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Newsletter

Summer 2016

Warden's Message

With summer fast approaching, the recreation department is in full swing organizing a variety of exciting programs and activities for all ages. Don't forget that our online registration system, *Active Net*, allows you to register you and your family online rather than having to visit the office. Visit our website to learn more.

This summer will also usher in a new tourism season with the brand new *CAT Ferry* service operated by Bay Ferries. This service will bring in tourists to visit our unique local experiences and award winning restaurants and attractions. Make sure to also keep an eye out for our *50 things to do and more in the region of Argyle* booklet to discover a variety of interesting things to do in our very own Municipality.

Aside from recreation and tourism, the municipality continues to focus on providing important essential services, improving community infrastructure and encouraging economic development in our area. Of priority for the upcoming year is the planning and implementation of a wastewater system in Wedgeport, the resurfacing of the Tusket track and field, the groundwork for a new administration building and continued efforts in aquaculture development.

We encourage you to participate in public consultations and visit our website and Facebook page for more information on each of our priorities and our day to day operations!

Enjoy the summer and happy reading!

Warden Aldric d'Entremont

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New Administration Building

On April 26, Council reviewed the final report outlining public consultation on the future of the administration building. Following their discussion, Council accepted the report and decided to have the Building Committee begin the process of choosing a location and determining a design for a new administration building. Since that time, the Building Committee has met once to refine their mandate and decide on who should be a member of the committee. There will be 9 members on the committee; 3 members of Council, 3 members from Staff and 3 community members. The application process will be open until June 21st to put your name forward to be on the committee. **For more information on the process or to provide your input, visit our website, give us a call or send us an e-mail.**

Summer Employment Opportunities for Youth - ATCHA

Did you know that the Court House and Archives in the centre of Tusket has been a major employer of youth for over 33 years now? Though the number of positions varies each year, this summer we have hired 8 students, as Interpretive Guides and Archival Assistants, with specialized duties attached to each position. This is the result of the very successful partnership between the Municipality of Argyle and the Argyle Municipality Historical & Genealogical Society, who share the operation of these two important heritage resources.

The Municipality of Argyle, the owner of the Court House, makes an annual contribution towards the employment of summer students, and the Staff and the Historical Society utilize this funding in order to leverage funding from provincial and federal programs which require a local contribution. Last year approximately \$35,000 of federal and provincial funding was brought into Argyle to employ young people to help operate these two facilities for the summer season.

Each year, we advertise available positions on our Facebook page and on the Municipality's website, and typically do interviews in early May. Keep an eye out for next year!

We are pleased to provide these opportunities for our young people. Visit the Court House and Gaol (jail) museum or the Archives this summer and see the good work they carry out on your behalf.

**Argyle Township Court House & Archives (ATCHA)
8162 / 8168 Highway 3, Tusket, NS 902-648-2493**



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 - <http://www.munargyle.com/en/council-agendas/> or pick-up in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

H.O.P.E. Dial-A-Ride

Contact H.O.P.E. Dial-A-Ride for your transportation needs within the Town of Yarmouth, the Municipality of Yarmouth, and the Municipality of Argyle. H.O.P.E. operates from Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 5:30pm (special arrangements for weekends).

H.O.P.E. Dial-A-Ride:
902-742-6579

KIOSK IN TUSKET

Be sure to check out the new tourism kiosk that will be located at the little picnic park by the Tusket River on Highway 3 in Tusket. The kiosk will have a beautifully illustrated panel with photos and information on our communities. It will also hold brochures.

OPEN FOR THE SEASON!



"Cell" Gift Shop, located in Canada's oldest Court House & Jail at 8168 Hwy 3, Tusket (across from Carl's Store).

Good selection of local books, souvenirs and items made by local artisans. Museum Tours cost \$2/person or \$4/family.

Open Daily 7am-9pm during July and August

Argyle Municipal Office

Holiday Closures:

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

July 1st ~ Canada Day
August 1st ~ Civic Holiday
September 5th ~ Labour Day

TAX DEPARTMENT

TAX BILL

By now you should have received your tax bill, which is due July 29th, 2016. If you haven't received it or your mailing address has changed, please contact us at 902-648-2311.

PROPERTY VALUATION SERVICES CORPORATION

Your tax bill is a reflection of your 2016 Property Assessment. A notice of Assessment was mailed to you in January 2016. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, contact Property Valuation Services at 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 July or available at Access Nova Scotia locations or here at the municipal office.

TAX BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Credit card payments are accepted (+1.75% 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, debit or pre-authorized payments. We will be happy to set up a payment plan that works for you.

Contact us: 902-648-2311 or taxation@munargyle.com

Dog Tags

Dog tags are for sale at the Municipal Office, at 27 Courthouse Road. The 2016 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 902-648-2311 or email taxation@munargyle.com

Recreation Department - Summer Events

5K Color Fun Run/Walk

Date: June 23rd / Time: 5:45pm
Location: Willett Road, East Pubnico
Cost: \$15

Amazing Bike Race

Date: July 7th / Time: 5:30pm
Location: Start at Eglise St. Michel (Wedgeport).
Cost: \$35

Car Rally (Survivor)

Date: July 14th / Time: 5:30pm
Location: Centre de Pombcoup (West Pubnico Firehall) Cost: \$5/person
Teams of 3 - 5 people per vehicle



Senior Games

Date: July 21st
Location: Ecole secondaire de Par en Bas
Time: 9:30am registration, opening ceremonies at 10am. Cost: \$10

Junior Leader Program

Date: August 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th
Location: Various Cost: FREE

Day Camps

Date: July 4th to August 18th
Cost: \$13/day/child
Time: 8:00 am to 5:30 pm
Ages: 4-12 (must be entering grade primary in September)
Locations: École Wedgeport, École Pubnico-Ouest, École secondaire de Par-en-Bas



Business Spotlight: *The New Outlook*



Congratulations to Chelsea d'Entremont, new owner of "The New Outlook", as of January 2016.

The New Outlook is a business located in West Pubnico, that specializes in spa, beauty and personal care. There are currently six people that work there on a regular basis, including two registered massage therapists. Services offered include hairstyling, esthetician services, and massage therapy. There is also a good selection of hair products for sale. Chelsea herself is a trained hair stylist, nail technician and makeup artist. One of the unique services she offers is lash extensions.

The atmosphere at The New Outlook is warm and welcoming. Elegantly decorated, it's a perfect place to go to get pampered! Appointments are recommended, and they are taking new clients. A unique feature that they offer is their V.I.P. program. After five services, you get your sixth one free (up to \$20 value), or you get \$20 off a more expensive service, which is a nice perk for repeat customers.



The business is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays, though some Saturdays during the summer may be booked up for weddings.



Be sure to check out (and "Like") their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/The-New-Outlook-181895558608276> (Price list of services is included in the photos).

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact:
The New Outlook - 7 Montague Road, West Pubnico, NS 902-762-3600

Farmers Market Returns in June!

The Argyle Farmers' & Artisanal Market returns to Tusket June 23rd, and will have a whole new look this summer, as well as more vendors! It will take place each Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 6pm, under the big white tent in Tusket.

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: argylefarmersmarket@gmail.com. (Check out our Facebook Page).

Please come out and support your local artisans, food growers and entrepreneurs!
They are your neighbours, friends, local businesses, community members!



Assessing Housing Needs - Survey

The Municipality of Argyle, in partnership with le *Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse*, want to better understand the current and future needs in terms of housing for seniors in the Argyle region.

We are asking people aged 50 and up to fill in the survey, online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DD7Q7KB>.

Surveys will also be made available at your local Senior Club meetings, and can be picked up, and dropped off, at Coastal Financial Credit Union branches in Tusket, Wedgeport and Pubnico. Or feel free to call Gwen LeBlanc, CDÉNÉ, at 902-648-3566 to make arrangements for assistance in filling out the survey. We appreciate your participation.



BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Open your home and heart to an international student.

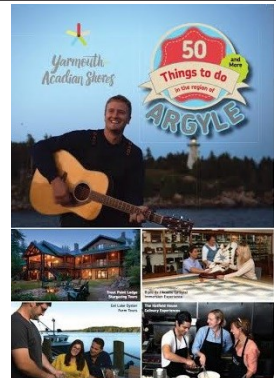
50 THINGS TO DO AND MORE IN ARGYLE

It is time for another fun filled summer, full of experiences and events right here in our own backyard! Check out the "50 Things To Do and More in The Region of Argyle" booklet. They will be available at any tourism establishment in the Argyle and Yarmouth regions.

Check out online the digital version of 50 Things To Do at www.munargyle.com/50things

Make sure you get a copy and read through to see how many you have done and have left to do! There are many ideas for you and your family to enjoy the outdoors, the landmarks, as well as the delicious food from our local restaurants.

Make sure you participate in the many festivals and events organised by our great community volunteers this summer. They all appreciate your support.



SENIOR SAFETY PROGRAM

It has been four years since the Senior Safety Program began in the Municipality of Argyle. This program is in partnership with the Department of Seniors, the RCMP Rural Detachment and the Yarmouth Town and County Crime Prevention Association. The program is for all seniors living in the municipality who are 55 years of age and older however no one will be refused assistance.

The goal of the program is to help seniors remain in their own homes for as long as possible, in a safe and healthy way. The Senior Safety Coordinator, through home visits, provides support not only to seniors but to their caregivers. The coordinator helps seniors navigate through various resources and services in their community. An example would be assisting a senior to fill out forms to receive a home repair grant or various rebates.

The Vial of Life is part of the program that many seniors have found to be helpful. The coordinator will come to your home and help you fill out the appropriate paperwork that comes with the Vial of Life.

The Senior Safety Coordinator also provides presentations/talks on crime prevention such as consumer fraud, scams, personal safety, senior abuse and any topic that may concern seniors and their community. The Senior Safety Program is of no cost to the senior.

For more information on the Senior Safety Program or to have a presentation for a senior or community group, please contact: Peggy Boudreau, Senior Safety Coordinator at 902-881-7107.

MEET PEGGY, OUR SENIOR SAFETY COORDINATOR



Peggy Boudreau has worked for the Municipality of Argyle for 39 years! Much of those years, she worked in the Tax Department in various positions. Four years ago, Peggy was one of the founding members of the new Senior Safety Program, and took on the role of Senior Safety Coordinator for the Municipality of Argyle, working from the RCMP Rural Detachment offices on Starrs Road, Yarmouth. Through this program, she conducts many senior visits, helps coordinate with different agencies on the seniors' behalf, provides assistance filling out forms, etc. and puts on community presentations, a position which she finds very rewarding! It is important to note that this is not an emergency service, therefore please phone 911 in an emergency situation. The program itself has evolved a lot from when it first started, and she said that as of April 2016 they have 460 clients in our municipality. Referrals can be made by the seniors themselves, or friends or family members on the seniors' behalf.

For more information, contact Peggy Boudreau at 902-881-7107

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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