



Newsletter

March 2011

### Warden's Message

In 2011 our Council and staff will be working with you in your communities to determine what you want for the future of the Municipality as part of the development of our Strategic Plan.

We will also be putting into action our Physical Activity Strategy. We know both of these plans will help us shape a strong future.

Our doors, phone lines and email inboxes are all wide open. Councilors and staff very much want to hear from you. Together we can grow Argyle – a place we are all proud to call home.

Enjoy the newsletter

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 typically begin at 7:00 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](http://www.munargyle.com/council) or pick-up in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

<i>Savings for Seniors</i>	<i>Business Spotlight</i>	<i>Enter to Win !</i>
<i>Provincial property tax rebate program</i>	<i>P.D. Pothier Automotive Repair</i>	<i>Check out our new Facebook page</i>
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## Growing Communities Scholarships



The Municipality will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships. One will be awarded to a grade 12 student from École secondaire de Par-en-Bas and the other to a grade 12 student from Drumlin Heights Consolidated School.

The students must be enrolled in a full-time certificate or degree program at an accredited community college, technical college or trade school.

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 Municipality of Argyle Facebook page as well as on our website at [www.munargyle.com](http://www.munargyle.com) or at either school's guidance office.

### Staying Active in Argyle

On January 24th, 2011 the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology (CSEP) announced new Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines.

The new guidelines state that **children** (5-11 years) and **youth**

(12-17 years) require at least 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity activity per day. **Adults** (18-64 years) and **older adults** (65 years and older) must get at least 150 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

These guidelines are the requirements for minimum benefits, CSEP encourages us to exceed these limits and get greater health benefits.

To help you get active, we are working on putting together a calendar of all activities that are going on in the area. Contact us if you know of any activities that we should include.

Find us on Facebook by searching "Municipality of Argyle" or web site [www.munargyle.com](http://www.munargyle.com) for copies of both the guidelines and calendar of events. Contact us to request a paper copy. Contact Julien Boudreau at 648-3379 or by email at [jboudreau@munargyle.com](mailto:jboudreau@munargyle.com).



### Take Note- Delivery changes for our Municipal newsletter

In an effort to save costs and reach even more people, the next edition of our newsletter (June) will be delivered with your weekly flyers. If you have any questions, please contact us at 648-2931 or by email at [newsletter@munargyle.com](mailto:newsletter@munargyle.com)

## ARGYLE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Argyle Employment Services is a Career Resource Centre (CRC) that provides career and employment services to individuals seeking employment.

Clients receive guidance and support from qualified career practitioners and are able to access a variety of job search services and tools such as employment counselling workshops, needs assessments, referrals to other agencies and employer support.

Services are available in either French or English, are provided free of charge and are completely confidential.

Argyle Employment Services is located at 1 Slocumb Crescent, (Université Ste. Anne Tusket Campus) in Tusket.

For more information, please contact **Jason LeBlanc** at 648-0573 or via email at [lejason@cdene.ns.ca](mailto:lejason@cdene.ns.ca)

Office Hours:  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday to Friday



### Argyle Municipal Office Holiday Closures:

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

**Friday Apr 22 Good Friday**  
**Mon. Apr. 25 Easter Monday**  
**Mon. May 23 Victoria Day**

## PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR SENIORS



This program, administered by Access Nova Scotia on behalf of the Department of Community Services, is designed to help eligible seniors remain in their homes by providing them with an annual rebate on their municipal property taxes.

It provides eligible homeowners with a 50% rebate on the municipal property taxes paid the previous year, up to a maximum of \$600.00 per year. The rebate for the current year is always based on the property taxes paid in the previous year.

Eligibility:

- You must be receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or The Allowance in January of this year. To find out if you qualify for the GIS or The Allowance, call Service Canada at 1-800 277-9914.
- You must be living in your home at the time you apply for the rebate and continue to reside in your home. and
- Your previous year's property taxes were paid in full

Applications can be picked up at your nearest Access Nova Scotia site, the municipal office, online, or by calling 1-800-670-4357 or in Metro at 424-5200. Complete the application form and return it with the required documents to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations by December 31st. They must be postmarked by December 31st.

If you received the rebate last year and meet the eligibility requirements this year, an application will be mailed to your home in late June.

More information on the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors can be found by calling the Access Nova Scotia public inquiries line toll free at 1-800-670-4357, contacting your local MLA Chris d'Entremont at 648-2020, Municipal Office at 648-2311, visiting an Access Nova Scotia Center or online at [www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rebates/programs/seniors.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/rebates/programs/seniors.asp)

## HOME SAFETY TIPS

House break-ins usually occur when nobody is home. Here are a few simple and basic safety and security measures to prevent break-ins into your homes.

- Lock your windows and doors (including your car)
- Put tools, ladders, bicycles and cars in a garage or shed if possible
- Put your lights on a timer to come on when you are not home and motion activated outdoor lights
- Don't hide a spare key outside, leave one with a trusted neighbour



- Mailbox- do not have your first and last name on your mailbox.
- Vacations- have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped. Arrange to have your driveway plowed or shovelled in winter and lawn mowed in the summer. Let your neighbours know when you will be away.
- Remove possible hiding locations such as high hedges and fences

**Get to know your neighbours and watch out for their property and report any suspicious activities to the Police (911 or 742-9106).**

## UPDATE ON TUSKET BRIDGE

We have been advised by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) that work continues on the Tusket bridge on Highway 3. The collapsed bridge and center pier have been removed, and a geotechnical survey is underway and TIR is proceeding with plans to install a two lane structure at this location.

Pre-engineering work continues, and the date of construction has not yet been announced yet.

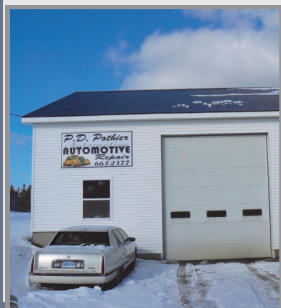




## Business Spotlight: P. D. Pothier Automotive Repair

Paul D. Pothier and his staff pride themselves on delivering top-notch service to all their customers. Towing as well as vehicle pick up and drop off are just two of the ways that they go that extra mile to ensure that you and your vehicle will be well taken care of.

They offer a full range of services from electronic engine diagnostics to auto detailing. They are also a certified DMV Official Auto and Heavy Commercial Vehicle Inspection site and are specialists in transmission work. Paul is a Certified Automotive Technician and employs two full time technicians, George Newell and Michael Deveau.



Service, precision, and getting the job done right the first time are important to this shop. Paul is offering both employment and great service to local residents.

This shop opened in 2007 at **10 Black Pond Road in Upper Wedgeport** and is registered with the Better Business Bureau. They accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Debit.

For information or to book an appointment, phone (902) 663-2377

### Census Jobs Available

The 2011 Census is staffing 35,000 jobs across Canada. If you are over 18 years old and can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now.



Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July 2011, depending on assignment.

Please tell friends and family about opportunities to work on the census. Visit the 2011 Census website for more information. To download and submit an online application, visit the website at [www.census2011.gc.ca](http://www.census2011.gc.ca).

### Spring 2011 Special Garbage Collection

Special garbage collection will be carried out as follows (a different day than regularly scheduled garbage pickup):



- Thurs, May 19:** East Pubnico, Argyle, Old School Road, Robert's Island, Glenwood, Lt. Eel Brook, Sainte-Anne du-Ruisseau, Rocco Point, stop at SAR Church.
- Friday, May 20:** 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, May 21:** Lower West Pubnico, Middle West Pubnico, West Pubnico, Pubnico, Pubnico Head, including side roads in the area, Argyle Sound Road, Green Grove Road, Highway #3 between Argyle Sound Road and Intersection of #335 to Paul d'Entremont Marine
- Thurs, May 26:** Wedgeport and Plymouth
- Friday, May 27:** Comeau's Hill, Little River Harbour, Melbourne, Black Pond Road, Pleasant Lake, Gavel Road, Kemptville, Tusket and Lake Vaughan Road
- Saturday, May 28:** Quinan and Belleville, Chemin des Bourque & Eel Lake Road

Items shall be set out no earlier than seven (7) days prior to the special collection and no later than 7 a.m. on the day of collection. A list of items that will be picked up during the cleanup can be found on the Municipal website or by contacting Property Inspection and Public Works at 648-2623.

## NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

Join our new Municipality of Argyle Facebook page for your chance to win an **iPod nano.**



Send us a photo of what you think makes Argyle great— can be of something or somewhere ...either present day or maybe a blast from the past. Tell us where or what your picture is about. We will upload all submitted photos onto our Facebook page on April 4th and whichever picture receives the most “Likes” by noon on April 15th will win.

# WIN!

Email your photos and description as well as your name and contact info to [pictures@munargyle.com](mailto:pictures@munargyle.com)

### NS Power Small Business Lighting Solutions

Does your business use fluorescent tube lighting? Did you know that lighting could account for more than 50% of your power bill? The Small Business Lighting Solutions program makes it easy and affordable for you to make the switch from traditional lights, to more efficient technology, and help you save energy every month. It all starts with a free onsite assessment through qualified electrical contractors, Efficiency Nova Scotia looks after all arrangements (assessment, materials, electrical contractor and disposal of old materials).



Best of all, **Efficiency Nova Scotia covers 80% of the total cost.** And, on approved credit, you can pay your 20% contribution (at 0% interest) over a period of up to 2 years on your power bill.

For more information call 1-877-999-6035 or go to [www.energycyns.ca](http://www.energycyns.ca)

### RETIRE YOUR RIDE

This national program ends on March 31, 2011. It is designed to

effectively and efficiently retire 1995 model year or older vehicles in an environmentally responsible manner. Those who recycle their vehicle through the program receive rewards including transit passes, a car share memberships, bike rebates, and discounts off of newer vehicles or \$300. For more information about the program please visit [www.retireyourride.ca](http://www.retireyourride.ca) or call 1-877-773-1996.

### Students— Create your own Job!

STUDENTS  
IN BUSINESS.ca

Helping Nova Scotian Students Be Their Own Boss

The Students in Business Program is a government sponsored interest-free loan program for students between the ages of 15 and 35 in Nova Scotia wanting to start their own business.

The program offers business loans (up to \$5,000) and training and counseling to help students start and expand businesses.

For more info contact Jocelyn Nickerson, CBDC Yarmouth [jocelyn.nickerson@cbdc.ca](mailto:jocelyn.nickerson@cbdc.ca) or 742-5364.

[www.studentsinbusiness.ca](http://www.studentsinbusiness.ca)

### YARMOUTH AND AREA COMMUNITY FUND

This fund was created to improve our quality of life by supporting the social needs and broad interests of our area, including education, culture, the arts, health, heritage, sport, recreation, the environment, people in need, and other touchstones of our vibrant community.

All donated funds are invested along with all the other community area funds in the province. The income from these investments is then made available to local charitable and non-profit organizations. For more info see [www.cfns.ca](http://www.cfns.ca). To find out how you can become involved or to donate, please contact Peter and Mary Eldridge at 742-5585 or by email at [petermary.e@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:petermary.e@ns.sympatico.ca)

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Community Development - 648-2931  
EMO - 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](mailto:newsletter@munargyle.com)