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**Warden's Message**

With fall on the horizon, I hope everyone was able to enjoy the summer months with family and friends. The Municipality was very busy this summer with recreation activities such as kayaking clinics, an amazing bike race, a fun run, a senior bus trip and much more! We would like to thank the Recreation Department for all their hard work and wish all of our summer student employees the best during their school year at home or abroad.

This summer was also very busy for our region's tourism industry! Along with continued passenger service on the Nova Star, our region also saw an increase in visitation and an increase in room nights sold which helped us welcome more visitors and boost our local economy.

Community festivals and events were also at the forefront this summer. I'd like to congratulate, in particular, the Wedgeport Tuna Tournament and Festival on another successful edition which was very well attended by both residents and visitors.

If you have an opportunity, take the time to visit one of our newly improved tennis courts, one of our award winning restaurants or tourism experiences, the Bay of Fundy Kayak Symposium from September 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> and the Starlight Gala in October.

Thanks to Council and Staff's continued work on our strategic objectives and our economic development plan action items and your involvement and dedication in our communities. We are focused on working for our residents and making Argyle a place we are all proud to call home.

Happy reading!

**Warden Aldric d'Entremont**

**Starlight Festival**

Third annual "Acadian Skies & Mi'kmaq Lands Starlight Festival" organized by Nova Scotia's Société Touristique Bon Temps d'Argyle ([www.bontempsnovascotia.ca](http://www.bontempsnovascotia.ca)), will take place October 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



Activities will be organized to celebrate the clear and dark skies of southwestern Nova Scotia region. The festival will feature a gala, art show, guided star gazing events, photo presentation, guided tours, canoeing under the stars, Starlight crafts, star gazing platform, an astro-photography course, food, music, museum exhibits and information.

The stars shine so much brighter. Experience the purest, darkest skies. A star gazing region of beaches, lighthouses, pristine wilderness and authentic culture, recommended by *National Geographic Traveler*, the *Globe & Mail*, & the *Guardian*.

The first certified Starlight Tourism Destination and Starlight Reserve in North America by the UNESCO, Starlight Foundation. Acadian Skies & Mi'kmaq Lands is supported by the Nova Scotia Tourism Agency, the municipalities of Yarmouth, Argyle, Clare and Acadia First Nation.

**For more information about the Starlight Festival visit the website:**  
<http://www.acadianskies.com>

**Sea Kayak Symposium**

The 3rd Annual Bay of Fundy Sea Kayak Symposium will take place Sept. 25-28, 2015. The event is open to all paddling levels.

The Sea Kayak Symposium is hosted by Ye Olde Argyle, and has become a signature event in our municipality!

**Come paddle Canada's Ocean Playground!**

**For schedule or session information and to register, check out the Fundy 2015 website:**  
<http://www.bofsks.com/>



**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 902-648-3293 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/en/council-agendas/](http://www.munargyle.com/en/council-agendas/) or pick-up in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

## Free Astronomy Course

The free astronomy course will be held October 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> at the University Ste. Anne, Tusket site.

Every day has both a lecture and an outdoor practice after dark. Class time will be approximately 4pm to midnight, with an hour break.

Topics include, but are not limited to, astronomy, astrophotography, and astrotourism.

Sign up and satisfy your curiosity about our night time skies and see firsthand why our region has received the Starlight Designation.

This is also the perfect opportunity for those who wish to expand or start up a business as an astro-tourism guide.

To register contact [Charlene LeBlanc](#) at (902)648-2623 or email [cleblanc@munargyle.com](mailto:cleblanc@munargyle.com)



## Are you looking for Outdoor, Recreation, Sport and Active Living opportunities?

Check out [southshoreconnect.ca](http://southshoreconnect.ca)! This new website is the "Google" of Recreation, Sport and Active Living opportunities on the beautiful South Shore. Click on the Active Living Guide and discover opportunities for you and your family. There is information on trails, events, recreation programs and organizations, beaches and more!

For more information contact [Natalie d'Entremont](#), Active Living Coordinator: 902-648-3379 or [ndentremont@munargyle.com](mailto:ndentremont@munargyle.com)



Please note that the Municipal Office and Archives will be closed

for the following holidays:

**Sept. 7** Labour Day  
**Oct. 12** Thanksgiving  
**Nov. 11** Remembrance Day

# Upcoming Recreation Events



During the fall months the Argyle Recreation Department will be planning and participating in a series of events:

The 2015 Senior Expo will be held on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at École secondaire de Par-en-Bas.

Children 12 years and younger are invited to join our ghosts and goblins on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30pm for our 15<sup>th</sup> 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 29 and 30 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 1<sup>st</sup>.



There will be a social tea at the Club des Audacieux in Quinan on November 5 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.

On Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Santa Claus will make a special trip from the North Pole as he joins us for the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at the Tusket Court House.





A Seniors Christmas Party is planned for Wednesday December 9 from 1:30 - 3:00 at the Club Acadien in SAR. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to have an event or activity planned in your community, please contact us:

*Argyle Recreation Department*

902-648-3379 or Email: [recreation@munargyle.com](mailto:recreation@munargyle.com)

We will do our best to accommodate your needs.

| Photography contest  | Growing Communities Scholarships   |
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| <p>Congratulations to <b>Aldric d'Eon</b> of West Pubnico, winner of the <b>\$1000 photography contest</b>.</p> <p>Thanks to all who entered!</p>  | <p>Congratulations to the recipients of our Growing Communities \$1000 scholarships: <b>Logan d'Entremont</b> of Drumlin Heights Consolidated School and <b>Jessica Nickerson</b> of École secondaire de Par-en-Bas.</p>   |
| Tax Bills  | Important Information for Seniors  |
| <p> Tax bills are now <u>past due</u> and interest is being charged. Your available payment options are cash, cheque, debit, credit card (with a 3% convenience fee) or pre-authorized payments. We would be happy to assist in setting up a payment plan that works for you.</p> <p>Please contact us at 902-648-2311 or email: <a href="mailto:taxation@munargyle.com">taxation@munargyle.com</a></p> | <p> Applications for the 2015 Property Tax rebate for seniors are available at the Municipal Office. Phone: 902-648-2311.</p> <p><b>The deadline to apply for this rebate is December 31st, 2015.</b></p> <p>This provincial program provides <u>eligible</u> 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.</p> |



## Business Spotlight: *Deep Sky Eye Observatory*



The timing could not be more perfect for Tim Doucette to start his star gazing business with the newly constructed **Deep Sky Eye Observatory** in East Quinan. The region composed of Argyle, Clare and Yarmouth municipalities, became the first Starlight Tourist Destination and Reserve in North America, awarded by the UNESCO Starlight Foundation.

Astronomy has been an interest and a passion of Tim's ever since his wife Amanda gifted him with a telescope in 2003. He also discovered that, though he is legally blind, his night vision is superior to most people's! This is a side effect of eye surgery from when he was a teenager. Tim and his family lived in Moncton for many years, where he worked as a software designer. They moved back to Quinan, in his Grandparents' homestead last year, where he continues to work as a software designer. He missed his observatory in Moncton and quickly started to plan this new project.

Construction of the 20'x12' building, with a 9' motorized dome, began in spring 2015 and he expects it to be complete in October. A very large telescope will be installed within the observatory shortly and will be fully automated. This telescope will also eventually be interfaced with social media (Facebook and Twitter), being one of only two in the world with this capability! This would mean that researchers from afar could remotely instruct the telescope to take photos. There will also be a second telescope set up outside, on a viewing deck that will be built in the near future.

Tim expects to start conducting *Night Time Skies* and *Deep Sky Tours* in October. He will very soon have a schedule set up on his website, for interested persons to book their spot. This will appeal to anyone who is interested in knowing what

is in our skies, from constellations, satellites, moons, planets, to galaxies, nebulas, etc., whether someone is a complete novice or an advanced astronomer. The fee structure will be based on individual rates, group rates (non-profit or educational groups), and advanced photography rates. The intent is to keep it affordable and accessible to everyone.

Tim has had articles and photos published in popular astronomy magazines. He is also one of the guest speakers at the Starlight Gala in Wedgeport on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Keep an eye on the Deep Sky Eye website or Facebook Page, and be sure to book your star gazing experience in beautiful dark Quinan skies!**

**Website: [www.deepskyeye.com/](http://www.deepskyeye.com/) Location: Frotten Road, Quinan, NS**



### ***Get Out of Their Way and Let Them Play!***

The 2015 *ParticipACTION* Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth is out, but it's not good news!

Despite common knowledge that Canadian kids need to sit less and move more, the two lowest grades in this year's report card are a D- for Sedentary Behaviours and a D- for Overall Physical Activity.

70% of children aged 3-4 get the recommended 180 minutes of daily activity at any intensity. However, as the guidelines change to 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity per day for those aged five and up, rates fall to only 14% of kids meeting guidelines at age 5-11, and only 5% meeting the Guidelines at age 12-17. (2012-13 CHMS)

Overall, only 9% of 5 to 17 year olds get the 60 minutes of heart-pumping activity they need each day. The grade remains a D- for the third year in a row to reflect the balance between one age group that is doing well (3 to 4 year olds) and the majority who are doing poorly (5 to 17 year-olds). (2012-13 CHMS)

The research reveals that kids move more when they are outside and have some freedom to roam unsupervised. But, our tendency to constantly watch over them or keep them indoors to ensure they are safe from risk limits their opportunities for physical activity, endangering their long-term health.

Let's recognize the difference between "real danger" and "risk" and increase children's opportunities for self-directed play outdoors in all settings - at home, at school, in child care, the community and nature.

**The Report Card is available at [www.participactionreportcard.com](http://www.participactionreportcard.com)**

Information has been provided from *The 2015 ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth* with permission from *ParticipACTION*.



## Yarmouth County Senior Safety Program

## Experience of Argyle

### Providing Seniors with Information, Support, Referrals and Safety

Contact Peggy Boudreau - Senior Safety Coordinator

Phone: 902-881-7107 or email: [peggy.boudreau@rcmp-grc.ca](mailto:peggy.boudreau@rcmp-grc.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 ~ École Par-En-Bas in Tusket

Free Workshop, Exhibitors and Lunch

Saturday October 3, 2015 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM

**Pre-registration required. Phone the VON office at 902-742-4512.**

We are pleased to announce that we will have a second "Experience of Argyle" event this fall, showcasing the best Argyle has to offer. Stay tuned for details to follow!



## Municipality of the District of Argyle - Fall 2015 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 15:** 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 16:** 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 17:** 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 22:** Wedgeport, Plymouth and Black Pond Road
- Friday, October 23:** Comeau's Hill, Little River Harbour, Melbourne, Pleasant Lake, Gavel Road, East Kemptville, Tusket and Lake Vaughan Road
- Saturday, October 24:** 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 902-648-2623.

### Municipality of Argyle

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### Municipal Office Hours

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

Community Development - 902-648-2623  
EMO (Emergency Measures Office) - 902-648-2314  
Finance & Administration - 902-648-3293  
Municipal Archives - 902-648-2493  
Property Inspection & Public Works - 902-648-2623  
Recreation & IT - 902-648-3379  
Taxation - 902-648-2311

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Email us at [newsletter@munargyle.com](mailto:newsletter@munargyle.com)