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Newsletter

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Warden's Message

With fall fast approaching, I hope everyone was able to enjoy the summer months with friends and family. The Municipality has seen a very busy summer with recreation activities such as kayaking clinics, a biathlon, golf scrambles and much more! We would like to thank the Recreation Department for all their hard work and wish all of our summer students the best during their school year at home or abroad.

We are also extremely pleased with the announcement of a renewed ferry service for our region! With this encouraging announcement, we must now work to ensure that we are ready to welcome all of the new tourists and that the preparations are made in anticipation of a May 2014 start.

With our economic plan in its final draft, we are focused on establishing timeframes on action themes in which support business opportunities for Argyle. We are also encouraging our residents to buy local. Buying local keeps money in our community and encourages local ownership and jobs. More local businesses mean more opportunities for employment and a stronger tax base, supporting public services for the community.

The summer months may be over, but there are still many great events to attend! For example, be sure to visit the Farmers' Market every Thursday from 3 PM to 6 PM and go watch Hockey Night in Canada's Play ON! National Street Hockey Championships from September 26th-28th on Main Street and the World Junior A Hockey Challenge November 4th-10th at the Mariners Centre.

Happy reading!

Warden Aldric d'Entremont

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Yes, a new ferry!

By now we have all heard the news that a new ferry will dock in Yarmouth beginning May 2014. The Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership (NSIFP), a group led by local entrepreneurs and supported by consultants and staff, deserves much of the credit and accolade for this successful deal between STM Quest and the province of Nova Scotia. The Municipality of Argyle would like to sincerely thank the co-chairs, Keith Condon and Neil LeBlanc, along with all members of the NSIFP and support staff for their tremendous accomplishment.



The Municipality of Argyle, in equal partnership with the Town of Yarmouth and Municipality of Yarmouth, financially supported the NSIFP in its successful efforts. Argyle committed up to \$50,000 to restore ferry operation, and to negotiate the transfer of the ferry terminal from the Federal government to local ownership.

And now the work begins! Work continues on the ferry terminal in our collective efforts to ensure we're ready for May 2014 to welcome tourists to our region. Are you ready for 2014? The restoration of ferry service is a great economic opportunity for the entire province, and we encourage local businesses and residents to be our best promoters.

Active Living



It is nice to see the many people walking, biking and running throughout our Municipality. Being physically active is an important part of our daily lives. The Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines recommends adults accumulate 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic activity per week, in bouts of 10 minutes or more to achieve health benefits, and 60 minutes per day for children. Being active for adults can help reduce the risk of: premature death; heart disease; stroke; high blood pressure; certain types of cancer; type 2 diabetes; osteoporosis; overweight. Children who are active for 60 minutes a day: improve their health; do better in school; improve their fitness; grow stronger; have fun playing with friends; feel happier; maintain good body weight; improve self-confidence; and learn new skills.

move more! **Walk, run, or wheel and bring back play!** There are two new walking groups that were formed this past year. One group meets at the Pubnico Head rails to trails on Thursday at 6:15pm and Charlesville/Eastside Running & Walking group meets every Monday & Wednesday at 6:30pm at different location in East Pubnico. Plans are being made for a new walking group in the Wedgeport area. **For information on upcoming physical activity events and programs in our Municipality please "LIKE" our Active Living-Municipality of Argyle Facebook page (www.facebook.com/activelivingargyle) or follow us on Twitter @ArgyleRec.**



Now is the time to pick a place, make a plan and

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.

BUY LOCAL INITIATIVE

The Argyle Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Conseil de développement économique, the Municipality of Argyle, and Coastal Financial Credit Union are launching a contest for people to buy local products and services. This initiative is to encourage people to buy local. The winner of this contest will receive \$500 Argyle Bucks which can be used to purchase goods and services in the Municipality. If you are a business and want to participate you are asked to contact Norbert LeBlanc 742-7973 and he will provide your business with a ballot box and ballots.

The contest will begin in early October and finish in early December.



Important information for Seniors

Applications for the 2013 Property Tax rebate for seniors are available at the Municipal Office. Phone: 648-2311.

The deadline to apply for this rebate is December 31st, 2013.

This provincial program provides eligible seniors a 50% rebate off of their property taxes up to a maximum of \$800.

For eligibility and other information, please phone toll free at 1-800-670-4357.



Please be advised that the Municipal Office and

Archives will be closed for the following holidays:

Mon. Sept. 2 Labour Day

Mon. Oct. 14 Thanksgiving

Mon. Nov. 11

Remembrance Day

Upcoming Recreation Events



Throughout the fall and winter, the Argyle Recreation Department will be planning a series of events:

Qigong & Forever Young, every Tuesday for 8 weeks beginning October 1 - November 19 from 10:30 am to 12 noon at the Pubnico Area Lions Club. The cost is \$5 per participant.

There will be a bus tour planned for October 17 at the Annapolis Historical Gardens to view the Halloween themes gardens. Stay tuned for the itinerary and the cost of the tour.

There will be a social tea at the Club des Audacieux in Quinan on November 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm with Lauren Fevens.



A Seniors Christmas Party is planned for Wednesday December 11 from 1:30 - 3:30 at the Twin Village Social Club. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

Ballroom dancing lessons (8 weeks) from January 12 to March 3 with Cindy Robicheau, location to be determined. The cost is \$40 per person.



Children 12 years and younger are invited to join our ghosts and goblins on Sunday, October 20th from 2-4pm for our 13th Annual Halloween event. Come out and play games and win prizes at the Haunted Archives! Don't forget to wear your costume.

Everyone 13 years and older is welcomed to come for a tour of this year's Halloween Event on October 24 and 25, 2013 beginning at 7pm. This is not for the faint of heart. We sold out quickly last year and space is limited; therefore reserve your seat beginning October 1st.

On Sunday, December 1st at 6pm, Santa Claus will make a special trip from the North Pole as he joins us for the 19th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at the Tusket Court House. There will also be an exchange of LED holiday lights beginning at 5:30pm.



The 37th Annual Yarmouth County Athletic Awards Banquet will be held in

November, 2013 - date is yet to be confirmed. This is an evening when athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers are recognized for their dedication to sport.



The Argyle Minor Soccer Club would like to thank all coaches, parents, and participants for a great soccer season this year. Just a reminder that soccer jerseys are to be returned to the Argyle Recreation Department if anyone hasn't already done so. Thanks!!

If you would like to have an event or activity planned in your community, please contact us at the *Argyle Recreation Department* at 648-3379 or by email at recreation@munargyle.com and we will do our best to accom-

Tax Bills



Tax bills are now past due and interest is being charged. Your available payment options are cash, cheque, debit, credit card (with a 3% fee) or pre-authorized payments. We would be happy to assist in setting up a payment plan that works for you.

Please contact us at 648-2311 or by email at taxation@munargyle.com.

Reminder!

The **Argyle Farmers' & Artisanal Market** takes place every Thursday from 3-6 pm in Tusket. The last market for the season will be held on Thursday, October 10th.



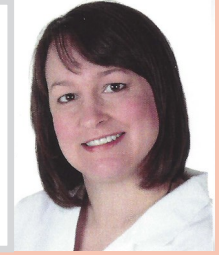


Business Spotlight: The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy

We are pleased to announce that a new pharmacy has opened in Tusket on September 19th! The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy has opened its new franchise at 4200 Highway 308 (next to the Privateers Sou'West Harley Davidson store in Tusket). Pharmacist and Owner, Monica Taylor explains that Medicine Shoppe is 100% focused on patients'/customers' health needs and embraces the importance of the "friendly neighbourhood drug store". They offer the following:

- ◆ Medication reviews
- ◆ Accu-Pak bubble packaging
- ◆ CustomMeds Medication Compounding
- ◆ Hormone replacement therapy
- ◆ Health & Wellness events
- ◆ VON foot care clinic
- ◆ Oxygen depot
- ◆ FREE local prescription delivery
- ◆ Medication flavouring (for kids, adults and even pets)

On a personal note: Monica, originally from Middle East Pubnico, currently lives in Raynardton with her husband Kevin and their two young children. She graduated from Dalhousie College of Pharmacy in 2004.



Monica is happy to announce that she will have a licensed practical nurse on staff, Jennifer Surette. They have purchased hospital grade diagnostic equipment: a professional blood pressure monitor; a point-of-care cholesterol meter; and INR meter. Therefore with a small blood sample from a finger stick they can check your INR and cholesterol with results equivalent to those obtained from a lab, in just a few minutes. They will also have regular health and wellness clinics (bone density, cholesterol, flu shot clinics).

Medicine Shoppe will accept all drug plans. You can sign up for Shoppe Rewards and receive an instant 10% discount on most front store merchandise and if you are a prescription customer receive 20% off. Store merchandise will include most everything found in other pharmacies, such as: first aid; vitamins & supplements; women's health; pain, cough & cold;

foot care products; incontinence; small baby section; eye care; everyday health & wellness; skin care; and small family planning section. Most home health care supplies (such as a wheelchair) can be ordered for next day delivery.



Phone: 648-2211

Visit the pharmacy during Grand Opening Celebrations, from Oct. 21st to Oct. 26th for a chance to win a 32" LCD HDTV Flat Screen TV!

Where do my Tax Dollars Go?

All municipalities in NS must contribute to the following provincial services/agencies- amounts are based on formulas taking into account number of dwellings and/or property values

Education **\$199**

Police/Correctional services **\$122**

Property Assessment services **\$28**

Housing & Municipal Auditor general **\$5**

Roads **\$6**

Regional Library **\$8**

Total mandated costs transferred \$368

Based on an average tax bill of \$1000, this is how your tax dollars are distributed:

The remaining tax dollars are invested in:

Recreation & Senior Safety **\$54**

Waste collection, disposal & recycling **\$83**

Fire protection/EMO **\$73**

Finance/Administrative services **\$56**

Water & Sewer services **\$37**

Economic & community development **\$48**

Other general gov't services **\$56**

Property inspection **\$38**

Planning/zoning **\$14**

Ferry restoration & airport **\$41**

Legislative/Council **\$32**

Grants to non profit orgs. **\$32**

Courthouse/ Historical/Pubnico library services **\$23**

Future capital commitments **\$18**

Doctor recruitment/ medical centres **\$27**

Total additional costs \$632 + mandated transfers \$368 = \$1000



Yarmouth County Senior Safety Program

Providing Seniors with Information, Support, Referrals and Safety
Contact Peggy Boudreau - Senior Safety Coordinator
Phone 881-7107
email: peggy.boudreau@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

What we do:

- ◆ Meet with seniors in the comfort and security of their homes.
- ◆ Assist RCMP with calls involving seniors.
- ◆ Provide connections to community agencies to promote independence.
- ◆ Provide Vial of Life.
- ◆ Public events and presentations on various topics of interest to seniors.
- ◆ Liaise with Emergency Measures Team.
- ◆ Promote accessibility of information to seniors.
- ◆ Work to combat senior abuse of all kinds.
- ◆ We accept referrals from seniors, friends, family and other agencies.

Upcoming event:

Senior 50+ Expo ~Yarmouth Consolidated Memorial High School
Exercise you Brain and Body - Free Workshop, Exhibitors and Lunch
Saturday October 26, 2013 9:30 - 2:30
Pre-registration required. Phone the VON office at 742-4512.

New Acadian Shores Geocaching series now LIVE!

The municipalities of Argyle and Clare have teamed up with Acadian Network of C@P sites to offer treasure hunters a brand new geocaching series!

Visit the Geocaching website and search for ExploreAcadie caches (Search Options > Hidden by Username). This is the perfect opportunity to get outdoors this fall and learn about the local Acadian history and culture. Over the next few months, work will begin on a revised Acadian Shores Interpretive Tour map-brochure.



Municipality of the District of Argyle - Fall 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, October 17:** East Pubnico, Argyle, Old School Road, Robert's Island, Glenwood, Lr. Eel Brook, Sainte-Anne-du-Ruisseau, Rocco Point, stop at SAR Church.
- Friday, October 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, October 19:** 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, October 24:** Wedgeport, Plymouth and Black Pond Road
- Friday, October 25:** Comeau's Hill, Little River Harbour, Melbourne, Pleasant Lake, Gavel Road, East Kemptville, Tusket and Lake Vaughan Road
- Saturday, October 26:** 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.

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

Community Development - 648-2931
Emergency Measures Organization - 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