



Warden's Message

The holiday season is a busy one for everyone but we hope that everyone takes the time to enjoy friends and family and slow down a bit and remember the magic of Christmas.

2011 has been a great year for the Municipality and expect nothing less for 2012. A couple of the highlights of the year are the new track and field facility in Tusket in preparation for our hosting of the Jeux de l'Acadie finals and the Centre communautaire including the beautiful theatre.

On behalf of council and staff, I would like to wish you season's greetings and best wishes for a joyful, peaceful, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Enjoy the newsletter

Warden Aldric d'Entremont

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33e Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie

In June 2012, all eyes will be on the Acadian and Francophone community of the Municipality of Argyle, giving us the opportunity to show our hospitality, our know-how and our Acadian culture. The organizing committee of the 33e Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie invites you, as a volunteer, to support the Acadian and Francophone youth in the Atlantic region by participating in this celebration.

There is no age to volunteer. Young and old alike can find their place in the Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie. Families, social organizations, enterprises as well as individuals can provide time to work in one of the many activities that are part of the Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie.

If you can give a few hours of your time during the finale, or just help organize them, simply fill out a volunteer form and the criminal record and child abuse registry forms.

For more information, contact Chris Frotten at (902) 648-2454 or by e-mail at jeux2012@munargyle.com or Kathy Bourque at (902) 762-0550 kbourque@munargyle.com



*Votre participation nous pince le cœur.
33e Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie*

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GIVING BACK...

Quinan resident **Jérémie Dulong** is a Combat Engineer with the Canadian Armed Forces having joined the army in 2003. As part of his duties, he was sent to Panjwa'i in Afghanistan from November of 2010 until July 2011.

His team's primary mission was to repair and reconstruct roads. While there, they also assisted with renovating schools and a soccer fields. Temperatures soared to nearly 50 degrees during the summer months and dropped to below freezing in the winter.

He was able to interact very closely with the locals- both adults and children. Jérémie distributed soccer balls to some very grateful children that were donated by École Belleville and the Argyle Recreation department. He says that this was an eye opening experience; the average salary for the men who worked in construction was \$7 per day.

"I learned a lot about basic human instinct, what people will do to survive and how much of a difference a little education makes." says Jérémie.

Argyle – and the world- are better places because of people like Jérémie. Thank you.



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 pick-up in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

NEW MUNICIPAL WEBSITE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer Opportunities

We are working on a brand new website and would like to include a listing of the many non-profit and charitable organizations operating in Argyle.

Is your organization looking for volunteers or for more members?

Listing on our website may help. Please send us your organization's name, contact information (phone number, website, email) and a brief description.

Send it by email at info@munargyle.com
Fax (902) 648-0367

Mail or drop it off at our office at

27 Court House Rd
PO Box 10, Tusket NS
B0W 3M0 or phone us at
(902) 648-2931.

Municipal Office Holiday Closures

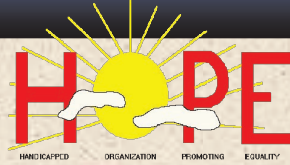
The Municipal Office and Archives will be closed on **Friday December 23rd at noon** and re-opening on **Tuesday January 3rd, 2012 at 8:30am.**

EMERGENCIES

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



HOPE DIAL-A-RIDE - SERVING ALL OF YARMOUTH COUNTY



Hope Dial-a-Ride is a service provided to all members of the general public that do not have access to other transportation alternatives. This includes seniors, those requiring wheelchair assistance, the unemployed and those with limited incomes. It can be used for shopping, appointments or personal errands.

The service provides three fully accessible vans that can carry two wheelchairs and three passengers. The 4th vehicle is a seven passenger minivan.



The driver can provide boarding assistance as well.

Booking should be made 24 hours in advance and is based on availability. They are available Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 4:30 pm.

When you are unsure when the driver should return for you, the dispatch office can contact the driver directly to have him return to pick you up from your appointment.

Charges for the service are as follows:

- ⇒ 0 -10km- \$5.50 per trip
- ⇒ 10-20km- \$7.50 per trip
- ⇒ 20+ km - \$7.50 + \$1.25 per km per trip

Located at 84 Main St., Yarmouth
Call today- (902) 742-6579

WHERE DO I RECYCLE...

Recycle free of charge any unwanted computers, printers, monitors, fax machines, TV's, home audio recording systems, and non-cellular telephones and answering machines through the Atlantic Canada Electronics Stewardship (ACES) drop-off centre located at the Paper Chase Bottle Exchange Ltd. at 236D Water Street – the same location you drop off your recyclable bottles.



Recycle any waste products that have words such as Danger, Poisonous, Caution or Warning on the label at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at 1932 Hardscratch Road in Yarmouth. Examples are paint and propane cylinders.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY CALENDAR

"Argyle Plays Ball" 2012 Calendar on sale now!



Featuring photos of "ball teams" from all around the Municipality from 1912 to the 1990s. Just over 200 local people appear in the photos.

Available in Tusket at the Archives, Carl's Store and Tusket Ultramar; Coastal Financial Credit Union (Wedgeport br.), Paul d'Entremont Marine in Pubnico, Frames on James in Yarmouth, and at the Sign of the Whale, Dayton.

\$10 each. For more info, contact the Tusket Archives at (902) 648-2493

No Charge Garbage drop off



Residents may drop off properly separated residential waste (garbage), large items, construction & demolition debris at **NO CHARGE** at the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park, Hardscratch Road, Yarmouth. Limit 200 kg (440 lbs.) per household per week. For more information call us at 648-2623 or Waste Check 742-1312.

Business Spotlight: Tusket– Carl's Store & Dulong's PC Repair

Carl's Store– THE one-stop-shopping destination



This Tusket landmark has been operating at 8175 on Route 3 since 1983– the original store at this location was built in 1856! Overlooking the Tusket River, you'll find a vast array of products and services all under the same roof such as:

- Groceries
- Giftware
- Meat counter
- Pro Hardware including paint
- Vesey seeds
- Fishing and hunting supplies
- NSLC Agency Store
- Sears catalogue pickup location
- And much much more...

This family owned store is open 6 days a week from 8am-9pm & Sunday from 9am-8pm. With more than 15,000 different items in stock and competitive pricing it's not hard to see why customers keep coming back. The staff are friendly, knowledgeable, helpful and greet most who come through the door by name.

The Pottier family -Greg, Carl & Audrey- invite you to support local and come and check out the great buys at Carl's Store.

Phone (902) 648-2212

Got a sick computer?

Dulong's PC Repair can help!



Owned and operated by Peter Dulong and serving clients since 1995, this personally owned company is dedicated to serving the customer above all else. Attention to detail and one on one customer service is priority one. Peter has made an impressive name for himself and is the "go-to" guy for many local and international companies from the set-up to the maintenance of computer systems. Dulong's PC Repair is trained in many areas of computer repair as well as several different operating systems including Windows Vista and Linux. They offer the following services.

- Remote Computer Support/Services
- Computer Training
- System Cleanings
- Software & Hardware Installations
- Online Tech Support
- System Configurations

They also sell refurbished PC's as well as laptops.

Located at 124 Courthouse Road in Tusket.

Give them a call at (902) 648-0299 or send e an -mail to help@dulongspc.com with your questions or problems.

Skating with Santa



The Argyle Recreation Department is hosting a FREE one hour session of "Skating with Santa" on Tuesday December 20, 2011 from 2-3pm the Mariner's Centre in Arena 1.

All are welcome to attend.

Attention



To all those who ordered a free civic sign this past summer– they are now ready for pick-up at the Municipal office in Tusket. Phone (902) 648-2314



MUNICIPAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Drop-in gym times:

- ◆ Mondays at Plymouth School from 7-9pm, Men's floor hockey
- ◆ Tuesdays at Plymouth School from 7-9pm, Badminton
- ◆ Tuesdays at École Pubnico-Ouest from 6-8pm, activities vary each week (for youth)
- ◆ Wednesdays at École Wedgeport from 6-8pm, activities vary each week (for youth)
- ◆ Wednesdays at Drumlin Heights Consolidated School from 7-9pm, Adult Co-Ed Basketball
- ◆ Thursdays at École Belleville from 6-8pm, activities vary each week (for youth)



The month of February is **Take the Roof off Winter** month. The entire month is dedicated to encouraging outdoor physical activity for families. A variety of activities will take place during the month, dates and times to be announced.

Snowshoe outings will be planned throughout the winter months. Dates and times to be announced at a later date, dependent on weather.

A fun filled afternoon of **Crazy Carnival** activities will be planned in February. The dates and times to be announced at a later date.

HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATES

For Low Income Nova Scotians-

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program provides help to **low-and-moderate income** Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. It offers a rebate of up to \$200 for eligible applicants who pay for their own heat and heat their homes with oil, electricity, wood, propane, wood pellets, natural gas or coal. Single people with an income of \$27,000 or less and households with an annual income of \$42,000 or less qualify. If you would like additional information, please visit www.homeheatinghelp.ca or call 1-800-670-4357.

For All Nova Scotians-

Nova Scotians who purchase energy for their homes are eligible for a rebate equivalent to the provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The Energy Rebate is a program designed to help with the rising cost of home energy. For most, the rebate is automatically credited on the bill by the power company and fuel distributors (home-delivered oil, propane, firewood and natural gas). For other energy sources, such as kerosene, coal and wood pellets, you are able to apply for the rebate. If you have paid HST on your residential use energy purchase and the rebate was not deducted from your bill, you have 24 months from the date of purchase to apply for your rebate. You can apply once you have spent \$300, before taxes, on purchases of energy products (equal to a \$30 rebate). The rebate **does not depend on your income level**. Contact Access NS at 1-800-670-4357 or visit www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/business/your-energy-rebate/general-public.asp



Argyle Community Doctor Recruitment

The Argyle Community Doctor Recruitment Committee's (ACDRC) mandate is to create a community based incentive package that will attract new family physicians to the area and to lead efforts helpful in retaining the excellent family physicians working in our communities today. There will also be a focus on educating our youth as to the opportunities available to allow them to make informed decisions for their future.

The members of this committee will work with the community to compile Argyle specific incentives to be offered to potential doctors as well as to existing practicing physicians. Input will be sought from health professionals including with our three local doctors: Dr. d'Eon, Dr. Rohland and Dr. Loveridge. The work will also be aligned with the efforts of the South West Health Physician Recruitment staff.

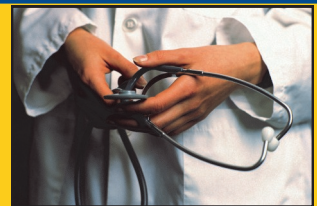
We are pleased to welcome the following residents who have volunteered to assist council and staff on this committee:

- Margaret Ommanney
- Craig Prouty
- Krista O'Connell
- Art Surette
- Jonathan Joseph
- Glenn Diggdon

Council members: Richard Donaldson, Kathy Bourque, Malcolm Madden
Municipal staff: Alain Muise, Scott Muise, Brenda LaGrandeur

Committee advisor Paul d'Entremont

For information please contact Community Development Officer, Brenda LaGrandeur at 648-2931 or at blagrandeur@munargyle.com



2011 Property Tax Rebate for Seniors.

This program, administered by Access Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes. The program provides eligible homeowners with a 50% rebate on the municipal property taxes paid the previous year, up to a maximum of \$600.00 per year.

Application deadline is December 31st, 2011. For eligibility and other information, please phone toll free at 1-800-670-4357.

Application forms available online at MLA Chris d'Entremont's office, here at the Municipal office or online at www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/property-tax-rebate-for-seniors.asp

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Monday - Friday
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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