



Newsletter

March 2012

Warden's Message

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have recently approved a full time Senior Safety Coordinator position. This is a joint project between the Municipality and the Province of NS. The Coordinator will be supervised by the RCMP and the office will be located at the RCMP detachment in Yarmouth. The main role of this bilingual person will be to provide safety and security information to seniors in the Municipality of Argyle through home visits and community presentations. Our seniors and their needs are priorities for us and we feel that having a person dedicated to this task will ensure that Argyle is a great place for our seniors to live.


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 typically 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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33e Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie


CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The organizing committee of the 33rd Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie 2012 (COFJA 2012) is seeking volunteers to help during this years Finale to be held in the Municipality of Argyle from June 29th to July 3rd 2012.

The weeklong event will gather almost 1100 young, 700 coaches and trainers and 2000 parents and fans.

If you are interested to assist in any of the numerous committees just visit www.jeuxdelacadie.org/2012 to become a volunteer.

If you have any questions about the 33rd Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie 2012 please contact us at jeux2012@munargyle.com or call us at **902-648-2454**.
Thanks again for your interest and we'll be contacting you soon!



BRIDGE UPDATES


INDIAN SLUICE

The Municipality and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will purchase a video camera that will capture construction of the new two lane Indian Sluice Bridge. This work is will take 18-24 months and will begin this summer. See our website or "Like" our Facebook page for information about the 24 hour live video stream.



TUSKET

Work is well underway for the replacement of the Tusket Bridge. The expected completion date is at the end of May 2012. The new bridge will have two lanes.



ARGYLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT



We Need Your Help!

The Argyle Abuptic Festival will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year (August 4th-11th). The organizing committee is putting together a full colour anniversary booklet that will include stories, memories, and pictures from the previous 24 years.

If you have anything that you'd like to share, please contact Jill Surette at 762-3138 or by email at jill.surette@ns.sympatico.ca. Join us on Facebook or visit www.abupticfestival.com

Welcome Bonnie Durkee



It is our pleasure to announce that Bonnie Durkee has accepted

the casual tax collector position for the summer months in the tax department. Bonnie is from Hubbard's Point and has lots of experience working in customer service. We are sure she will be a great addition to the team.

Argyle Municipal Office Holiday Closures:

Please be advised that the Municipal Office and Archives will be closed for the following holidays:

- Friday Apr 6 Good Friday
- Mon. Apr. 9 Easter Monday
- Mon. May 21 Victoria Day

Summer Employment

The Argyle Recreation Department is looking to hire summer students for office positions (Recreation Program Coordinator and Office Administrative Assistant), Day Camp positions (Day Camp Directors and Day Camp Counselors) and a Soccer Club Coordinator for the Argyle Minor Soccer Club. The deadline to apply for these positions is **April 6, 2012**. Students interested in applying for any of these positions can do so by forwarding a cover letter and résumé to:

Argyle Recreation Department
27 Court House Road
Tusket, NS B0W 3M0

By email gdentremont@munargyle.com
Fax (902) 648-0367

Job descriptions will be available on our website. At www.munargyle.com. For more information, please phone (902) 648-3379

ATTENTION COMMUNITY GROUPS! Municipality of Argyle Grants to Organizations deadline to submit grant applications is April 15th, 2012

The aim of the *Municipality Grant Program* is to provide modest levels of support and assistance to community non-profit organizations whose projects make the Municipality of Argyle a great place to live. Applications are available on our website (www.munargyle.com) under Council - Grants to Organizations as well as at the Argyle Municipal Office.

For information phone (902) 648-2931 or email blagrandeur@munargyle.com

World-renowned leaders to speak at Rodd Grand - Yarmouth

On May 4th, 2012 Community business leaders can access the knowledge and experience of world-renowned leaders by attending **Chick-fil-A Leadercast**, brought to you by Impact Motivation Leadership Development Inc.; a member of the Yarmouth & Area Chamber of Commerce. This one-day leader development event is broadcast LIVE from Atlanta, Ga. to hundreds of sites throughout North America, including Yarmouth, NS.

This year's program will focus on the power of choice. The diverse group of internationally-acclaimed authors, leadership experts and practitioners will share insights to help leaders empower and equip others at work, at home and in the community through their choices.

For more information visit www.chick-fil-a-leadercast.com

For local ticketing information, visit www.im2012lc.eventbrite.com

Low Income Property Tax Exemption



The Municipality of Argyle provides a property tax exemption for low income earners who are residents of the Municipality.

The property tax exemption is for up to **\$200.00** on the 2012/13 property taxes and is provided to the property owners whose total income from all sources, including the

income of other family members residing in the household, of less than **\$16,500.00** for the 2011 calendar year.

Applications available on our website at www.munargyle.com under the Finance/Taxation heading or at the Municipal Office. For more information, please contact the Tax Department at 648-2311.

Deadline to apply is May 11th, 2012.

New Location for Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC)



Now located at 4111 Hwy 308, Tusket (formerly Marco's Restaurant)

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) is a not-for-profit organization that is responsible for the market value of approximately 590,000 properties in NS.

Property owners can view their assessment account details and appeal status on the www.pvsc.ca website by using the PIN featured on your assessment notice.

If you have questions about your property assessment, appeals or seasonal tourism business designations please contact them at 1-800-380-7775 www.pvsc.ca



Business Spotlight: Helping You to Get Ready for Spring... Ouest-Ville Perennials



Originally from Meteghan, Alice d'Entremont graduated from the NS Agricultural College in 1987 with her Diploma in Landscape Horticulture Technology. She worked for many years at various local landscaping and greenhouse businesses before opening her own business part-time in 1994. Arthritis in her back made the landscaping work impossible and in 1998 Ouest-Ville Perennials became her full-time business and passion.

Today she employs 1 full-time and 2 part-time employees during the summer months.

The property where the business is located was her husband, Julien's, grandparents' ancestral home. The house and outbuildings were the perfect blend of traditional and functionality that Alice had dreamed of. The first 20 x 40 foot greenhouse was erected in 1998 and three years later a 20 x 60 foot greenhouse was also added. Today these greenhouses are home to an impressive variety of perennials, annuals and vegetable and fruit plants.

The perennials are grown in a garden environment and not forced which makes for hardier plants that are well suited to the local growing conditions. Always striving to stay on top of the industry, she features new and unusual, heirloom, and common perennials. They have a full line of Alpine perennials as well as over 20 rose varieties. They also supply potting soils, natural remedies and pesticides, tools, garden ornaments as well as pots. Baskets and pre-filled planters are also available which make a great gift. Stay tuned for upcoming workshop dates where you can learn how to bring the garden into your life.

Located 1250 Argyle Sound Road –open April 1st until October; Tuesday - Sunday: 10 AM to 7 PM



You will also get a chance to chat with Alice and purchase some of her featured treasures at our two local Farmer's Markets– Thursdays in Tusket and Saturdays in Yarmouth.

www.ouestvilleperennials.com; "Like" our Facebook page or phone (902) 762-3198

Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park has new Saturday Hours to serve you Better.

Monday– Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Property owners in the Municipality of Argyle may choose to drop off separated waste at the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Park at 1936 Hardscratch Road, Yarmouth (no tipping fees will be applied) limit of 200 kgs (440 lbs) per household per week. **This includes residential construction and demolition material.** This program is available to residents throughout the year. Bagged waste must be separated and be placed in clear bags.

Telephone: 742-5852



Spring 2012 Special Garbage Collection

Special garbage collection will be carried out as follows (a different day than regularly scheduled garbage pickup):

- Thurs, May 17:** East Pubnico, Argyle, Old School Road, Robert's Island, Glenwood, Lower Eel Brook, Sainte-Anne du-Ruisseau, Rocco Point, stop at SAR Church.
- Friday, May 18:** Begin at SAR Church, Abram's River, Hubbard's Point, Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, Surette's Island, Morris Island, including section of Hwy 3 between Frank Doucette Road and Hanging Oak stop at Hanging Oak
- Saturday, May 19:** Lower West Pubnico, Middle West Pubnico, West Pubnico, Pubnico, Pubnico Head, including side roads in the area, Argyle Sound Road, Green Grove Road, Highway #3 between Argyle Sound Road and Intersection of #335 to Paul d'Entremont Marine
- Thurs, May 24:** Wedgeport, Black Pond Road and Plymouth
- Friday, May 25:** Comeau's Hill, Little River Harbour, Melbourne, Pleasant Lake, Gavel Road, Kemptville, Tusket and Lake Vaughan Road
- Saturday, May 26:** Chemin des Bourque, Eel Lake Road, Belleville, Bell Neck, Springhaven, Quinan

Items shall be set out no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the special collection and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of collection. Construction and demolition debris will not be picked up during this special cleanup. A list of eligible items for this special collection can be found on the Municipal website or by contacting Property Inspection and Public Works at 648-2623.

TAX SALE

The Municipality of Argyle's Tax Sale will be held on Tuesday March 27th, 2012 beginning at 1:00pm in Council Chambers here at the Municipal Office.

Every year the Municipality of Argyle holds a property tax sale which includes properties that are delinquent accounts which are a minimum of two years in arrears in either property tax, sewer tax, or other relevant expenses. The minimum bid amount that the municipality must receive in order to sell the property is the total of the outstanding taxes, penalty, interest, plus the municipality's costs in conducting the tax sale procedures.

A listing of all properties will be available on our website as well as published in the Yarmouth Vanguard newspaper.

For more information, please contact the tax department at (902) 648-2311 or by email at taxation@munargyle.com



Events

Plan on attending the Yarmouth 8th Annual Travel and Leisure Charity Auction will take place on May 5, 2012 at the Yarmouth Lions Club.

Proceeds go to the Strong Kids Campaign provide financial support for those who are unable to pay the full cost of a membership and/or YMCA programs.

YMCA Classes and Programs

Aquatics

We offer a variety of aqua fitness classes such as Pool Running, AquaBounce, AquaPower, AquaFit, and AquaStretch.

We also have recreational swims such as parent/tot, family, community, after-school, and youth swims.

On Land

From spin to Zumba, you'll never get bored with your workout. We also offer yoga, plyometrics, aerobics and more.

Rentals

In addition to pool rentals, we also have available including: a 23-seat board room, the gym, two multi-purpose rooms, the aerobic studio, and the kitchen.

For more info call 742-7181 or check us out online at www.ymcayarmouth.net

Growing Communities Scholarships

The Municipality will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships. One to a graduating student at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas and one to a graduating student at Drumlin Heights Consolidated School.

The students must be enrolled in a full-time certificate or degree program at an accredited community or technical college or trade school and must be a resident of the municipality.

Applicants must show a strong commitment to pursuing their studies as demonstrated by a short essay (500 words maximum) outlining why the student is interested in the program, the respective trade as well as pursuing employment in our community.

Information and application are found on our Facebook page as well as on our website at www.munargyle.com or at school guidance offices. Deadline to apply is May 1st, 2012. Contact Brenda LaGrandeur at (902) 648-2931 or by email at blagrandeur@munargyle.com



Physical Activity at Work

Benefits from being active at work include improved productivity, reduced claims against group benefit plans, reduced worker's compensation cost, reduced stress and back injuries and reduced absenteeism and turnover.

The Canadian physical activity guidelines require adults ages 18-64 to accumulate 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per week. The Recreation Department can offer tools and guidelines to help you create a program or give you tips on what you can do to be active at work on your own. If you are interested in being active at work but do not know where to start please contact the Argyle Recreation Department at 648-3379 or jboudreau@munargyle.com.

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Municipal Office Hours

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Community Development - 648-2931
EMO (Emergency Measures Office) - 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