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Newsletter

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Warden's Message

Argyle has approved its operating budget for the 2013-14 year. We are planning some exciting investments in the community this year!

We are focused on improving our tennis courts, which are in need of repair. We are also focused on economic development projects supporting business opportunities for Argyle. Finally, Argyle has approved a final version of its strategic plan, a document that shall guide our investments in the coming year. It is more important than ever to work smarter, and have strong focus in the areas that matter most to our communities. We are confident that our investments will improve our communities; whether it's assisting businesses to grow, or providing a recreational facility that you will be proud of.

Happy reading!

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 council meetings are now available for viewing online @ <http://www.youtube.com/munargyle/>
- ◆ 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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Argyle focuses on economic development

Argyle has identified growth and economic development as a key goal in its strategic plan. The municipality sees their role as assisting businesses to access the resources they need to grow, innovate and succeed. The Conseil de développement économique de la NÉ (CDÉNÉ) recently hired Gilles Babin, who will work closely with businesses in Argyle to determine their needs, and identify opportunities to assist. Gilles will work closely with our Community Development Officer, Brenda LaGrandeur to uncover opportunities for local government to assist local businesses. This work has already started, and we are thankful that Gilles is working for our area, and is housed in the administration office in Tusket!



Council succeeded in obtaining ACOA funding to support an Argyle Economic Development Plan. Our community was asked to engage in this process, and so they did in impressive style! The Plan, in its draft stages, identified sectors of potential growth and recommended courses of action to promote Argyle as a great place to do business, and also has very specific recommendations for investment that have the highest probability of success. The plan will be released to the public in June, after the steering committee has had the opportunity to provide input. In its priority setting sessions, Council identified this plan and its recommendations as the number one priority.

The Medical First Response Program

The Emergency Health Services' (EHS) Medical First Response (MFR) program is largely a rural-based program that serves to enhance pre-hospital patient care provided by the EHS system. Beyond the lifesaving instructions provided by the EHS Medical Communications Officer, a Medical First Responder is often the first physical contact that the patient has with an individual who can offer some form of medical assistance.

Several of our local fire departments are approved by EHS as Medical First Responders. They are trained to use equipment provided by EHS, to conduct triage, assess vital signs, administer oxygen, conduct CPR and automated external defibrillation (AED), provide basic care for soft tissue injuries, and immobilize fractures and more.

We are fortunate to have many volunteers who have taken this life saving training. In Argyle, they are from the Quinan & District, East Pubnico, West Pubnico, Eel Brook & District and Kemptville & District Fire Departments. Our dedicated fire department volunteers are working to make Argyle a better and safer place to live.

All of our departments are currently accepting more volunteers. This would be a great way for any adult to gain new skills and training as well as make a real difference in our communities.

For more information contact your local fire department or call Janine Doucette, the Municipality's Emergency Management Coordinator, at 740-3433.



Musique de la Baie

Musique de la Baie will be starting on July 1st until September 30th. These famous kitchen parties will be taking place in 9 restaurants throughout the Yarmouth and Acadian Shores region. There will also be live performances on the Princess of Acadia ferry throughout July and August. Styles are diverse, but the music always has a local connection, whether it be songs written by the performers, songs about the area, or songs in the musical tradition of the area.



The 2013 Schedule

Mon – Rendez-vous de la Baie
Tues – Roadside Grill
Wed – La Cuisine Robicbeau, The Red Cap Restaurant
Thur – Trout Point Lodge, Around the Bend
Fri – Rudder's, Les Beaux Vendredis
Sun – Ye Olde Argyle Lodge

For more information visit:
www.musiquedelabaie.com

Living Wharves

Living Wharves is designed to tell the story behind the seafood from Yarmouth and Acadian Shores. Join both active and retired fishermen (and women) at community wharves throughout the region to hear their stories and try your hand at fishing skills. Starts June 20 until September 30th, 7 days a week.



The 2013 Schedule

Sun – Cape Saint Mary Wharf
Mon – Dennis Point Wharf, West Pubnico
Tues – Port Maitland Wharf
Wed – Wedgeport Tuna Wharf
Thu – Belliveau Cove Wharf
Fri – Ice Plant Wharf, Yarmouth
Sat – John's Cove Wharf, Yarmouth Bar

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



Mon. July 1st ~ Canada Day
Mon. Aug 5th ~ Civic Holiday
Mon. Sept 2nd ~ Labour Day

ARGYLE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS



Argyle Recreation has a new logo! The Argyle Recreation Department is pleased to reveal their new logo. (Designed by Allison Cottreau)

New Summer Ball Program:

The Argyle Recreation Department will be offering a baseball and soccer skills program this summer. Two students have been hired to lead a fundamental skills program for children and teens in our Municipality. The program will take place on Mondays at the West Pubnico ball field, on Tuesdays at the soccer field at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas, on Wednesdays at the Tuskett Ball field on the Gavel Road and on Thursdays at the ball field at École Wegdeport.

The different age groups will be assigned at different times for practice. (ie: T-Ball & rookie from 9:30 to 10:30 am). The same will take place for soccer. The program will take place during the day. This Fundamental Ball Skills program is free of charge! Registration will be required. Registration information will be distributed to the schools. The program is scheduled to begin early July.

Day camp from July 2nd to August 16th.

Men's floor hockey league (19 +) runs from May to August.

Girls' softball from June 20th to August 8th (6pm to 9pm at the Tuskett field).

Kayak clinic August 6th to 9th.

Music camp July 16th to 20th.

Senior events TBA.

DOG TAGS



Dog tags are for sale at our Municipal Office and at the SPCA, Yarmouth.

For 2013 the annual dog tag fees are as follows:

- Dog registration (male or female) \$20.00
- Dog registration for neutered male or spayed female \$10.00
- Dog registration for neutered male or spayed female that is implanted with a microchip or tattooed \$ 5.00

All information collected is added to a database that we use to track information related to dog control. It could help reunite a lost pet with their owner.

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

Criminal Record Checks

To complete a criminal record check, applicants need to visit the Municipal Office **first** and pay the applicable fee up front. Once issued a receipt, you go to the Yarmouth Rural RCMP Detachment Office, present the receipt and the Criminal Records Check will be completed within a reasonable period of time.

If you are a volunteer, it is not necessary to go to the municipal office first to be issued a receipt. You only need to go to the Yarmouth Rural RCMP Detachment Office and provide a letter from the organization confirming the volunteer position.

Effective October 1, 2005, the FEES for criminal records checks are:

- Adult criminal record checks - \$20
- Student criminal record checks - \$5
- Criminal record check for the purpose of volunteering - \$0
(requires a letter from the organization confirming the volunteer position)

Residents living in communities policed by the Yarmouth Rural RCMP Detachment should call 742-9106, Monday to Friday, 8 am - 4 pm or the Municipal Office at 648-2311 Monday to Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, for information on obtaining a criminal records check.



Business Spotlight: Small Fry's Restaurant



Ryan Boudreau, owner of Small Fry's Restaurant, had humble beginnings as a part time dishwasher at the Red Knight, while taking an IT course through NSCC, Burrigge Campus, nearly ten years ago. He gradually worked his way up to position of cook, and made the amazing discovery that he absolutely loved cooking! Though he did finish his IT course, he found his passion was in the kitchen, so he continued to work in restaurants.

In July 2006, after much hard work and support from his parents, he opened his new restaurant, Small Fry's, which is located at 57 Tuna Wharf Road in Lower Wedgeport, next to the Tuna Museum. He did not let having Cystic Fibrosis deter him, despite the bouts of illness he had to endure from time to time. He had not expected however the devastating news of having to have a double lung transplant, a surgery which took place in Toronto in February 2007. He is happy to report that the operation was a success, and with a lot of hard work and perseverance, both his health and the restaurant continue to do well. Today, Small Fry's employs six staff members, including another cook. Though a native of Lower Wedgeport, Ryan currently lives in Little River with his wife of six years, Joy.

The menu includes many tempting options! Fresh seafood is his specialty, though the fried chicken with the homemade batter and homemade BBQ sauce is also a customer favourite, with good reason! Ryan has also earned bragging rights for taking first place in 2010 and 2012 for the seafood chowder cook-off during Seafest, as well as third place in 2011! This quaint little diner closes during the winter months. When they first reopen for the season, they are only open Fridays to Sundays from 11am to 8pm, however starting in June they are also open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8pm. Check out their Facebook Page, where they often post daily specials. ((663-2411)



It is definitely worth the drive to Lower Wedgeport, to enjoy a good meal at the quaint diner, overlooking picturesque Tuna wharf! Ryan welcomes both his regulars as well as new customers!

FREE 911 CIVIC SIGNAGE PROGRAM



The Municipality of Argyle is once again offering to its residents, free of charge, blue reflective civic number signs complete with aluminum posts. Beginning on June 1st, 2013, applications for signage will be available on the municipal website (www.munargyle.com) or at the municipal office at 27 Courthouse Road, Tusket. There are a limited number of signs and posts available and they will be assigned to residents of the Municipality of Argyle on a first come, first served basis.

For more information please call 648-2623 or email at inspector@munargyle.com.

Planning Construction?

Building Permits are required before starting most construction projects. These include detached and attached garages, decks, all house additions, alterations and structural modifications. The only time a building permit is not required, is for construction of a shed, 215 square feet or less in area and one storey in height. As well, no permit is required to re-shingle most roofs.



Doing spring/summer cleanup?

Residents may drop off properly separated residential waste (garbage), large items, construction and demolition debris, at NO CHARGE at the Yarmouth County Solid Waste Facility, Hardscratch Road, Yarmouth. Limit 200 Kgs (440 lbs.) per household per week. Electronics and paint for recycling go to Enviro-Depot at 236D Water Street. For more information call Property Inspection at 648-2623 or Waste Check at 742-1312.

CHANGES AT THE GLENWOOD PROVINCIAL PARK

In the late summer of 2012, the Municipality partnered with the NS Department of Natural Resources to make changes to the Glenwood Provincial Park. This beautiful picnic park is located just off of Exit 32A on Highway 103 at Glenwood, with picnic tables and hardwood trees providing the perfect place to relax overlooking Rickers' Lake. With \$19,880 in leveraged funding assistance from ACOA through the Community Infrastructure Improvement fund, we were able to improve the shoreline access for swimmers and non-motorized



boats. The work included excavation and grading, the installation of graduated access to the water's edge, construction of change houses and the addition of new benches, picnic tables and garbage receptacles. The area has also had barrier poles installed to restrict vehicles from accessing this section. On Monday, May 27th we invited the public to join us to see all the new changes. The park is open daily at 8am and closes at dusk.

TAX DEPARTMENT

TAX BILL

By now you should have received your tax bill which is due July 31st, 2013.

PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES CORPORATION

Your tax bill is a reflection of your 2013 Property Assessment. A notice of Assessment was mailed to you in January 2013. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, please contact the Property Valuation Services office at [1-800-380-7775](tel:1-800-380-7775).

BANK PAYS YOUR TAX BILL?

If your bank is registered to pay your property taxes, you will still receive your tax bills. Please contact your bank 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 early July or available at Access Nova Scotia locations or here at the municipal office.

TAX BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Credit card payments are accepted (+3% applicable fee) either at the municipal office or online via our municipal website www.munargyle.com (look for the 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



Youth Engagement Project

One of the priority items identified by our municipality is: Population Growth, with a focus on bringing back our youth as well as encouraging our youth to stay in our communities. One of the ways we are doing this is by meeting with 18 grade 11 students from our three Yarmouth County Schools - Drumlin Heights Consolidated School, École Secondaire de Par-en-Bas and Yarmouth Memorial Consolidated High School. Scott Muise,

Chris Frotten and Brenda LaGrandeur are meeting with them to listen and learn about what matters to them and how the municipality can help. Our first meeting was about jobs and the economy. The second was about their priorities for their communities. Our third get-together will be the first time they are all together and we will be bringing in guest speakers to help them with their future plans. We have also lined up one-day job shadowing sessions for them with local employers.

These students have taught us a lot. We know what they are passionate about, what they want help with and how we can work with them to make sure that we are all making this place a better place to live. We will be working with these same students for the next two years. We will also be starting with a new group of grade 11 students next year.

To watch a video with more details about the project, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/munargyle> and watch the first presentation at the April 30th 2013 meeting. For more information about this project you can call us at 648-2931 or by email at blgrandeur@munargyle.com.

Where are we with Economic Development?

There have been major changes in the Province with regards to regional economic planning. The Province has announced a new regional economic development body, the Regional Enterprise Network (REN). This is a partnership between Municipalities and the Province of Nova Scotia. Currently, this region does not have a regional organization doing work to promote economic development. The Province will financially support a REN and will not fund individual municipalities for economic development officers. Argyle is involved in the organization of a new Regional Economic Development organization and has agreed in principle to be a member; work is ongoing. For more information on REN and other Provincial economic development programs, please visit <http://novascotia.ca/econ/>

Yippee! It's back!

The Argyle Farmer's & Artisanal Market opens on June 13th with over 25 vendors under the big tent!



In Tusket every Thursday from 3pm to 7pm! If you are interested in being a vendor, providing entertainment or becoming a market volunteer, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact us by email at argylefarmersmarket@gmail.com.
(Also, check out our Facebook page!)

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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