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Newsletter

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Warden's Message

Argyle has approved its operating budget for the 2014-15 year; the commercial and residential rates remain unchanged.

Many new projects are planned for the year. With our ferry restored, Argyle businesses and sites are working hard to offer great experiences for our visitors. These are also available to all residents- another great reason for a staycation close to home. We have also produced a "50 Things to do in Argyle" booklet showcasing some of our best adventures.

We would like to also thank all of you who came and offered your input during our boundary review community meetings.

Finally, stay tuned for our video promotion, showing Argyle is a place we are proud to call home.

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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INDIAN SLUICE BRIDGE CELEBRATIONS



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FUN WALK/RUN

Saturday June 7, 2014 2pm-4pm.
- 2km walk/run across the historic Indian Sluice Bridge, ending at the Club Social des Iles. Reception to follow at Club. Transportation available from Club to wharf to pick up vehicles.

BRIDGE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS

Saturday June 28, 2014 2pm-6pm.
-A day full of activities for all! A parade across the bridge; blessing by local spiritual leaders; stage with local musicians; kids area and more!
We hope you will join us.

A NOSTALGIC STROLL THROUGH THE DECADES

Sunday July 6, 2014 2pm & 6pm.
Two shows- social tea following the first show.
-Step back in time as your community's young women model wedding dresses worn by local ladies in weddings dating from the 1940's to present.

SAILING OUT OF INDIAN SLUICE BRIDGE

To be determined
- As the old bridge is removed, the center span of the bridge will be sailed out on a barge, just as it was sailed in, back in the early 1900's. We will let you know when this is taking place as soon as we know the details.

Call/write for more details: (902)648 0333
corey.a.clamp@gmail.com or visit www.surettes-island.com

FREE 911 CIVIC SIGNAGE PROGRAM

We are once again offering our residents, free of charge, blue reflective civic number signs complete with aluminum posts.



Beginning on June 1st, 2014, applications for signage will be available on our website or at the municipal office. There are a limited number of signs and posts available and they will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

For information please call 648-2623 or email at

inspector@munargyle.com.

**New
Tourism
Experiences
for
Everyone**



1. **Tusket Island Tours**
2. **Lobster Bay Sea Kayaking**
3. **Bijou de l'Acadie Cultural Immersion Experience**
4. **The Hatfield House Culinary Experiences**
5. **Trout Point Stargazing Tours**
6. **Eel Lake Oyster Farm Tours**
7. **A Day by the Sea Tours**
8. **Lobster Bay Culinary Adventures**
9. **Trout Point Daily Cooking Classes and Foraging Through the Forest**

For info go to
[www.munargyle.com/
experiences](http://www.munargyle.com/experiences)

Be on the lookout for our two new Tourism Ambassadors who will be out and about every day speaking to visitors about what there is to do and see in Argyle.

To find out more, contact Brenda at blagrandeur@munargyle.com or phone 648-2931

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

- Tues. July 1st ~ Canada Day
- Mon. Aug 4th ~ Civic Holiday
- Mon. Sept 1st ~ Labour Day



Argyle Recreation & Active Living



PHYSICAL LITERACY

Just like we learn to read and write, we need to learn fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping, throwing, skipping, hopping, striking etc. Learning these skills is called Physical Literacy. With the increased screen time, and more indoor play, children are not

learning these skills through unstructured play like their parents did. Once we learn these fundamental movement skills (physically literate) we can participate in a variety of physical activities and sports with competence and confidence, in different environments, such as water, land, ice or air. Physically literate individuals more often have a positive experience in physical activities and sports- often leading to being physically active throughout their life. We will be providing two new opportunities this summer to learn fundamental movement skills— **Rally Cap and Grand Slam baseball** will be offered in different communities starting July 2nd through to August 14th. These two baseball programs are for children ages 5 to 10 years old. The children will be learning the fundamentals of baseball while having fun. We have also partnered with the Argyle Minor Soccer Club to offer an **Active Start Soccer** program for children ages 3 and 4 years old. This program will be offered once a week starting June 4th. The Active Start Soccer Program will teach the fundamental movement skills by using a soccer ball. They will not be playing a soccer game, but rather playing games using a soccer ball.

For further information on any of these programs or to learn more about physical literacy please contact Natalie, Active Living Coordinator at 648-3379.

GOODBYE & HELLO

The Department of Public Works and Property Inspection has seen a few changes this year with the retirement of long-time employee Carol LeBlanc. We would like to wish Carol well and hope she is having a great Time doing all the things she loves. It won't be the same without you!



We would like to welcome Alyssa LeBlanc as the new Assistant to the Director in the Public Works and Property Inspection Department. Alyssa had previously done a Co-op term with the Municipality as part of her Université Ste Anne studies. Stop in and say hello!



MINK INDUSTRY- ECONOMIC IMPACT

As part of Argyle's economic development strategy, our business led committee is putting our economic development strategy to action. As part of their work, they have identified opportunities to attract growth in our region from the Mink industry.

The following are some of the economic impacts from the mink industry, received from the NS Mink Breeders' Association:

- There are 138 mink farms in NS; 65% of them are in Digby County.
- There are 1.5 million mink in NS with a projection of 2 million in the near future (for comparison, there are 90-100 million mink worldwide).
- NS accounts for over half of all pelt production in Canada.
- Mink is the largest agricultural sector in NS (valued at \$130 million).
- The industry has seen a 221% increase since 2001.
- About 1000 people are employed in the mink industry in NS
- 33% of the province's total exports are mink.
- 30% of all Digby ferry traffic is mink feed

The mink industry also has positive impact on the fishing industry. Fish is a major food source for the industry, and the high protein diet contributes to the high quality mink.

The newly approved provincial Fur Farm Regulations will have a huge impact on mink farming practices both for new and established farms (they must adapt and comply by 2016). The regulations focus on environmental management of farms that will ensure the industry is an economic contributor and an environmentally responsible neighbour.



Business Spotlight: Eel Lake Oyster Farm Ltd.



Nolan and Kim d'Eon moved to Ste. Anne-du-Ruisseau more than 30 years ago to raise their family. They built their home on the shores of Eel Lake and as Nolan watched the lake he had a dream to one day make a living out of the bountiful waters. He watched oysters progress over the years and it was some time later that he finally decided to act on his "dream". Eel Lake Oyster Farm Ltd has been in operation since 1996 and has become more successful each year.

It is not by coincidence that Nolan d'Eon has succeeded in his quest to farm oysters in the waters of Eel Lake. Three to four hundred years ago, Native people knew Eel Lake was a summer fishing ground and oysters were harvested from it. Eel Lake Oyster Farm Ltd has become a major producer of the Atlantic Oyster commonly known as American or Eastern oysters. In the waters of the oyster farm more than five million oysters can be found. It takes about three years for an oyster to reach market size and due to hard work, determination and a relentless quest for quality, the Eel Lake Oyster is asked for by name in fine restaurants and retailers across Canada. Oysters are also for sale on site.

This summer is your opportunity to experience the world of oyster farming first-hand by taking either of the Eel Lake Oyster Farm Tours. The first is a 1.5 hour tour aboard the Oyster Boat out onto the lake (PFD's are provided) and then on to the processing plant. Afterwards enjoy a sampling of two Ruisseau Oysters while relaxing at a picnic table on the lakeside boardwalk.

The second tour is for the "serious oyster lover". After your boat and plant tour, you get to sit at one of the lakeside picnic tables and enjoy shucking oysters— all you can eat. The crew of experienced shuckers will teach you the art and offer you several different garnishes. You can even take some recipes home with you!

The d'Eons hope to see many of you at 6590 Highway 3, Lr. Eel Brook. Phone (902) 648-3472 or 746-0171. Visit their website www.ruisseauoysters.com or Facebook page for more information.



NAKILE NEWS

It is an exciting time at Nakile as we look forward to the opening of the new 12 bed expansion as well as an upgraded kitchen and laundry facility. Delmar Construction Ltd, the building contractor, along with the project management team which includes MHPM Project Management Inc., Bertha Brannen, Administrator and designated staff are confident that this project will be completed by December 2014, well within schedule.

Nakile Staff continue to provide excellent service to the people who live at Nakile even through having to provide meals prepared off site at

"le Club Acadien" as well as using the laundry facilities at Villa St. Joseph. Thank you to these facilities for their excellent support throughout this process.

An additional 10 full-time positions are expected to be approved by the Department of Health and Wellness for the 12 bed addition.

Nakile continues to maintain a reputation as a healthy workplace providing quality care as evidenced in our oral feedback, written stakeholder and staff surveys, exit interviews, low absenteeism and high recruitment and retention.



DOG TAGS

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

The 2014 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 taxation@munargyle.com.



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS

A maximum of \$25,000 is available for community-based projects under the federal **New Horizons for Seniors Program**. These projects must enable seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with others and help communities increase their capacity to address local issues.

Deadline to apply is July 4th, 2014

For information, go to

www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/seniors/funding

Tax Department

TAX BILL

By now you should have received your tax bill which is due July 31st, 2014. If you haven't received it, or your mailing address has changed, please contact us at 648-2311.

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 2014. If you have any questions regarding your assessment, contact Property Valuation Services 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

211 SERVICE

Recently, we learned about 211 Nova Scotia, a non-profit service that has been launched to ease the challenges that many people face in finding the social or community services that they need. There are a wealth of these programs and services out there, delivered by non-profits, community groups and government departments but isn't always clear who to contact or what information you'll need to have on hand when you contact them.

When you dial 211 you will reach specialists that will help you find information on social and community services anywhere in the Province –seniors' services, food banks, child care, emergency shelters, recreational programs, counseling, addiction services, mental health services, legal services, income assistance-211 has information on more than 4,000 programs and services in Nova Scotia that can help you.

If you prefer a more self-serve approach, you can also search for programs and services online at www.ns.211.ca. The 211 service is free, confidential, available 24/7, in English and French and for the hearing impaired. There are also translation services available in over 100 languages. If you or someone you know would benefit from a community or social service - 211 is there to help.



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 sq. feet or less in area and one storey in height as well as when re-shingling most roofs.

For more info, contact our Property Inspection Department at 648-2623.

Yippee! We're Back!

The Argyle Farmers & Artisanal Market's 5th season begins on June 19th 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!

Vendor guidelines and applications can be found in the DOCS box on our Facebook page.

Contact us by email at argylefarmersmarket@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook



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