



Newsletter

June 2011

Warden's Message

We are listening... within the pages of our newsletter you will see the questions that we are being asked by you— our residents. We are lucky to have had the chance to speak with many of you at our community conversation meetings. Some of the things that we heard were that you wanted more info on a variety of topics—go to page 2 for some of the answers. We are also learning that you are proud to call Argyle home and when asked to list the assets found in your communities, ...the list is VERY long! Stay tuned for info about the next meeting date.

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

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FREE CIVIC SIGNAGE PROGRAM



We will once again be offering free blue reflective civic number signs and posts to residents of the Municipality of Argyle.

On June 6th, 2011, applications for signage will be available on our website (www.munargyle.com) or at the municipal office.

Deadline to submit your application is August 13th.

There are a limited number of signs and posts available, they will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

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

facebook "Like" our Facebook page and keep up to date with summer events, resources and news !

33E FINALE DES JEUX DE L'ACADIE

In 2012, the Municipality of Argyle will have the opportunity to show their colors when it welcomes the participants of the 33rd Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie!

The Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie is an event that brings together over 1000 young Acadian athletes each year. This event takes a lot of organization and work from many volunteers, associations and organizations.

If you interested in getting involved or would like more information, please contact us at 648-3379 or jeux2012@munargyle.com



Jeux de l'Acadie

TRACK AND FIELD PLANNED FOR TUSKET



From June 29th-July 3rd, 2012, Argyle will be the host for the Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie. The Municipality along with their funding partners are planning the construction of a track and field complex at the *École secondaire de Par-en-Bas* site in Tusket to accommodate these games.

Construction is planned for this summer as we await funding confirmation from our sources. Municipal funding has been confirmed.

TEST WIND TOWER INSTALLED ON BLACK POND ROAD, WEDGEPORT

Anaia Global Renewable Energies has installed a meteorological test tower on municipally owned land in the Wedgeport area on the Black Pond Road. This test tower will measure various factors for a full year to evaluate this location. If positive wind results are achieved, the next step would be to place a bid with NS Power for a power purchase agreement. Anaia Global has been in contact with local land-owners and has held a public open house information session in Wedgeport on May 4th.

Anaia Global is a partnership of the Membertou Corporate Division and GrupoGuascor from Spain. For more info visit www.anaiaenergy.com or phone (902) 429-5445 ext 5019



Lots for Sale on Ruelle Gardner Lane in Tusket



Large private, treed lots along the Tusket River on the newly constructed municipal road in the Village of Tusket.

There are eight lots which range in size from 1.75 to 5 acres and all have municipal sewer access. Easy access to the highway, close to schools and other services.

For additional information and pricing please call 648-3293.

Dog Tags

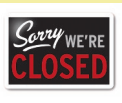


Dog tags are available for purchase at the Municipal Office and at the SPCA in Yarmouth and for the first time at the Tusket Courthouse kiosk of the weekly Tusket Farmer's Market held each Thursday. All information collected will be added to a database that we and the SPCA can use to track information related to dog control.

Dog tag prices are \$5 if spayed or neutered and \$10 for non spayed or neutered.

For more information, contact us at 648-2311 or by email at dogtag@munargyle.com

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Please be advised that the Municipal Office and Archives

will be closed for the following holidays:

- Fri. July 1** Canada Day
- Mon. Aug 1** Civic holiday
- Mon. Sept 5** Labour Day

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



As part of our 5 year planning process, we are hosting community conversations in each of our 9 council districts. Residents are invited to sit and chat with council and staff about their communities-nobody knows a community better than the folks who live there. We are learning enormous amounts of information and are having a lot of fun.

At each meeting, some of what we are hearing is very similar and we thought that the best place to respond to those questions or concerns is right here in the newsletter that goes out to everyone in Argyle. These are some of the areas that have been cause for concern and in some cases all that is needed is just a clarification of some facts. Below you will find brief info about some of those common concerns:



Dangerous and unsightly premises: The municipality follows Section 15 of the Municipal Government Act in regards to dealing with this issue. If you have concerns or questions, please contact us to discuss. These issues are dealt with on a one-on-one basis when an official complaint is lodged.



Dogs: The municipality has the SPCA of Yarmouth under contract for enforcement of our dog by-law which is found on our web site under Property Inspection. To report a loose or dangerous dog you can call us at 648-2623 or call the SPCA directly at 742-9767.



Garbage collection issues: If there are any questions or concerns about the biweekly garbage pick up (recyclables, organics and residuals) , please contact our office. There are two yearly "large/special" garbage pickups. This service is paid for under the current residential garbage pick up contract. A free option is also available- you can drop off separated waste at the transfer station located on the Hardscratch Road (limit of approximately 200kg per week)- this does include construction of demolition materials. For more info visit the Waste Check website www.wastecheck.com or phone 742-1312.

If you witness anybody dumping garbage illegally, please record the vehicle license plate number and let us or Waste Check know immediately. These sites are cleaned up but the expense to do so is covered by your tax dollars.

In an effort to keep our communities as clean as possible, we have a yearly program called the Community Litter Clean-up in place that pays not for profit groups \$175 per kilometre (max 3 kms) to pick up garbage on our roadsides and beaches. The yearly deadline for groups to apply is generally April 15th.



Active Transportation: Many residents told us that they would like a safer place to walk for themselves and their families. Through our research, we note that 59% of our residents in Argyle choose walking as their form of Physical Activity. Some residents noted that walking on the streets was dangerous and sidewalks were needed in their communities. The communities of Wedgeport, Tusket and West Pubnico each have sidewalks, which were funded almost entirely by a Provincial funding program in the early 1990's. Unfortunately, this funding is no longer available. Sidewalks cost about \$1,000 per meter (or \$1,000,000 per km) to construct.

Council plans for a number of capital projects over a five year period, and has focused its efforts on improving wastewater (sewer) facilities and waste collection facilities, due to increased environmental standards. Also, Provincial and Federal funding has been focused on environmental projects of this nature, which allows the Municipality to multiply its money on such projects. Council updates its five year plan in September of each year. Priorities are measured on affordability, access to other government funds, and urgency. The decision to construct a sidewalk in a community would not occur without community consultation, as the cost would have to be paid, at least partially, by the residents in that community. Other options for safe, active transportation may be available, and we look forward to discussing all opportunities with our residents in the future.

If you have any questions or would like additional information on any of these topics, please feel free to contact the Department of Property Inspection & Public Works at 648-2623 or by e-mail at inspector@munargyle.com



Business Spotlight: Ye Olde Argyle Lodge



The Joseph Family invites you all to visit their lodge which features 6 luxury guest rooms, a restaurant/dining room seating up to 80 guests with gorgeous views of the islands and stunning sunsets.

In addition to the fine dining area, the banquet room is equipped with a dance floor, fireplace, and bar. This area will seat 100 people. Total indoor seating will accommodate 200 people, making the Lodge the perfect spot for weddings and rehearsals, retirement parties, family reunions, and all other special occasions. There is also a wrap around veranda for additional seating.

If it's a small business meeting or a large wedding reception they have the staff and the facilities to address your every need. You can select from their menu, catered packages or they will work with you to design a more customized selection. The staff and equipment also provides opportunity for offsite catering as well.



Jonathan, Elana, Lois and Jay Joseph invite you all to visit their unique luxury lodge on the water's edge located at 52 Ye Olde Argyle Rd in Argyle. Be sure to ask about Chef Jonathan's signature dish-Root Beer Baby Back Ribs- you won't be disappointed!

For reservations, menus and general info please visit their website at www.argyle.com or give them a call at 643-2500.

Welcome to the

Indian Sluice Seniors' Club



Newly formed club that covers Hubbard's Point, Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, Surette's Island and Morris Island. 100+ members already- if you are aged 50 or older, you are welcome to join as well. For info, phone president Alain Doucette at 648-2608

Have you heard??

Argyle Farmer's & Artisanal Market starts on June 9th



In Tusket every Thursday from 4-8pm



Argyle Recreation Department Spring and Summer Events

Youth Events

- Teddy Bear Picnic** (ages 3-6) : June 26
- Intro to Golf** (ages 8-17): June 30
- Day Camp** (ages 5-12): July 4-August 18
- Cooking With Can** (ages 12-16): July 6, 20 & August 3
- Music Camp** (ages 8-15): July 11-15
- Exploring the Outdoors: Geocaching:** TBA
- Girl's Night:** TBA
- Dance Camp: Hip Hop & Breakdancing** : End of July
- Dance Camp: Lyrical & Jazz** (ages 7-15): August 8-12

Adult Events

- Floor Hockey League** (ages 19+) : May 16- Mid-August
- Photography Workshop:** June 5 - July 4
- Trivia Night:** TBA
- Ladies' Bus Trip:** TBA

Senior Events

- Senior's Picnic:** June 16
- Senior Yoga:** Beginning June 17
- Senior Games:** July 21
- Senior Golf:** August 9
- Senior's Sing-along:** TBA
- Senior's Bus Trip:** TBA

Family Events

- Canada Day Fun Run:** July 1
- Family Pet Walk:** TBA
- Mother and Daughter Night:** TBA
- Family Night:** TBA
- Softball Tournament:** TBA
- Washers Tournament:** TBA
- Sandcastle Building Competition:** August 7

For information or to register, contact Candice at 648-3379 or by email at cspinney@munargyle.com

Planning on Subdividing Land?

Effective immediately, subdivision applications are being processed at the Department of Property Inspection and Public Works at the Municipality of Argyle, 27 Courthouse Road, phone 648-2623.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Ridge Hiltz** of RHDPS Ltd. 4 Site for his many years of contractual service to the Municipality. Your professionalism and expertise are very appreciated, we wish you well.

TAX DEPARTMENT

TAX BILL

By now you should have received your tax bill which is due July 31st, 2011

PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES CORPORATION

Your tax bill is a reflection of your 2011 Property Assessment. A notice of Assessment was mailed to you in January 2011. If you have any questions please contact the Property Valuation Services office in Yarmouth at 742-7143 or toll free at 1-800-380-7775.

BANK PAYS YOUR TAX BILL?

If your mortgage company is registered to pay your property taxes, you will still receive your tax bills. Please contact your mortgage company to report any problems; the Municipality will work directly with them to settle the account.

PROVINCIAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS

REMINDER (for those receiving the guaranteed income supplement). Applications will be sent out in late June or available at Access Nova Scotia locations or here at the municipal office.

TAX BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Credit card payments are now accepted (+3% applicable fee) either at the municipal office or online via our municipal website www.munargyle.com (look for Paymentus logo) or by phoning toll free 1-877-742-7730.

Other payment options are cash, cheques or debit. We will be happy to set up a payment plan that works for you. Contact us at 648-2311 or by email at taxation@munargyle.com

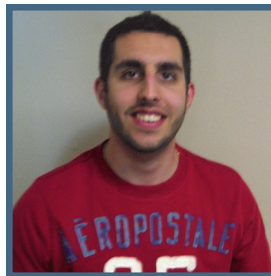
Introducing.....

CHRIS FROTTEN

The organizing committee of the 33rd Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie is pleased to announce the hiring of **Chris Frotten** as Coordinator for the committee. Chris has been involved with the Jeux de l'Acadie for many years and is in the final stages of his Bachelor of Science/ Education.

As Coordinator, Chris will be working very closely with the organizing committee in planning one of the most unique and largest gatherings of Acadian youth. From June 29th to July 3rd 2012, over 1,000 young athletes aged 10 to 16 and thousands of coaches, friends, parents and tourists will gather in our beautiful part of Nova Scotia.

If you would like more information, you can contact Chris at 648-3379 or by e-mail at jeux2012@munargyle.com.



VAUGHN D'ENTREMONT

The Municipality of Argyle is pleased to announce the hiring of **Vaughn d'Entremont** as Wastewater Operator for the West Pubnico Sewer Treatment Plant. Vaughn brings with him training in sewer treatment facilities and collection systems through the NSCC Wastewater Operator Program.

As the certified operator, Vaughn is responsible to operate and maintain the new West Pubnico Sewer Treatment Plant and is the contact person in case of emergencies for residents in Pubnico who are serviced by the West Pubnico Sewer System. You can reach him at 648-7989.

At this time, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Amiro and Surette Trucking and Excavating** who provided 30 years of contractual sewer service to the Municipality.



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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