

# NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021



## LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY AND HELP US BUILD OUR LOBSTER TRAP CHRISTMAS TREE!

The Municipality of Barrington is looking for donations of new or like new lobster traps to construct our Lobster Trap Christmas tree. Traps **MUST** be 15x9 American Style traps, preferably brickless bottom without runners. Traps can be any colour.

All traps donated will be tagged with the donor's name/boat name/company name or in memory of a loved one. We are also seeking volunteers for a Working Group to help design and build this year's Lobster Trap Christmas Tree. Knowledge or expertise in building/design and being capable of lifting heavy objects would be an asset but not necessary to be part of the group.

For more information or to donate a trap, please contact Suzy at [satwood@barringtonmunicipality.com](mailto:satwood@barringtonmunicipality.com) or 902-903-0494

**COUNCIL & STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
OUR LOBSTER FISHERS A SAFE  
& PROSPEROUS SEASON**

MON - FRI - 8:30 - 4:30  
TAX OFFICE CLOSES AT 4PM DAILY  
CLOSED FOR LUNCH  
12 - 1PM

**CONTACT**  
902-637-2015  
[INFO@BARRINGTONMUNICIPALITY.COM](mailto:INFO@BARRINGTONMUNICIPALITY.COM)

**ADDRESS**  
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# WARDEN'S MESSAGE

EDDIE NICKERSON - DISTRICT 4

With fall in full swing and another winter season on the horizon, we hope everyone has been staying safe as we continue to face the challenges related to COVID-19. From a municipal perspective, we have tried to work to maintain as close to “normal” operations and delivery of services as possible over the last 20 months and thank you for your cooperation and patience as we continue to provide the municipal services and programs we can, all while abiding by the Public Health directives.

This past summer was a busy one for the Municipality with the Nova Scotia Marathon taking place in-person for the first time since 2019, many recreation programs and activities in all communities such as a revamped day camps, paddleboarding and kayaking workshops and a new lifeguarding service at Stoney Island Beach. I would like to thank the Recreation Department for all their hard work and wish all of our summer students the best during their school year at home or abroad.

Despite COVID-19, the Municipality was able to move forward on important projects. Most notably are the renewal of our municipal infrastructure, including our accessibility upgrades at our Administrative, the replacement of an old heat pump at our library, a new scale at our Construction and Demolition Site and a new Public Works building. In addition, another internet project was announced that will provide fiber-op to approximately 900 locations in the communities of Barrington Passage and Brass Hill by the end of 2021. Through these projects and many community events, our Municipality has come together, once again, to provide an ocean of opportunity to live, work and play.

As always, members of Council and our dedicated staff are ready and willing to help you with any opportunity or issues you may have. We always strive to serve you in the best way possible.

On behalf of Council and our dedicated municipal staff, I wish everyone a joyful, peaceful, healthy end of the year and we look forward with anticipation to 2022.

Enjoy the newsletter,

*Eddie Nickerson*



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# PROPERTY TAX BILLS

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

### AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

CASH  
CHEQUE  
MONEY ORDER  
DEBIT

### OTHER OPTIONS

ONLINE BANKING  
TELEPHONE BANKING  
BRANCH BANKING  
MAIL IN or DROP BOX

### PAYMENTUS: VISA & MASTERCARD

VISIT [www.barringtonmunicipality.com](http://www.barringtonmunicipality.com) or call 1-844-804-8083

### TO ENSURE PROMPT AND ACCURATE PAYMENT:

- allow sufficient time for your payment to reach us.
- make you cheque or money order payable to the Municipality of Barrington.
- enclose the bottom portion of your tax bill with your payment.
- when adding the Municipality as a payee on online banking, search "BARRINGTON."
- include your assessment account number as a reference number when paying by paymentus, online banking, telephone banking or branch banking.

Receipts will not be sent by mail unless requested by the property owner.

### MAILING ADDRESSES

Property owners must ensure that their mailing addresses are kept up-to-date in order that they receive their tax bill. It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure they receive their tax bill.

### Is your account paid by a mortgage company?

The property owner still receives a tax bill and any address changes should be updated with the tax office. Bill amounts are sent to mortgage company once they are issued.

### Recently purchased property?

The mailing address on the new deed will be the address that the tax office will receive. If the mailing address changes with the purchase, please contact the tax office to update.



### Have a problem to report relating to a municipal service?

Our helpdesk makes it simple - all you have to do is visit [helpdesk.barringtonmunicipality.com/report](http://helpdesk.barringtonmunicipality.com/report) from any desktop or mobile phone and fill out a form. From there, we will be able to respond to your inquiries more quickly and effectively, offering the best possible experience.

We encourage you to submit problems online but if you prefer to do so verbally, please call 902-637-2015.

### COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC BOOKING

All Nova Scotians are encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as they are eligible.

The province's goal continues to be immunize as many Nova Scotians as quickly as possible, based on age, to reach a high rate of population immunity.

COVID-19 vaccination appointments must be made online at [www.novascotia.ca/vaccination](http://www.novascotia.ca/vaccination) or by phone at 1-833-797-7772

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

27 Park Lane, Sherose Island  
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**Rentals** - The Recreation Centre can be rented for birthday parties, baby showers, wedding showers, etc. Call the Rec. Dept. to make arrangements. 902-637-2015.

The Kids Fair Play FUNd mission is to provide recreational opportunities for all kids in Shelburne County in a number of ways: financial, travel, equipment and making connections. The Kids Fair Play FUNd will assist kids in any recreation and sport activity. Call the Rec. Dept. for more information.

Southshoreconnect.ca is used by municipal recreation departments on the South Shore that service providers, residents and visitors are able to easily locate the local recreation, outdoor, sport and active living options across the region. If you feel your club or organization can contribute to this site please contact the Rec. Department.



## FALL HIKE/ACTIVITY SERIES



**November 18 – Capture the Flag**

**November 21 – Hidden Gems Hike – The ROCK**

**December 11 – Giants & Gingerbread Family trail adventure**

**December 23 – Sunrise (Easy mode) hike**

Also watch for community scavenger hunts, punch card challenges and more to get you moving and exploring our municipality!

## SANDY WICKENS MEMORIAL ARENA PUBLIC SKATE SCHEDULE

(subject to change for tournaments/festivals)

### MONDAY

4-5pm - Teen Pick-Up Hockey  
7-8pm (bi-weekly) - Women's Pick-Up Hockey

### THURSDAY

10-11am - Pre-school/Home school skate  
11am-12pm - Adult skate

### TUESDAY

10-11am - Pre-school/Home school skate  
11am-12pm - Adult skate  
3:30-5pm - Men's Pick-Up Hockey

### FRIDAY

5-6pm - Public Skate

### WEDNESDAY

10-11am - Pre-school/Home school skate  
11am-12pm - Adult skate  
3:30-5pm - Public Skate

### SUNDAY

4-5:30pm - Public Skate

### FEES

Public Skate - \$2 youth & \$3 adults  
Pick-Up Hockey - \$5  
Prime Time Rental - \$130/hr plus tax  
Non-Prime Rental - \$65/hr plus tax



## LOOSE PARTS PLAY AT SHEROSE ISLAND PLAYGROUND



### Unstructured Play

The Municipality of Barrington values the importance of outdoor unstructured play.

When we are talking about outdoor unstructured play, we are referring to risky play and nature play. This play normally happens where natural elements are present- such as water and mud, rocks, sticks, hills, forests, and natural loose parts such as pine cones, leaves, grass etc. This sort of play is self directed and exploratory. This means that the child is in charge of the play and directs how they are playing.

A initiative we are working on is loose parts play. We currently have one Loose Parts Play Shed located at the Sherose Island Playground. The Shed houses plenty of Loose Parts items such as tires, stumps, ropes, tunnels, crates, cooking utensils/pots, etc.

The reason loose parts play is important for children is because the items support divergent thinking, problem solving, physical activity, and offers a sense of wonder to them.

### Look At You Go!

Keep your eyes peeled for these Look at You Go signs that will give you some play ideas at some of our outdoor facilities! We are always looking at ways to make outdoor play more fun! We hope you enjoy these fun mini games.



**Equipment loans** – we have a variety of game and sports equipment available for loan including snowshoes for winter exploring/hiking. We also have a hippocampe which is a three-wheeled wheelchair for use over more difficult terrain including our beaches and in snow!

Call us to borrow at no charge.

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### Dwayne Hunt

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## WATER TESTS

Need your well water tested?  
Bottles can be picked up at  
the Municipal Office.

## SEWER

Please assist us in keeping our public sewer systems working properly. Do not flush items such as diapers (child/adult), rags, mop heads, face masks, shop towels, etc. These items cause damage to the pumping system which result in expensive repairs and maintenance. Please contact our Director of Property Services at 635-0181 with any inquiries or problems regarding the sewer system..



## CIVIC NUMBERING

### HOW CAN WE FIND YOU WHEN YOU NEED US?

*Please know the proper name of the road you live on.*

**Example:Centreville - Highway 330 or Centreville – South Side Road.**

**Road names are important. Know yours.**

**Seconds make the difference.**

### IT'S THE LAW – POST YOUR REFLECTIVE CIVIC NUMBER TODAY.

Civic numbers are to be reflective and shall be displayed on the same side of the road as the property is located and be visible from either direction. Blue and white signs are most visible.

We would like to hear from you – If you do not have a properly posted civic number, please call our office 637-2015 ext. 231 for assistance and/or direction.

### CIVIC NUMBERS SAVE LIVES!

## AIRBNB/ACCOMMODATIONS

Airbnb's and other short term rentals/accommodations are becoming very common in our area. Any lodging accommodations are required under the Fire Safety Act of Nova Scotia to have fire inspections completed on them. If you are the owner of an Airbnb or Inn, please contact our office to schedule an inspection if one has not already been completed. Please note, all short term rentals/accommodations are now required to be registered with the Province of Nova Scotia. Please phone our office for full details - 902-637-2015 ext. 231

## NEW STAIR DIMENSIONS

The Building Code has changed regarding run length of steps. Ten-inch stairs are now required. This has been changed due to safety. There are thousands of deaths in Canada every year due to people falling downstairs. This new requirement does not affect existing stairs but new construction or if you are replacing stairs, the 10 in run is required. Please contact our office at 902-637-2015 ext. 230 if you have any questions.

### BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TODAY!

Stop by your local fire department or fill out an application online on our website (look under fire services).

### From West to East the Officers of the Fire Departments are as follows:

**Woods Harbour Shag Harbour:** Chief – Jody Goreham, Dpty Chief – Jason Shand, Dpty Chief – Gordie Stoddard

**Island & Barrington Passage:** Chief - Walter Scott, Dpty Chief – Greg Duggan, Dpty Chief - Brian Nickerson

**Barrington/Port La Tour:** Chief - Paul Thomas, Dpty Chief – Craig Hutchinson, Dpty Chief – Arthur Doane

Home owners are encouraged to ensure their property is accessible by emergency vehicles. Ambulances and fire trucks are much larger than personal vehicles and driveways and lanes which are overgrown or not wide enough can prevent the emergency vehicle from reaching your location in a timely manner

# Our Senior Services

1-800-565-0397

## APPLY NOW!

### NOVA SCOTIA PROPERTY TAX REBATE

This program provides a 50% rebate of residential municipal property taxes paid for 2020, up to \$800

### HEATING ASSISTANCE REBATE

The heating assistance rebate program helps Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating up to \$200.

### 2021 HEAT FUND

#### Home Emergency Assistance

**Top-Up.** The HEAT fund is administered by The Salvation Army.

We will help seniors apply for the various grants and rebates. Please call 1-800-565-0397 to set up an appointment.



**Senior Services**  
Designed to help our seniors improve their quality of life!

## FREE Holiday Meal Delivery

**When: December 2021**  
In partnership with:  
The Mayflower Place, Barrington  
Birchtown Community Centre, Birchtown  
Let's help bring the gift of joy to our senior community.

**CALL OR EMAIL TO REGISTER!**  
**1-800-565-0397**  
SENIORSERVICES@BARRINGTONMUNICIPALITY.COM  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: DECEMBER 1ST, 2021  
NAME, PHONE NUMBER & ADDRESS REQUIRED



### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP

**Thursday, November 18**  
Christmas shopping trip to Halifax Shopping Centre. Supper at Swiss Chalet in Bridgewater and more shopping at Bridgewater Walmart.  
Cost \$65, includes supper  
Call to register 1-800-565-0397

## SHELBURNE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

The Shelburne County Community Health Board is a volunteer board of Nova Scotia Health that represents YOU, residents of the Municipality of Barrington, on matters of community health such as food security, affordable housing, recreation and wellness, community connections, and more!



This fall, the CHB is focusing their efforts on affordable housing, including organizing the Shelburne County Housing Coalition and sharing information with our communities.

To learn more about SCCHB, visit our facebook page or call Coordinator Elisabeth Bailey at (902) 350-0478. Would you be interested in joining us in our work? Call Elisabeth for an application or for more information!

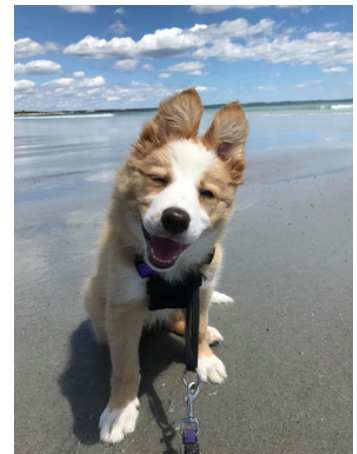
## ILLEGAL DUMPING

Please report illegal dump sites by calling 902-637-2015

## STREET LIGHTS

Street lights which are out or not working properly can be reported to the Municipal Office at 902-637-2015 ext. 230

## DOGS



When using municipal trails and sidewalks, dogs must be on a leash at all times held by a person able to control the dog. Leashes are also required on beaches as posted by the Department of Natural Resources. Please be considerate and clean up after your pets in public places as pet waste transmits disease and contaminates water supplies.



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Sou'West Nova Transit provides affordable transportation to ALL Shelburne County residents allowing ease of access to essential services throughout the province, and help residents stay connected to their communities.

- Pre-booked (at least 1 business day in advance), door-to-door, wheelchair accessible
- Offering free rides to COVID-19 vaccination appointments

Visit [souwestnovatransit.ca](http://souwestnovatransit.ca) or call (toll free) 844-637-2572 to learn more.

## Shelburne County Youth Health & Support Association



Shelburne County Youth Health and Support Association (est.1998) (SCYHSA) is a registered charity dedicated to the health and wellbeing of youth ages 12-24 residing in Shelburne County. We are often referred to as Our House Youth Wellness Centre. While our physical space is located at 54 King Street, Shelburne, we provide outreach services to both Lockeport and The Municipality of Barrington.

SCYHSA offers a variety of in-house and off site programs and services. We are able to provide youth crisis support (food, clothing, medical/dental, supportive counseling, advocacy, accompaniment and transportation support, etc) and other support services that encompass youth Mental Health and poverty reduction.

We have a staff member who visits BMHS every Friday to facilitate access to our Free Store. The Free store is an opportunity for youth to access essential items free of charge and without prejudice. Think of it like a small general store where youth can access anything from food, hygiene products, school supplies, clothing, safer sex items, etc. Melissa is on site to help youth get what they need. Our House staff also offer support to the BMHS Gay Straight Alliance.

Friend us on Facebook: [@ourhouse.youthwellnesscentre](https://www.facebook.com/ourhouse.youthwellnesscentre)  
Follow us on Instagram: [@ourhousecentre](https://www.instagram.com/ourhousecentre)  
Checkout our website: [www.ourhouse.scyhsa.com](http://www.ourhouse.scyhsa.com)

If you are interested in getting involved or in making a donation to our free store you can contact our Executive Director, Amy MacKinnon by calling 902-875-3337 or email [ed@scyhsa.com](mailto:ed@scyhsa.com)  
We look forward to hearing from our community!

### Grow Your Professional Network



### WESTERN REN CONNECTOR PROGRAM

Are you a recent graduate, new to the region or seeking new employment?

The Connector Program will be able to help you by matching you with community business leaders in their industry of expertise.

By taking part in this free program, you will make professional connections within your community in the industry you seek to work in.

If you want to learn more about this program you can reach out to Miranda MacLean at [mmaclean@westernren.ca](mailto:mmaclean@westernren.ca) or by visiting our website [westernren.ca/programs/western-connector-program/](http://westernren.ca/programs/western-connector-program/)

### Welcome Guide

In partnership with funders, local municipalities, and organizations, the Western Regional Enterprise Network created Welcome to 'Western Nova Scotia' as a resource to help newcomers navigate our region.



The 'Welcome to Western Nova Scotia' guide is an all-encompassing guide to living in the region for those considering moving to our communities and those who have recently moved here. It takes readers through the need to know, including housing, healthcare, child-care, education, volunteering, museums, and activities to check out within the region.

The Welcome to Western Nova Scotia Guide is on our website in both official languages [www.westernren.ca](http://www.westernren.ca)



The Warm Line is now open and is offering an opportunity for folks in Shelburne County to call at specific times to speak with a trained volunteer 1-833-927-6546. If you are experiencing challenges in life, feeling lonely, anxious or depressed or just need to talk to someone the warm line workers are there to take your calls. The service provides short term emotional support and is confidential and non-judgmental. The Warm Line is available for calls during these specific times:

- Mondays 1pm-5pm
- Tuesday 1pm – 8pm
- Wednesdays 4pm – 8pm
- Thursdays 1pm-5pm



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