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## Annapolis County Council Approves budget and 5-Year Plan

Council approves 2024-2025 Operating Budget and 5-Year Capital Investment Plan; County tax rate maintained but Bridgetown Community tax rate sees increase.

Municipal Council's approval of the 2024-2025 operating budget and 5-Year Capital Investment Plan means big projects, big improvements, and ambitious goals.

"Council has given serious and extensive consideration to the budget process," said Warden Alex Morrison. "We (Council) have drafted a budget that is ambitious and positive in approach, and one that plans for the well-being of our citizens."

The county-wide base tax rate will remain at \$1.025 for residential and resources properties per \$100 of assessment, and \$1.80 per \$100 of assessment for commercial properties.

However, Bridgetown's community rates will see an increase of 5.36 cents to 45.31 cents for residential and resource per \$100 of assessment, and an increase of 8.99 cents to 74.13 cents for commercial per \$100 of assessment. This increase allows for specific services to Bridgetown, such as former Bridgetown debt payments, increases in road and street maintenance costs, as well as an additional \$47,000 directly to Bridgetown Fire Department.

The 5-Year Capital Investment Plan focuses on municipal infrastructure with upgrades and extensions of water and sewer services in Lequille, Bridgetown, and Bear River. These are the initial year-one capital investments, which will be followed up in years two-five with more capital infrastructure investments planned for communities in both the east and west ends.

"Our capital plan is positive and aggressive," noted Morrison. "But not being positive and aggressive would see our communities fall behind. We need to plan for community growth."

A few highlighted items in the plan are - the installation of more generators at wastewater treatment plants, improvements to community recreation facilities through accessible trail development in Upper Clements and accessible playground improvements in Nictaux, and in year two, a major upgrade to Granville Ferry Water Tower to ensure the long-term sustainability of potable water to Granville Ferry, Annapolis Royal and Lequille.

The biggest capital item in the 5-year plan is the construction of a new \$40 million recreation complex in 2027-2028 to replace current aging facilities and to create a modern facility for families to enjoy multiple ways to continue to be active.

In regard to the operating budget, communities can expect more services and programs.

"We understand that property assessments have increased, and costs have increased. As a municipality, we too have been affected by rising costs which we see in our purchasing and tendering for capital projects that are sometime coming in double what we have budgeted."

"Council has done their best to balance the continuing inflationary costs, while ensuring that county growth was supported and managed wisely and strategically, added Morrison. "Council feels this budget reflects a balance of managing growth while limiting financial impacts on our communities to small amounts."

Morrison explained that many of the larger financial costs are outside of the Municipality's ability to control such as items mandated by the province like education and policing service; however, in addition to the non-discretionary spending, Council was able to make investments in 2024-2025.

A detailed look at the 2024-25 budget will be available on the County website in the coming weeks.

"Council appreciates the support and encouragement received from community members," said Morrison. "Through citizens' trust, Council can build quality infrastructure and programs for our most vulnerable and support our next generation of community leaders: our youth."

"Thank you to all members of Council and staff for their willingness to come together and make sacrifices to achieve a balanced budget and support significant capital investments to grow Annapolis County in the years ahead." (provided by County of Annapolis)

## Council Passes Marketing Levy

At their March 19 meeting, Annapolis County Municipal Council approved the final reading of the new M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw.

In late 2022, the provincial government passed legislation providing municipalities the ability to charge a tax on all short-term accommodations, the revenue received to be used for tourism marketing. At the time the province stated that all other provinces have some sort of marketing tax and that the maximum allowed of 3% was lower than the average across the country.

First step for a municipality was to pass a bylaw giving the local government the ability to enforce a program. Annapolis County's levy will now charge 3% of the cost of accommodation in rental units or rooms "as lodging in hotels and motels and in any other facility required to be registered under the Tourist Accommodation Registration Act..."

There are some exemptions. All operators are required to obtain certificate of registration. The effective date of the bylaw is June 1, 2024.

Pictured: Deputy Annapolis County Warden Brad Redden and Warden Alex Morrison



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In last week's Reader, we omitted the name and rank of Robert Fitzgerald Conroy in our Notice of Remembrance. We apologize for the omission.

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# Community Calendar

**Thur. March 28 Easter Bake Sale** at Middleton Home Hardware, 47 Commercial St., beginning at 9:00am. Baked items include: Various loaves, Cookies, Squares, Cakes, Bread, and other home-made baked goods. There will also be some craft items for sale. Proceeds in aid of Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary.

**Thur. March 28, 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service** at Bridgetown Baptist Church.

**Thur. March 28, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service** Middleton's St John's United Church of Canada invites you to a meditative evening service to reflect on Jesus' last evening and the parallels to today. 202 Main St. Entrance at street level, no stairs. All welcome.

**Thur. March 28, 7:00pm Phil Williams presents...Behold**, a hope-filled musical presentation and dramatic recitation of the Gospel Story. At Annapolis Royal Baptist Church, 762 St. George Street. Refreshments to follow. Free will offering.

**Thur. March 28, 7:00pm Maundy Thursday** at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). We remember the institution of the Eucharist by our Lord Jesus on his last earthly Passover Meal and his subsequent betrayal.

**Thurs. March 28, 7:00pm Annual General Meeting** - West Dalhousie Community Hall, 4868 West Dalhousie Rd. All welcome to attend.

**Fri. March 29 10:00am Good Friday** at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St) A somber service remembering the death of Jesus at Calvary.

**Fri. March 29, 11:00am Good Friday Service** at Bridgetown Baptist Church.

**Fri. March 29, 7:00pm Jam Session** every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd.

**Sat. March 30, 8am-12:00pm Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Save the Pool Fundraiser** at Granville Ferry Community Hall. Support the Annapolis Community Pool with some pancakes and a silent auction. Pre-order tickets. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website at ANNAPOLISPOOL.ORG. Thank you for your support!!!

**Sat. March 30, 9am to noon Silent Saturday:** the Bridgetown Baptist Church sanctuary will be open for silent prayer.

**Sat. March 30, 9am-12:00pm Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers and Traders Market** is indoors at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street, Saturdays until Spring.

**Sat. Mar. 30, 12-1:30pm EGGSTRAVAGANZA!** with Becky Thompson. A creative family activity. Create cardboard cutout Easter eggs. Decorate your eggs with handmade stamps cut from sponges. For children of all ages, accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please, dress for mess. Everyone welcome. Free admission (donations toward cost of materials appreciated). Estimated duration: 30 minutes. Drop in anytime between 12-1:30pm. Upstairs at ARTSPLACE, 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

**Sat. March 30, 2-4:00pm Maritime Music Jam Session** at the Granville Ferry Community Hall. All ages, players! Listeners most welcome.

**Sat. March 30, 2-4:00pm Easter Eggstravaganza.** Middleton Baptist Church is hosting their annual Easter Eggstravaganza. This event is free for the whole family to come out to enjoy an afternoon of fun! There will be a concert by Matt the Music Man followed with a fun Easter story, Easter Egg hunt and carnival games. There will be free food and refreshments. Enter via School Street entrance.

**Sat. March 30, 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.



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**Sat. March 30, 8:00pm Alana Yorke & Taryn Kawaja**, a doubleheader with two exceptional Halifax musicians at Evergreen Theatre. Adults \$35, Members \$25, Military \$30, Students \$20. Available at [www.evergreentheatre.ca](http://www.evergreentheatre.ca) or 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Rd., Margaretsville.

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**Sat. March 30, 8:00pm Easter Vigil** at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). We start in darkness. A fire is lit to remind us of how Christ has been present from the beginning of all creation. From that fire the paschal candle and then our own tapers are lit. We hear the stories of our redemption and celebrate Christ's Resurrection. A glorious wave of sound from bells to other instruments during the singing of the Gloria reminds of the joy of the resurrection. We end the evening with Eucharist.

**Sun. March 31, 8:00am Easter Sunday Worship Service** to celebrate the risen Lord, at Centrelea United Baptist Church, with Easter Breakfast at the Centrelea Hall following the service.

**Sun. March 31, 10:00am Easter Sunday** at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St) Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!!! Come, let us all rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Sun. March 31, 11:00am** Middleton's St. John's United Church of Canada **Easter Morning service**. 202 Main St. Entrance at street level, no stairs. All welcome. Rev. Elisabeth Jennings officiating.

**Sun. March 31, 11:00am Easter Sunday Worship Service** at Bridgetown Baptist Church.

**Mon. April 1, 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 through valley retail locations. Info at [www.vlrb.ca](http://www.vlrb.ca)

**Tues. April 2, 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](mailto:avfolkschool@gmail.com) or call Maureen at 902-825-3070.

**Tues. April 2, 1-3:30pm Seniors' Cards** at the Farm Café at NSCC, Middleton, every Tuesday. All seniors welcome.

**Tues. April 2, 1:30pm Jam Sessions** every Tuesday afternoon at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall.

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**Tues., April 2, 7:00pm** Monthly meeting of the **Bridgetown Area Garden Club**, at St. James Anglican Church Hall, corner of Granville St. and Church St., Bridgetown. All are welcome! Our own, Deb Bowes-Lyon, will facilitate an illustrated interactive discussion on styles, materials, and construction of raised beds. Come with your questions and ideas to share. Find us on Facebook at: Bridgetown Area Garden Club.

**Tues. April 2, 7-8:30pm** You're Invited to the **Centrelea Community Hall's AGM** at Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Hwy 201. All welcome. Mingling and Refreshments after meeting "Like" our Facebook Page (Centrelea Community Hall) to Learn More About this Mighty Little Hall. See You at the Hall!

**Tues. April 2, 7:15-10:15** **Middleton Legion Bingo** Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton.

**Wed. April 3, 10:00am** **NS Walks Annapolis Royal** Wednesdays at 10am. Are you interested in getting some exercise, at your pace, with friendly people, and in picturesque surroundings? Join our Walk Group! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at the Annapolis Royal Farmers' Market parking lot. Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For further information, call (902) 250-0429.

**Wed. April 3, 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. April 3, 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](http://www.novascotia.cmha.ca)

**Wed. April 3, 2:00pm** **Clements Historical Society meeting** at the Clementsport Legion. Author Blain Henshaw will be present to talk about his new book, *Legacy of a Weymouth Woman: A Pioneering Spirit and a Love of Tall Ships*. It is the story of the life and times of Lilian May Doty Henshaw, Blain's mother. Lilian Henshaw was a journalist, homemaker, businesswoman, early feminist, and a strong advocate for education. Blain will be signing and selling his book. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

**Wed. April 3, 3-5:00pm** **Farmers and Crafters Market**, every Wednesday at the Lions Club at 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Local vendors and farmers. New vendors always welcome.

**Wed. April 3, 7:00pm** **Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions**-Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome.

**Wed. April 3, 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](http://www.novascotia.cmha.ca) Questions? Contact Keith Anderson, Provincial Lead - Peer Support and Community Suicide Prevention at [keith.anderson@novascotia.cmha.ca](mailto:keith.anderson@novascotia.cmha.ca)

**Wed. April 3, 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.

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**Sat. April 6, 8-10:00am Lions Big Breakfast.** Pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns, ham, sausages, toast, coffee or tea, juice. And community spirit. Free will offering. All welcome. Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street.

**Sat. April 6, 8:30-11:30am** Annapolis PC Association is having a **Pancake Breakfast** at the Granville Ferry Community Hall. Price \$15. MLA's will be on hand.

**Sat. April 6, 1-3:00pm** Come to an **Easter Bonnet Tea** at All Saints Anglican Church, 521 Pleasant St. Kingston. Admission: \$5.00. Sandwiches, sweets and refreshments will be served. Prizes for the best bonnets and fascinators will be awarded!

**Sun. April 7, 10am-2:00pm Bear River Jumble Sale:** Community Yard Sale, at 1913 Clementsvalle Road, Bear River. Find a wide variety of collectables, antiques, functional, and novelty items. Contact [BearRiverEvents@gmail.com](mailto: BearRiverEvents@gmail.com)

**Wed. April 10, 7-9:00pm Crafting Evening** at Round Hill Hall every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Thur. April 11, 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. April 13, 8-10:00am Community Breakfast.** Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton, is hosting a Community Breakfast where all are welcome! Free will offering. Known as the breakfast that buys local and buys fresh because when you buy the best you serve the best. Reviews: "Best Eggs east of TOFINO", Anon.

**Sat. April 13, 9-11:00am Pancake Breakfast at St. Luke's!** There will be a pancake breakfast in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. We will serve coffee & tea, pancakes, sausages, fruit sauce, real maple syrup and whipped cream. Cost \$12. Children under 12 are \$5 and free for the under 5's. See you there!

**Sat. April 13, 1-3:00pm Book Launch and Signing** with Steve Skafte at Lazy Daisy Café, 222 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. "Light in the Darkhouse" is his latest full-colour coffee table book of photos and prose! Featuring stunning images captured under starlight, moonlight, and even some of the northern lights. Steve is a well-known local artist, with a monthly column in Rural Delivery, regular appearances on TV and radio, and a daily journal he's been sharing online for 16 years. Support the café by grabbing a coffee or snack when you stop by!

**Sat. April 13, 4:00pm Choral Evensong** featuring joint choirs of the St. Luke's Chamber Choir & The Kings' College Chapel Choir. Choral Evensong is the sung evening worship service of the Anglican Church based on the monastic tradition. This service will include choral works by Thomas Tallis. St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal). Free Admission.

**Sat. April 13, 8:00pm JP Cormier,** Canada's legendary multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, producer and teacher makes a return visit to the Evergreen Theatre. Tickets: Adults \$40, Members \$30, Military \$35, Students \$20. Available at [www.evergreentheatre.ca](http://www.evergreentheatre.ca) or 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Rd., Margaretsville.

**Sun. April 14, 4:00pm Classical Second Sundays** at St. Luke's. Come and hear some beautiful music by concert pianist Cindy Thong. Doors will open at 3:30pm, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. Admission by donation, all welcome!



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**Mon. April 15, 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

**Wed. April 17-Fri. April 19, 7:00pm nightly and Sat. April 20 and Sun. April 21, 2:00pm each day** The Theatre at West Kings presents **Anne of Green Gables**. This is the first time Anne has been performed in the Annapolis Valley in over a decade. It is also the 50th anniversary of its first performance. Tickets: Adult \$17, Student \$12. Available at <http://westkings.ednet.ns.ca> or at the door. West Kings District High School, 1941 Hwy 1, Auburn.

**Thur. April 18, 7:00pm Paradise Cemetery Company Annual General Meeting** at the Paradise Heritage Centre (formerly the Paradise School/Jack and Jill Pre-School), 10307 Highway 1, Paradise. Everyone who owns a plot and family of the same are members and are urged to attend if possible. For further questions or information contact Bob Bishop, Secretary-Treasurer at [bobbishop79@gmail.com](mailto:bobbishop79@gmail.com) or 902-825-8046

**Fri. April 19, 7:00pm and Sat. April 20, 2:00pm and 7:00pm** The Digby Area Theatre Society Proudly Presents **Who Killed Henry?**, written by Carol Libman and directed by Verilea Ellis, at the Digby Region High School Community Theatre. Advance Tickets of \$15 Each on sale right now at: Conway Quick Stop (7-11), Digby Convenience, Busy Bees Hair Salon, Weymouth Mercantile, and Bear River Grocery. At the Door: \$17 Each. It's a Murder Mystery with Twists and Turns that you won't want to miss.

**Sat. April 20 Maplefest** at the Milford & Area Community Hall, 5439 Hwy 8, South Milford. Two sittings - 12 noon to 2:00pm and 4 to 6:00pm. Adults \$18. Children under 12, \$9. Take Out Available. Sorry, No Reservations. Menu: Pancakes with Robyn Warren's Local Pure Maple Syrup; Roasted Old-Fashioned (Armstrong's) Bone-in Ham; Homemade Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Rolls, Pickles and Assorted Pies; Beverages - Tea, Coffee or Juice. For details call 902-532-5606. Proceeds for the Milford & Area Community Assn.

**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.

**Sat., April 20 Roast Turkey Dinner** - West Dalhousie Community Hall, 4868 West Dalhousie Road. Roast Turkey with all the fixings along with homemade dessert. \$17 Adult; \$8.50 Youth (5 to 16 yrs); under 5 free. We will be doing 2 settings, one at 4:30 pm and one at 5:45 pm. Takeout available. Please call Julie (902-665-2493) or Cecile (902-665-2197) to reserve your table or takeout order. If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call Julie or Cecile. At door by chance! We will be accepting reservations until April 14th. Proceeds to Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue.



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**Sunday March 31st, 10:00am**  
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- Saturday March 30th, 8pm-Easter Vigil
- Sunday March 31st, 10am-Easter Sunday

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**DISNEY PIXAR'S BRAVE**  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM**



**500 DAYS IN THE WILD**  
 Documentary about Dianne Whelan's six-year journey travelling the Trans Canada Trail.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 PM**



**PERFECT DAYS**  
 In a world of fleeting moments, find the beauty that lasts. A Wim Wenders film  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM**



**ONE LIFE**  
 Based on the true story of humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton who rescued children in WWII  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**



**KUNG FU PANDA 4**  
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 PM**

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**Sat. April 27, 10am-3:00pm Craft Supply De-Stash Sale and Tea** at Paradise Community Hall, 10300 Hwy 1, Paradise. Calling all Crafters! Looking to reduce your surplus craft supplies? Book a very reasonably priced table (\$7.50, \$10, or \$15 depending on size) to sell your extras!

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**Sat. April 27, 1:30pm Arts & Crafts Show** at the Wilmot Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Book a free table no later than April 19 to display your crafts. The public is invited to view the crafts, meet the crafters, & enjoy a fun afternoon of fellowship and refreshments. Call 698-9467 to book a table or for more information.

**Sat. May 18, 6:00pm** Annapolis PC Association is having a **Roast Pork Dinner** at the West Dalhousie Community Hall. Price \$25. Silent Auction, 50/50 and cash bar. There will be a guest speaker and MLAs on hand. Tickets call 902 665-2019 or 902 825-4327.

**An Apology: In last week's Reader we included a Community Calendar listing for an antique show in New Minas that occurred the week before. We are sorry for the confusion and inconvenience this caused and will strive to do better.**

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The **Paradise Heritage Centre is looking for someone** to work for a few hours each month to help with light cleaning tasks, taking our garbage, clearing snow at entrance. Pay would be around \$80.00 each month. If you are interested please contact at [barbarabishop84@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabishop84@gmail.com)

**The Aroma Mocha Café is featuring artwork** from a collective of Bridgetown and area artists. This display of art for sale will be ongoing and new works will be added frequently.

Did you Know? **Comeau Refrigeration**, just outside Bridgetown at 9347 Hwy 1, recently installed **2 level two EV chargers** at the shop that are available to the public at no cost.

The Tupperville School Museum is requesting the donation of a serviceable, **ice cream maker**. Must be hand operated. Reply to [tuppervillemuseum@gmail.com](mailto:tuppervillemuseum@gmail.com) or call 902-719-8566.

**Upper Clements Hall Free**

**CVITP Tax Clinics** Starting Wed. Mar. 6, 2024, every Wed. in March and April from 10am to 2pm at 2951 Hwy #1 Upper Clements, BoS 1A0 (water side). Please call Norma at (902) 526-2515 for info or to book a time. Or e-mail to [upperclementshall@gmail.com](mailto:upperclementshall@gmail.com).

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Thursday April 18th would be Penny's last day, feel free to drop in to wish her well. Do you want to help us with community projects in Annapolis, and get your name entered to win 1 of 2 Moroccan Frizz Free products. We are collecting loose change in jars for the Pool & The lower St. George St. Park until Mother's Day weekend in May.

**Annapolis BIG Easter Hunt-** please do NOT enter the graveyard section of Fort Anne- there WILL NOT be eggs hidden in this area. 0 - 4 yr. olds will have the opportunity to walk to the parade square BEFORE the countdown begins. Bring a small basket or bag for eggs. Bring cash, we are charging \$1 for airbrush tattoos to help secure funds for this type of entertainment to return next year. A Fundraiser BBQ will be on site as well at the Firehall. Please take time to drop off your empty plastic eggs at one of our many marked off totes or at Weasy's Hair Salon (Granville Ferry) Tote box provided outside. This is VERY important to ensure we don't have to spend a big chunk of our budget on.

**Bridgetown-** Hats off to volunteers! Dog Park is a GO! Go to Angela Prive Glass for more details.

**Carson Fullerton Fans-** The Date is Saturday April 13th @ 2 pm. Free Will Donation at the door.

**The First Annapolis Baptist Church** (by the Municipal Bldg. ).

**Crafts supplies Yard Sale-** Sat April 6th 9 - 12 pm. Coldbrook Lions Hall 1416 South Bishop Rd

**Craft Supplies Stash Sale-** - Craft supply/ De-Stash Sale & Tea Sat April 27 10 - 3 pm Paradise Com. Hall #10300 Hwy #1. Bring cash 4 lunch: sandwiches and sweets plate, Tea/ Coffee\* scent free please. Email [paradisevillagequilters@gmail.com](mailto:paradisevillagequilters@gmail.com) Bring Bags.

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**Job- Annapolis HH** is hiring. Delivery person and other positions.

**Job- Middleton Collaborative Practice** is currently accepting applications for an additional Medical Office Administrator. In person at our clinic (464 Main St.) by mail : 1599 Middleton, NS B0S 1P0 or by email to [informpc@nshealth.ca](mailto:informpc@nshealth.ca). Full details are on Annapolis Liberal Association site. Deadline is April 5th/ 2024.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Sat, April 13th St. Luke's Anglican Parish, Annapolis Royal. 9:00 am - 11:00am.

**Perky Loaf -** Easter baking , Call 902-932-9888- They even have Bulgarian Easter Bread \$10 & Ukrainian Easter Bread \$10, Babka \$10, dessert trays, Hot cross buns \$9 (6 pack)

**Purebred Golden Retriever Puppies-** Ready to go May 5th (8 weeks old) \$1250 - includes vet check, health certificate, first vac's, deworming & delivery OR you can pick up on the farm & meet the parents, Sunny & Skye. Text or call Becky (306) 250-9875 or join Windstille Golden Retrievers on Facebook. (Annapolis)Email [rebekah.benoit@gmail.com](mailto:rebekah.benoit@gmail.com)

**Bridgetown Baptist Church  
Easter week Events:**

**March 28<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service at 6 pm**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday Worship Service at 11 am**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>: Silent Saturday**, the sanctuary will be available for silent prayer from 9 am to noon.

**March 31<sup>st</sup>: Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11 am**

**Centrelea United Baptist Church Events:**

**Easter Sunrise Service at 8 am**  
**Easter Breakfast at the Centrelea Hall following the service.**

**Felker Hall Community Center Regular Weekly Activities  
734 Broadway Ave, Cornwallis Park**

**Sunday - Darts 2:00-4:00 pm.** Jim @902-638-3175

**Monday - Keep Fit and Healthy Classes 8:45 - 9:45am**  
Carole @ 902-638-3373

**Line Dancing at 10:00 - 11:00am** Carol @ 902-249-0609

**YOGA - 11:30am - 12:45pm** Sridhara @ 250-228-3848

**Tuesday - Library open 1-3pm.** Jackie @ 902-340-0007

**Zumba 6:30 - 7:30 \$5 per session** Wendy @ 902-532-7736

**Wednesday - Keep Fit and Healthy Classes 8:45-9:45am**

Carole @ 902-638-3373

**Thursday - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 8am** weigh in and 8:30 meeting. Contact Pam @ 902-308-2095

**Cribbage at 1pm** Pete @ 902-376-2007

**Friday - Keep Fit and Healthy Classes 8:45-9:45am**

**Cancelled Good Friday**

**Line Dancing at 10:00-11:00am** **Cancelled Good Friday**

**Chair YOGA - 11:30am - 12:45pm** Sridhara @ 250-228-3848

**Meat Bingo 7pm - doors open at 6pm** Gina @ 902-526-2694

**NO Bingo on March 29<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)**

**Second Saturday of the Month - Breakfast 8-10am \$12 for adults**

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**The Parish of Bridgetown, Anglican Church Service Schedule**

**March 28, 2024**

**Maundy Thursday Service**

with the washing of hands  
11AM: St. James, Bridgetown

**March 29, 2024**

**Good Friday Services**

11:30AM: St. James, Bridgetown  
2:30PM: St. Mary's Belleisle

**March 31, 2024**

**Sunrise Service**

6:50AM: Hebb's Landing

**Easter Sunday Services**

9:30AM: St. Mary's, Belleisle  
11:00AM: St. James, Bridgetown

**Easter Weekend Services**

Bridgetown Community Church - 17 Rink Street

**Good Friday Service (March 29)** - "Images of Easter" + Prayer Stations - 10:00am

**Easter Sunday Breakfast (March 31)** - 9:00am

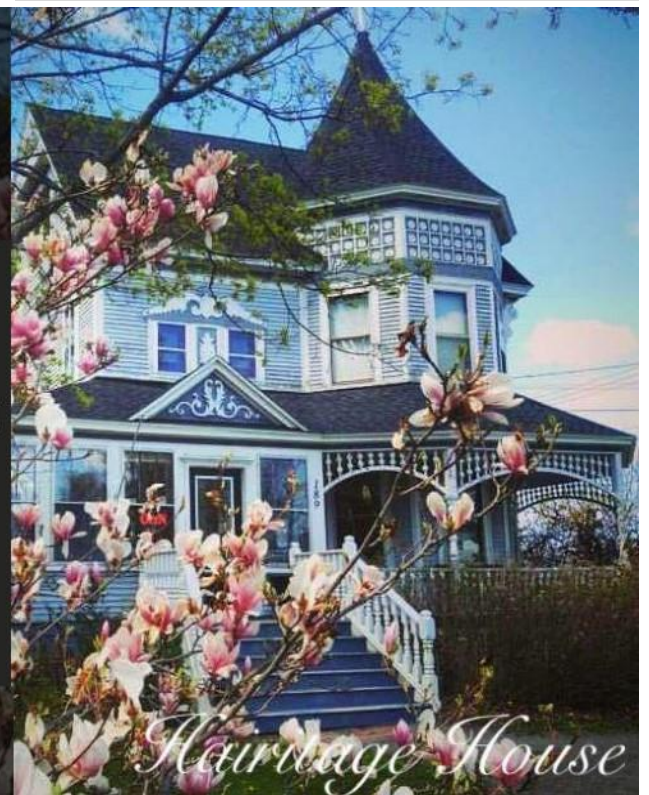
**Easter Sunday Service (March 31)** - 10:30am

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Positions have variable start dates between May 13<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

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**Job Types:** Seasonal, full time; 35 hours weekly  
**Language Required:** English (French is an asset)  
**Fee:** \$15.20 hourly

**Duration:** Various start dates between May 13<sup>th</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Positions run from 8-16 weeks to be completed by Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Locations:** *The O'Dell House Museum*, Archive and Research Centre, 136 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal; *the Sinclair Inn Museum*, 230 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

**Job Description:** The main tasks and responsibilities for the positions include: historic interpretation of permanent exhibition rooms; customer service; care of collections; processing of archival materials; exhibition and event support; and records management.

**No experience necessary.** All training provided. All you require is a positive attitude and a willingness to share what you learn with interested visitors to our museums and archive.

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## Annapolis County Council Highlights

March 19, 2024

### 2024-2025 Budget:

Municipal Council approved the draft 2024-25 operating budget reflecting revenues of \$25,789,443, expenditures of \$25,786,839, and a residual surplus of \$2,603.

Municipal Council approved a 2024-25 operating budget taxation base rate for all residential and resource assessments of 1.025 per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial tax rate of \$1.80 per \$100 of assessment for all commercial assessments.

Municipal Council approved a 2024-25 operating budget taxation area rate for all residential and resource assessments in Bridgetown of 45.31 cents per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial taxation area rate in Bridgetown of 74.13 cents per \$100 of assessment, and a taxation area rate for all properties in Assessment District 12 (Lawrencetown) of the amount to be approved by the Lawrencetown Village Commission.

Municipal Council approved fire hydrant taxation rates for the 2024-25 fiscal year based on \$100 of assessment:

- Margaretsville (District 2) 18.69 cents
- Inglewood (District 3) 18.90 cents
- Granville Ferry (Districts 4 & 5) 17.05 cents
- Carleton Corner (District 7) 15.40 cents
- Church Road (District 3) 14.43 cents
- Middleton (Districts 2 & 10) 19.34 cents
- Cornwallis Park (District 6) 22.82 cents
- Bridgetown (Districts 3 & 7) 30.68 cents

Municipal Council approved a 2024-25 operating budget taxation area rate for all assessment accounts of 3.67 cents per \$100 of assessment, for the provision of streetlights county-wide.

Municipal Council approved fire taxation rates for the 2024-25 fiscal year as follows based on \$100 of assessment:

- Kingston Fire (Districts 1 & 11) amount authorized by Kingston Fire Commission
- Fire Capital (all Districts) 6.11 cents

Municipal Council approved street paving taxation rates for the 2024-25 fiscal year as follows based on \$100 of assessment:

- Chipman/Baxter (District 9) 5.38 cents
- Cameron Drive (District 1) 2.26 cents
- Brookside/Pine Grove (District 1) 5.57 cents
- Bradley Street (District 1) 3.75 cents
- And, that Ward Estates (District 11), be charged a lump sum amount of \$373.65 in lieu of a taxation rate.

Municipal Council approved the due date for taxes of June 30, 2024, and that all rates and taxes remaining outstanding after this date be subject to interest at a rate of 12% per year, compounded monthly.



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Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus  
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- Using basic features and apps
- Compatible add-on devices
- Connecting to the internet
- Safety and social media
- Troubleshooting common issues

Location: CORAH at NSCC Middleton Campus  
**WEDNESDAY April 10 \*10:00am - 11:30am\***  
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### Scam No More, 2024!

Join RCMP Sharon Elliott of the Annapolis County Seniors Safety Program to learn about:

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**WEDNESDAY April 17 \*10:00am - 11:30am\***  
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Municipal Council approved a sewer rate for all publicly connected sewer system customers outside Bridgetown of \$609.28 per year; and a base rate of \$23.98 per quarter and a usage charge of \$2.19 per cubic metre for all publicly connected sewer system customers within Bridgetown.

Municipal Council approved the draft 5-Year Capital Investment Plan reflecting financial investments over 5 years of \$75,557,819, and a 2024-25 capital investment of \$8,857,819.

Municipal Council approved the draft 3-year Water Utility Operating Budgets for Bridgetown and Annapolis County reflecting operating revenues in 2024-25 of \$722,859 for Bridgetown and \$1,055,186 for Annapolis County.

### Derelict Vehicle Collection Program

Municipal Council approved the Derelict Vehicle Collection Program for a three-year term (2024/25 to 2026/27), with an option for the County of Annapolis to extend the program for an additional two years.

### Community Grants:

Upper Clements District Community Hall Association - Municipal Council approved a grant in the amount of \$1,200 to support roof repairs for the hall in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Community Halls and Centres Assistance Program.

Fundy Folk Association - Municipal Council approved a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to help support Evergreen Theatre Stage Lighting Replacement Project in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Small Project Matching Grants.



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**Annapolis County Council Highlights, continued**

**Round Hill and District Recreation Commission** - Municipal Council approved a grant in the amount of \$16,679.87 to support building repairs and upgrades to the Bishop Park recreation facility in accordance with AM 1.4.9 Community Grants, Large Capital Pledge Grants.

**Bridgetown Dog Park** - Municipal Council approved entering into a three-year lease agreement with Bridgetown Dog Park Association for the lease of property behind the ball field (PID #05149505) to allow for the creation of a dog park.

**M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw (New)** - It was approved that Municipal Council give Final Reading to approve the new M8 Marketing Levy Bylaw, in accordance with First Reading given on February 20, 2024.

**Letter to Minister of Justice – Request** - Municipal Council will send a letter to the Nova Scotia Minister of Justice requesting an increase of three RCMP officers assigned directly to the Annapolis County Detachment, effective April 1, 2024.

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- Improve focus and concentration while reducing stress
- Become more attuned to bodily sensations so you can learn from them.

This workshop will be practical and experiential—with a focus on helping you put the tools of mindfulness to work in your life immediately. It will be offered in a highly inclusive environment that considers people of all ages, genders, sexual orientations, abilities, ethnicities, and other identities. Tickets for this event are offered on a sliding scale. If you'd like to pay a reduced price, please use one of the following discount codes: Pay50, Pay40, Pay30, Pay20, Pay10, PayZero. Visit [embodiment.co/classes](http://embodiment.co/classes) or email [info@embodiment.co](mailto:info@embodiment.co) to get more information and register.

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**DIY Comedy Tour**

Thur. April 11, 8:00pm at Annapolis Brewing Company, 302 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, featuring comedians who have been on Canada's Got Talent, The Winnipeg Comedy Festival, The Cottage Country Comedy Festival, The LOL Comedy Festival and several stages across Canada and the US. Pricing: \$25 for a single; \$40 for a pair. Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of or online at [www.diycomedytour.ca](http://www.diycomedytour.ca)

- WARDEN'S WORDS -  
 March 2024



**Passing of Former Warden DeLong** - Our heartfelt condolences goes out to the family of the late Harry DeLong. Harry lived in our county in the community of Springfield. He was a councillor on Annapolis County municipal council in the late 1980s into the 1990s, where he served as Warden from 1991-1993. He was a well-respected and kind gentleman.

• **2024-25 Budget and 5-Year Capital Investment Plan Approved** - Council gave serious and extensive consideration to the budget process, creating a budget that is ambitious and positive in approach, and one that plans for the well-being of our citizens. Our capital plan is positive and aggressive, but not being positive and aggressive would have resulted in our communities falling behind; this approach will encourage community growth. The support and encouragement received from community members has allowed Council the leadership to build quality infrastructure and programs for the most vulnerable, and to support the next generation of community leaders: our youth. Thank you to all members of Council and our municipal staff for their willingness to come together and make sacrifices to achieve today's balanced budget and support significant capital investments to grow Annapolis County in the years ahead. A detailed look into the 2024-25 budget will be shared on our website in the coming weeks and months.

• **Congratulations!!!** - A huge shout-out to our Annapolis County Special Olympics athletes—Jess Cranton, Chloe Stoddart, Tim Prosser, and coaches Jim Spurrell and Cheryl Gaston McMullen — who gave a spectacular performance at the 2024 Special Olympics Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta, this month bringing home 6 of the 27 medals won by the NS team! Jess (a gold and a bronze—figure skating); Chloe (a gold—cross country skiing), and Tim (2 silver and a bronze—cross country skiing). We are so proud you! Congratulations to all the athletes who competed at this momentous event.

• **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** - On March 21st, Council recognized this special day and their belief that equal opportunity and treatment should exist for all people.

• **Purple Day** - Council recognized March 26th as *Purple Day* to bring mindfulness to the global efforts dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness around the world.

• **Bridgetown Dog Park** - Council approved entering into a three-year lease agreement with the Bridgetown Dog Park Association for the lease of property behind the community ball field to allow for the creation of a dog park. An enjoyable project to share with your pup.

• **2024 Annapolis County Community Events Guide** — Keep an eye on your mailbox, the 2024 Annapolis County Community Events Guide should be arriving soon. Make sure to check out all the events and festivities happening in your local community hall and across the county.

• **Leprechauns & Bunnies** - March brought leprechauns and bunnies, so I wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter!

Warm regards,

*Alex Morrison*

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**Mon. April 1, 4-6pm FREE Workshop** for CAF Members & Veterans. starting on Mon, **Life Through a Mask**, a 4-sessions (April 1, 8, 15, & 22), peer-led Mask Sculpting workshop. Explore strengths and resiliency in a confidential, non-clinical setting. Funded by Veterans Affairs Canada. No art experience necessary. Email to register: [lifethroughamask@mail.com](mailto:lifethroughamask@mail.com).

**Tues. April 2, 1:30-2:30pm Health RHYTHMS Community Drum Circle**, free for veterans, military members, and their families. Sponsored by True Patriot Love. Please register by emailing [mindfullymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymore@gmail.com).

**Tues. 2, 9, 16, & 23 April, 4:30-5:30pm** 7Arts offers **Youth Art Lessons YAL**. Sign up for new projects each week. Ages 7-12. \$25/lesson or \$80 for 4 lessons.

**Wed. 3, 10, 17, & 24 April, 3:30-5:00pm Harmony in Motion**. This new program is starting in April. Discover well being through our therapeutic music-making and creative movement program. Designed specifically for older adults, including those with neurodegenerative conditions such as dementia and Parkinson's, our program combines the power of music and movement to enhance physical, emotional, and cognitive health. FREE.

**Wed. 3, 10, 17, & 24 April, 6:30-8:30pm. Calling all female-identifying Fibre Craft Artists** (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, or rug hooking), for ages 25+, Drop by 7Arts for crafting & chat group. Bring your own materials or purchase a kit from us! Suggested donation \$5.

**Sat. April 6, 10am-12pm Foam Weaponry Design**. Embark on an epic journey into the realm of foam weaponry. Pre-registration required by emailing [info@7Arts.ca](mailto:info@7Arts.ca). All ages welcome, however 12 year and under require adult supervision. \$30 per person, all supplies included.

**Sat. 6, 20 April 4-6pm Teens ArtBeat Lounge** for ages 13-18 your ultimate playground for artistic expression! Dive into a world where your creativity knows no bounds. Whether you're into visual arts, music, dance, or poetry, this is your space to shine. Sponsored by the Kingston Lions Club. Drop-in, Pre-registration not required.

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**Thur. April 11, 1-2pm Health RHYTHMS Community Drum Circle** free to seniors! Reserve your seat by emailing [mindfullymore@gmail.com](mailto:mindfullymore@gmail.com).

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**Mon. April 15, 7-9pm Paint Your Own Pet** or any animal while learning watercolour techniques. For ages 16+. Space is limited and pre-registration is required with a photo of your pet or a favourite animal. Registration deadline is April 8th. \$40 per person.

**Thur. April 18, 1-3pm Explore Watercolour Painting**, create an 8x10" guided watercolour painting. \$40 includes all supplies (\$35 if bringing your own supplies).

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Residential Sales	10,333
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Residential Average Price	\$423,804
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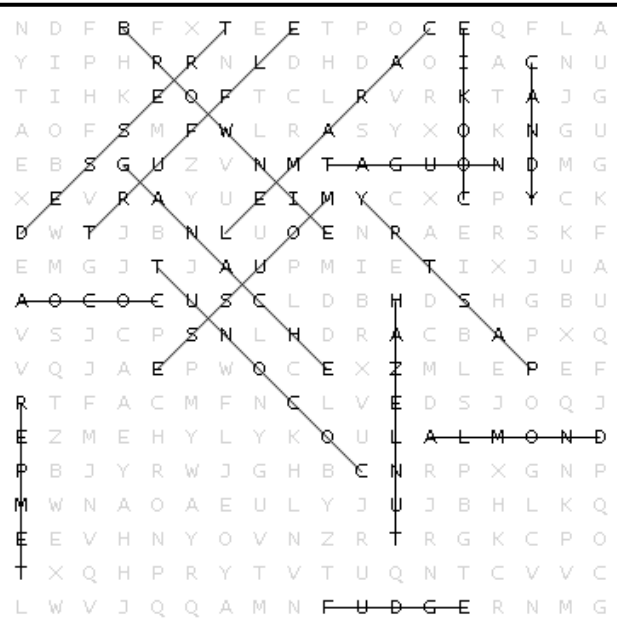
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**Sat. March 30, 10:00am Brave** (free Easter film, animated, PG) Merida (Kelly Macdonald), the impetuous but courageous daughter of Scottish King Fergus (Billy Connolly) and Queen Elinor (Emma Thompson), is a skilled archer who wants to carve out her own path in life. Her defiance of an age-old tradition angers the Highland lords and leads to chaos in the kingdom. Merida seeks help from an eccentric witch (Julie Walters), who grants her an ill-fated wish. Now, Merida must discover the true meaning of courage and undo a beastly curse before it's too late. Free, no advance tickets; general admission at the door.

**Sat. March 30, 7:00pm Kim Doolittle and The Doctors** (live performance) Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller and Recording Artist, Kim Doolittle is bringing her Show "50 Years a Singer" to Kings Theatre. This self proclaimed "Road Scholar" will bring a retrospective of her storied musical journey, starting in The Annapolis Valley in the 70's that has spanned decades Land and Sea. She is influenced by Roots, Blues, Gospel, and Maritime Folk. Interspersed with her Original Music, she will include an Homage to The Great Girl Singers who inspired her from Janis Joplin, Heart, Bonnie Raitt, Patsy Cline, Joni Mitchell, Bette Midler, and Tina Turner to name a few. She has come full circle to her Maritime Roots and is looking forward to sharing her Muse on the boards of Kings with her band "The Doctors". The Doctors: Tom Bona, drums; Donnie Donahue, guitar; Kev Corbett, bass; Alex Constable, sax & flute; John Ebata, keyboard. Tickets: Adults \$30, Youth \$5.

**Wed. April 3, 7:00pm 500 Days in the Wild** (documentary film, PG) Dianne Whelan spends six years travelling the entire length of the Trans Canada trail, across land and water trails from sea to sea. Award-winning director and cinematographer Dianne Whelan is the only person to complete this epic journey of discovery—hiking, biking, paddling, snowshoeing and skiing across the country.

For a woman in her 50s who is not an extreme athlete, it was sometimes gruelling, occasionally harrowing, often exhilarating and always surprising. She started out alone, disillusioned with the state of the world and worried about climate change, to look for different ways of caring for the land and each other. She ended the journey a bit wiser, more hopeful, in love and with a passion to share this story. Tickets: Adults \$10.95, Youth \$6.95.

**Fri. April 5, 7:30pm Epic Eagles: the Definitive Eagles Tribute** (live performance) Featuring the voice of Dean Young – Lead Vocals covering Henley – Drums|Guitar|Percussion ; Dean held this position for almost 2 decades with the Canadian tribute 'Hotel California' – 2003-2018 Performing alongside the incredible vocalist | multi-instrumentalist Mike Alonzo, Lead Vocals covering Glenn Frey|Joe Walsh|Timothy B Schmit|Randy Meisner – Guitars | Bass | Keys, with the amazing Jeff Salem on Drums | Percussion, Dan Bohemier Bass | Keys | Backing Vocals and Frank Koren Guitar | Backing Vocals

Providing a masterful presentation of Eagles classic hits and Don Henley favourites with its rock n' roll game-changing song catalogue, Epic Eagles has earned its place among the top drawing tribute acts in North America and is widely regarded as the finest Eagles tribute show in production today. Tickets: Adults \$45, Youth \$15.

**Sun. April 7, 3:00pm Perfect Days** (film, PG) Hirayama seems utterly content with his simple life as a cleaner of toilets in Tokyo. Outside of his very structured everyday routine he enjoys his passion for music and for books. And he loves trees and takes photos of them. A series of unexpected encounters gradually reveal more of his past. A deeply moving and poetic reflection on finding beauty in the everyday world around us. Directed by Wim Wenders. Tickets: Adults \$10.95, Youth \$6.95.

**Auditions for King's Shorts, Festival of 10 Minute Plays**

The King's Shorts Festival of Ten Minute Plays, is looking for 19 actors/actresses or aspiring actors/actresses (9 females, ages 20 to 70 and 10 males, ages 20 to 65 and 1 extra male or female (no speaking part) age 20 to 50, no roles for children or teenagers, to perform in eight short plays to be staged during the Festival on June 21, 22 and 23, 2024.

Anyone interested in being cast in one of the Shorts is invited to attend auditions at King's Theatre in Annapolis Royal, 6:30pm. Tuesday, April 9 or 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 13.

Please bring a short (less than 5-minute) prepared piece to read. Additional material will also be available to read to the festival directors.

If you are unable to attend and are still interested in participating or want more information, please contact Verilea Ellis 902-245-2309 or [verilea@yahoo.ca](mailto:verilea@yahoo.ca)

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**Barter Based Session: Acrylic Pour Painting: Wed. April 3, 7pm**

at Clarence Hall, 3337 Clarence Road, Clarence. Remember when you were a kid and you played in paint? Express your inner artist with Acrylic Pour Painting with its free flowing style and no formal training required. Bring a willing spirit, and a desire to have fun amid a profusion of Colour and canvas, for you to take home and enjoy as your creation. Join Kim as she guides us through this exciting art form. Once you have your tickets you will receive an email with the items required for the class. Get your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-acrylic-pour-painting-tickets-865478829477?aff=> Our facilitator's preferred items are: Fabric, veggie seeds, house plants, wool, paint supplies(canvas' and paint), old relic musical instruments, fabrics.

**Barter Based Session: Introduction to Felting: Thur. April 11, 6:30pm**

at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence. Come and learn all about needle felting. This is a straightforward craft that beginners can quickly make beautiful items. We will talk about both producing flat or 3D items. If you have any supplies (wool, needle felting needles, mat) a pair of scissors, small with pointed tips ( if possible) bring them along. If you don't, don't worry. You will be supplied with the tools and materials. Tickets can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/.../barter-based-session..> Our facilitator's preferred items are: yarn (prefer cotton or wool), homemade baked goods, homemade bread, or a bag of food for the pantry!

**Barter Based Session: Introduction to Cross Stitch: Wed. April 24, 6:30pm**

at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence. Come and learn about the slow but satisfying art of cross stitch - everything you need to make a little Lighthouse greeting card will be supplied. Tickets available here on April 14th, <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-introduction-to-cross-stitch-tickets-862311586167?aff=> Our facilitator's preferred items are: any baked goods, seeds for the garden, wine, coffee.

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**Mar. 30-Apr. 20 - Broken Windows / John**

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**Mon. Apr. 1, 1-4pm - Monday Life Drawing**

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**Apr. 2-26 - Canopy / Gregory Muskie.** A series of paintings looking through trees to observe their geometry and symmetries. Free admission (donations welcome). ARTSPPLACE Mym Gallery,

**Apr. 2-26 - A Beer Tent for Girls / Ali Nickerson.** Mixed media installation that explores rural living and gentrification, evoking the excitement of discovery, forbidden spaces and secrets, and a playful rebellion against gender roles. Free admission (donations welcome) ARTSPPLACE Chapel Gallery.

**Apr. 13-May. 25 - The B-Sides.** Invited artists create work outside their regular practice, to show their "B-Side": Wayne Boucher, Geoff Butler, Brandt Eisner, Kenn Flett, Jennifer Goddard, Ron Hayes, Deb Kuzyk, Raye Mackie, Ben Mosher, Lorna Mulligan, Sarah Reesor, Monique Silver, Courtney Turner. Free admission (donations welcome) ARTSPPLACE Main Gallery.

**Sat. Apr. 13, 12-2:00pm - Opening Receptions.** You are invited to join us in celebrating the opening of April exhibitions in all four galleries at ARTSPPLACE. Light refreshments. Everyone welcome. Free admission (donations welcome).

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