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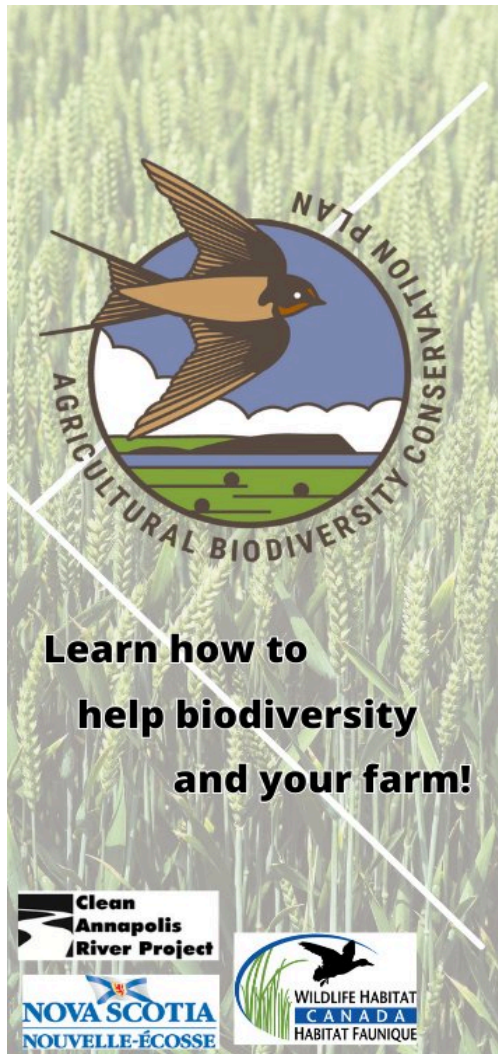
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Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) Biodiversity Assessments

Biodiversity assessments are available for agricultural landowners in Southwest Nova Scotia!
Contact jessiepearson@annapolisriver.ca if you are interested in participating in 2024.



Overview

The **Agricultural Biodiversity Conservation (ABC) Plan Program** is a **free** educational program available for producers within Kespukwitek (southwest Nova Scotia).

The purpose of this program is to help farmers identify the key habitats and management practices on their farm that have **co-benefits** for biodiversity and agriculture.

What is in an ABC Plan?

Your personalized ABC plan will provide information about:

- Existing wildlife habitats on your farm
- Current Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) that may be helping support biodiversity and wildlife habitat
- Recommendations for new BMPs and ways to enhance biodiversity
- Potential funding sources and/or partnerships that could assist in reducing the costs associated with implementing recommended BMPs

Process

We will come to you! Our technicians do the leg work. This includes compiling relevant background information about your farm (e.g., known wetlands, nearby species at risk observations), scheduling an interview with the land owner or manager to discuss the farm operation and learn more about your interests and concerns, conduct an on-farm ecological assessment, and write a tailored ABC Plan for your farm property.

Emergency Disaster Services Training

Are you interested in learning more about The Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Services? We invite you to join us for the following courses being offered:

Friday March 1 (6:00pm-10:00pm) – Introduction to Emergency Disaster Services

Saturday March 2 (9:00am-4:00pm) – Disaster Food Services and Canteen Operations

Where? The Salvation Army Bridgetown, 17 Rink Street, Bridgetown.
Please register ASAP or by February 23rd to Jan.Keats@salvationarmy.ca

Valley Credit Union New Hours

Just a reminder that Valley Credit Union branches in Middleton and Bridgetown are now open 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday to serve you. The new hours became effective Mon. Feb. 5.

Valley Credit Union offers a full range of lending, deposit, investment, and credit card products in addition to internet and mobile banking solutions through 7 branches with over 11,000 members and approximately \$225 million in assets.

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<https://www.valleycreditunion.com> call 1-866-990-4044 or visit a local branch.

Understanding Grief after the Death of a Loved One

Navigating the Challenges of Loss. A Free 6-week in-person workshop facilitated by Nova Scotia Health Primary Care social workers. Recommended for those 18+ who have experienced loss more than 3 months ago.

In a safe nonjudgemental group space, you will:

- Learn the basics of grief, mourning and self-care
- Learn about handling emotions and coping strategies
- Learn and practice grief yoga and mindfulness (bring a mat)
- Learn about memory sharing
- Explore changes in family, identity, and roles
- Practice self-compassion
- Receive grief resources and other supports

Note: this is not a therapy group.

Where: Middleton Collaborative Practice, 464 Main Street

When: Wednesday evenings Feb. 21 – March 27 from 6 – 8pm

To learn more about the program or to register email avprogramregistration@nshealth.ca or call 902-848-6416

Concert Rescheduled

The Old Man Luedecke Concert at King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal, originally set for Sat. Feb. 3, has been moved to Sat. Feb. 10, 7:30pm

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Dear Valued Customers,

We would like to inform you of a change in our operating hours at Hutchins Pharmacy, effective from Sunday, February 18th, 2024.

As part of our ongoing efforts to provide you with the best possible service, optimal patient care and to ensure patient safety we have made the decision to adjust our schedule. Starting on February 18th, 2024, Hutchins Pharmacy will be closed on Sundays due to a shortage of Pharmacists.

We want to assure you that this will be temporary until we find enough qualified people to go back to regular hours.

We understand the importance of accessibility to your healthcare needs, and we apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Our updated operating hours starting Monday, February 12, 2024, will be:

Monday to Friday: 9 am – 6 pm
Saturdays 9 am-5 pm
Sunday: Closed

We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this adjustment. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,
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Community Events

Fri. Feb. 9, 7:00pm Fledgling Musician Meeting: Would you like to play with other musicians but find established jams intimidating? Join us to play contemporary/ all kinds of music. Let us learn together. Mount Rose Hall, Arlingt9n Road, Paradise. Friday nights at 7pm. Freewill offering. Bring your own equipment. Call Joyce 902-848-1110 for more info.

Fri. Feb. 9, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd.

Fri. Feb. 9, 7-9:00pm or later Weekly Music - The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will host **Pat O'Brien and Paul Ryan**. Join us for some great music weekly with no cover charge! Don't forget that we have Happy Hour each Friday from 5:30-7:00pm and cocktail specials each Friday and Saturday! Chase the Ace is Back! The Chase the Ace Draw on behalf of the Annapolis Royal Community Centre will be held each week at 8pm. Please check the Annapolis Royal Legion Facebook site for updates. All members and guests are welcome!

Sat. Feb. 10, 8-10:00am Breakfast Fund Raiser for the Parish of Wilmot A community breakfast will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main St. Middleton Sat. Feb. 10, 8-10am and the second Saturday of every month thereafter. Free Will Offering. Review: "The best eggs east of TOFINO!"...Anon, and too many rave reviews of Howard's pancakes to print.

Sat. Feb. 10, 9am-12:00pm Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers and Traders Market is indoors at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street, Saturdays until Spring.

Sat. Feb. 10, 12 Noon The Bridgetown Curling Club will be hosting its 2nd annual **Anniversary Fun Bonspiel**. The club is inviting Youth Curlers, Special Olympians, Social, Senior and Regular members to participate. Community members are invited as well to cheer on the curlers. There will be contests, prizes and a 50/50. At 5pm all curlers and their families can share a potluck meal. Sign up at the club or contact sandy Penny at slpenny2015@gmail.com

Sat. Feb. 10, 1:00pm Upper Clements Trail Hike Hike Nova Scotia and Fundy Erratics Hiking Group present a guided hike on the Upper Clements Trails. Registration required in advance; details at www.hikenovascotia.ca. 2958 Highway 1, Upper Clements.

Sat. Feb. 10, 4:00pm Classical Second Sundays at St. Luke's: CANCELLED. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our concert on February 10th with Maximilian Fleishman has been cancelled. Our upcoming March concert will be held on Sunday, March 10th, 2024 at 4:00pm with concert pianist Devin Huang. Admission by donation, doors open at 3:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Sat. Feb. 10, 6:00pm Valentines Social at the Bridgetown Legion. Tickets \$40pp, awesome menu, dinner followed by a dance to our DJ beginning at 8:30 (\$5 cover).

Sat. Feb. 10, 7:00pm Jam Sessions, every Saturday night at the Litchfield Hall. Come out for an evening of music, fun and refreshments and support the hall.

Sun Feb. 11 Holistic Tracking adult class series, Annapolis and Digby Counties on the second Sunday of each month. Learn to read the stories on the land and how you can activate your full human potential through the ancient art and science of tracking. Sign-up for a single class or the whole series. More information and registration at connectionpathways.com/in-person-events

Sun. Feb. 11, 11:30am-1:30pm The Centrelea Community Hall Presents: "**My Cheesy Valentine**," a family friendly Valentine's lunch. Free Will donation. Hot Chocolate Station and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Cookie decorating and apple bird feeder making. Bring your favourite cheesy Valentine's saying to share. "Our community is so much cheddar together!" See you at the Hall!

Sun. Feb. 11, 7:00pm Second Sunday Games Night at Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments provided, along with games and cards. Like Scrabble or Mexican Train Dominoes? Those are local favourites. Other games welcome too, so you can bring something you'd like to play. \$2/person donation for the Hall. Lower Granville Hall is at 3551 Granville Road, in Port Royal. We look forward to seeing you there. LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com, Facebook.com/lowergranvillehall, LowerGranvilleHall.com.

Sun. Feb. 11, 7-10:00pm or later Super Bowl Party - The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will hold our Annual Super Bowl Party. BYOM BBQ (bring your own meat & munchies) and the Legion will supply potato salad & chili. Super Bowl Squares game squares available at the Legion bar in advance only! Squares are \$3 each or 2/\$5 and must be purchased prior to game time. All squares on sale now!

Mon. Feb. 12, 1-4 pm - Monday Life Drawing Sessions Resume at ARTSPLACE. Mondays, Feb. 5-Mar. 25, \$14 per session. Block pricing available for ARCAC Members: \$96 for 8 sessions. Contact applecart61@aim.com with questions. ARTSPLACE, 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Mon. Feb 12, 1:30pm Lawrencetown and Area Seniors Assoc. You are invited to the General Meeting at the Lawrencetown Legion, 49 Main St (parking lot entrance). Meeting followed by entertainment and light refreshments.

Mon. Feb. 12, 7:00pm Valley Lions **Radio Bingo** (VLRB) is a Media Bingo broadcast on Annapolis Valley Radio, AVR 97.7FM and other AVR stations from Digby to Windsor, every Monday night from 7- 8pm. Bingo Cards are sold

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
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Annapolis Waterkeepers has partnered with the Arlington Forest Protection Society to launch a Matching Program for our Water Testing Campaign! Your gifts will help protect the North Mountain Watershed and drinking water for communities surrounding Arlington Heights C&D Landfill.

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Chemical testing of ground/surface water has begun as of Nov 2023 and is ongoing until Feb/Mar 2024. These preliminary tests will help us assess next steps. Additional rounds are expected and will be conducted as conditions permit.

VOLUNTEERS

We are volunteers, and we always need more! We invite and encourage anyone interested in coming on a testing excursion or otherwise supporting our efforts to please be in touch. Reach us on Facebook, Twitter/X, via email at AnnapolisWaterkeepers@gmail.com or call us at 902-907-2990.

MATCHING CAMPAIGN & HOW TO DONATE

AFPS has agreed to match funds received up to \$1,000 which will make a HUGE difference to our work! The deadline for eligible donations is Feb 29.

You may give via e-transfer (preferred) or on our Go Fund Me page at tinyurl.com/WaterkeepersNS. Please contact us for cash or cheque donations.

THANK YOU TO AFPS AND TO ALL OF OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS!

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Tues. Feb. 13, 10am Yoga For All Ages and Levels every Tuesday at Clarence Community Hall, 3337 Clarence Road, 10 to 11am. There will be a free will offering to cover heating costs for the hall. Bring your mat or if you are a chair yoga person they will be available. Also, if you are able a few items for the food pantry that Annapolis Valley Folk School runs in Lawrencetown would be greatly appreciated. Email avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902-825-3070.

Tues. Feb. 13, 1-3:30pm Seniors' Cards at the Farm Café at NSCC, Middleton, every Tuesday. All seniors welcome.

Tues. Feb. 13 Pancake Supper at St. George and St. Andrew United Church, Annapolis Royal. Pancakes, sausages, ham, fruit cocktail, and coffee or tea. \$15 per person. Sittings at 4:30 and 6:00pm. Call 902-340-0005 to reserve tickets.

Tues. Feb. 13, 5-6:30pm The Anglican Parish of Bridgetown is planning a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at St. James Anglican Church, Bridgetown. The menu will feature pancakes and sausage, a light dessert with juice, tea and coffee. The meal will be served between 5 and 6:30pm. A free-will offering will be collected at the door.

Tues., Feb. 13, 5-6:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Hillsburn United Baptist Church, 3686 Shore Road West, Hillsburn. Pancakes, sausage, gingerbread, whipped cream, tea and coffee. Free-will offering. Everyone is welcome.

Wed. Feb. 14, 10:00am NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN a walking group for all levels and abilities If you are looking for motivation to get out for a bit of exercise and to socialize come join us. Walkers meet at the Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome Registration is not required. For more information check our Facebook Group NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN

Wed. Feb. 14, 10:00am CMHA NS Peer Support Group - Circle of Friends Connections are important for overall mood enhancement and can help us through 'blue' periods as well as during times of isolation. If you'd like to improve your communication skills and improve your ability to connect or just broaden your circle, join Circle of Friends! This virtual peer support group is a safe, confidential place for peers to connect and share their journeys as they offer peer support to one another. Sessions are held each Wednesdays via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome! To register, visit www.novascotia.cmha.ca

Wed. Feb. 14 Join us for a romantic **Valentines Supper** at the Bridgetown Legion. Add it to your calendar - details to follow.

Wed. Feb. 14, 7-9:00pm Crafting Evening at Round Hill Hall every 2nd Wednesday. Bring what you enjoy crafting and show everyone what you know. Drop a donation in our can to help with heating and electric. For more information call Geri 902-532-2948.

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Wed. Feb. 14, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions-Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome.

Wed. Feb. 14, 7:00pm CMHA NS Men's Peer Support Group Unrealistic expectations based on gender and a lack of suitable mental health options can prevent those who identify as men from honouring their mental health and reaching out for support when they need it. CMHA NS Division's virtual Men's Peer Support group provides a safe, confidential space for those who identify as male to connect without judgement. Sessions are held each Wednesday via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome! To register, visit www.novascotia.cmha.ca Questions? Contact Keith Anderson, Provincial Lead - at keith.anderson@novascotia.cmha.ca

Wed. Feb. 14, 8:00pm Al-anon Meeting, for relatives and friends of alcoholics, at the First United Baptist Church at 762 George Street, Annapolis Royal, every Wednesdays at 8pm. Please enter through the front door.

Thur. Feb. 15, 12- 4:00pm Greenwood Mall Farmers Market. Every Thursday. Our mission is to promote healthy living by eating, drinking and shopping local! We're also helping to grow the local economy by having a venue for farmers, chefs, wineries, local producers and artisans to have a place to sell healthy products! Greenwood Mall, Greenwood.

Thu. Feb 15, 6:30 pm Outdoor Sports Hub - Public Info Session, Part 1 at the Bridgetown Legion. Can I still walk for free? Do I need to wear special shoes? Where are dogs allowed? Is it closed for the winter? Can my group reserve time to offer an activity? A new volunteer group (ACOSS) has taken over management of this world class facility in our backyard. ACOSS needs your involvement. With your help, we can make this the most open, active and community-oriented facility of its kind anywhere on the globe. Join us for two public consultation sessions. Bring your questions on February 15. Come back with ideas (and a friend!) on March 7. Contact acoss.society@gmail.com. More info available at www.bit.ly/ACOSS-One-Page

Fri. Feb. 16, 9pm-12:00am Valentine's Dance for Zeke at Lunn's Mill Beer co., 515 Carleton Rd., Lawrencetown. Show some community love for Zeke Sweeney! Zeke is a 4-year-old and undergoing Chemotherapy following a double brain surgery over the holidays. This fundraiser is to help the family navigate this difficult time! Bring the crew and dance, dance, dance. Admission is a Free Will Donation going directly to the family. The MB3 return for this special and important event. Lunns

Sat. Feb. 17, 2-3:30pm Adventurer, hiker and survivor Bill Monk shares tales from his 4000 km trek along the rugged West Coast's famed Pacific Crest Trail. Part of the 2024 Speaker series by the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library in the Dugua Room at the Annapolis Royal Library, 143 Ritchie Street. All sessions are free. Free will gratefully accepted.

Sun. Feb. 18, 12-3:00pm SOOF Soup Sunday Come join the Save Our Old Forests at the Centerlea Community Hall (3495 Highway 201) for SOOF Soup Sunday! We'll be hosting a free lunch of hot soups (including a vegan option) and bread and having a conversation about old forests. This is a free event - but registration is required so we can figure out how much soup to make. For more info and to register please go to: <https://link.arlingtonforestprotection.ca/register>



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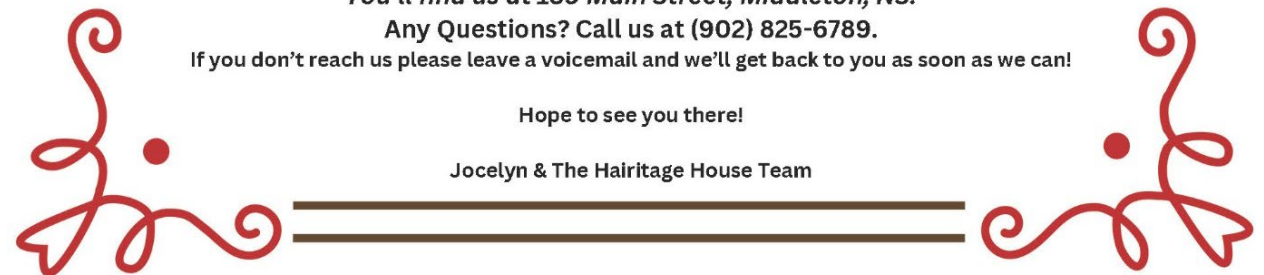
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Assuming this trend continues, home Sellers will continue to benefit from improved equity, whereas home buyers may find it more difficult to achieve the same bang-for-their-buck.

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STATS AT A GLANCE

Annapolis Valley, 2023

Residential Sales	1,441
Year-Over-Year % Change	-23.3%
Residential Average Price	\$347,610
Year-Over-Year % Change	2.6%

Nova Scotia, 2023

Residential Sales	10,333
Year-Over-Year % Change	-17.2%
Residential Average Price	\$423,804
Year-Over-Year % Change	2.9%

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Mon. Feb. 19, 1:30-3pm Care Givers Support Group (for people who care for loved ones with dementia) The group meets the 3rd Monday of the month, except July and August, from 1:30 - 3:00pm, at St George & St Andrew United Church, 393 St George St, Annapolis Royal, (at the lights), Office Door, side entry. Contacts: Art Jones - 902-532-0784; Lou Fletcher - 902-532-2377

Mon. Feb. 19, 7:00pm The board of directors of Twelve Basket Food Bank will be holding its **annual general meeting**. The meeting will be held at Nictaux Baptist Church, 8836 Highway 201 (on the corner of Highway 10 and Highway 201, across from Needs). Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

Mon. Feb 19, 7:00pm - Winter Film Series Pt. 3 / Le Silence de la mer / Jean-Pierre Melville (1949). A cultured, naively idealistic German officer is billeted in the home of a middle-aged man and his grown niece. Their response to his presence is silence. Shot by the legendary Henri Decaë with elegant, hushed eloquence. With introduction and discussion led by Christopher Ward, graduate of Concordia University's Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema. | Admission by donation (Suggested \$10). Upstairs at ARTSPLACE Studio.

Tues. Feb. 20, 10-11:30am Free **Guided Hike/Snowshoe Walk** with Annapolis County Recreation. Meet at the main entrance parking lot at Valleyview Provincial Park, 960 Hampton Mtn. Rd., Bridgetown. Approximately 3km, easy-moderate hike with inclines. Dress for the weather. Register to reserve snowshoes: <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/85345/valley-view-provincial-park-guided-walk>

Thur. Feb. 22, 1-5:00pm Career Fair, at NSCC Campus, 295 Commercial St., Middleton. PeopleWorx and NSCC Annapolis Valley Campus are hosting a Career Fair. There will be local employers currently hiring or accepting work placements. Bring your resume and be ready to impress. Open to students and the general public.

Fri. Feb. 23, 6:00pm Pub Night at the Bridgetown Legion. Good food with burgers, fries, wings, etc. Live Music 7 - 11. Open to all

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Sat. Feb. 24 and Sun. Feb. 25 Bridgetown Open Bonspie! at the Bridgetown Curling club, 333 Granville St. 12 teams max; Teams are guaranteed 3 games. Teams can be men's, ladies', mixed teams of 4 players. Team registration \$240. Bar will be open and kitchen available for snacks, coffee, tea, or light lunch. To register contact Adam Lewis at 902-955-1196, adam.lewis1968@gmail.com.

Sat. Feb. 24, 10 am-2 pm - WORKSHOP: Art Journaling, facilitated by Art Therapist, Jaime Lee Lightle BA, DTATI, RCT-C. A creative practice for mental wellness. This art-based technique elicits personal insight and increases self-understanding. Uncover your creative side in a variety of art mediums, Explore art-journaling technique within a supportive network. | \$55 (\$50 for ARCAC Members).. Learn more and register at www.arcac.ca/art-journaling.html

Sat. Feb. 24, 1:30pm The Great Chocolate Caper Someone has kidnapped Mable the cow. Without her, the small family-owned company cannot make their famous candy and will be forced to close. Someone has also stolen all the money from the chocolate candy business. It's all up to you. Can you save Mable and the business, by solving the clues and catching the culprit? Join us at Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road for a fun afternoon and a light brunch. Feel free to call 698-9467 for more information.

Tues. Feb. 27, 1-4:00pm Walk Leader Training at the Nictaux & District Firehall, 9349 Hwy 10. Do you like to walk and are looking to help less active adults in your community enjoy the benefits of walking? Hike Nova is looking for volunteers interested in leading gentle, fun, and friendly walks! This training session will give you the skills and confidence to lead these walks. Call 902-483-2813 for more information and to register.

Fri. March 1, 10-11:30am Come out for the first **Community Coffee** at the Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal, 3551 Granville Road. This new event will be held the First Friday of each month through May, featuring a Book & Magazine Exchange. Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and bring a snack to share if you are able, along with books and magazines you'd like to donate (optional). Everyone is welcome. \$2/person donation for the Hall.

Sun. March 10, 8:00pm Evans & Doherty at Evergreen Theatre. Our first show of 2024 is going to be a fun one! Evans & Doherty are an accomplished musical duo. They can start toes tapping with a rousing drinking song or bring a tear to the eye with a lament on the futility of war. 1941 Stronach Mtn. Rd., Margaretsville. Tickets at www.evergreentheatre.ca

Thur. March 14, 7:00pm The **Clarence 4-H Club** meets at the Clarence Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. New members and leaders are always welcome! For more information call Shanda at 902-824-2835

Sat. March 16, 2-3:30pm Come spend the afternoon with **Ken Maher** and discover the quirks and queries of the Annapolis Royal Sinclair Inn. Part of the 2024 Speaker series by the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library in the Dugua Room at the Annapolis Royal Library, 143 Ritchie Street. All sessions are free. Free will gratefully accepted.

Sat. April 20, 2-3:30pm Speaker **Claire Jimmison** provides an opportunity to learn about dementia and how to reduce your risk of vascular dementia by reducing your risk of stroke. Part of the 2024 Speaker series by the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library in the Dugua Room at the Annapolis Royal Library, 143 Ritchie Street. All sessions are free. Free will gratefully accepted.

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2024 Annapolis County Community Events Guide

Submission Process

The County of Annapolis is now accepting submissions for the 2024 Annapolis County Community Events Guide. We hope to have the guide in mailboxes around April 1, 2024, which allows us to promote spring, summer, winter and fall events.

Submissions of County events are now being accepted online! The online form guides you through the process to ensure all required information is included, such as the name, contact person, date and time of the event. In addition, there is also a space available to provide a short description of your event. Info at www.annapoliscounty.ca Event Submission Deadline: Fri. Feb. 16, 2024, 4:30pm

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“It was an eventful time with tough challenges and noteworthy accomplishments,” said Warden Morrison. “We (Council and staff) are aware that there will be lots to do as we prepare for a busy year ahead, including the upcoming municipal election in autumn. We look forward to seeing what 2024 will bring.”

Warden’s Words – We introduced a new monthly feature, Warden’s Words, that was distributed at the end of each month. It was an opportunity to connect with residents and provide highlights experienced by the Warden.

New Councillor - Dustin Enslow was officially welcomed as a member of Municipal Council. Enslow won the seat for District 3 after a Special Election was held in January.

Newly Appointed Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) – We were pleased to welcome Chris McNeill as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Municipality of the County of Annapolis. McNeill brought with him 30 years of municipal and provincial government experience and has proven to be a capable and strong leader for our municipal team.

Annapolis County Community Events Guide Returns – It was wonderful to see our popular Annapolis County Community Events Guide make its comeback after a three-year hiatus due to Covid. Make sure you get your events in for the 2024 edition which is currently under production. Please visit our website (www.annapoliscounty.ca) to learn more.

New Parks and Trails:
Upper Clements Trails – Annapolis County added to its list of “must try” trail destinations as this new trail system officially opened. The Annapolis Basin Outdoor Adventures Society (ABOAS) partnered with the County to create an amazing trail system in Upper Clements that is sure to be one of the top destination trails in Nova Scotia. Keep your eye on this one as it continues to grow.

Annapolis Basin Tidal Beach Park – In August 2023, we held the official opening of our newest park located in Cornwallis Park. Council was pleased to offer a safe and accessible area where people can go and enjoy a hidden gem with amazing views of the Annapolis Basin and North Mountain. It is already proving to be a popular destination spot for residents and tourists alike. It was also the location for a New Year Kick-off Polar Dip extravaganza that attracted hundreds of people...some to dip, many to show support.

Annapolis Valley Exhibition – The County was proud to have a display at the 97th Annapolis Valley Exhibition where Councillors and staff were able to mingle and chat with residents and visitors to the area.

Annapolis County Volunteer Expo – It was an enjoyable experience to host our very first Volunteer Expo. It was held on Saturday, September 23, 2023. There were 40 community groups that participated in the event sharing information and recruiting volunteers, with approximately 250 people in attendance. The event was followed by a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony in honour of the 2023 Annapolis County Volunteers. It was a great success!

Bear River’s New Water System - During a Municipal Council session in July, Councillors voted unanimously to approve the budget (approx. \$2.6 million) to start the process for the long-awaited new water system for Bear River.

County-Wide Plan - County staff continued to work with Stantec Ltd. throughout 2023 to complete the provincially mandated County-Wide Plan. The Plan encompassed all lands within the Municipality, with exception to the areas where the County has existing secondary plans that govern land-use and development. A public hearing was held on January 18, 2024, providing the public opportunity to speak to the draft plan. Immediately following, a Special Council meeting was held where Councillors voted to move forward with the Plan. It has been forwarded to the NS Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and approval. Upon ministerial approval, an advertisement will be placed in the local newspaper, with the date of the advertisement being the effective date of the document.

Valley Waste-Resource Management - The County of Annapolis renewed its collaboration with Valley Waste-Resources Management (VWRM) and entered into an agreement with them to manage all aspects of solid waste for Annapolis County under a service contract.

Bridgetown Parking Lot Project - Municipal Council approved funds collected from the sale of the former Bridgetown Town Hall be used to develop the adjacent land. The result of the paving project created a functional and visually spectacular addition to the Bridgetown community.

Ecological Management of Woodland Properties – The County engaged with Western Woodlot Services Co-op (WWSC) of Nova Scotia for assistance in implementing ecologically based management of municipally-owned woodland properties to improve ecosystem health, diversity, and resilience to County woodlots. It provided a wonderful opportunity to lead by example and become more active in ecologically based forest management with a long-term outlook. The starting location was Graywood (just off Hwy#8).

NS Utility & Review Board (UARB) Decision on Boundary Review - Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board approved the County’s application (October 19, 2023) and set the number of councillors and polling districts at 11. The UARB directed the Municipality to conduct further public consultations on the issue before December 31, 2025, at which time the size of Council and the polling district boundaries will be revisited. The 2024 boundary maps are currently being placed on our website (www.annapoliscounty.ca).

Community Grants Information Sessions – It was great to see the return of the Community Grants Information Session. This year we offered two sessions to better accommodate people wanting to attend - one in Nictaux and one in Clementsport. We had speakers from the Province, Sport NS, Volunteer NS, and our own municipal staff to share their knowledge on the various grants and services available to our community groups.



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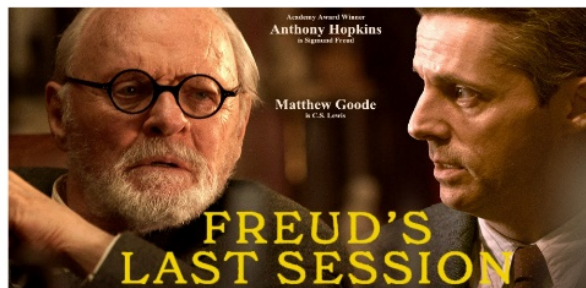
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April 7, 2024 - Bear River Jumble Sale: Community Yard Sale, 10am - 2pm at 1913 Clementsvalle Road, Bear River. Sell your rummage before clean-up week, contact BearRiverEvents@gmail.com

Yoga with Julie Palmer, 30+ years teaching. Monday & Wednesday mornings 10 am at St. Luke's Anglican church in Annapolis Royal (across from the fort), starting Feb. 5th. 9-week session for \$117 for one class per week or \$173 for two classes per week. Fees can be pro-rated if needed.

Gentle Kripalu yoga includes breathing exercises, warm-ups, yoga poses to stretch & strengthen, and relaxation/meditation. Contact Julie at jpalmerhaha@gmail.com to register.

Registrations now open for March Break Art Camps, March 11-15, 9:30 am-12 pm: Drawing from Nature with Becky Thompson. An exploration of different methods of drawing using sticks, found objects and a wide range of art materials. Using nature as inspiration, students will create a range of drawings, then choose one to develop with colour using paint, pastel and collage. | Ages 7-10: Mon, Wed, Fri for \$90. Ages 11-14: Tue & Thu for \$60. ARTsPLACE Gallery, Annapolis Royal. Learn more and register at www.arcac.ca/art-camp.html

Treat your Valentine. February 14. **The Perky Loaf** is joining forces with **Beaver Creek Vineyard** this Valentine's Day to bring you a spectacular evening of fantastic wine and incredible foods. This will be a fancier 3 course meal consisting of glazed pork tenderloin, beef wellington and Tiramisu. By reservation only. \$60 per person 902-932-9888. 11889 Hwy 1, Brickton.

Cribbage Tournament - The Annapolis Royal Legion will hold a Doubles Cribbage Tournament Saturday February 17th. Sign in at 11:30am with play starting at 12:30pm. The cost is just \$20 / team with a maximum of 24 teams. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place depending on participation. Please register prior to January 18th by calling the Legion at 532-5196. Everyone welcome!

Annapolis County Volunteer Recognition: You are encouraged to nominate a deserving volunteer via online submission (AnnapolisCounty.ca) All nominated volunteers will be recognized locally. Additionally a select committee will choose a volunteer to receive a Provincial Award during the Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony. Contact Nadine at nmccormick@annapoliscounty.ca or 902-526-2907 with questions. Deadline is March 4th.

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* King's Theatre concert of Old Man Luedcke rescheduled for Sat Feb 10 @ 7:30 pm.

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* Friends of the Annapolis Library- Celebration on Wed, Feb 21st from 2-4 pm, the amazing \$1.2 million donation to Annapolis Branch from Mr. Donald Evans.

Berwick- Fire Hall, Granny's Attic Vendor Market, Free admission, all are Welcome. Sat Feb 10 from 10 - 2 pm

Bridgetown- meeting at the Legion, hoping to see everyone engaged in this conversation about the Sports Hub on Thurs Feb 15 @ 6:30 bring your questions to part 1 of 2 meetings (March 7). A new Volunteer group (ACOSS) has taken over the management of this world class facility. ACOSS needs your involvement. Contact acoss.society@gmail.com

Bridgetown - February Gathering of "New neighbours of Annapolis Valley " Whether you are new to the province, new to your neighbourhood in the valley, you are invited to join us. Being hosted @Junction 16 on Wed. Feb. 21st at 5 pm, if you're planning on attending, please RSVP by Mon Feb 19 Patty Doucet Saunders on FB.

Hillsburn- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- Tuesday Feb 13th @ Hillsburn United Baptist Church, 3686 Shore Rd West, 5 - 6:30 pm Free Will offering. Pancakes, Sausages, Gingerbread , Whipped Cream, Tea Coffee

Kingston- Lions Breakfast (take outs available) Sat Feb 10 from 8-10 pm Kingston Lions Hall. PLUS, Lions Community Turkey Luncheon, Tues Feb 13, Dining In Meals - \$15 between 12 and 1pm (pre-order dates are already gone by

Lawrencetown- 'Bee's Knee's- Knit Night is Wed's 6 pm- 8 pm, Main Street.

* There will be no charge for Public Skating for the remainder of the season. Sundays 4-5:30

Wilmot- Spurr Brothers next Live music event is Sat Feb 17 , 6-8 pm "The Fog".

Youngs Cove- Valentine's Dance Social- Feb 14th 7 - 10 pm @ 5407 Shore Rd West, Fundraiser for Fundy "Comfort Centre" Project. Bring a snack to share. Admission \$2 (minimum). Live music by Lost Hobo.

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Fri. Feb. 9, 7:00pm Mean Girls (film, PG)
From the comedic mind of Tina Fey comes a new twist on the modern classic, MEAN GIRLS. New student Cady Heron (Angourie Rice) is welcomed into the top of the social food chain by the elite group of popular girls called "The Plastics," ruled by the conniving queen bee Regina George (Reneé Rapp) and her minions Gretchen (Bebe Wood) and Karen (Avantika). However, when Cady makes the major misstep of falling for Regina's ex-boyfriend Aaron Samuels (Christopher Briney), she finds herself prey in Regina's crosshairs.

As Cady sets to take down the group's apex predator with the help of her outcast friends Janis (Auli'i Cravalho) and Damian (Jaquel Spivey), she must learn how to stay true to herself while navigating the most cutthroat jungle of all: high school. Tickets: \$10.95 Adult; \$6.95 Youth.

Sun. Feb. 11, 3:00pm Duo Cordelia (live performance)
Formed in 2016, Duo Cordelia features violinist and composer Vanessa Marcoux and pianist Marie-Christine Poirier. The ensemble is very active on the Canadian classical music scene and is being regularly invited to perform both in Quebec and British Columbia. The two musicians widen the framework of their respective instruments by ushering them into new territory. The Duo's mission is to expand the possibilities within the medium of the classical concert by introducing improvisation, an array of exciting repertoire from the 20th and 21st century, arrangements of traditional melodies and original compositions by Vanessa. This rich combination of classical repertoire and lesser-known works allows the listener to draw new bridges between musical universes

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Fri. Feb. 16, 7:30pm BBOYZIM (live performance)
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Sun. Feb. 18, 7:30pm The Royal Takeover Drag Show (live performance)
Annapolis Royal, get ready for a takeover of ROYAL proportions! Local queen Steph Peakes has once again gathered an iconic group of drag performers to bring you The Royal Takeover – a drag show jam packed with lip syncs, live vocals, and enough laughs to cure those mid-winter blues. Be sure to grab your tickets to witness the magic this group is cooking up! You definitely won't want to miss this. Tickets: \$30 Adults, \$15 for Youth (Recommended 16+)

Tues. Feb. 20, 7:30pm Jeremy Dutcher (live performance)
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Following an intermission, we will also screen RURAL RENAISSANCE: How Canada's Oldest Town Reinvented Itself (48 min.). The 2021 documentary about the revival of Annapolis Royal in the 1970s and 80s was spearheaded by Jane Nicholson and AIRO - Annapolis Investments in Rural Opportunity, with the support of filmmaker Andrew Tolson and researcher Wilfred Allan.

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William Hall was the son of formerly enslaved parents, Jacob and Lucy who fled Maryland during the War of 1812 as refugees and settled in Nova Scotia. Jacob found work in a shipyard in Summerville, where Hall was born in 1827. The family later bought a farm in Horton Bluff, where he also attended school. As a young man, Hall worked in shipyards in Hantsport for several years, building vessels. He then joined the crew of a Merchant Navy vessel and, before he was eighteen, had visited many of the world's busiest ports.

Hall enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1852 at Liverpool, England. His first service, as Able Seaman, was onboard HMS Rodney, and included two years in the Crimean War. Hall was part of the marine forces that landed to assist with manning heavy gun batteries, and he received British and Turkish medals for his service. After the Crimean War, Hall was assigned to the receiving ship HMS Victory at Portsmouth, England. He then joined the crew of HMS Shannon as Captain of the Foretop. It was his service with HMS Shannon that led to the Victoria Cross.

The captain of the HMS Shannon, William Peel, recommended Hall and fellow crew member Thomas Young for the Victoria Cross, in recognition of their "gallant conduct at a twenty-four-pounder gun... at Lucknow on the 16th November 1857." Hall received his Victoria Cross aboard HMS Donegal in Queenstown Harbour, Ireland, on October 28, 1859. His naval career continued aboard many ships until he retired in 1876 as Quartermaster.

Hall returned to Nova Scotia and lived with his sisters, Rachel Robinson and Mary Hall, on a farm in Avonport. Few Nova Scotians knew of his career until 1901, when HRH the Duke of Cornwall and York (later King George V) visited Nova Scotia. A parade of British veterans was held in the Duke's honour, where Hall wore his Victoria Cross and three other service medals. As the Duke inspected the veterans, he inquired about the medals, which drew attention to Hall's service.

Three years later, William Hall died at home and was buried without military honours in an unmarked grave. In 1937, a local campaign was launched to have Hall recognized by the Canadian Legion, and in 1946 his body was reburied in the grounds of the Hantsport Baptist Church and a monument was erected near by.

Subsequently, a branch of the Canadian Legion in Halifax was renamed in his honour. A gymnasium in Cornwallis, and the DaCosta-Hall Educational Program for Black students in Montreal, also perpetuate his name. Hall is also featured in exhibits at the Halifax Citadel, the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and at the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia. In November 2010, a connector road in Hantsport was named the William Hall VC Memorial Highway. Signs bearing Hall's likeness were erected on the road from Highway 101 to Trunk 1.

It was announced on 26 June 2015 that the fourth ship in the Royal Canadian Navy's Harry DeWolf class would be named for William Hall. The ship will be constructed at Halifax Shipyards in Halifax. The keel laying ceremony was held on 17 Feb 2021 with a number of his descendants in attendance. (courtesy <https://heritageday.novascotia.ca/>)



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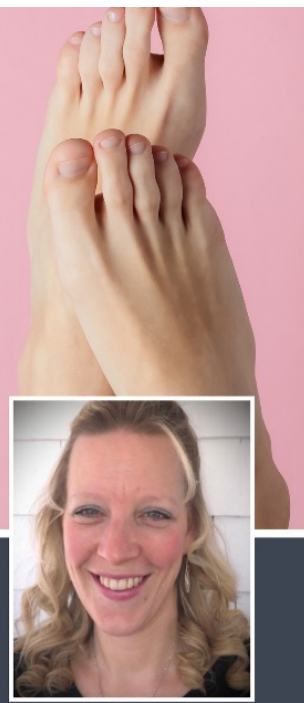
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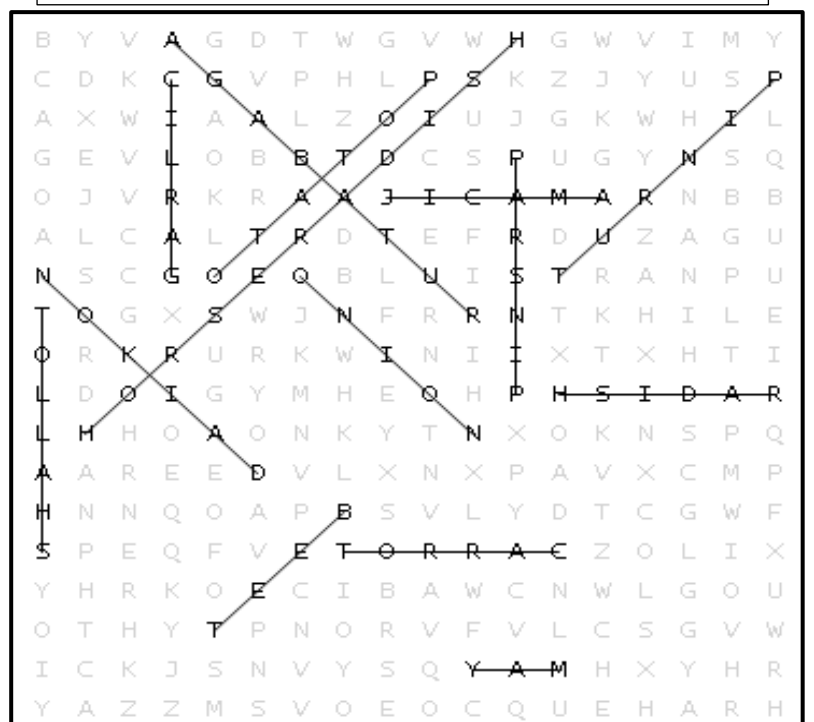


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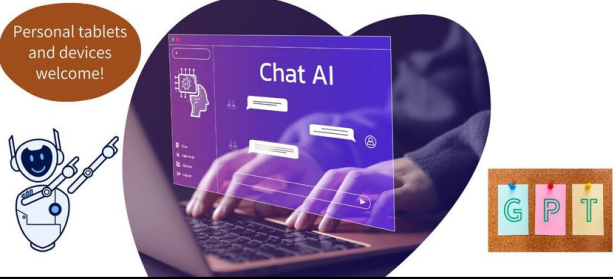


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Annapolis Valley Folk School Events

The following is a barter-based event. If this is your first time attending a barter-based skills-trade class, note that attendees are encouraged to bring an item(s) to offer in exchange for the knowledge shared in addition to any supplies required for the class. Preferred items are noted for each session. Registration and a ticket are required. For more info and link to Eventbrite find Annapolis Valley Folk School on Facebook. There is no fee associated with this ticket but please do not just indicate "coming" on the event - we've found this is not an accurate capture of attendees. If you have any difficulty registering, you can send us an email to avfolkschool@gmail.com or Annapolis Valley Folk School on Facebook.

Beginner Rug Hooking: Sat. Feb 10, 1-5:00pm at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence. Back by popular Demand! Enjoy a fun introductory traditional rug hooking class with Monica Bailey. The session will include discussion on the various types of foundation fabrics, hooks, frames, mediums, hooking and finishing tips and techniques, plus much more. This is a hands-on class, so bring your frame or hoop and a hook, if you don't have them we have some to be used in class. The rest of the supplies will be on hand, including a pattern on linen and the wool strips for you to take home. You will leave as a newly hooked, happy hooker. Our facilitator's preferred items are: homemade cookies or brownies, raw beeswax, 100% wool yarn, sourdough bread, unscented candles, fresh valley apples, apple cider, or apple cider vinegar.

Stormwater Runoff Management Feb. 20, 6:30pm at 1963 Clarence Road. Come out to an informative evening of stormwater runoff management. Rachel will lead us through many ways to manage the water on our properties. Our facilitator's preferred items are: Baked good, eggs, honey, salsa, and anything homemade or local!

February's Makers Swap: Fri. Feb. 23, 6:30pm at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence. GET A TICKET ON EVENTBRITE, available Feb. 14th.

It is also greatly appreciated if you can bring a few pantry items to the swap. Our pantry is increasingly active with many people using it. Located at 43 Lawrencetown Lane. A few suggestions are crackers, canned pasta, meats, and veggies, rice, macaroni and cheese, pastas and sauces. We were given a fridge so milk, cream, margarine, yogurt, and cheeses can all be dropped off as well.

If you have any questions reach out to us on facebook @annapolisvalleyfolkschool or at avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902 825 3070.



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"Dietary Advice" Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter. Answer next week.

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