

MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?



The leaves are starting to open and May is just a few days away, but the last gasps of winter keep trying to grab us ! At least it is sunny !

It looks like we are in for some warmer weather very soon, so everybody start making plans to enjoy the sunshine: there's so much to do in our lovely area. Why not check out the Historic Gardens and see how the amazing variety of shrubs, plants and trees are adapting to the changing season ? Or volunteer for their Spring Cleanup, which ends on Friday ?

May 8 is Walk with us on Nova Scotia Walk Day and is open to everyone, more information on the Get Movin' page.

May 11 sees the return of our awesome Farmer's Market to the Market Square from but just a reminder that you can still take advantage of this in the Legion hall up until that date, when it moves back outside.

Hope everyone enjoys Springtime !

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on May 20, 2024 for Victoria Day.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Members of Council

Mayor Amery Boyer
mayorboyer@annapolisroyal.com

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 Phone: 902 532 2043
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 Email: admin@annapolisroyal.com
www.annapolisroyal.com
 Open Mon to Fri / 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Mayor Boyer Office Hours
 Available by Appointment

The Town Crier is a publication of the Town of Annapolis Royal.
 Copies are available online at www.annapolisroyal.com and by email subscription.
 Contact admin@annapolisroyal.com to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the May 2024 addition is May 24, 2024.
 Please contact kdunning@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-2043 ext. 110 if you have any questions.

Budget 2024-2025

On April 17, 2024, Council approved the 2024-2025 budget. Here are some of the highlights:

Operating Budget:

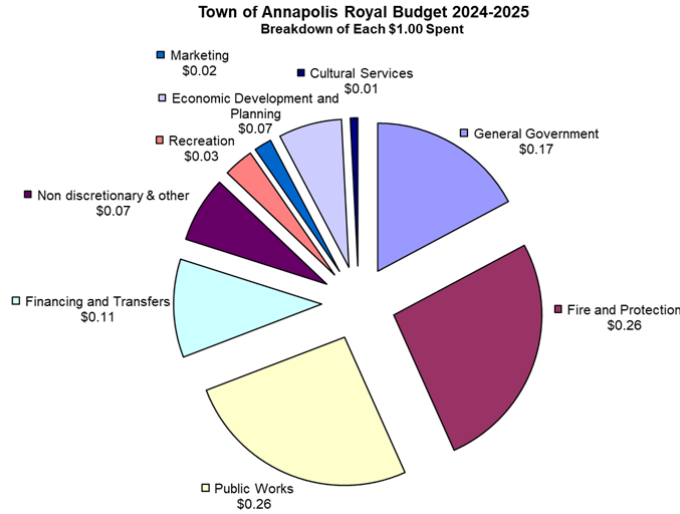
The total Operating Budget is \$2,816,083.00

Where the money is going:



Mayor Amery Boyer, B. Mus., MBA
Transfer to Capital Reserves : \$256,000.00

– we discovered a cell error in the excel so there is actually \$3,000 more going to capital reserves



Total Accumulated Operating Reserves (Rainy Day Fund):

The Town expects to be able to transfer \$150,000 to operating reserves, subject to year end and audit results. To date, we have \$680,000 in operating reserves, not including the \$150,000 mentioned above.

Capital Projects:

The total capital budget is \$448,000, with the Town's share representing \$177,500, or just under 40%, thanks to grants and contributions from other sources. The following are some of the highlights:

Sewer system upgrades:

- lift station pumps for Riverview Drive and the Wetlands: \$17,000
- improvements to the Wetlands lift station: \$30,000
- solar panel project for the sewage treatment plant: \$118,000

Playground improvements: \$100,000

New police vehicle: \$72,000

New half ton truck for Public Works: \$57,000 – it's actually a side by side as opposed to a ½ ton

The new truck has lower operating costs, and offers enhanced utility in its ability to do trail maintenance (due to size and dump bed), back-up sidewalk plowing and salting while still performing the core functions of Public Works.

Contribution to the Community Pool: \$30,000 from gas Tax funds

Public meeting at the Legion on May 13, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

The reports are in on the cost of maintaining public infrastructure into the future (5 years, 10 years, 20 and beyond...), as well as the community wharf and flood risk assessment and adaptation concepts for the downtown. As the owners of this infrastructure, it will be very important for residents and ratepayers to come out to hear what the representative of the Atlantic Management Network have to say about the state and the future of Town infrastructure and to provide input on what you see as the priorities.



\$25 A TICKET
Light refreshments will be served.

THE ACHC AUXILIARY PRESENTS A SPRING FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

WITH GARRY
YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR FAVOURITE CONTAINERS, SCISSORS, CLIPPERS, SECATEURS, AND BRANCHES AND FLOWERS FROM YOUR GARDEN. CUT FLOWERS AND OTHER MATERIALS PROVIDED
MAY 10TH AT 7PM

ACHC AUX.

St Luke's Church Hall, 342 St George Street
Contact Information: Pauline-902-532-1981

You Can Make a Difference

Serve on an agency, board or commission.

James (Jack) Wall
Betty Thomas
Winifred Mahabiah
Diana Broderick

TO APPLY, VISIT NOVASCOTIA.CA/ABC OR CALL 1-866-206-6844

NOVA SCOTIA

The Government of Nova Scotia has an Employment Equity Policy. We welcome applications from Aboriginal people, African Nova Scotians, other racially visible people, persons with disabilities, women, and other employment equity groups. Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.

The Marketing and Economic Development Committee of the Town of Annapolis Royal is sending out an invitation to all local business owners to attend a meeting on Monday, May 27 at the Royal Canadian Legion from 6 pm to 8 pm. Bring your plans for the coming summer so we can participate and tell our visitors what's happening. There will be some short presentations from some of the larger businesses and a chance to hear about plans for special events. Please contact Councillor Holly Sanford at 902-532-2070 to register.



Health Care Task Team - need volunteers. For more information contact:

Councillor Paula Hafting
phafting@annapolisroyal.com



Annapolis Hub Comfort Centre - need volunteers to help with the Comfort Centre at the gym when it is open for an emergency. It could be for a couple of hours or longer, but will never be overnight., maybe the option to put a pot of coffee on. This is to ensure everyone is ok in an emergency.

Contact: Kim Dunning
kdunning@annapolisroyal.com



UNESCO Heritage Application - Marketing and Economic Development Committee (MEDC) need volunteers for a subcommittee to investigate the UNESCO Heritage Designation Application for the Town of Annapolis Royal.

Contact:
Councillor Holly Sanford
hsanford@annapolisroyal.com

VOLUNTEER



GET MOVIN'

ANNAPOLIS COMMUNITY POOL INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR FIRST ANNUAL

COMMUNITY FUN RUN

FIRST 100 REGISTERED RECEIVE RUN BANDANA



SUGGESTED DONATIONS
\$10 Individual
\$25 Team or Family

All funds received go to the SAVE THE POOL campaign.

Collect donations on our behalf for a chance to win prizes and help save the pool!

Details on our website.

SUNDAY, MAY 19 a "SAVE THE POOL" fundraising event

STARTING & STOPPING:

752 St. George St., Annapolis Royal, County of Annapolis office parking lot

8:30AM-10:00AM Registering & check-in

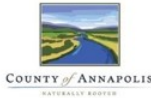
9:15AM Run warm-up

9:30AM FUN RUN STARTS

- **All are welcome:** Bikes, strollers & mobility devices all welcome. You may walk or run. 3K & 5K routes available or support us on a route of your choice.
- This is **not a timed run**. We are raising money and having fun!
- Consider wearing your silliest pool or water-themed **costume**.
- There will be **prizes** for: Best Costume, Most Fundraised (Individual & Team), and Furthest Travelling Participant.

SIGN UP, FAQ, ROUTE & MORE INFO available at:

annapolispool.org/fun-run



ANY QUESTIONS can be directed to:

annapoliscommunitypool@gmail.com



NSWalks

WALK WITH US ON

NOVA SCOTIA WALK DAY!

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Farmers's Maket - 178 Saint George Street

10:00 AM

FREE GENTLE FRIENDLY



For more information visit nswalks.ca or visit the NS Walks Facebook page!



EVENTS COORDINATOR

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking to hire an Events Coordinator for the upcoming community events to be held this summer.

The Events Coordinator will be under direction of the Active Living & Recreation Coordinator and will be responsible for the planning, organizing and implementation of community events, initiatives, and recreation opportunities during the summer. The events are cultural, recreational, and economic based. The Events Coordinator will also assist with other projects and tasks at Town Hall as needed such as administrative duties, including updating and improving an online database of events, programs, and facilities, promotion design material, and with social media promotions. Will be required to work nights and weekends.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution
- Excellent communication skills (written and oral)
- Self-starter with superb time-management skills
- Excellent organizational skills
- Intermediate computer skills, including Outlook, data entry, Excel, and Word

Dates: 8-week contract, to commence July 2, 2024

Salary: \$15.20 hr + 4% vacation pay

Location: Annapolis Royal Town Hall/Community Hub Gym

Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm and may be submitted in person or by email to:

Attention: Sandi Millett-Campbell - Town of Annapolis Royal
P. O. Box 310
285 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0
Email: cao@annapolisroyal.com



Please note going forward crime statistics will appear every quarter in this news letter



Chief Mark Kane

[Seat Belts part 1](#)



Everyone has an equal chance of being in a collision. Most accidents occur close to home and in speed zones below 65 km/h. Why take the chance? The Annapolis Royal Police Service reminds all residents that safe driving is your responsibility and there are many reasons to wear your seat belt when travelling in a motor vehicle. Not only is doing so the law, it makes good sense.

Benefits:

Seat belts hold you securely in place and help drivers control their cars if involved in a crash situation. Many people think they can protect themselves in a collision by bracing themselves against the dashboard or steering wheel. But even in a low-speed crash, a person not wearing a seat belt can hit the inside of their vehicle with a force many times his or her bodyweight. Serious injuries and/or fatalities involving passengers are often caused by people being thrown into each other during a crash. If you are not wearing your seat belt, you could be thrown:

- Through a windshield or door
- Into trees, telephone poles and/or rocks

Run over by your own or someone else's car

[Air Bags:](#)



Air bags do not take the place of seat belts. When activated, however, they reduce the forward movement of the upper torso and minimize impact. These inflatable crash devices are designed to provide protection in front crashes, not side or rear collisions or rollovers. With an air bag, you can still be thrown out of your car, so always wear your full seat belt assembly in an air bag-equipped vehicle.

Fire and Water:

Although some people worry about it, less than 0.5 per cent of all injury-causing crashes result in fire or being submerged under water. If this kind of situation does happen, a seat belt can save your life by keeping you unhurt and alert, allowing you to escape quickly.

Infants:

No matter how strong you are or how much warning you have, you cannot hold onto a baby in a crash. Make sure your child is properly secured in a child safety seat. It is the law.

Pregnancy:

There is no reason for a pregnant woman not to wear a seat belt. If a woman is concerned about her baby, she must realize that keeping herself alive is the first step in protecting her unborn child. Pregnant women should always wear both the lap and shoulder belts, and should sit as upright as possible. The lap belt should be worn low so it pulls downward on the pelvic bones, not directly against the abdomen.

Child Safety Seats

Properly installed child safety seats save lives. It has been proven that using a child safety seat properly can reduce the chances of a child being killed or injured by 75%.



EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

May 1

Wicked Little Letters,
King's Theatre
Exhibition / Invasive,
ARTSPLACE

May 1 - 25

Exhibition / Work of Body,
ARTSPLACE

May 3

Music - Andy Amirault,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Intro to Innovation Lab OR
One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
Bruce Fumme: Stories of Scotland,
King's Theatre

May 4

Historic Gardens Kickoff Season
Kitchen Party,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
David Francey,
King's Theatre

May 4 - 25

Exhibition / AWEC Art Students,
ARTSPLACE

May 6

Monday Morning Storytime
Annapolis Royal Library
Monday Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

May 10

Music - Charlie Langmead
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Intro to Innovation Lab OR
One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
The Odd Couple,
King's Theatre

May 11

The Odd Couple,
King's Theatre

May 12

Mother's Day,
Historic Gardens
The Odd Couple,
King's Theatre

May 13

Monday Morning Storytime
Annapolis Royal Library
Monday Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

May 14

14th Annual Blackfly Music Festival,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21

May 14 - 17

Screening / Teen Film Festival,
ARTSPLACE

May 17

Music - Pat Walsh
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Intro to Innovation Lab OR
One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
Civil War,
King's Theatre

May 18

14th Annual Blackfly Music Festival,
Annapolis Royal Legion #21
Grace, 2,
King's Theatre

May 18—June 9

Rhapsody of Rhododendrons,
Historic Gardens

May 20

Monday Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

May 22

Monday Life Drawing Sessions,
ARTSPLACE

May 24

Intro to Innovation Lab OR
One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
The Three Questions,
King's Theatre

May 27

Monday Morning Storytime
Annapolis Royal Library

May 31

Intro to Innovation Lab OR
One-on-One Tech Help,
Annapolis Royal Library
DIY Garden Markers,
Annapolis Royal Library

Upcoming Meetings
Open to the public

Committee of the Whole
May 1, 6:00 pm

Planning and Heritage
Advisory Committee
May 6, 9:00 am

Traffic Flow Advisory
Committee
May 9, 1:00 pm

Environment Advisory
Committee
May 10, 9:30 am

Public Meeting (Legion)
May 13, 6:00 pm

Marketing and Economic
Development Committee
May 14, 6:00 pm

Council
May 15, 6:00 pm

Town Hall Roundtable (Legion)
May 27, 6:00 pm

Board of Police
Commissioners (Quarterly)
June 19, 10:00 am

Legion events: see Facebook for details on their events.

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

ARCAC (ART'sPLACE) events:
arcac.ca

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

Historic Gardens events:
www.historicgardens.com

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

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve as part of the following committees:

Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department is seeking volunteers
Contact :Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department (arvfd.com)

Accessibility Advisory Committee is seeking volunteers (50% of the members need to be first voice members or representing an organization)

Planning & Heritage Advisory Committee is seeking a Volunteer
and the
Board of Police Commissioners is seeking a volunteer

Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at cao@annapolisroyal.com or
902-532-2043 ext. 104



OYEZ! A message from your Town Crier

The Town Crier is here for ALL businesses, organizations and citizens of the Town of Annapolis Royal. If you have an upcoming event, please let me know how I can help. I'm happy to make a proclamation, ring my bell or simply stand by to add a splash of colour. If you would like to receive my weekly email list of local events, please email me at artowncrier@gmail.com.



Valley Waste Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is Week 2:

- Week of April 28, 2024
• Week of May 12 2024
• Week of May 26, 2024

Calendars available at Town Hall for pick-up between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm



Clean-up items should be on the Curbside by Sunday, May 5

Spring Season 2024 - ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT DRAMA GROUP presents


written by **NEIL SIMON** directed by **MILES LEAHY**



The Odd Couple (female version)

Friday 10th May 7.30pm, Saturday 11th May 7.30pm & Sunday 12th May 2.00pm
 Tickets \$18 - available from King's Theatre Box Office

King's Theatre, 209 St George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS 902-532-7704
 Visit us at www.kingstheatre.ca Email boxoffice@kingstheatre.ca



Friends of the Library
 ANnapolis ROYAL

An afternoon with Friends
SPEAKER SERIES

The Wives of Pierre Dugua de Mons and Samuel de Champlain:
Judith Chesnel and H el ene Boull e:
Contrasts and Similarities

Speaker: *Catherine Gouletquer*

Sunday
 May 19
 3 pm

"One came from the rural, military and Catholic aristocracy, the other from the Parisian and Breton Protestant bourgeoisie. A generation apart, they lived in the shadow of their husbands and never had children. However, at one point, their lives changed and they took charge of their destiny."

FREE IN PERSON PRESENTATION

Dugua Room at the Community Hub
 143 Ritchie Street

For further information about future speakers and their presentations just email us at friendsofthelibrary@gmail.com or check out our website at artlibraryfriends.org | [f](#) | [b](#)

Elm tree management in Annapolis Royal

There are quite a few magnificent elm trees left in the community. Unfortunately they are continuously threatened by Dutch Elm Disease (DED).

Sadly enough the Town lost four large elm trees due to DED this winter season.

Here are some management strategy that the Town has used for over 10 years:

Sanitation is the most important way to protect the elm tree and stay ahead of a major outbreak of DED. This means thorough monitoring of all elm trees for DED. This happens all year long but mostly in late summer infected elm trees show what is called "flagging". Single branches start wilting and turning red.

Suspected DED infected elm trees will be tested. This is done by a certified arborist with a bucket truck. They will take samples from the infected area of the elm tree and they will be send to a laboratory. If the tree is infected, it is just the beginning. If left standing, it will usually die within a couple of years and if left standing it will also infect a lot more trees nearby. Therefore the town acts quickly to remove these elm trees. In very rare cases infections can be pruned out and the tree can be treated with a fungicide. In most cases this fails to work.

As a preventive measure the Town has been using strict protocols around elm trees:

- work on elm trees can only be done from November to the end of March
- no elm tree brush is allowed in the brush yard/ has to be taken more than five kilometers out of town to an area with no elm trees
- all elm tree stumps have to be debarked

This is needed because DED is spread by elm bark beetles breeding under the bark.

The Town also has an injection program. Selected elm trees are injected with a product called "Dutchtrig" www.dutchtrig.com". It acts like a vaccine and can only be used as a preventative on a healthy tree. This will be injected in May as the leaves unfold. It is not a 100% cure but it helps as one of the tools in the management of DED.



SIGN UP NOW

ANNAPOLIS

REMO

ALERTABLE

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Free

Free for the public.
Notifications by text, email, phone, website, mobile app, social media, home smart speaker and more. Sign up for any combination. All are free and easy to use.

Easy

Fast and simple.
Personalize notifications by type and severity. Choose notifications for more than one location. Home, office, cottage, family, friends and more. Turn on roaming & override silent mode.

Useful

Know before you go.
Check for closures, restrictions and hazards in advance. Emergency alerts, preparedness information and more.

More than 18 ways to contact people with Alertable

Providing people choice for how they wish to be contacted increases the chances that more people will receive your message and take the necessary actions.

SMS	Email	Phone call	Website
iOS	Android	Twitter	Facebook
Messenger	Amazon Alexa	Google Assistant	Microsoft Teams
Slack	Loudspeakers	Digital signage	TV
Radio		LTE mobile	





Sign Up by September 30, 2024 for a chance to win prizes! Including a new Generator!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT ANNAPOLISREMO.CA OR CONTACT ANNAPOLIS REMO AT (902)-532-2058 / Border@annapoliscounty.ca

The Town of Annapolis Royal now has a resource to provide alerts about emergencies and other important Emergency Preparedness information directly to all your devices including e-mail, home phone(landline) and cell phone. Annapolis REMO uses the Alertable system to allow for multiple means of communication for both Emergency Alerts and relaying Emergency Preparedness information.

How to get alerts
Download the free Alertable app for [iOS](#) and [Android](#) smartphones, [Amazon Alexa](#) and [Google Assistant](#) home devices. Then, select your location in the region. If there is an active emergency near you, you will receive Municipal emergency notifications through Alertable. Notifications are fast, reliable, private, and easy to hear, see and read.

Win Prizes!
Sign Up by September 30, 2024, for a chance to win prizes! Including a grand prize of a brand -new Portable Generator!
Sign Up Now! Visit: Annapolisremo.ca

Casual Position Available for a Public Works Labourer

The Town of Annapolis Royal Public Works Department is seeking to hire a casual labourer starting May 2024 This position reports to the Director of Municipal Operations and Development and duties may include: painting, sweeping, grass moving, raking, grass trimming, and other maintenance duties as required. The successful candidate must provide their own safety boots and hold a valid driver's license. The Town will provide other safety equipment including a safety vest and pair of work gloves.

More information is available on the Town's Website.

 **COUNCIL MOTIONS** 

MOTION #C2024-04-17-03

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the second and final reading for the Development Agreement between the Town of Annapolis Royal and King’s Theatre Society for improvements at 209 St George Street (PIDs 05003777, 05311634, and 05004221) as detailed in the Development Agreement. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-04

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council pre-approve the purchase of side-by-side by-side vehicle with plow and salt spreader for a cost of \$48,581.41 + HST from the general capital budget 2024-2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-05

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the \$2,816,083 Town Operating Budget for 2024-2025 with tax rates remaining unchanged at \$1.70 and \$3.20 respectively for Residential and Commercial. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-06

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the 2024-2025 General Capital Budget of \$448,000. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-07

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council approve the change of starting with immediate effect that the Committee of the Whole, and Council start at 6:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-08

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council pre-approves the purchase of the TouchRead and Archer System for tracking water usage at a cost of \$17,430 + HST from the water capital budget 2024-2025. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-09

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council pre-approves the cost of a new Chain of Office to a maximum amount of \$3,400. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #C2024-04-17-10

It was regularly moved and seconded that Council gives the applicant at 644 St. George Street heritage approval to install fencing as detailed in the application 24-09-HER, providing the requirements of the Land Use By-Law are met. **Motion carried.**



Lyme Disease Awareness Month – May 2024

The Province of Nova Scotia has proclaimed May 2024 to be Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Unfortunately, Nova Scotia has the highest rate of Lyme in Canada and one of the highest in all of North America. Due to difficulties that can be experienced in obtaining a prompt diagnosis and treatment, prevention is key. Prevention becomes even more important when you factor in the possibility of other tick-borne diseases being transmitted.

This time of year tends to be the time that some people, although well intentioned, will share incorrect or outdated information on tick removal; tick-borne diseases; and the erythema migrans (EM) Lyme rash. The federal government has a video regarding proper tick removal – <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/video/lyme-disease-properly-remove-tick.html>. The CDC has a very good infographic regarding various EM rashes – https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/resources/NCEZID_rash_poster3r1-508.pdf. The better known bull’s-eye version of the EM rash is actually seen in only a small percentage of cases. Other types of rashes are more common and some people do not get a rash at all.

If looking for a Lyme prevention video for yourself, or your children, the Lunenburg Lyme Association had two made in 2019:

For children, by children – https://youtu.be/wLO9eddH5es?si+V9KyNn1Xema_rZx7

For everyone – <https://youtu.be/lorSOPnAnZw?si+QE5i1gCnG8Nx-3kT>

Remember, prevention is key! Make yourself knowledgeable and stay safe when you head outdoors. There are many things one can do to help prevent a tick bite so do not stop getting out in nature. It is necessary for our mental health.