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Newsletter

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Warden's Message

The Municipality is focused on developing a long term plan for economic development for Argyle. As with many efforts, we must consider the merits of improving our municipality while working in partnership with our closest neighbours. The Province of Nova Scotia is currently in transition with their economic development plans and there is no dedicated regional economic agency in our area at the moment. It was important for Council to take a proactive and positive step for the Municipality. A strong economy in Argyle helps the entire region! We are optimistic that the plan will bring strong recommendations. Why so optimistic? Because our business people and residents were optimistic - our consultants could not say enough about Argyle's can-do attitude, so we will build a stronger economy together!

Our own Natalie d'Entremont's efforts to keep us active is an important part of our mental and physical health - I for one prefer to be active by biking.

There are many opportunities for all our residents to be active. Please contact us if you wish to get help to organize an activity in your area, or if you want information on reserving schools or other facilities.

Happy reading!

Warden Aldric d'Entremont

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Economic Development Plan

The Municipality of Argyle has initiated an economic development plan for Argyle. The *Chris Lowe Group* has been hired to complete this report. The work included a public consultation, where many residents from Argyle actively participated. The plan is focused on what economic development opportunities we have here in Argyle, and how we can assist in the growth of existing companies and potential new business. We are committed to ensure that our population has opportunities for employment in the area, which keeps our youth here in our community. The report is expected to be released in mid-May of 2013, and the report is expected to produce specific recommendations and focus for economic growth.

Bon Temps d'Argyle

The Municipality of Argyle has a new Tourism Society - Bon Temps d'Argyle. Its mission is to create economic opportunities in the community through the promotion of Acadian Cultural Tourism. The members are Vaughan Perret, president (Trout Point Lodge), Emilia Williams, vice-president (Argyle Farmers' & Artisanal Market), Gwen LeBlanc, secretary (CDÉNÉ), Charles Leary, treasurer (Trout Point Lodge), Ellen Cottreau (Wedgeport Tuna Museum), Franklin Cottreau (Wedgeport Tuna Tournament), Wanda Devine (Dennis Point Café), Bernice d'Entremont (Musée des acadiens des Pubnicos), Roger d'Entremont (Village historique acadien de la Nouvelle Écosse), Patsy Surette (Lickety Splitz, Logi des Abbés), Brenda LaGrandeur (Municipality of Argyle) and Calvin d'Entremont (A Day by the Sea Tours). We would like to be able to offer more hands on experiences for visitors to the Argyle region. Some examples could be boat making seminars, birding tours, learn to make rappie pie, hands on quilting, story telling etc...

1. Are you or anyone you know in the community able to offer learning experiences which could be packaged as tourism products, from 1 hour to 7 days in duration? If so who and what experience?
2. If not, can you think of any tourism experiences which might be offered to highlight the cultural, historical and natural character of the Argyle region?



The 12 members of the Bon Temps board have years of tourism experience and access to resources. Let us work with you to evaluate your life experiences and skills and talk about how these can be translated into enriching experiences for visitors. We are also willing to partner, package and promote these activities in an effort to make them successful. Anyone interested should email:

bontempsnovascotia@gmail.com or speak directly to any one of our members.

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.

ARGYLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Welcome to two new faces:

The Municipality filled two vacant positions in January of 2013.

Natalie d'Entremont is our new Active Living Coordinator and brings 25 years of impressive experience



to the Municipality. Natalie was a former employee of the Municipality and we are happy to say "Welcome back Nat!". See our article on Active Living for more information explaining the role of our Coordinator.

We have also engaged John Sullivan as our new Director of Property Inspection and



Public Works. John was formerly employed at the Municipality of

Yarmouth, and brings a wide experience in public service and private industry. The combination of experience will benefit Argyle and its residents greatly. John is already a big part of the team, and enjoys getting things done! John was also welcomed warmly by the community and by staff and Council.

Argyle Municipal Office Holiday Closures:

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

Friday, Mar. 29 Good Friday
Monday, Apr. 1 Easter Monday
Monday, May 20 Victoria Day

Summer Employment

The Argyle Recreation Department is looking to hire summer students for office positions (Recreation Program Coordinator, Physical Activity Programmer 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 12, 2013**. 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

Are you a woman who:

- Is a seasonal worker?
- Is trying to find a job?
- Is worried about losing her job, or about making ends meet?

Are you interested in working with us to try and make it better for you, your family and other people who are worried about their future?

We are looking for women who are willing to join a small working group, share their experiences and help us work on issues regarding economic security. You can join a group in Tusket (daytime meetings) or Yarmouth (evening meetings).

Information will be kept confidential; Child care and transportation costs to attend meetings will be covered.

For more information, please contact Kathleen Mooney, Project Manager at the Tri-County Women's Centre in Yarmouth:

Telephone 742-0085 or email Katheen@tricitywomenscentre.org

ATTENTION COMMUNITY GROUPS!

Municipality of Argyle: Grants to Organizations

Deadline to submit grant applications is April 15th, 2013

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) 648-3293 or email cfrotten@munargyle.com

ACTIVE LIVING

In January 2013, the Municipality of Argyle hired Natalie Surette d'Entremont as the Active Living Coordinator. Natalie comes to the Municipality with 25 years of experience working in the field of recreation. She will be executing the Active Living Strategic Plan to build healthier communities through physical activity, recreation and active transportation.

Active Living focuses on creating opportunities for people, groups and organizations to become more physically active. Active Transportation plays a major role in active living. Biking, walking, the use of our trails system is one way of increasing our physical activity and using our natural resources. Canoeing and Kayaking is another form of active transportation.

The Canadian Physical Activity guideline states children and youth should have at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day while it is

recommended that adults and older adults do 150 minutes of physical activity per week.

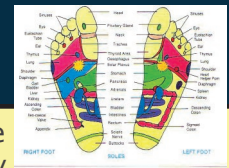
Benefits to regular physical activity are numerous:

- Improved fitness
- Decreased risks of chronic diseases
- Decreased risk of heart diseases
- Decreases cholesterol levels
- Helps control diabetes
- Decreases risk of strokes
- Better posture and balance
- Increased self – esteem
- Maintain healthy weight
- Stronger muscles and bones
- Increased energy levels
- Reduces stress
- Improves sleep patterns
- Independent living in later life

Take the challenge and get into motion! See the difference for yourself!



Business Spotlight: Doreen's Reflexology



Doreen Doucette was an LPN in the health care field for over 20 years, however she made the decision to instead pursue studies in Holistic Health. She completed studies in Reflexology and became Certified by the Canadian College of Natural Healing and Health in 2009. Reflexology is a very gentle, non-invasive therapy based on the principle that there are reflexes in the feet that correspond to every organ, gland and part of the body. It is very powerful in addressing all the systems of the body and is scientifically proven to aid the body in ridding itself of pain and disease.



Doreen has also studied Ayurveda and Panchakarma Therapy, an ancient natural healing system of Indian medicine, and in 2011 travelled to India where she completed the diploma course through the School of Ayurveda & Panchakarma. Ayurveda, the Indian "science of life", is an ancient system of healing that sees health as our birthright. We are made of elements that create health when well-balanced and disease when imbalanced. Ayurveda's goal is to help re-balance and restore health.

Along with being Certified in Reflexology, Ayurveda & Panchakarma, Doreen has received her Doctorate of Natural Medicine and is currently completing a Master Reflexology Course.

Doreen offers reflexology treatments, and various other treatments (including Ayurvedic classic massage experience, head massage, face massage, treatments using medicated oils, as well as traditional steam therapy) at her Tusket location at 4083 Gavel Road (MLA building). All treatments are "By appointment only" and Doreen can be reached at [902-643-2861](tel:902-643-2861) or cell [902-749-8232](tel:902-749-8232), and check out her Facebook page as well.

On a side note, Doreen also makes jewelry. Check out her "Grandmother's Silver" page on Facebook. Also, Doreen designed the Tusket Bridge Jewelry which is available for sale through Argyle Township Court House & Archives (902) 648-2493.

Spring is the perfect time to get pro-active about your health!

Argyle Township Court House & Archives - Summer Employment Opportunities

The Court House Museum and Archives hires students annually to fill the positions of Interpretive Guide/Summer Events Co-Ordinator (Bilingual), and Interpretive Guide/Archival Assistant (Bilingual). A general job description for those interested can be found on our website at: www.arglecourthouse.com under "Staff, intro, here".



Interested persons should pick up an application form at the Archives at 8162 Highway 3 in sket. Deadline for applications and résumés is Friday, May 3rd at noon.



Municipality of the District of Argyle - Spring 2013 Special Garbage Collection

Special garbage collection in the Municipality of Argyle will be carried out as follows (a different day than regularly scheduled garbage pickup):

- Thursday, May 16:** 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 17:** *Begin at SAR Church*, Abram's River, Hubbard's Point, Amirault's Hill, Sluice Point, Surette's Island, Morris Island, including section of Highway 3 between Frank Doucette Road and Hanging Oak, stop at Hanging Oak
- Saturday, May 18:** Lower West Pubnico, Middle West Pubnico, West Pubnico, Pubnico, Pubnico Head, Lower West Pubnico, Middle West Pubnico, West Pubnico, Pubnico, Pubnico Head, including side roads in the area, Argyle Sound Road, Green Grove Road, section of Highway 3 between Argyle Sound Road and Intersection of #335 to Paul d'Entremont Marine
- Thursday, May 23:** Wedgeport, Plymouth and Black Pond Road
- Friday, May 24:** Comeau's Hill, Little River Harbour, Melbourne, Pleasant Lake, Gavel Road, East Kemptville, Tusket and Lake Vaughan Road
- Saturday, May 25:** Chemin des Bourque, Eel Lake Road, Belleville, Bell Neck, Springhaven, Quinan

Roadside collection shall be set out **no earlier than seven (7) days** prior to the special collection. Please have items out the day of your scheduled pickup before 7 a.m. 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.

Residential Property Tax Exemption

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

The exemption limits set by the Municipality of Argyle for the 2013 tax year are as follows:



Tax Exemption	Income
\$200	\$0-\$16,500
\$150	\$16,501-\$17,500
\$100	\$17,501-\$18,500
\$0	Over \$18,500

The income column noted above is the gross household income of all residents living in the homestead.

Applications are 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 10th, 2013.

District 5 Election

The Municipality will be holding a special election in April for District 5. District 5 includes the following regions: Most of Eel Brook, Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau, Rocco Point, Belleville, South Belleville, Bell Neck, parts of North Belleville, Springhaven, Quinan and East Quinan.

If you are in District 5, you likely received a visit from a census taker in your area. The Municipality, in the interests of using the most accurate voter list possible, is performing an enumeration in this District. Basic information will be asked of our residents in this process. The Municipality shall be using the e-voting system as we did in October, but for this election, we will also provide a paper ballot option. If you are eligible to vote, you will be receiving a voters instruction letter and PIN number, which will give you additional information.

We encourage you to vote in this special election, and we sincerely thank you for your votes in October. Overall, 79% of eligible voters voted for their municipal representative, which is absolutely incredible and a reason to be proud to live in Argyle.

Growing Communities Scholarships

The Municipality of Argyle 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, 2013.

For more information contact Brenda LaGrandeur at 648-2931 or blagrandeur@munargyle.com

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

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