

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS



Children 12 years and younger are invited to join our ghosts and goblins on Sunday October 21st from 2-4pm for our 12th Annual Halloween event. Come out and play games and win prizes at the Haunted school (École secondaire de Par-en-Bas)! 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 25 and 26, 2012 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 2nd at 7PM, Santa Claus will make a special trip from the North Pole as he joins us for the 18th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

The 36th Annual Yarmouth County Athletic Awards Banquet will be held in November, 2012-exact 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 Association would like to thank all coaches, parents, and participants for a great soccer season this past summer. A reminder to return all soccer jerseys to the Rec Department if you haven't already done so. We hope to see you again next summer.

We would also like to thank all staff that worked at the day camps and various rec events throughout the summer. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

For more information or to request recreation activities, please contact us at 648-3379 or by email at recreation@munargyle.com

Tax Bills

Tax bills are now past due and interest is being charged. Your available payment options are cash, cheque, debit, credit card (plus 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



Glenwood Park Project

The Municipality has been working with the Department of Natural Resources for over two years now in order to partner on an exciting new project.



We will create a safer and more accessible shoreline access area in the Glenwood Provincial Park. It has traditionally been an area used by local residents for swimming, canoeing, kayaking and of course picnicking.

The work will include excavation and grading of the embankment area, landscaping as well as the installation of a series of "steps" leading the water's edge. This work will result in the closure of the park for approximately one week.

The end result will be increased safe usage by the community as well the opportunity for more events to take place at this great location. This job is presently at the tender stage and pending the acceptance of an approved bid the work will take place during the month of September.

Transportation Study Funded

The Municipality has been approved for funding in order to undertake a feasibility study/needs assessment concerning public transportation in Argyle.



We received \$15,000 through the Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program (NS-TRIP) which provides funding to support capacity building initiatives intended to generate new and improved public transit services in rural and unserved urban areas of Nova Scotia.

We will be putting out a tender to hire a consulting company to undertake this work for us. Part of this process will include community consultations where we will be looking to hear from you as to your needs and requirements.

Please stay tuned for dates and locations and we hope to see and hear from many of you at that time.

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Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Email us at newsletter@munargyle.com



Newsletter

September 2012

"Like" our facebook page and keep up to date with local events, resources and news!

Warden's Message

One person can make a difference; by doing something as simple as picking up garbage, donating blood, or giving to your food bank you are making a difference. In the same way when you vote you are also making a difference.

On Saturday, October 20th, you will be asked to vote for a candidate representing one of the 9 municipal districts in Argyle. The people who are elected will work together for the next 4 years to make sure that Argyle remains a safe, affordable and clean place to live, work and play. These are challenging times and we need everybody to work together to make it happen so do your part and make sure you vote on October 20th.

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 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 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 in person) on the Friday prior to each meeting.

And the winner is...

"What in the heck is do people do for fun in Argyle?" contest

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Municipal elections will take place Saturday, October 20th. For the first time ever in Argyle, voters will be able to cast their ballots electronically, using their computer or home phone. All qualified voters on the official municipal voter's list will receive a PIN number in the mail in early October. Voting instructions will be included in the voter letter including instructions on how to access the voting system. Voters can cast their ballot using the telephone or cell phone by calling a toll free number. Voters using personal computers use the internet to visit a website that will allow them entry into the voting system where they will cast their vote. You can vote during the election voting period using the internet - from anywhere in the world. You can also use telephone service and connect to the voting system toll free from anywhere in North America simply by dialing the toll free number contained in your voter letter. The voting period will open a week prior to election day so residents will be able to vote well in advance if desired. There will also be "traditional" polling stations set up where you can go and get assistance to cast your e-vote but there will be no paper ballots available. The locations of these polling stations will be included in your voter letter. Raymond Surette is our Returning Officer. He is there to answer any questions— whether from voters or candidates. You can reach him by phone at 740-3346 (cell), 648-2122 (home) or by email at rsurette@munargyle.com.

**Get Involved.
Have Your Say.
Make A Difference.**

Thank You !

The organizing committee (COFJA 2012) would like to thank all of the volunteers of the 33rd Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie.

Thanks to your time and dedication, this event was a great success!



Reminder!

The Argyle Farmers' & Artisanal Market takes place every Thursday from 3-7pm in Tusket. The last market for the season will be held on Thursday October 25th.



Good Luck!

We would like to congratulate Eric Doucette of Drumlin Heights Consolidated School for having won our \$1000 "Celebrating Communities scholarship." Eric will be attending NSCC Burrige Campus for Applied Media & Communication Arts in September.



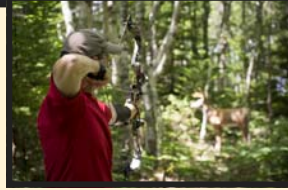
EMO Argyle

We are pleased to announce that **Janine Doucette** has accepted the position of EMO Coordinator for Argyle. Janine has a long history of working with the community in various roles in the form of her previous employment Community Services (Emergency Social Services-Western Region), is a trainer for the Red Cross Disaster Services teams and has received Emergency Preparedness training and responded to disaster situations both locally and provincially.



PHOTOGRAPHER HIRED

We would like to announce that **Alix Arthur d'Entremont** was chosen as our photographer for the theme of "What in the heck do people do for fun in Argyle". We had 10 people submit two sample photos and an outline of the types of shots that they would take if chosen for the job. A panel of three judges were shown all submitted photographs and outlines— no names or where the person was from etc...were included so the judging was based on the concepts and of course on the photos submitted. The judges had a difficult decision to make because of the quality and variety of entries.



Alix d'Entremont was born in Middle West Pubnico and studied Geomatics Engineering at UNB and has spent 4 years working in Australia. He bought his first digital camera in 2002 and since then has enjoyed taking and sharing his photos. Here is a copy of the two winning sample photographs that Alix submitted. **Congratulations Alix!**



WIND FARM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The Municipality of Argyle is home to Nova Scotia's very first wind farm located at Pubnico Point built in 2004. This was a new venture in every respect— for the owners, for the municipality and for Nova Scotians. We have all learned a lot about wind energy and development since that time and we continue to learn today.

There is much more to wind energy than clean electricity and desirable environmental benefits. Host communities realize growth in the form of new income for landowners, net-new tax revenue, employment opportunities for its trades-people and contractors and the financial benefits and potential spin-off from increased tourism. These are all factors that are important to all Argyle councillors but just as important are the needs of our residents— the need for information as well as regulation to ensure that whatever type of development that occurs in Argyle is well researched and beneficial to residents. This is the main reason that at our last council meeting that the motion to extend our set back distance from a residence to a wind turbine was proposed at 1000 metres up from the current 300 metres. Opportunity for public input is always part of the process.

Anaia Global Renewable Energies is a wind energy developer. Anaia recently submitted a bid to Nova Scotia Power to develop a wind farm in the Wedgeport/Little River Harbour/Comeau's Hill area. Their bid was unsuccessful as other applications offered a more competitive price and were awarded the contracts. We expect some news from Anaia Global in the near future.

One of the main goals of the municipality is to work towards making Argyle a place we are proud to call home. Council and staff are committed to continue our pursuit of economic development opportunities that make sense for our community and ensure that our residents can find meaningful jobs in our region. Anaia Global chose our region because we have some of the most constant and strong winds in all of this province. We know we have other strengths and benefits as well that can be used to attract economic development in the area.

We will be moving forward with exploring other opportunities to grow and expand Argyle and are committed in engaging our residents and businesses in this process.

DID YOU KNOW...?

That just in the past 2 years, the Municipality of Argyle has successfully accessed over \$4,268,620 in funding from other levels of government for a wide variety of projects!

- Sewage treatment plant upgrade \$3,518,000
- Track and field \$270,000
- East Pubnico Water Utility \$260,000
- Farmer' market \$34,470
- Staffing : Active Living Coordinator \$20,000, Senior Safety Coordinator \$7500, Municipal intern \$15,000, summer students \$18,670 (Rec)
- Community Halls \$63,250
- Seniors' groups \$31,400
- Doctor recruitment \$34,000
- Transit study \$15,000



Important information for Seniors

Applications for the 2012 Property Tax rebate for seniors are available at the Municipal Office — phone 648-2311.

The deadline to apply for this rebate is December 31st, 2012.

This provincial program provides eligible seniors a 50% rebate off of their property taxes up to a maximum of \$600.

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. 3 Labour Day
- Mon. Oct. 8 Thanksgiving
- Mon. Nov. 12 Remembrance Day



Business Spotlight: Acadian Plumbing & Heating



Acadian Plumbing Heating & Electrical began in August of 1980 in the home of owner Brian LeBlanc. Since then the business has grown to include 10 employees working out of office space at 3953 Highway #308 in Tusket. Manager and son, Jonathan LeBlanc has been working at this family owned business since 1993. Currently they have three licensed plumbers, three

electricians with three apprentices on staff as well as one clerical worker. Their services have continuously grown and expanded over years as technology, materials and methods change so have they.

They provide both servicing of existing installations as well as new installations in several fields of work such as:

Plumbing: all sectors, residential, commercial and industrial. We can meet your needs in new construction as well as any service work you may require.

Electrical: accommodating any electrical needs you may have whether you require a plug or switch added or a whole house wired. They have a vast knowledge and experience in commercial and industrial work..

Heating: servicing of boilers, furnaces and even adding wood boilers to oil furnaces to increase efficiency

Tip for fall from Acadian PH&E: "Start your boiler or furnace early to identify and problems or issues and have them dealt with before the cold weather hits".

With over 30 years in business and a combined experience of over one hundred years between the journeymen, they are able to serve all your needs. **Acadian PH&E** adheres to a very comprehensive safety program and is a member of the Nova Scotia Construction Safety Association.

Available 24 hour service, 365 days per year, you can phone (902) 648-2229.

Be on the lookout for their new website to be launched later this fall.

Flight Info for Yarmouth Airport—Twin Cities Air Service

On October 1st, the fall schedule for the year round flight service between Yarmouth, NS and Portland, ME will take effect. The departure days and times will be as follows:		Dpt Yarmouth	Dpt Portland
Monday	4:00 pm AT	1:00 pm ET	
Wednesday	4:00 pm AT	1:00 pm ET	
Friday	4:00 pm AT	1:00 pm ET	

The cost of a return flight is \$498.07 USD (all taxes and fees included). No need to make the 6 hour drive to and from the Halifax Airport. For business or pleasure make sure to go online to www.twincitiesairservice.com for info or to book your flight or phone 1-800-564-3882



Where do my Tax Dollars Go?

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

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

Education \$196

Police/correctional services \$117

Property Assessment services \$71

Housing \$

Total mandated costs transferred \$384

The remaining tax dollars are invested in:

Waste/recycling \$89

Waste disposal \$

Fire protection/EMO \$78

Finance/admin/grants \$72

Waste/sewer services \$65

Tourism/community development/recreation \$60

Other building/admin \$42

Property inspection \$37

Planning/zoning \$34

Transportation services \$30

Legislative/council \$30

Grants to non profit orgs. \$

Courthouse/Historical/library services \$30

Future capital commitments \$27

Dr. recruitment/medical centres \$22

Total additional costs \$616 + mandated transfers \$384 = \$1000

