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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



Christmas Market Extravaganza!

Make a date to come to Annapolis Royal on Saturday, December 7, 2019 to enjoy the Christmas Market Extravaganza. This year visit 5 great locations:

Annapolis Royal Legion: Olde Fashioned Christmas Market

Annapolis Royal Fire Hall: ARVFD Christmas Market

The Community Hub: 42nd Annapolis Royal Farmers & Traders Christmas Market

Historic Gardens: Winter Market

Saint Luke's Anglican Church: Victorian Christmas Craft Fair

King's Theatre will once again be playing a Free children's Christmas movie: FROZEN. The movie is sponsored by the Annapolis Royal Lions Club, with a visit from Santa after the movie.

Once again the Christmas shuttle bus will be available and FREE to ride and sing along to your next stop. Park at the Farmers Market Square and hop on the bus from 9am to 3pm.



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Mayor MacDonald Office Hours Tues to Fri / 10 am-4 pm and available by appointment



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE





Mayor Bill MacDonald

December is a time of reflection, and for many a holiday season marked by the coming together of family and friends in the spirit of love and generosity. Whatever one's faith or beliefs, the holiday season in Annapolis Royal provides the opportunity for all of us to come together in a celebration of community. Our town may be a tourism destination icon, visited each year by ever increasing thousands of tourists, but it is also home for many of us; and, for many others in the region, their community of interest.

History has been both generous and hard on our community, but people have always been its strength. Diversity in all its forms, including differences

of opinion, make communities stronger - when love and kindness towards each other is the dominant feature of relationships. In the spirit of the season, I encourage all of us to put aside petty grievances and recognize our shared humanity with those around us. Our community, our region and province, our country, and the world will all be the beneficiaries.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season; and reach out to those less fortunate.



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COMMUNITY



A Message from the AWEC Students...

Hey Annapolis! This is Emma and Joe - we've been given a space to share some info with the community. Our main focus will be on environmental issues and climate change, as we feel it is important to have our voices heard in this matter. We will also provide updates on what's going on at AWEC, such as student council events, sports, or any other extracurriculars.

Enviro Tip of the Month: Try to cut down your single-use plastics - don't forget your reusable bags when you go to the store... and remember, you can probably carry those few groceries in your hands!



Invitation from Annapolis Voices Choir

Annapolis Voices would like to invite you to "A Dylan Thomas Christmas – A Child's Christmas in Wales" on Sunday, December 1st, 2019 at 3pm. At St. George & St. Andrew Church, 393 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. Tickets can be bought from any choir member or contact Donna Cummings at 902-532-5200. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Did you know... tradition has it that if anyone is not kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas, they will be sure to stay unmarried for another year.



COMMUNITY



Annapolis Heritage Society 2019 Victorian Christmas

Please join the Annapolis Heritage Society in celebrating our annual *Victorian Christmas* festivities at the O'Dell House Museum starting November 29th at 7 pm. Step back in time with our costumed animators and enjoy hot apple cider, cookies and carolling, led by the amazing Noelle Lucas. We welcome one and all, from near and far, to rejoice and be merry this holiday season at the O'Dell House Museum.

Bring your family and enjoy a *Victorian Christmas*, **November 29**th and **30**th from 7 pm to 9 pm, **December 1**st from 2 pm to 4 pm and **December 6**th and **7**th from 7 pm to 9 pm. Admission by Donation.

The O'Dell House Museum is located at 136 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, NS. For more information on this wonderful event or to volunteer please contact the Annapolis Heritage Society at 902-532-7754 or by email at annapolisheritage@gmail.com.



The Living Nativity

Friday, December 20, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Market Square, Annapolis Royal Come visit the living Nativity scene - a free, outdoor, family event (please dress appropriately). Donations collected for animal welfare.



Community Carol Sing-a-long

An old fashioned community carol sing-a-long led by Mayor MacDonald. Gather around the fire and sing-a-long to your favorites. The fun takes place December 18th, 7 p.m. at the Market Square.



A Royal Consort Community Choir Presents NOËL NOËL

A program of Christmas music including pieces that are very familiar and a few that will become your new favorites. Please take a break from your holiday preparations to join us in celebrating this most sacred and wonderful time of the year.

The concert will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 3 pm, at St. Louis Catholic Church. Tickets are available for \$15 at the door, or \$12 in advance from Bainton's Tannery, Annapolis Royal; from any ARC choir member; or by calling 902-638-3017. Admission for students is \$5.



Annual New Year's Levee

New Year's Levee – Join us at the Annapolis Royal Legion January 1st from 12-4pm for our Annual New Year's Levee, hosted in conjunction with the Town of Annapolis Royal. Ring in the New Year with friends both old and new, and enjoy a HUGE buffet prepared by our great volunteers and some great live music by Noelle Lucas & Friends. Everyone is welcome!



Port Royal Legion Branch #21 Events - Perpetual

All events are open to the public & everyone is welcome.

Bingo - Bingo every Wednesday evening, starting at 7pm. Please arrive early to buy ticket books.

Weekly Fun Pool Tournament - Weekly 8 Ball Tournaments each Tuesday afternoon, starting at 1pm. Just \$5 to play!

Drink & Draw – Do you paint, draw, quilt or are otherwise artistically gifted (or not!)? Come out for Drink & Draw at the Port Royal Legion, Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal, every Thursday night, starting at 7pm. **New biweekly challenges!** Every two weeks a new subject is drawn to produce in the medium of your choice (participation voluntary). (Drinking not required!).

Weekly Music - Great local musicians play a music set from 7pm-9pm (or later) each Friday night. Chase the Ace Draw will be at 8pm sharp, arrive early to purchase your tickets. Don't forget that we have Happy Hour each Friday from 6:30pm-8pm and cocktail specials each Friday and Saturday night See the schedule on our Facebook page or drop by the Legion for more info.

The first reference to a Yule Log was recorded in the 12th century; the Yule Log was a giant log — often an entire tree. It was considered good luck to have some of the Yule Log remain after winter, as it could be stored to ward off misfortune like lighting, mildew or housefires in the coming year.



2019-20 Weekly Adult Sport, Fitness, and Active Living Programs in Annapolis Royal

There are many ongoing sport, recreation and fitness programs being offered this winter in Annapolis Royal. For a detailed list, current news, and to check gym availability at The Community Hub, please check out https://www.facebook.com/AnnapolisRoyalRecreation/, visit https://annapolisroyal.com/what-to-see-do/annapolis-royal-recreation/, or feel free to call Noah @ 902-955-1205.

SAVE THE DATE! – January 18, 2020 – Open House at The Community Hub Gym!

On Saturday, January 18 2020, there will be an Open House held at the Community Hub Gym. This day will offer fun for the whole family and showcase the many fitness programs and fun opportunities available in Annapolis Royal. This will include kids' activities, sports contests, fitness class sample classes, and the chance to try snowshoeing (weather permitting). All activities for this day are cost free. Stay tuned for more info!



CHIEF'S CORNER





Chief T.G. (Tim) Moser

I know it's hard to believe, yet here we are — December. That time of year that is usually about having a festive season with family and friends. This may include travel for you, your loved ones, or dear friends. Unfortunately, there are a few Scrooges out there that may like to take advantage or some who are a bit too festive, so I want to share some information with you to consider as you partake in the festivities. Let's start with Shopping: be aware of your surroundings and who may be watching for an opportunity to pilfer items from your home or vehicle; don't leave items in your vehicle however if you want to do more than one trip into the stores do not leave items in plain

view and secure your vehicle; if doing multiple trips into the stores, consider going for a short drive after putting items in your vehicle, then park in a different spot before going back inside. Also, be careful of what you post on social media such as when you are going to be away from your residence, photos of contents within your home, or any information that may show your address. Adjust your privacy settings so what you are posting is seen only by those you choose to share with.

Driving: the whole idea is to **Arrive safely!** Make sure your vehicle is "Winter Ready" by putting on winter tires, topping up your windshield washer, and keeping the following items in your vehicle: emergency kit; snow brush; a small shovel; a charged phone, and extra washer fluid. Dress for the weather – you can't keep warm if you run into vehicle problems and you don't have/wear warm clothing; Let someone know where you are: when you are leaving and/or when you arrive; and **DO NOT DRIVE if you are consuming alcohol and/or cannabis** – we all know why so I won't bore you with a lecture. If you do partake then plan ahead: arrange to stay on the premises or within walking distance of where you are partaking, take a cab, or designate a driver who is willing to remain sober.

I would like to remind you to refrain from parking your vehicle on the roadway when it snows. You may receive a ticket and/or have your vehicle towed if it interferes with snow removal operations. Yes – we may have to be that Scrooge guy!

Finally, please keep those in mind who are in need or are simply having a rough time. Try to help where and when you can. If you are the one suffering – please reach out and talk to someone. You are not alone!

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season and to those who celebrate – have a very Merry Christmas!

Emergency Line: 911 General Police Line: 902-532-2427

Office Location: 285 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal (right side of the Town Hall)

Social Media: Contact us on Facebook @ARPoliceD

CRIMESTOPPERS: 902-422-8477 OR crimestoppers.ns.ca

Police Statistics for the Month of OCTOBER	
#	Nature of the Call
3	Traffic Accidents
5	Speeding
1	Insurance
1	Dangerous/ Careless Driving
2	MV Registration
10	Parking
3	Warnings
9	Other Motor Vehicle
2	Intersection Relating
1	Liquor
3	Lost & Found
35	Assistance to the Public
33	Property Checks
5	Criminal Record Checks
2	Disturb the Peace
1	Coroners Act
1	Assaults
1	Animal calls
1	911 Act
1	Other Prov./Terr. Offences
3	Suspicious Person/ Vehicle
1	Uttering Threats
1	Mischief
4	Other Federal Stat
129	TOTAL

Long before it was used on New Year's Eve, a ball on top of England's Royal Observatory in Greenvich was dropped at 1 p.m. every day (starting in 1833) to help ship captains coordinate their navigation equipment.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH



Monthly events in Annapolis Royal. Please forward January/ February submissions by January 3rd to: admin@annapolisroyal.com.

Events

December 1st

Annapolis Voices Presents: A Dylan Thomas Christmas - A Child's Christmas in Wales / 3pm / St. George & St. Andrew Church / Ticket: \$15.00 adults and \$5.00 children

December 1st

Victorian Christmas / 2pm - 4pm / O'Dell House Museum / Admission by Donation

December 5th

Annapolis Basin Community Band Presents: Celebrate the Season/ 7:30 - 9pm / King's Theatre/ Admission: \$5-\$15

December 6th & 7th

Victorian Christmas / 7pm - 9pm / O'Dell House Museum / Admission by Donation

December 7th

CHRISTMAS MARKET EXTRAVAGANZA / 9am - 3pm / Various Locations

December 7th

The Annapolis Valley Honour Choir presents: FROSTY WINTER'S NIGHT / 2:30pm / St. George and St. Andrew United Church / Tickets available at avhc.ca

December 8th

JEREMY DUTCHER / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre/ Tickets at Kingstheatre.ca

December 9th

Film & Talk back Art21: Paradox/ 7-9pm / ARTsPLACE / Entry by Donation

December 11th

Artist's Cafe / 2-4pm / ARTsPLACE / Entry by Donation

December 11th

AWEC bands Annual December concert / 7 pm / Admission by freewill offering, all are welcome!

December 12th - 19th

Letters from the Forest Floor: pop-up exhibition / Julia Redgrave / ARTsPLACE

December 15th

THE NUTCRACKER - The Bolshoi Ballet / 2 pm / King's Theatre/ Tickets at Kingstheatre.ca (Youth Tickets are FREE)

December 20th

THE LIVING NATIVITY / 6:30 pm / Market 12+ Square / Donations collected for animal welfare

December 20th

THE WINTER"S TALE with Judi Dench / 7pm / King's Theatre/ Tickets at Kingstheatre.ca

December 24th

Christmas Caroling / Meet at 11am / ARTsPLACE / All Welcome

December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship Service / 6:30pm/ First United Baptist Church

December 25th

Traditional Christmas Turkey Dinner / 1pm (Doors open at 12:30pm/ First United Baptist Church (Christian Education Center) / Call to register (902) 532 - 2134

December 28th

THE O'BRIENS & CO, Benefit Concert / 7:30 pm / King's Theatre/ Admission by Donation to the Food Bank

January 1st

New Years Levee / 12-4pm/ Annapolis Royal Legion Branch #21

Films

(See www.kingstheatre.ca for showtimes)
IF YOU COULD READ MY MIND - Dec 3rd
THE GOOD LIAR - Dec 6th
FREE KID'S MOVIE - FROZEN - December 7th
LAST CHRISTMAS - Dec 13th
KNIVED OUT - Dec 27th
CATS - Jan 17th & 19th

Recurring

Open Gym/ Tuesdays - ending December 17th / 3:30 pm - 5:00pm / The Community Hub

Winter Farmers' Market/ 9am-12pm / Historic Gardens

Girls Who Code / Mondays 3:30 pm- 5pm / Annapolis Royal Library

Annapolis County Chess / Thurs 6pm-9pm / Rotates between Middleton and Annapolis Royal info@: tfeloc@hotmail.com

Morning Storytime / Thursdays from 10am-11am / Community Hub / Pre-school children

Annapolis Innovation Lab: Open / Mon 1pm-4pm; Wed 10am-2pm; Sat 10am-2pm / Community Hub

Annapolis Innovation Lab: Useless Skills / Sat 2pm -4pm / Community Hub / Ages 12+ years

Annapolis Innovation Lab: Annapolis Makers/ ARSA / Tues 6pm-8pm / Community Hub / Ages 12+

Kniterati / Wed 6:30pm-8pm / Community Hub / Open to all knitters and fibre artists

Knitty Teens / Thurs 3:30pm-4:30pm / Community Hub / Beginners welcome

ARSA - Annapolis Royal Space Agency / Thurs 6pm-8pm / Community Hub

Upcoming meetings

Open to the public Agendas available online

Planning & Heritage Advisory
Committee
December 2nd @ 9am

Committee of the Whole December 5th @ 4 pm

Traffic Flow Advisory Committee December 12th @ 10:30am

> Marketing & Economic Development Committee December 10th @ 6 pm

Board of Police Commissioners December 11th @10 am

Environment Advisory Committee December 11th @ 2 pm

> Public Hearing December 16th @ 4 pm

Council
December 16th @ 4:30 pm

Upcoming community Meetings

If you have any upcoming Community Meetings please let us know!
You can email them to admin@annapolisroyal.com

Legion events: see page 3 for recurring events and Facebook for details on their other events.

All King's Theatre events & films: www.kingstheatre.ca

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) events: arcac-artsplace.weebly.com

All Community Hub events: www.valleylibrary.ca/calendar/

For more details & up-to-date events, visit the online Community Calendar at annapolisroyal.com.



Town Hall will be closed Monday, December 23th - Wednesday January 1st (inclusive)



Special Recognition

Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Pat Power and Councillor John Kinsella for receiving an 11 year and 19 year long service award, respectively, at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference this November.



Request for Expression of Interest

The Town of Annapolis Royal is accepting proposals in relation to the rental of commercial space for a portion of 24 Drury Lane. The Town desires a development project that compliments the town and furthers its economic development objectives. The rental space is adjacent to the new Comfort Station (Public Washroom facilities). Please visit annapolisroyal.com for full details.



Winter Parking

Although we do not have an overnight parking ban, you are reminded that you cannot park your vehicle on the road during or after a snow storm. If your vehicle interferes with snow removal operations your vehicle may be ticketed and/or towed. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

January/February Town Crier Newsletter

Please note that the next edition of the Town Crier newsletter is combined issue of the months January and February. Due to the holidays and it being a combined issue, the Jan/Feb edition of the newsletter will be printed mid-January. Please send all submissions to admin@annapolisroyal.com by January 3rd.

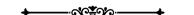


Welcome to our new phone system!

The Town of Annapolis Royal has adopted a new phone system! Please dial our main line 902-532-2043 for Town Staff and follow the prompts for the appropriate extension of the person you wish to reach.

> General Administration: ext. 102 Taxation and Water inquiries: ext. 101 Director of Finance: ext. 103 Chief Administrative Officer: ext. 104 Community Development Coordinator: ext. 105 Public Works Department: ext. 106

*Please note for all recreation inquiries call: 902- 955-1205 Your consideration and patience has been greatly appreciated through this transition.



Notice of Second Reading

A Public Hearing will be held on December 16th @ 4 pm for second reading and passing of amendments to the following Bylaws: Vending Bylaw, Dogs Bylaw and Board of Police Commissioners Bylaw.

Volunteer **Opportunities**

The Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee is seeking a volunteer. If you or someone you know would like to serve on this committee please contact Community Development Coordinator/ Interim CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell: phmc@annapolisroyal.com

Seeking a volunteer to organize the Easter Eggstravaganza event! (Step up and chair the Committee) We have volunteers to help out and the Committee has lots of the plastic eggs, chocolates and bags ready for Easter 2020. For more information contact Holly Sanford at hollyesanford@gmail.com.

Job Advertisements

The Town of Annapolis Royal is seeking a Chief Administrative Officer for the management of all day-to-day and strategic operations of the Town. Please see full details and how to apply at: annapolisroyal.com or our Facebook page: Town of Annapolis Royal

Waste Collection Pick-Up

Pick-up dates: December

11th & 21st

Please contact Valley Waste for all waste related matters: 1-877-927-8300 or see their website for email addresses: www.vwrm.com

Did you know... December birthdays have claim to three gemstones; Zircon, Tanzanite and Turquoise. Each of these gemstones carries a unique blue tone making it a perfect birthstone for Minnesota's frigid December winters.

Twinning Committee News

Between October 17th and October 22nd, the city of Royan, France, its Mayor Mr. Patrick Marengo and twinning president Lyliane Isendick-Malterre were wonderful hosts to our twinning group members.

The theme of our visit was « In the footsteps of Pierre Dugua ». Most of our visit was in and about the port city of Royan where Pierre Dugua was born around 1558. We were also taken to the Château d'Ardennes in the village of Fléac where he spent the last years of his life and died on February 22nd in 1628. He is buried there under a giant yew tree.

On February 22nd, 2020, we will be making a free public presentation on Royan and on Pierre Dugua and his importance to our Town. This will take place at 10 am at the Community Room at the Annapolis Royal Library.

If you are interested in joining the twinning group, please contact Christine Igot at christine@latext.com





Town of Annapolis Royal Tender - Janitorial Services

The Town of Annapolis Royal invites sealed tenders to supply janitorial services for Town Hall, the Public Works building, the gym and library at the Community Hub located at 590 St. George Street, the washrooms at the new comfort station located at 24 Drury Lane and other areas as may be required for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 with the option for renewal by mutual written agreement for a further period of one year. Tenders will be received until 1:00 p.m. January 31, 2020. Full details are available at Town Hall or online at annapolisroyal.com "Public Notices".



Town of Annapolis Royal Request for Proposal

The Town of Annapolis Royal is accepting proposals in relation to the sale and development of Town property. Minimum bid to be accepted, \$50,000. The Town desires a development project that compliments the Town and furthers its economic development objectives. Details of the RFP are available at Town Hall or online at annapolisroyal.com "Public Notices".



Surplus Shelves for Purchase

Surplus bookshelves are now available for purchase at the old Library (Town Hall building). Each shelving unit is roughly 6' wide and 6' 6" in height. The units are being sold for \$60.00 each. For more information or to arrange a pickup time please contact Town Hall staff at (902) 532-2043. Please note payment is due at the time of pickup.



COUNCIL MOTIONS



MOTION #C2019-OCT-28-03

It was moved by Councillor Sanford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Power to support the request to change the ownership of the Fire Departments vehicles from the Town of Annapolis Royal to the Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Society, excluding the Town owned vehicle. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-OCT-28-04

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power and seconded by Councillor Kinsella to accept the Anti Violence in the Workplace Policy as presented. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-OCT-28-05

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Power and seconded by Councillor Kinsella to approve the Communications Policy as amended to item 3 to change the language from visible to transparent. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION #C2019-OCT-28-08

It was moved by Councillor Sanford and seconded by Councillor Kinsella that Sandi Millett-Campbell will assume the interim CAO position. Motion Carried. 1 Nay Vote Deputy Mayor Power. **Motion Carried.**

Evergreen plants are a key element of winter folklore and festivity. The holly, the ivy, the mistletoe and pine... they are all brought over the threshold into the house as a symbol of eternity and life in the midst of cold and darkness.













Winter Solicit: not only does the solstice occur on a specific day, but it also occurs at a specific time of day, corresponding to the instant the North Pole is aimed furthest away from the sun on the 23.5 degree tilt of the Earth's axis.