residents could easily identify what was special about their district.
#2- other communities outside of their district were also valued
#3- that these meetings should happen more often.

They were meant to be a chance for us to hear what you felt were the strengths- positive assets – of your individual communities. Many comments like “close knit and supportive” we knew we would hear. Others surprised us. We were there to learn from you and share. Our last newsletter provided answers to some of the general questions that we heard and on page 2 of this issue, we will continue with more answers. We have decided that we will be hosting a yearly meeting in each district and will be setting those dates soon. The dates will be noted on your yearly garbage pickup schedule as well as in all of our other communication tools.

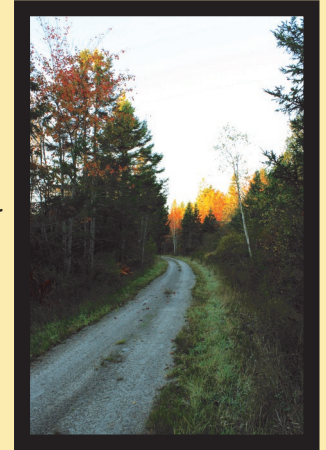
We decided to hold a 10th meeting with our youth municipal summer staff from all various departments. There were 25 young people there ranging in age from 17-24. What we heard surprised us and inspired us.

*The overwhelming thing that we heard from these 25 bright and enthusiastic young people was that **if jobs were available in Argyle that over 90% of them would choose to come back home to work and live after their education was completed.** Some admitted that it was of course fun to go away and even exciting to live in a city but that **nothing** compared to home. Home meant: family, support, comfort, love, a great place to raise kids, quiet, safe, being able to talk French etc... Many of the same words that the other 131 people who attended our meetings used.*

We have heard you loud and clear, young residents of Argyle. We want to work for and with you to create a community that includes you here working at good jobs, buying homes, and having children that attend our schools . We want to work to create opportunities for Argyle to become the place where our younger generation can come to. We will be looking to all of you for answers and collaboration as we take on this most important task.

Enjoy reading the rest of our newsletter,

Warden Aldric d'Entremont



Did you know...

- ◆ Council meetings are open to the public and are held the second and last Tuesday of each month - meetings begin at **6:30 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 or in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

EMO Argyle



◆ Sluice Point Bridge Committee and Quinan Flood Committee meetings will resume in the fall to continue preparations for emergencies.

◆ Remember, hurricane season is upon us—be prepared with the necessary emergency supplies for 72 Hours.

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Important information for Seniors

Applications for the 2011 Property Tax rebate for seniors are available at the Municipal Office – phone 648-2311.

The deadline to apply for this rebate is December 31st, 2011.

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.



Please be advised that the Municipal Office and

Archives will be closed for the following holidays:

⇒ **Monday, September 4:**

(Labour Day)

⇒ **Monday, October 10:**

(Thanksgiving)

⇒ **Friday, November 11:**

(Remembrance Day)



COMMUNITY CONCERNS— DOGS

Council and staff have listened to community concerns. One of the issues raised in every district is the growing concern regarding loose and potentially dangerous dogs. The Municipality of Argyle does have a Dog bylaw in place, available on our web site www.munargyle.com under the Council tab, by-laws section , or by calling the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works at 648-2623.

Should you have a dog issue that cannot be resolved amicably in your community, please contact our office at 648-2623, or alternatively call a 24 hour dispatch line at 742-3147 to lodge a complaint. Your complaint will be documented, and our dog enforcement officer will be notified, and will do the following:

If the dog is at large (running loose off the owner's property), the officer has the right and shall pick up the dog and bring to the local branch of the SPCA in Yarmouth. The dog will be held there for 72 hours. The enforcement officer will contact the owner or make every attempt to contact the owner using the dog tag to reference ownership information. The owner will have the opportunity to recover their dog but will be subject to applicable fines. After which, the dog could be placed for adoption if the dog is not considered fierce or dangerous.

If the dog is no longer at large (loose) and is back on the owner's property, the officer will contact the dog owner, and advise of our dog bylaw that they are responsible to keep their dog from running at large, and the owners responsibility to respect the by-law. This visit is followed up by a letter and copy of the by-law.

If you believe you are dealing with a potential fierce and dangerous dog it is important to call the dispatch number as soon as possible. You will be asked to supply a statement if the dog attacked /threatened you or if you witnessed the incident, this may be required in order to obtain a warrant to secure the dog if it is not running at large.

Dogs are great companions and often make great pets, but also can be dangerous if provoked, scared, lost or mistreated. It is important to find the balance between protecting pets and protecting our citizens, and as the Bylaw outlines, it is Council's intent to protect its citizens as a priority if the dog is considered fierce and dangerous.

Council has asked staff to reassess and modernize its current Dog Bylaw in response to our conversations in your community. The Bylaw, once drafted, will be subject to community input prior to being approved by Council. The community will be informed when these meetings will take place.

ARGYLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The **Argyle Minor Soccer Association** would like to thank all coaches, parents, and participants for a wonderful soccer season this past summer. We would also like to remind all that the soccer jerseys should be returned to the Recreation Department if you haven't already done so. Thanks and we hope to see you again next summer.



The Argyle Recreation Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all summer staff that worked at the day camps and various recreational events throughout the summer. Your dedication to the Recreation Department and the Municipality is **greatly** appreciated.

This fall, the Recreation Department will be organizing youth, adult and/or family activities at the following schools:

Tuesdays – Pubnico School

Wednesdays – Wedgeport School

Thursdays – Belleville school

The times for these events will be from 6-8pm. The activities will range from drop-in sports, to organized family nights, to girls nights etc.

Contact the Recreation Dept. at 648-3379 or by email at gdentremont@munargyle.com



Business Spotlight: *Color Glo* Canada



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DO YOU NEED A DEMOLITION PERMIT?

Did you know that in our Municipality a demolition permit is required when taking down a building? There is no cost for a demolition permit and the assessment office is notified that the building is being removed from the property which in turn is adjusted on your tax assessment.

For more information please contact the Building Inspector at 648-2623.



TRACK AND FIELD FUNDING ANNOUNCED

On August 18, 2011 the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of State for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and La Francophonie, announced funding for the construction of a track and field facility to host the finals of the 2012 Jeux de l'Acadie games in Municipality of the District of Argyle.

The Municipality will host the finals of the games from June 29 to July 3, 2012. The games attract more than 1,200 young athletes from across the Atlantic Provinces, 700 coaches, chaperones, and officials from outside the region, and 800 local volunteers. The track, which will be located at École Secondaire Par-en-Bas in Tusket, will have a 400m inside running track with 6 lanes, as well as a section of 8 lanes for the 100m events. The facility will also be equipped to host discus, javelin, shot put, high jump and long jump events.

ACOA's investment of \$200,000 is being provided through the Innovative Communities Fund (ICF). In addition to ACOA's funding, the Province of Nova Scotia is investing \$120,000 and the Municipality of Argyle is investing \$100,000 in the project.

"This track represents a tremendous opportunity for our community," said Warden Aldric D'Entremont. "It gives young athletes a place to develop skills, where community members can watch the action, where volunteers can offer their time, skill and energy, and where crowds can enjoy the talent and many amenities of our community."

Photo from left to right: Alain Muise, CAO; Hon. Bernard Valcourt, Minister of State (ACOA); Greg Kerr, MP for West Nova; and Aldric d'Entremont, Warden of the Municipality of Argyle.



ACTIVE LIVING IN ARGYLE

On Saturday October 1st, Yarmouth County Active Transportation committee (YCAT) will be hosting an Active Transportation Workshop at the Lake Milo Boat Club. To RSVP for this workshop, contact the Argyle Recreation Dept. at 648-3379. The workshop will focus on where YCAT should focus their attention and what they have been doing.

Yarmouth County Active Transportation Committee



UPCOMING MUNICIPAL EVENTS

Children 12 years and younger are invite to join the Municipal ghosts and goblins on Friday, October 28, 2011 for a tour of the Haunted Tusket Courtyard. Free treats for the kids!



Everyone 13 years and older are welcomed to come for a tour of the "Haunted District 10" on October 27 and 28, 2011 beginning at 7pm. This is not for the faint of heart. Space is limited; therefore reserve your seat beginning October 1st at 648-3379.



On Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at 7PM, Santa Claus will make a special trip from the North Pole as he joins us for hot at the 17th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

For more information , please contact the Recreation Department at 648-3379.

FREE CIVIC SIGNAGE PROGRAM 2011

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We have ordered signs for all people who applied this year (the deadline was August 12th).

The signs will be available this fall. As soon as they are in, you will be contacted to pick them up here at the Municipal office from 8:30am—4:30pm.

For info, call 648-2314 or email at peggyboudreau@munargyle.com



Take Charge of Your Child's Education

Learn how to budget, open a Registered Education Savings Plan and access government programs to help people save for your child's education.

The Tri-County Women's Centre is presenting **Baby \$steps**: an Educational Savings Program for Your Child in conjunction with the YMCA and the Government of Canada.

For info call 742-0085 or email debbie@tricitywomenscentre.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the winners of our municipal "Growing Communities" Scholarship Awards:

Kayla Doucette of Wedgeport, graduate from École secondaire de Par-en-Bas & **Shana Muise** of Tusket, graduate from Drumlin Heights Consolidated School



We wish you both as well as your fellow classmates all the best in your upcoming studies!

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Finance & Administration - 648-3293
Municipal Archives - 648-2493
Property Inspection & Public Works - 648-2623
Recreation & IT - 648-3379
Taxation - 648-2311

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