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Annapolis County Council Approves 2025-26 Operating Budget and 5-Year Capital Investment Plan

Municipal Council's approval of the 2025-2026 operating budget and 5-Year Capital Investment Plan on March 18 means big projects, ambitious goals, and positive community growth.

"Council has given serious and extensive consideration to the budget process," said Warden Diane LeBlanc. "Today, we (Council) have drafted a budget that was prepared and deliberated respecting fiscal responsibility, managing partnership expectation, and investing in the future of Annapolis County 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. Bridgetown's community rates will see a decrease this year to 34.07 cents for residential and resource per \$100 of assessment, and 55.81 cents for commercial per \$100 of assessment.

The operating budget includes increased investment in public safety, including an additional two RCMP officers, shared 25% with the Town of Middleton, and further investment in fire services. Also, increased investment in public education, public engagement, and economic development.

The sewer system user rates have increased slightly to accommodate the escalating cost associated with the operations and repairs of the aging sewer system infrastructure. This translates to an increase of 1.5% for County residents and an increase to the quarterly base rate for Bridgetown residents of 1.5%. The Bridgetown variable rate will increase \$0.61 per cubic meter.

The 5-Year Capital Investment Plan focuses on critical municipal infrastructure upgrades from road rehabilitation to investing in water and sewer infrastructure. A few larger, critical projects include an upgrade to the Bridgetown sewage lagoon and exploring design work for the Granville Street project, which will eventually include replacement of the underground infrastructure and a new road. Also, this includes upgrades to the Hollow Mountain Road Park, as well as the tennis court fencing in Bridgetown.

This year's budget, 2025-26, marks the start of public engagement surrounding the multi-purpose recreation facility to ensure the sustainable recreation facilities in the future and support future growth and development.

"The capital plan is forceful but falls in line with positive community growth," said LeBlanc. "Council has done their best to create a budget that reflects a balance of managing development, while limiting financial impacts on our communities."

A detailed look at the 2025-26 budget is available on the County website (AnnapolisCounty.ca)

Calling all Former Members and Families of the

Clarence 4-H Club!

This year marks 100 years of 4-H in Clarence! Our club is the largest in Annapolis County, with a growing group of enthusiastic young members.

To honour this special anniversary, our 100-year committee is looking for copies of any old photos, memorabilia, or stories that you would like to share. Some possible topics for anecdotes might be:

- What 4-H meant to me
- A special 4-H memory
- Copies of old speech/demonstration notes

- Any exchange, trip, or scholarship opportunities you received
Our Achievement Day and Open House will be July 10th at the Exhibition Grounds, and we want to have a special display ready by then. We'd like to have any submissions by the end of June.

Please share this with any former Clarence 4-Hers and help us celebrate a very special milestone for our club and our community (and our country ... couldn't resist 😊).

All stories or pictures can be shared to ashleyrcharlton@gmail.com. Please include "Clarence 4-H" in the subject line.

The Middleton Sports Heritage Wall of Fame

is asking for nominations for this year's 2025 Inductions, to take place this September. If you know a deserving individual or team that you want to nominate, please go to our website and download the nomination form. If this isn't possible, call Jan Davis at 902-825-4949. Deadline for nominations is April 30/25.

Learn How to Save Lives! **First Aid Training** at the Centrelea Community Hall, Sun. April 6th from 9am-5pm (bring a lunch) \$100 per person. To Register call or text: 902-809-7447

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Changes to Spring Clean Up

Spring pick up has changed this year -it can be at ANY TIME during the week in which your truck is normally scheduled to come. In Annapolis County, pick-up will happen once during your collection week except for the Town of Middleton. Pick-up will not necessarily be on your regularly scheduled waste collection day. Please have your items curbside on the following dates is your regular collection is:

Week 1-Sunday April 6

Week 2- Sunday April 13.

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The Clarence Community Club will be hosting this year's first **Pork Supper** on April 26th from 4:30 to 7pm at The Clarence Church 2659 Clarence Road. If you live on Clarence and would be able to donate a dessert, please let Nicole know at 902-996-0006. All proceeds for building maintenance of the heritage properties.

The Bridgetown Reader is published weekly on Friday by TAR Publishing. The deadline for submissions to our next issue is noon Monday March 31.

Community Calendar

Fri. March 28, 9:30-11:30am Family Matters (the Annapolis County Resource Center) in conjunction with Dawn Scott is offering a free, confidential, adult **Mental Wellness Peer Support Group** each Friday morning at Family Matters (10 Middle Road, Lawrencetown). Childcare will be available. Please contact dawnscott61@gmail.com or jencfamilymatters@gmail.com for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Fri. March 28, 10:00am **Weekly Tai Chi** classes at the Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. Bring indoor slippers or shoes. Drop ins welcome. Good for balance, posture and relieving stress. Instructor Jamie Edwards of Empty Hand Martial Arts. \$75 for 10 week pass that does not expire. More info @ 902-448-2483 *

Fri. March 28, 10-11:30am **Community Coffee** @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and bring a snack to share if you are able. Meet a neighbour, make a new friend. Everyone is welcome. \$2/person donation for the Hall.

Fri. March 28, 11:30am-12:30pm **St. James Anglican Church Lenten Chowder.** Delivery and take out available. Pick up will be at 11:30-12:30 at the church hall. Cost will be \$12 and will include chowder, roll and dessert. Call Hilda Connell at 902-665-4627 to pre order or call Friday morning at the church hall at 902-664-4734

Fri. March 28, 6-7:00pm **Yoga with Esme Endres** every Friday night from 6-7 at Brickton Community Hall, 12062 Hwy 1.

Fri. March 28, 7:00pm **Jam Session** every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

Sat. March 29, 9am-12pm **Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Winter Market** at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street. Indoors weekly 'til Spring.

Sat. March 29, 9am-2:00pm **MacDonald Museum Ticket Auction** All new items. 50/50 Draw tickets, \$1. Grand Prize tickets, \$2. Canteen available. Wheelchair accessible. Draws start at 2pm sharp. Storm date April 5. Info at 902-825-6161.

Sat. March 29, 10am-2:00pm **Bear River Jumble Sale** at the Oakdene Community Centre, 1913 Clementsvale Rd. The Bear River Community Volunteers invite you to take part in the 2nd Annual Bear River Jumble Sale - a lively market-style yard sale where vendors and community members come together to buy, sell, and trade a mix of second-hand goods,

treasures, and household items. Want to be a vendor? Email bearriverevents@gmail.com to register!

Sat. March 29, 12:30pm **T & D Kitchen Jam Saturdays**, 1407 Inglisville Road, Lawrencetown at the Community Hall. All are welcome! Doors open 12:30, music from 1:30-4:30. \$2 for entry. Snacks, tea /coffee are included in the price. *

Sat. March 29, 1:30pm Join us at the Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road, Wilmot, for a two-act play called "**The Case of the Missing Easter Bunny**". There will be no parade or Easter Egg hunt, unless she is found soon. There are prizes for the top two winners who solve the mystery. There will be refreshments served during the intermission. Call 902-698-9467 for more information.

Sat. March 29, 7-9:00pm **Music Show with Bob Forrester & Friends** at the Three Rivers Community Centre. Join us for a night of music and socializing with friends! Bob Forrester and his crew put on a great show, plus we will have a 50/50 draw, and the canteen will be open! \$5 at the door. At 41 Messenger Road, Torbrook Mines.

Sat. March 29, 8:00pm **Rachel Davis and Darren McMullen** at Evergreen Theatre. A virtuoso on the fiddle, Rachel Davis and multi-instrumentalist Darren McMullen are well-established and respected in the world of traditional music, each attracting attention with their own recordings and headlining stages across Canada, the U.S, the U.K., Belgium, and Australia. They have collected a mantle of awards and accolades including the 2020 Canadian Folk Music Award for Traditional Singer of the Year (Rachel Davis), multiple East Coast Music Awards, and a JUNO Award nomination for their critically acclaimed albums. Tickets: Adults \$35, Members \$25, Military \$30, Students \$20; available at www.evergreentheatre.ca or call 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, Margaretsville.

Sun. March 30, 11:00 am **Worship Service.** Celebrate God's presence with us at St. George & St. Andrew United Church, 393 St. George St. Annapolis Royal 902-532-7954. Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds. *

Sun. March 30, 11:00am **Bridgetown Baptist** continues to worship joyfully at the Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffery St. Also, at 11am: **Kids!** come join our weekly **Big Adventures** (ages 4-11). 902-665-2506 bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

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Sun. March 30, 12-2:30pm Lunch & Learn @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Immerse yourself in the history of our region while you Lunch & Learn with Mapannapolis. Over 13 years, along with many partners and organizations, Heather LeBlanc has been uncovering and preserving Annapolis' history, culture and heritage! Heather will share what they have discovered and learned of the County and areas right in our back yard. Do you have a local artifact or memories that you would like to talk about? Please bring it along for 'Show n' Tell'. Be a part of our history while we continue Mapping our stories and discovering ourselves. To register email LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com. We will be serving several types of soup accompanied by bread and salad along with coffee and tea. Donations will gladly be accepted for this event.

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Notice of Approval Bylaw 5 Civic Address

TAKE NOTICE that at the regular session of Municipal Council on March 18, 2025, Council passed final reading to approve *Bylaw 5 Civic Address*. The bylaw requires owners or occupiers of property to post their correct civic number prominently on their properties.

The new bylaw repeals:

- S10 Civic Address Bylaw*, adopted by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis on the 21st day of April, 2015.
- Town of Bridgetown Civic Address Bylaw*, adopted by the Town of Bridgetown on 31st day of August, 2009.

This bylaw becomes effective as of the date of advertisement.

The bylaw is available on the bylaws page of the website, by requesting by [email \(dcampbell@annapoliscounty.ca\)](mailto:dcampbell@annapoliscounty.ca) or at the Administration Building located at 752 St. George St., Annapolis Royal, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Chris McNeill, CAO

Community of Clarence

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Sun. March 30, 2:30-4:30pm The Grace Café presents **Corbett & Thurber** for an afternoon of music and refreshments, at Grace United church, 15 Prince William Street, Digby. Free will offering to support the Benevolent Fund and St. Patrick's Church weekly soup kitchen.

Sun. March 30, 7-9:00pm Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. March 31, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (1-5 mile options). \$2 Donation Suggested.

Mon. March. 31, 1-4:00pm Life Drawing. Quiet, fun, non-teaching environment. Bring your own materials (no oils or solvents). Easels, tables, chairs, water available for use. \$20/session or \$90 for 5 (10% discount). Spring 2025 dates: Mar. 17-Apr. 14, contact: applecart61@aim.com. Upstairs at ARTSPLACE, 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal / www.arcac.ca

Mon. March 31, 7:00pm The King's Theatre Society hosts its **Annual General Meeting** at King's Theatre. The agenda will include reports on the 2024 year, the audited financial statements, and the election of the Board of Directors. Donor-Members in good standing are welcome to vote, as well as to put their name forward to serve on the Board of Directors. A Donation of \$25 or more constitute Membership and is eligible for a tax receipt.

Mon. March 31, 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

Mon. March 31, 7:00pm Wilmot Scottish Country Dance classes at the Wilmot Community Centre. No experience required, fun and exercise for all, no partner required just a come and have fun. \$10 per night.

Mon. March 31, 7:30pm Granville Centre Community Hall Association will host a general meeting at the Granville Centre Hall. All community members welcome.

Tues. April 1, 9:00am Yoga for All Ages and Levels every Tuesday at Clarence Community Hall, 3337 Clarence Road. 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. April 1, 12:30-1:30pm Senior Fitness Classes at Bridgetown Legion on Tuesdays 12:30-1:30. Certified instructor. Stretching, balance, strength, cardio, etc. Work to your own comfort and ability level. Please bring a band and hand weights if you have them. Come for fun while getting active! Change of footwear is required. \$4 per class. Questions? Phone 902-665-4726 or 902-665-4308.

Tues. April 1, 1:00pm Senior Card Games, every Tuesday at NSCC Middleton campus. *

Tues. April 1, 1:30-4pm Jam Session at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church, every 2nd Tuesday. Doors open at 1:00. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall. Next Jam April 15.

Tues. April 1, 2:30-3:30pm Chair Yoga at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery St. Gentle Yoga each Tuesday. All welcome. *

Tues. April 1, 7:00pm The Bridgetown Area Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at St. James Anglican Church Hall, corner of Granville and Church St., Bridgetown. Ever wonder about the story behind our iconic BAGC red canoe? There's a tale to be told...Then, get creative and have fun with containers in the garden! Guided by presenter, Nicola McCarty, explore ideas and inspiration, things to consider, pros and cons of different plants and containers, and how to prep and maintain your beautiful 'scrappy' containers. Just in time for spring planting! Dates to note: April 5: Butterfly Garden Cleanup; April 29: NSAGC Photo Contest Deadline. New members welcome!

Tues. April 1, 7:15-10:15pm Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton.

Wed. April 2, 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 2, 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 2 Lenten Bible Study at St. Luke's in the Rosette Room, "The Road to Damascus" is a bible study looking at the transformation of Saul of Tarsus into St. Paul. Held immediately after the Wednesday morning 10am Eucharist (beginning at approximately 10:30am). Leader - Rev. Julia Ford. No registration needed. Use the Office Entrance on 65 Victoria St, Annapolis Royal.

Wed. April 2, 2:00pm The Clements Historical Society will be holding its regular monthly meeting at the Royal Canadian Legion, Hwy #1, in the Upper Hall. Brian McConnell will be giving a talk on "The 1781 American Raid on Annapolis Royal". This will include information on the background, the event and its aftermath. As well, further details about those who guarded Annapolis Royal and the County. This is sure to be of particular interest to everyone who is following current political events between the United States and Canada. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Wed. April 2, 7-8:30pm Your Community Needs You! **Centrelea Community Hall's Annual General Meeting** takes place at the Centrelea Hall (3495 Hwy 201). Everyone Welcome.

Wed. April 2, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions- Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. April 2, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed. April 2, and Fri. April 4, 7:30pm Bridgetown Pickleball Wednesdays and Fridays at BRCS. Newcomers welcome; come when you can. Some equipment available if you want to give it a try. \$2 drop-in fee. Change of footwear required. North entrance to the gym. Questions? Phone 902-665-4308 or 902-665-4353. *

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Introduction to AI
March 26th 6 - 7:30 pm

Lunch & Learn w/ Mapannapolis
March 30th 12-2:30 pm

Community Coffee
Every Friday ~ 10-11:30 am

Indoor Fitness Walking
Every Mon/Thur ~ 10-11 am

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2nd & 4th Mondays ~ 7-9 pm

Book Club
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Wed. April 2, 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. April 3, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (1-5 mile options). \$2 Donation Suggested.

Thur. April 3, 12-4:00pm Greenwood Mall Farmers Market. Every Thursday. Our mission is to promote healthy living by eating, drinking and shopping local! Greenwood Mall.

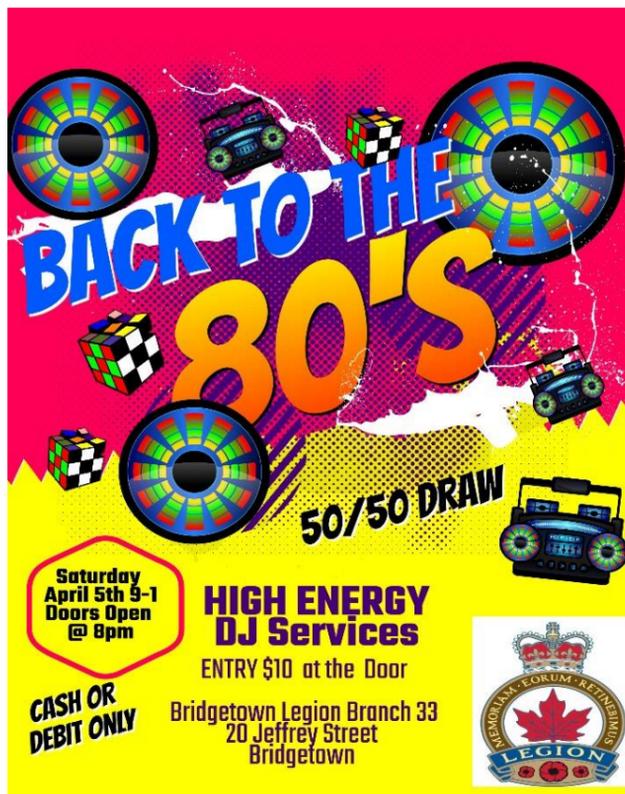
Thur. April 3, 2:15-4:15pm Caregiver Support Group meets at the Kingston Library, 671 Main St. Do you give unpaid care to a parent, spouse, child, friend, or relative due to frailty, advanced age, chronic illness, mental illness, or disability? You are not alone! The NS Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. It is facilitated by trained staff members who offer a confidential, friendly atmosphere for you to discuss your experiences and receive helpful information in a supportive environment. For more information and to register, call Jennine Wilson, 1-877-488-7390 (toll-free).



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**Fri. April 4, 11:30am-12:30pm St. James
Anglican Church Lenten Chowder.**

Delivery and take out available. Pick up will be at 11:30-12:30 at the church hall. Cost will be \$12 and will include chowder, roll and dessert. Call Hilda Connell at 902-665-4627 to pre order or call Friday morning at the church hall at 902-664-4734

**Sat. April 5, 8-10:00am Bridgetown Lions
Big Breakfast.**

Pancakes, eggs, ham and or sausage, hashbrowns, toast, tea or coffee, juice and Community Spirit accompanied by the sale of tickets on The Big Red Tricycle. Value \$700. \$5 per ticket. Draw will be 9:30 on May 3rd at May's Big Breakfast. Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street.

**Sat. April 5, 10am-4:00pm Barter Based
Session: Basic Rug Hooking,**

an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at North Mountain Meeting Hall 2659 Clarence Rd. Enjoy a fun introductory traditional rug hooking class with Monica. 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 do not have these, they will be available for the session to borrow. 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. Please bring a bag lunch. No microwave but there is an oven.

Tickets here:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-beginner-rug-hooking-tickets-1298650902809> If this is your first time attending a barter-based 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.

Our facilitator's preferred items are homemade cookies or brownies, raw bees wax, 100% wool yarn, sour dough bread, unscented candles, apple cider, or apple cider vinegar.

Sat. April 5, 1-4:00pm Spring is upon us, and it's time to refresh your wardrobe! Join us for a fun and sustainable **Clothing Swap** at Hampton Community Hall, 8319 St. Croix Cove Rd. It's the perfect way to recycle, meet new people, and score some fabulous finds. Bring: Gently used clothing, Shoes, accessories, or jewelry, Good vibes! Expect: A laid-back, eco-friendly event, chance to refresh your wardrobe without the shopping guilt, a community of like-minded fashion lovers!

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**Sat. April 5, 7:30-10pm
Square Dance** at the Oakdene Centre. 1913 Clementsvalle Road, Bear River. Music In Communities is delighted to host this final of three community square dances with the fantastic Rabbit Square Dance band, with caller Zakary Miller. From the foothills and heights of the Eastern North Mountain range in Nova Scotia's Annapolis valley comes the Rabbit Square Dance Band. Banjo, standup bass, guitar and fiddle accompany Zak Miller holding it down as your inimitable caller for the evening. All Ages & Kid Friendly. Beginner Friendly, No Partner Necessary. Pricing: Sliding scale \$15 - \$20 / families \$20. Tickets and info at <https://musicincommunities.com/>

**Sat. April 5, 9pm-1:00am
Back to the 80's Dance** at the Bridgetown Legion. Music by High Energy DJ Services, 50/50 Draw. \$10 at the door. Doors open at 8pm.

**Sun. April 6, 8-10:00am
Port George Monthly
Breakfast**, first Sunday of the month, April to December, Port George Recreation Centre. Bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes, homemade baked beans, homemade hashbrowns, toast, tea, coffee and OJ. Adult \$ 13, Children 12-5 \$6.

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Sun. April 6, 9am-2:00pm We would like to invite everyone to the new **Spring Craft Sale** at the Moschelle Community Hall. It will be free admission, and we have a lot of new vendors for this event. 718 Hwy 201.

Sun. April 6, 1-3:00pm Ink, Paper, Possibility: an Introduction to Linocut, April 6, 13, 20 and 27 with Basma Kavanagh at Elephant Grass Printmakers, 240 St. George Street, 2nd floor, Annapolis Royal. Suitable for beginners and those with some printmaking experience. In 4 weeks, you will learn the basics—and move beyond them—as we explore the possibilities of linocut, a versatile and accessible relief printmaking medium. \$140 (members) \$165 (non-members) Suitable for 18yrs. and up. Register by contacting elephantgrassprint@gmail.com Follow us @egpcprintmakers or on Elephant Grass Printmakers Society FB page. Website: elphantgrassprint.ca

Mon. April 7, 6-8:00pm Free Public Service Employees Pickleball Open House at the Annapolis Royal Community Hub Gym, 578 St. George Street. Ages 18+. Indoor only sneakers required, please. More info arpballclub@gmail.com

Tues. April 8, 1:00pm Please join the Bridgetown and Area Friends of the Library for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** in the DeVenney Room at the Bridgetown Library. The Friends are a group of volunteers dedicated to raising funds to enhance the programs and services available at our library. The AGM is your chance to learn about our past year's achievements, meet the friendly faces behind the Friends group, and discover how you can make a difference. Everyone is welcome!

Tues. April 8, 3-5:00pm Book Launch at The Mad Hatter Bookstore. Annapolis Royal. Paul Rapsey's fourth mystery novel, **Deadly Sea Weed**, has now been released. Like his first three novels, the story takes place in sleepy, small-town Nova Scotia. It is as much about the delightful characters in it as it is about the mystery that slowly unfolds. Although the tale involves some serious issues, it is written in the author's easy conversational style and in a lighthearted manner. One can feel his love of Nova Scotia and its people. Paul will do readings from the book. Come and listen to this wonderful storyteller and enjoy a glass of wine while you are there.

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Thur. April 10, 7-8:30pm Community Meeting- Your Voice Matters The Annapolis County Housing Association is a non-partisan, registered non-profit organization. The volunteer board has been working with government, developers and other housing groups to explore how to increase affordable, accessible & sustainable housing in Annapolis County. We need your input to ensure that future housing developments meet the needs of people living & working in our communities. Nictaux Fire Hall, 9349 Hwy 10.

Thur. April 10, 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

Thur. April 10, 7:30pm Moschelle Community Hall – **Weekly card night** Thursdays at 7pm, starting on April 10. All proceeds will go to maintenance of the hall.

Fri. April 11, 7:30pm CONDUIT Chamber Choir Presents: Songs From Home, a Choral Concerts Celebrating Canadian Composers and Arrangers at Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main Street, Wolfville. Tickets \$20 at the door. Youth 16 and under FREE. Featuring works by: Imant Raminsh, Stephen Smith, Kathleen Allan, Stephen Hatfield, Katharine Petkovski, Eleanor Daley, Jane Siberry, Jenny Trites, Jennie Del Motte, Allan Bevan, Sarah Quartel, Gordon Lightfoot, Marie-Claire Saindon and Tracy Wong. Please visit facebook.com/ConduitChoir or email info@conduitchoir.ca for more information.

Sat. April 12, 8:30am-2:00pm Spring Yard Sale at the Tupperville Community Hall, 2586 Highway 201. Multi-vendors with wide variety of items including vintage, old and new. Some space still available call 902-452-3143

Sat. April 12, 10-11:30am Community Meeting- Your Voice Matters The Annapolis County Housing Association is a non-partisan, registered non-profit organization. The volunteer board has been working with government, developers and other housing groups to explore how to increase affordable, accessible & sustainable housing in Annapolis County. We need your input to ensure that future housing developments meet the needs of people living & working in our communities. Wilmot Community Centre, 13972 Highway 1.

Sat. April 12, 2-3:30pm An Afternoon with Friends speaker Series presents **20th Century Icons**, with speaker Paul Kellogg. Paul will host a conversation about Canadian, American and British 20th Century Icons. Free, in the Dugua Room at the community Hub, 143 Ritchie Street. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Sat. April 12, 4:00pm CONDUIT Chamber Choir Presents: Songs From Home, at Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville. A Choral Concert Celebrating Canadian Composers and Arrangers. Please visit facebook.com/ConduitChoir or email info@conduitchoir.ca for more information.

Sat. April 12, 7-9:00pm Zakary Miller Concert at the MacDonald Museum. Zakary Miller is from just up the road. He has searched all over Canada for the feeling of home and good music. Celebrating a century of serious artists who didn't take themselves too seriously, Zakary Miller digs through our musical history to find the funny and forgotten songs, giving them new life. Join us when we welcome Zakary to the Macdonald Museum for an evening of great music. Cash bar available. Tickets: \$20. Macdonald Museum, 21 School St, Middleton. 902-825-6116 Doors open at 6pm. www.macdonaldmuseum.ca

Sun. April 13, 11am-2:00pm West Dalhousie Community Market at the West Dalhousie Hall. The first market of the Spring. Menu includes our version of a Philly Cheese Steak Wrap, and Hot Dogs. Drinks, Tea and Coffee will also be available. Bring the kids and spend some time flying kites and blowing bubbles in the yard! (Some kites and bubbles will be available for use). Tables are \$5.

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ABOUT SOOF MEMBERSHIPS

- Individual memberships only - one vote per membership, no family or groups
- Must be renewed annually (by March 31) to maintain Active Status as a member
- Pay What You Can Suggested pricing \$20/member or \$10 for students and seniors
- Check our Get Involved page on the website for more information or scan the code!

Sun. April 13, 4:00pm Classical Concerts at St. Luke's: We welcome cellist Cindy Thong & pianist Paul Pulford for our April concert! They will be performing cello-sonata masterpieces by Beethoven & Brahms. Full concert with intermission. St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal) Doors open at 3:30pm. Tickets are \$20, however youth are free and there is a pay-what-you-can option. Please go to our website www.stlukesconcerts.com if you wish to purchase in advance using debit/credit, otherwise cash is gratefully accepted at the door.

Sun. April 13, 8:00pm Ventanas at Evergreen Theatre. Tamar Ilana & Ventanas is a Toronto-based band that performs original and traditional material in over 20 languages, weaving in and out of fiery Flamenco dance and music, Greek, Turkish and Sephardic love songs, upbeat Bulgarian dance tunes, and lyrical original melodies while leading captive audiences through windows into other lands, times and cultures. Tickets: Adults \$40, Members \$30, Military \$35, Students \$20; available at www.evergreentheatre.ca or call 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Road, Margaretsville.



Employment Opportunity

GIS & Civic Addressing Technician

Permanent Full-time – Pay Level 4 (\$60,754- \$76,466)

The County of Annapolis is currently seeking a GIS & Civic Addressing Technician to join our Planning and Inspection Services team! This is an opportunity to work amongst the breathtaking natural beauty of the Bay of Fundy shoreline and the lush Annapolis River, where you will be captivated by coastal communities, towns, villages, historic properties and stunning parks that are the pride of our county. Annapolis County is an ideal location to live, work and play.

GIS & Civic Addressing Technician shall be responsible for the Municipality's civic addressing system, initiating all road naming processes, maintaining the Municipality's Geographic Information System (GIS) databases and GIS mapping, provides Geographic Information System (GIS) support and assistance, working on special projects that require specialized maps or data, assists with the printing of large scale maps, facilitates the Municipality's Road Naming and Community Boundary Adjustment Policy, reviews requests for new road name changes, prepares forms, applications, and brochures concerning civic numbering and the civic number address system, completes fieldwork to locate and GPS's certain properties, buildings, structures, roadways, and assets, collaborates with other departments to maintain an asset management plan, creates and maintains a GIS disaster management plan, supports Annapolis County Regional Emergency Management Organization, assists municipal partner agencies, prepares graphics, maps, drawings, designs, or other schematic layouts, prepares reports and presentations, and carries out other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications:
Candidates for this position must possess as a minimum, a degree or advanced diploma in Geographic Information Systems, engineering technology, or similar educational program, or a combination of these educational requirements and lived experiences that meet requirements. Additionally, the candidate must have a minimum of two (2) years' experience working in a GIS environment involving both office computer and field work environments.

A complete Job description can be found on our website: www.AnnapolisCounty.ca
This employment competition will close on April 6, 2025

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Employment Opportunity

Development Officer

Permanent Full-time – Pay Level 4 (\$60,753 - \$76,466)

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Development Officer shall be responsible for assisting Manager of Planning with reviewing and processing development permit applications, reviews assigned subdivision applications, receives and follows-up on public questions and concerns, conducts research and completes reports, reviews zoning conformation letter requests, carries out field inspections with Land Use Bylaw compliance, assists with Planning Area Advisory Committee meetings, prepares information brochures, infographics, and other educational products, and responds to telephone calls, emails, letters, faxes, and other communications. This job description is a general outline of duties and responsibilities and is not meant to limit the employee's initiative to expand or increase their work output subject to approval by their supervisor.

Qualifications:
Candidates for this position must possess as a minimum, an undergraduate degree in land use planning, or related field. Candidates must be eligible for membership in the Nova Scotia Municipal Development Officers Association. A working knowledge of map reading and GIS software is considered an asset. Additionally, the candidate must have a minimum of two (2) years' experience working in a municipal or provincial planning setting where the focus has been on interpreting planning rules and regulations and provincial legislation, with preference given to those whose experience is directly or indirectly working with a municipal government organization, or a combination of formal experience and lived experiences.

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Thur. April 17, 7-8:30pm Community Meeting- Your Voice Matters The Annapolis County Housing Association is a non-partisan, registered non-profit organization. The volunteer board has been working with government, developers and other housing groups to explore how to increase affordable, accessible & sustainable housing in Annapolis County. We need your input to ensure that future housing developments meet the needs of people living & working in our communities.
Middleton Fire Hall, 49 Church Street.

Mon. April 21, 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

Tues. April 22, 6:00pm AGM at Upper Clements Hall, 2951 Highway #1, Upper Clements. Everyone is welcome.

Tues. April 22, 6:30-8:30pm Tree Swallow Nesting Box Workshop with Larry Powell at the Centrelea Community Hall (3495 Hwy 201). Creating habitat or building nest boxes for Tree Swallows benefits all who want to experience these beautiful beings and naturally reduces the number of insect pests on their property. Larry will guide us through building our own tree swallow nest boxes and enlighten us with his knowledge and passion for these aerial acrobats. All materials supplied. \$35 per box/person to cover supplies. Limited Spaces. To register please contact Rhonda at: centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com or call 902-665-5113.

Community Events, News, Business Notes, Rentals, and Bulletin Board items are all FREE.

Sat. April 19, 9am-1:00pm Join us at the Annapolis Royal Legion for our **Easter Craft & Collectables Sale**. We will have all sorts of vendors, selling an assortment of art, crafts, jewelry, baked goods, chocolate, knitted items and lots of collectables, with so much more! Lunch will be available at the canteen. To reserve a table, please email annapolisroyalleion@hotmail.com or call the Legion bar at 902-532-5196. 66 Victoria Street.

Sat. April 19 Centrelea Community Hall and Save Our Old Forests Presents: **An Earth Day Celebration - Healthy Planet, Healthy Communities!** at Centrelea Hall (3495 Hwy 201).
Schedule of Events:
9:30 - 11:30 Nature Hike at Corbett Lake with Donna Crossland (pre-register at: centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com)
12:00 - 1:30pm LUNCH! Free Delicious Save our Old Forests' Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 Explore and Discover with Citizen Science
1:30 - 4:00 Family/Kids Earth Day Crafts and Games, Tree Planting, Story time, Raffle, Refreshments and more!
For more information go to the Centrelea Community Hall Facebook page or email: centreleacommunityhall@gmail.com

Mon. April 14, 11:30am National Association of Federal Retirees, Western NS Branch Member's Meeting, at the Deep Brook Waldec Lions Hall 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner and all the trimmings at a cost of \$12. Bring along a potential member (Federal Retiree) and have your name entered in a draw. This is our Annual Members Meeting and there will be a presentation of the 2024 Financial Statement and an election for President and Treasurer. If you wish to attend please email NAFR75@gmail.com (emails preferred) or call Carolyn/Bill at (902) 765-8590 no later than April 7, 2025.

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Employment Opportunity

Seasonal Labourer – Temporary Full-time

\$18.18/hour

The County of Annapolis Municipal Operations department is currently seeking three Seasonal Labourers to join our Public Works team. This is an opportunity to work amongst the breathtaking natural beauty of the Bay of Fundy shoreline and the lush Annapolis River, where you will be captivated by coastal communities, towns, villages, historic properties and stunning parks that are the pride of our County. Annapolis County is an ideal location to live, work and play.

Seasonal Labourer shall be responsible for mowing and weed whipping grass, landscaping and watering of municipal parks and gardens, conducting basic maintenance on tools and equipment, keeping parks and trails free of debris and vegetation, disposing of garbage and recycling, transporting materials for parks and trails upgrades, maintaining signs, benches, picnic tables and structures, and carrying out other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications:
Candidates for this position must have a minimum of grade 12 education, first aid/ CPR and a valid Class 5 Nova Scotia Driver's License and 2 years of general labourer experience. Previous experience in a municipal government setting would be considered an asset. The employee must have good communication, problem solving, decision making, critical thinking, job task planning and organization skills. Employees must have basic computer literacy skills, be able to lift 23 kilograms and be willing to obtain a variety of training certifications related to the position. The employee must be comfortable working outside in various weather conditions.

For a complete job description please visit our website: www.AnnapolisCounty.ca
Deadline for submissions: 4:00PM on April 6, 2025

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Employment Opportunity

Raven Haven Park Attendant –

Seasonal Full-Time \$18.18/hour

The County of Annapolis Municipal Operations department is currently seeking Two Park Attendants to join our team at Raven Haven Beachside Family Park. This is an opportunity to work amongst the breathtaking natural beauty of the Bay of Fundy shoreline and the lush Annapolis River, where you will be captivated by coastal communities, towns, villages, historic properties and stunning parks that are the pride of our County. Annapolis County is an ideal location to live, work and play.

Raven Haven Park Attendant shall be responsible for, carrying out daily site inspections, cleaning and maintaining a tidy site, providing general site security, cleaning and sanitizing washrooms, showers and equipment, performing light maintenance duties within the park, responding to customer concerns, feedback and complaints, carrying out canteen related duties, assisting with equipment and boat loans, and carrying out other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned from time to time.

Qualifications:
Candidates for this position must have a minimum of grade 12 education, first aid/ CPR and Safe food Handling certificate. Previous experience in customer service would be considered an asset.

Due to the nature of this position, the employee must be comfortable working in a public facing role, have working knowledge of Microsoft Office, be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays, be comfortable working individually and as a team, and have strong interpersonal and communication skills. Successful candidates must provide satisfactory criminal background and vulnerable sector checks.

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Tues. April 22, 6:30pm
Homesteading 101: Go from a Hay field/Lawn to Veggies in one Season, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 1963 Clarence Road. Join us for a discussion on how to change your hay field/lawn into a productive kitchen garden! (I watched John's remarkable transformation last summer!) John will be on hand to take you through creating a productive, organic vegetable garden or to help you problem solve in your existing gardens. John has worked as a landscape architect, sculptor and master gardener and will be sharing his wisdom with us.

Get your tickets here:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/homesteading-101-go-from-a-hay-field-to-veggies-in-one-summer-tickets-1298667612789> 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. The facilitator requests that people bring items for the pantry ie. pasta, rice, canned veggies, meats, meals, soups, crackers, cereal, milk, eggs, bread, yogurt. Granola bars, snacks. Personal care items as well.

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. Looking forward to seeing you!

Wed. April 23, 7-8:30pm
Community Meeting- Your Voice Matters The Annapolis County Housing Association is a non-partisan, registered non-profit organization. The volunteer board has been working with government, developers and other housing groups to explore how to increase affordable, accessible & sustainable housing in Annapolis County. We need your input to ensure that future housing developments meet the needs of people living & working in our communities. Bridgetown Firehall, 31 Bay Rd.

Sat. April 26, 1:30pm There will be a presentation by Sharon Elliot, (Seniors' Safety Director, Annapolis County Seniors' Safety Society) on **how to recognize scams & how to avoid them**, at the Christian Fellowship Centre in Wilmot, Refreshments will follow. Call 902-698-9467 for more information.

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Trash collection in Annapolis Royal is moving to Friday Week 1, with the first collection occurring on Friday, April 11th, 2025 and bi-weekly after that.



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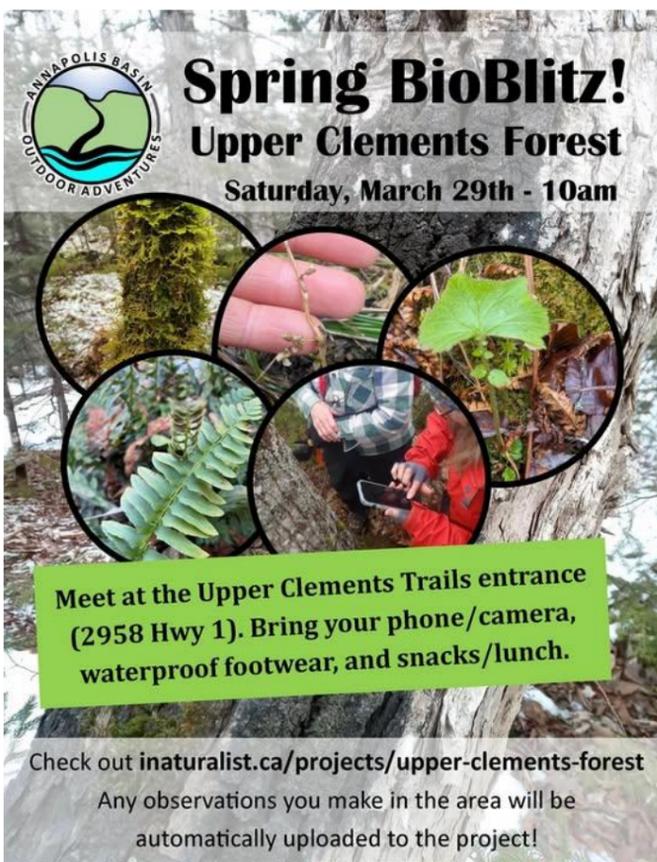
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Spring BioBlitz!
Upper Clements Forest
 Saturday, March 29th - 10am

Meet at the Upper Clements Trails entrance (2958 Hwy 1). Bring your phone/camera, waterproof footwear, and snacks/lunch.

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Seeking Youth Vendors: On The Village Green Market is very excited to extend an offer to the youth of the Annapolis Valley to set up their booth at no charge and sell their crafts /artwork/ products. We are providing youth (18 and under) with the opportunity to share their crafts for sale on July 1st, 904 Central Ave Greenwood on the soccer field. The youth will have their own dedicated section! We do have some space under a tent so don't delay on booking aspot! Onthevillagegreenmarket@gmail.com or find us on Facebook On the Village Green market. Sheri ,902-804-9108

Lenten Bible Studies at St. Luke's Anglican Church

We will have two Lenten Bible studies to choose from this year. Held at St. Luke's (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal). These sessions started in early March, but it's not too late to join either of them, everyone is welcome!

1: Led by Fr. Mellanie Cohoon – April 1st, 2025. Tuesday nights from 6:15 to 7:30pm in the Rosette Room. Simple soup and sourdough provided. We will be using the book “The Word Fulfilled: Reading the Bible with Jesus”, by Michael W. Pahl and we'll share the book as needed.

2: Led by Rev. Julia Ford, Wed. April 2nd, 2025, at St. Luke's Church in the Rosette Room, “The Road to Damascus” is a Bible study looking at the transformation of Saul of Tarsus into St. Paul. Held immediately after the Wednesday morning 10am Eucharist (beginning at approximately 10:30am). Use the Office Entrance on 65 Victoria St, Annapolis Royal. Our fourth session will be "Threats against Saul" – Acts 9:23-31

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We appreciate your messages, online and landline. We do not necessarily answer the phone every time as we may need to be with our client in the chair, perhaps we are applying color/Highlights which are time sensitive. The odd time, we will take time and go to the washroom without the phone. If you call from a private number and you have not left a number for us to call, you need to call us again, because we do not have your number. We appreciate your patience as we try to look after everyone, keep the answering machine up-to-date and stay on schedule. Thank you for supporting us, and the 1000 followers on FB.
OOPs on last week's reader, it has been 5 years since we closed for covid.
Annapolis Royal RBC has a Client Advisor (1 year maternity leave) position. Type: Part Time. Application deadline: 04/01/2025 Req ID: R-0000119215. You can apply online.
Annapolis Family Practice- Upcoming closures: Fri March 28 closed at noon. April 4 closed, April 11 Closed, April 18 (Fri) Holiday Closure, April 21 (Mon) Holiday Closure.
Arch & PO- Annapolis Royal- Reopening Wed April 2nd.
Attention Homeschoolers: MareGold Bookstore has a new program offering a 20 % discount on all books and items in the entire shop. 212 St George St Annapolis Royal. Wed - Sat 10 - 5 pm (across from King's Theatre)
Bridgetown Reg. Com. School- Drama Group Club presents Treasure Island, Tuesday April 1st @ 6 pm. Admission: Free Will Offering. Let's support our people of tomorrow that will be up on the stage showing their talents for years to come.
Bridgetown- you may have noticed a NEW bright red fire truck with no name on it driving around Bridgetown recently. Newest addition to their fleet is known as engine 11. They have been trained on the new truck, and it has been placed in service. The project would not have been possible without the community supporting their fundraising activities and the support from the Municipality of the County of Annapolis. Go to their page on FB for the bigger writeup. **TEAMWORK!! WELL DONE!!**
Bridgetown- Teen Dance- Fri April 4th, ages 5-11 go 6pm - 8pm, ages 12 - 18 go 8 pm - 10 pm. The Legion on Jeffrey Street. \$3 entrance, \$1 will go to the door prize. Music by High Energy DJ Services. Soft drinks & snacks available for purchase 902-665-2820.
Our Fire Departments rely on Volunteers, most of which have full time jobs, restricting response numbers at times. While many think being a firefighter involves running into burning buildings, this is not always the case. There is a job for everyone, whether that involves being an administrative role, providing scene support, medical first response, driver/operator or being an interior or exterior firefighter. The list doesn't end and there is a job for you. There is a set of bunker gear, helmet and pager, all you have to do is reach out to your local Fire Department and apply! Pretty much all depts.
Did you know- The Annapolis Royal Nursing Home is looking for volunteers. Musical Talent, crafting abilities or would just like to come in and sit and chat or play cards with your residents. We would love to hear from you. Kimberly.Miller@macleodgroup.ca
Deep Brook- BIG BINGO Event!- Sunday March 30th. Doors open at 11 am starts @ 1 pm , Kitchen & canteen. 50/50. Call Kathy 247-5484 or Heather 247-3630 to reg. your spot.
Frasers in Berwick & Kingston are hiring. Go to info@frasers.ca.
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Civic Numbers? Got one that's visible? If you are looking to get a civic sign or unsure what your number is, you can reach out to your local municipality for a list of suppliers or additional information. They are used every day for emergencies, delivery companies. In Nova Scotia, it is the responsibility of the property owner for obtaining and displaying their civic number, to ensure they can be easily located in both directions.
Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary Daryl & Debbie McGrath, Please join us on Saturday April 5th, at 7 pm, at our home- 5167 Hwy #1 Granville Centre for an Open House in honour of our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Best Wishes only please.
Whiskey Teller Annapolis Royal is taking a break until April 8th, Regular hours on 9th.
A Little Humor from the internet today- Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged. However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman-already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet-who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital. After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know", he said. " She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown".

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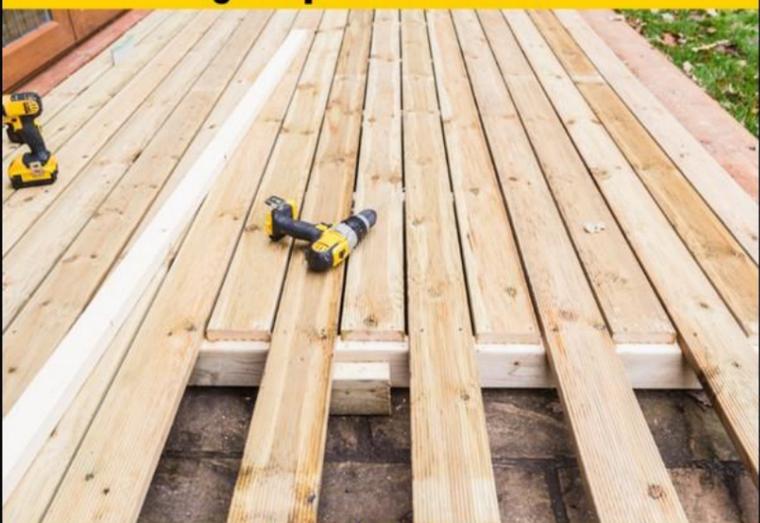
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Sat. March 29, 7:30pm Grease Singalong

Sockhop (live performance) Join us for a Film + Live Experience, Directed and Choreographed by Dany Rousseau. Movie fans are invited to an all-new, immersive sing-along experience with the classic, feature-length film. Sing, dance & joke along with this smash-hit musical rom-com.

Summer Nights, Greased Lightning, Hopelessly Devoted and We Go Together, are just a few of the melodies to make this night one you don't want to miss. All T-Birds & Pink Ladies are welcome, and dressing up in the style of the show is highly encouraged, so come ready to Sock Hop & laugh til your sides hurt.

Tickets for this extravaganza will allow you to experience the classic musical comedy while singing (and heckling) along. Come enjoy this well-loved film the way it was intended: cheering & jeering along to Look At Me I'm Sandra Dee at the top of your lungs, and dancing to Born To Hand Jive in the aisles.

What to wear: leather jackets, cuffed denim jeans, 50s attire, etc. The best costumes will score amazing prizes! This is an open-captioned screening for accessibility and sing-along. Tickets: Adults \$25, Youth: \$10. HST additional.

Wed. April 2, 7:00pm No Other Land

(documentary film, PG) For half a decade, Basel Adra, a Palestinian activist, films his community of Masafer Yatta being destroyed by Israel's occupation, as he builds an unlikely alliance with a journalist from the other side who joins his fight. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18) (HST additional)

Sat. April 5, 7:00pm Casablanca Night with Gregory

Dress and up and feel the vibe for a very special fundraiser event in support of King's Theatre! What to expect:

- Delicious desserts donated by Board Members
- Mingling with friends in vintage attire
- Sassy live singing and piano-playing on stage before the film with our own Gregory Muszkie
- The Academy Award winning classic 1942 film Casablanca in 4k on the big screen

Before the film begins, step into the world of 1942 with your musical host, Gregory Muszkie, who will take us on a lively and immersive journey exploring the timeless soundscape of Casablanca—from the jazz-infused rhythms of the era to the nostalgic power of As Time Goes By. Through music, humour, and history, we'll dive into how film scores shaped emotions, how jazz defined Hollywood, and why nostalgia makes certain songs feel like they've always been with us. Whether you've seen Casablanca a dozen times or have never seen it at all, Gregory's mini-show promises to enrich your experience with laughter, insight—and of course, music! Tickets: \$25.

Sun. April 6, 7:30pm Elton Songs: the Best of Elton John

Like stepping into a time machine, this spectacular concert accurately recreates the visuals and sounds of Sir Elton John. An event that features an incredible vocal impersonation of Elton John, performed sporting glittering iconic authentic costumes. A performance that delivers the greatest Elton John hit songs of all-time. Tickets: Adult: \$45, Youth \$15.

Auditions for King's Shorts Festival of 10-Minute Plays

Sat. April 5, 1-300pm and Thur. April 10, 6-8:00pm at King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal. Anyone interested in being cast in one of the Shorts is invited to attend one of the above auditions. Please bring a short (less than 5-minute) prepared piece to read. Additional material will also be available to read to the Festival directors.

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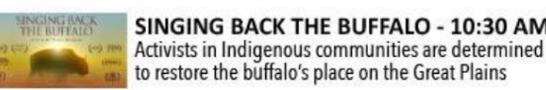
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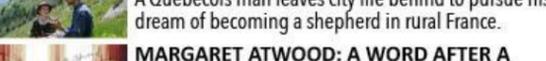
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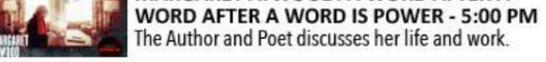
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Wednesdays April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 6:30-8:30pm Fun With Fibre. Are you a fibre craft artist (knitting, crochet, cross stitch, embroidery, felting, or rug hooking) that would like to meet like-minded individuals? Drop by 7Arts on Wednesday evenings for our craft & chat group. Everyone welcome! Freewill donation appreciated.

Fridays April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, 9:30-11:30am Veteran's Lodge Buddy Check coffee. This event is open to all Annapolis Valley Veterans and serving members. This is a FREE event for Veterans. Register by emailing theveteranslodge@gmail.com.

Saturdays April 5th & 26th, 1:00-2:00pm Harmony in Motion. Wellness Through Music and Creative Movement. Discover well-being through our music-making and creative movement program, designed for adults and seniors of all abilities. Our program combines the power of music, movement, and gentle laughter exercises to enhance physical, emotional, and cognitive health. We supply the instruments. No experience necessary!

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Saturdays April 12th & 19th, 12:30-3:30pm Makers Space. Bring a project to work on, start something new, or purchase one of our kits. Drop-ins welcome and encouraged! Cost starts at \$10. Caregivers are free.

Sat. April 12, 4-6:00pm Teen Art Jam. For ages 13-18. Your ultimate playground for artistic expression! Dive into a world where your creativity knows no bounds. Registration required by emailing info@7Arts.ca.

Sun April 13, 1:30-3:30pm Spring Paper Quilling. Learn the basics of paper quilling while completing a spring scene with instructor Anne Tilt. All supplies included; however, guests are invited to bring paper or magazines to use/recycle. All ages and skill levels welcome!

Tues. April 29, 4-5:00pm Paper Quilling Mother's Day Cards. Ages 6-12. Join us as artist Christine teaches some basic paper quilling techniques. We will be making Mother's Day (or Spring) cards. This workshop is for ages 6-12. Cost is \$10 per child. Register by email at info@7Arts.ca.

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Vendors Wanted: Lower Granville Hall in Port Royal is hosting a Seed/Plant Sale & Swap on April 12th! Sign up now to be a vendor. Do you have your own seeds or plants and are interested in selling them to local gardeners? Indoor, outdoor, food, floral, foliage, trees... Please contact us at LowerGranvilleHall@gmail.com to sign up to be a vendor. The table cost is \$15. Limited spaces available. We will also feature a Swap table where people can bring their own seeds/plants in and swap them one for one with what is on the Swap table.

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We're Hiring! The Macdonald Museum is looking for a Maintenance Person. Approximately 10 hrs/week, Mon-Fri, mornings. Occasional evening/ weekend/ holiday work. For more details or to apply please email: contact@macdonaldmuseum.ca

We are seeking vendors for our Monday evening farmers market at Annapolis Valley Exhibition, from May 26th to October 6th, 4pm to 7pm. This market supports Nova Scotia farms and businesses, focusing on food accessibility and community growth. For details, email farmersmarket@annapolisvalleyexhibition.com. Follow us on Facebook/annapolisvalleyex



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Announcements from the Tupperville School Museum

To open our season, the Tupperville School Museum is inviting the community to four evening meetings to be held at the community hall. Two will be invitations to the community to offer input and feedback of all types regarding the operation of the museum. Community feedback is vital to the continuing success of your museum. These will be held Thur. April 8 and Thur. May 15 at 7:00pm.

To see what the Board does, we also invite community members to observe Board of Director meetings. These will take place on Tues. June 10 and Tues. Sept. 9 same time and place.

The museum is staffing two interpreter positions again this year. Applicants may submit their resumes to tuppervillemuseum@gmail.com New applicants and previous applicants are encouraged to apply. To meet the requirements of our funding grant, applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 30.

As a fundraising effort, we request that the community donate any usable surplus items. Drop items off to the museum commencing with our opening day June 25. On July 5, the items will be placed on display and will be available by donation. For any questions related to these announcements, please call 902-665-2427

Soldiers Memorial Hospital Emergency Department

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Virtual Urgent Care is open, even when the emergency department is closed, at these times: Mon. to Fri. 8am to 7pm and Sat. & Sun. 8am to 4pm.

What is Virtual Urgent Care?

Receiving urgent care virtually is simple, safe and confidential. At times when virtual urgent care is offered, patients will be assessed by onsite triage staff and register as usual. This can happen if the emergency department is open or temporarily closed. If their health matter is appropriate for virtual care, the patient is asked if they would like to see a virtual physician or nurse practitioner. If the patient agrees, a visit is arranged through a computer tablet in a room at the hospital. Once the virtual provider finishes the visit, staff on-site will print any requisitions for follow-up and help book any additional tests or appointments for patients that need assistance. Follow up on tests/ appointments will be completed by the virtual care nurse practitioner or physician.

When an emergency department is closed, patients with emergency health matters should call 911 for care.

Some examples of what may be able to be seen through a virtual appointment include: prescription refills; sinus congestion; coughs and sore throat; urinary tract infections; skin concerns; bites and stings; mild/ moderate aches and pains; and other conditions as assessed by your healthcare provider.

Lawrencetown Food Pantry: Our pantry, located at 43 Lawrencetown Lane is increasingly active with many people using it and we are always looking for donations. A few suggestions are crackers, canned pasta, meats, and veggies, rice, macaroni and cheese, pastas and sauces. We were gifted a fridge so milk, cream, margarine, yogurt, cheeses can all be dropped off too.



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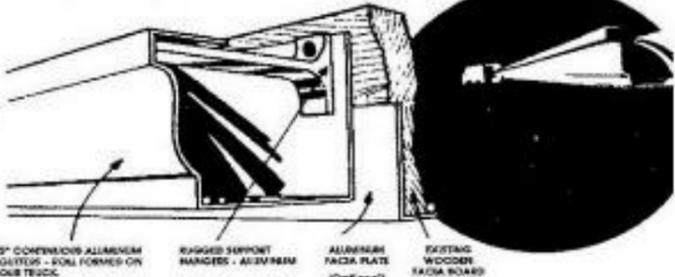
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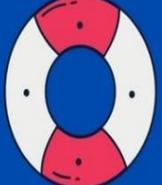
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Annapolis County Council Highlights

March 18, 2025

Budget 2025-26:

Proposed 2025-26 Operating Budget - Municipal Council approved the proposed 2025-2026 operating budget reflecting revenues of \$27,304,576 and expenditures of \$27,304,576.

2025-26 Tax Rate - Municipal Council approved the 2025-2026 operating budget base taxation rates for all residential and resource assessments of \$1.025 per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial tax rate of \$1.80 of \$100 of assessment.

Area Rate (Bridgetown) - Municipal Council approved the 2025-2026 operating budget area rates for all residential and resource assessments of 34.07 per \$100 of assessment, and a commercial tax rate of 55.81 of \$100 of assessment.

A taxation area rate for all properties in the Assessment District 12 (Lawrencetown) of the amount to be approved by Lawrencetown Village Commission.

Fire Hydrant Tax Rate - Municipal Council approved the fire hydrant taxation rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year based on \$100 of assessment as follows:

- Margaretsville (District 2) 18.69 cents
- Inglewood (District 3) 18.90 cents
- Granville Ferry (District 4/5) 17.05 cents
- Carleton Corner (District 7) 15.40 cents
- Church St., Bridgetown N (District 3) 14.43 cents
- Middleton (District 2/10) 19.34 cents
- Cornwallis Park (District 6) 22.82 cents
- Bridgetown (District 3/7) 30.68 cents

Area Rate (Streetlights) - Municipal Council approved the 2025-2026 operating budget area rate for the provision of streetlights per \$100 assessment accounts of 3.41 cents.

Fire Rate - Municipal Council approved the fire taxation rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year based on \$100 of assessments.

- Kingston Fire Commission (District 1/11) To be determined by Fire Commission

- Fire Capital (All Districts) 6.11 cents

Area Rate (Street Paving) - Municipal Council approved street paving taxation rates for the 2025-2026 fiscal year based on \$100 of assessment as follows:

- Chipman/Baxter (District 1) 5.07 cents
- Cameron Dr. (District 1) 2.07 cents
- Brookside/Pine Grove (District 1) 5.30 cents
- Bradley Street (District 1) 3.44 cents
- Ward Estates (District 11) \$269.11 (lump sum)

Property Tax Due Date - Municipal Council approved the due date for property taxation bills of June 30, 2025, and that all rates and taxes outstanding after this date be subject to interest at a rate of 12% per annum.

Sewer Rate - Municipal Council approved a sewer rate for all publicly connected properties or have the ability to connect to the County sanitary sewer system of \$618.42 per year; and for all properties connected or have the ability to connect to the Bridgetown sanitary sewer system, a rate of \$2.80 per cubic meter plus a quarterly base rate of \$24.34.

5-year Capital Investment Plan - Municipal Council approved the proposed 5-year Capital Investment Plan reflecting financial investments over 5 years of \$70,170,682, and a 2025-2026 capital investment of \$46,395,682.

Terms of Reference - Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee - Municipal Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee.

Internet Project Final Reconciliation - Municipal Council authorized funding of \$394,837 from the capital reserve fund for the completion of the internet project.

Tom's Cool Bus Vendor on Municipal Property Application - Municipal Council authorized the Clerk to issue a 2025-26 Vendor on Municipal Property permit to Tom Marshall, for the operation of Tom's Cool Bus Canteen at the Annapolis River Causeway Park in accordance with S6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property Bylaw, and permit the canteen to stay at the park overnight for the April-October season, subject to reasonable requests from the Municipality to move it from time to time.

Planning Advisory Committee

Recommendation - Municipal Council gave first reading of its intent to support the Development Agreement amendment application by Jason Milner to erect a single-family dwelling on Ben Phinney Rd., Margaretsville. A Public Hearing on this matter will be held on Tuesday, April 15th, 11am, at the Municipal Office (Council Chambers).

Municipal Bylaws:

The following bylaw (first reading) was approved.

- **Bylaw 6 Commercial Activity on Municipal Property**

The following bylaw (final reading) was approved.

- **Bylaw 5 Civic Address (first reading February 19, 2025)**

Repeal of Bylaws:

- Repeal AM-1.2.7 Flag Flying Policy

Public Hearing (Deregistration of William Letteney House):

Municipal Council approved to deregister the William Letteney House property (5365 Granville Road, Granville Ferry), and remove it from the Annapolis County Municipal Registry of Heritage Properties and deposit a Notice of Deregistration in the Registry of Deeds.

Public Hearing (Rezoning of Property Located on Parker Mountain Road):

Municipal Council approved an application submitted by Mr. David Hebb to rezone the property located at 33 Parker Mountain Rd. from Low Density Residential (R1) to General Mixed Use (MX) Zone which will also require an amendment to the Future Land Use Map designation from Residential (RES) to Mixed Use (MX). The map amendments will permit the reuse of the property as a repair shop.

Felker Hall Community Center Regular Weekly Activities

734 Broadway Ave, Cornwallis Park

Sunday - Darts 2:00-4:00 pm.

Jim 902.638.3175

Marty 902.638.3164

Monday - Keep Fit and Healthy Classes

8:45 - 9:45am Carole 902-638-3373

Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:00am

Carol 902-249-0609

Hatha Yoga 11:30am - 12:45pm

Sridhara 250-228-3848

Tuesday - Library open 1-3pm. Jackie

902-340-0007. Please use the Parking Lot entrance during the winter months.

Zumba 6:30 - 7:30pm \$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 Maritza 902-247-1473

Cribbage at 1pm Pete 902-376-2007

Slow Vinyasa Yoga with Heather 6:30 -

7:45pm Drop-in \$12

Friday - Keep Fit and Healthy Classes

8:45-9:45am Carole 902-638-3373

Line Dancing 10:00-11:00am

Carol 902-249-0609

Chair Yoga 11:30am - 12:45pm

Sridhara 250-228-3848

Meat Bingo, 7pm - doors open at 6pm

Gina 902-526-2694

Second Saturday of the Month - April 12,

May 10: **Breakfast** 8-10am, \$15 for adults

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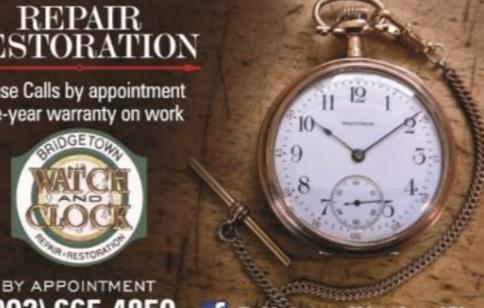



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JOIN A COMMUNITY MEETING

- **Lawrencetown Fire Hall**
Tue., April 8, 6:30-8:00pm
- **Nictaux Fire Hall**
Thu., April 10, 7:00-8:30pm
- **Wilmot Community Hall**
Sat., April 12, 10:00-11:30am
- **Kingston Lions Hall**
Mon., April 14, 7:00-8:30pm
- **Middleton Fire Hall**
Thu., April 17, 7:00-8:30pm
- **Bridgetown Firehall**
Wed., April 23, 7:00-8:30pm

If you are unable to attend, please share your thoughts through our online survey at: www.AnnapolisCountyHousing.ca



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Invitation for Community Members on Municipal Committees

The Municipality of the County of Annapolis is seeking further applications from residents of Annapolis County to sit on various municipal committees that provide advice and recommendations to Council.

Committee	Meeting Frequency	Membership Criteria
Audit Committee	Every 3 months	Live in Annapolis County and have financial background
Bridgetown and Area Advisory Committee (Planning)	Monthly	Live or own property within the planning area
Glyphosate Ad Hoc Committee	To Be Determined	Representative from forestry business; background related to use of chemicals on lands, food, or water; not-for-profit organization with a mandate to protect/preserve the environment
Marketing Levy Ad Hoc Committee	To Be Determined	Operators registered under the Marketing Levy
Source Water Protection Advisory Committee		Live or own property within one of the source water protection areas

Applications must be submitted to:

Nominating Committee, Municipality of the County of Annapolis
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Applications accepted via:

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