

THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON



NEWSLETTER FALL 2023

DID YOU KNOW?

The first day of the Lobster Season in Sou'west Nova is referred to as **Dumping Day**.

Dumping Day is the last Monday in November!



Lobster Season 2023/24

Council and staff, would like to wish all our fishers a safe and prosperous lobster season! We understand the significance of lobster fishing in our community. It's not just a livelihood; it's a tradition passed down through generations. The hard work, dedication, and respect for our beautiful coastal waters are what make our community unique.

Thank you for being an integral part of our municipality, and we look forward to celebrating your successes as the season unfolds.

OFFICE HOURS

MON - FRI
8:00AM - 5:00PM

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WARDEN'S MESSAGE

EDDIE NICKERSON - DISTRICT 4



As the leaves start to fall and the air turns crisp, it's clear that fall has arrived. With the change in seasons comes a shift in our daily routines and priorities, and it's important that we all stay connected and informed.

Reflecting on the past summer, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for all that we accomplished as a community. From exciting community festivals and events to activities at our beaches and trails - the spirit of togetherness was evident in every shared moment, and in every volunteer effort. In the midst of celebrating our summer successes, I must also acknowledge the ongoing efforts in recovery and rebuilding after the wildfires. The strength and resilience displayed by our neighbors in the face of adversity has been nothing short of inspiring. Together, we are making strides towards healing and restoring what was lost.

With winter on the horizon, let's remember to look out for one another. Check in on your neighbors, especially those who may need an extra hand or a friendly chat. A small act of kindness can go a long way in brightening someone's day. Our local trails and parks still offer beauty and serenity in the fall and winter months. Don't forget to bundle up and take a stroll to soak in nature.

As we approach the start of the lobster season, a time that holds special significance for our coastal community, let's celebrate this tradition that has been woven into the fabric of our municipality's identity. Let's support our local fishing industry and savor the fruits of their labor.

As always, stay informed about local news and events. Our municipal website and social media channels are excellent resources to keep you up-to-date with important announcements, community activities, and initiatives.

Our members of Council and our dedicated staff are also 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. I wish everyone a joyful, peaceful, healthy end of the year and we look forward with anticipation to 2024.

Sincerely,

Eddie Nickerson



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DISTRICT 2 - COUNCILLOR ANDREA MOOD-NICKERSON
DISTRICT 3 - COUNCILLOR SHAUN HATFIELD
DISTRICT 4 - WARDEN EDDIE NICKERSON
DISTRICT 5 - DEPUTY WARDEN JODY CROOK

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

PAYMENT OPTIONS

AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

CASH
CHEQUE
MONEY ORDER
DEBIT

AT MOST BANKS

ONLINE BANKING
TELEPHONE BANKING
BRANCH BANKING

PAYMENTUS: (1.75% Service Fee) VISA & MASTERCARD

VISIT
www.barringtonmunicipality.com
or call 1-844-804-8083

The October 2023 final bill was sent out during the first week of October, the interest date begins after November 15, 2023.

TO ENSURE PROMPT AND ACCURATE PAYMENT:

- allow sufficient time for your payment to reach us.
- make your 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

Due to recent changes in mailing address formats implemented by Canada Post, there has been a large amount of returned bills. Staff are doing their best to find current mailing addresses for the returned bills where possible, but ask that taxpayers contact us to provide their current mailing addresses. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that their mailing address is kept up-to-date in order that 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 the mortgage companies 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.

PROVINCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Many of the programs and projects the Province supports, including those impacting public housing and cooperative and community housing organizations, are jointly funded by the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada through the Canada Community Housing Initiative. The Secondary and Backyard Suite Incentive Program will provide up to \$25,000 in forgivable loans to eligible homeowners who create an affordable secondary or backyard suite in their home or on their property. To learn more about this program and others, please visit:

housing.novascotia.ca/programs-and-services



MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

HIKE NS HIKER CHALLENGE



Have you done our Hiker Challenge yet?

The Hiker Challenge is about inspiring, motivating and rewarding hikers to start hiking or to hike more. Your reward for completing a challenge is a badge to show off on clothing or backpacks and making the Honour Roll.

Our Municipality of Barrington Badge is free, supported by the NS Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage. It challenges you to visit at least 7 of 10 local trails over the course of a year. Each season there is a prize draw for gift cards generously provided by The Trail Shop.

So get your hike on and take the Hiker Challenge!

Watch for these guided hikes of these trails and more every month!

December 9 - Wireless Station Hike

December 13 - Family Fun Hike (Holiday GLOW!) - Sherose Island Trail

January 14 - Fox Rock - Shag Harbour

Learn more by calling 902-637-2015 EXT 237 or visiting our municipal website!



FALL/WINTER PICKLEBALL!

Mondays & Wednesdays
6-8:30 PM
Clarks Harbour Elementary

Thursdays
6-8PM at
Forest Ridge Academy

All equipment provided.
No experience necessary - varied levels of play!

SHEROSE ISLAND TRAIL UPGRADES!

We invite you to explore the new boardwalk and look-off area on the Sherose Island Trail. The boardwalked portion is located on the 3rd loop on the water side and extends over a wet and muddy section to a benched section overlooking the water, making this area more accessible for all to enjoy!



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SENIOR'S SOCIALS

We are excited to host monthly senior's special events at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre on selected Wednesdays from 1-3pm. Watch our website and Facebook page for upcoming activities. Each social includes light refreshments, fun activities, and time spent with friends, old and new! Please call 902-637-2015 ext 239 or message us on our Facebook page to register for any of these special events.



COMING UP!

BINGO-Palooza! Play a variety of Bingo games for fun, prizes and bragging rights! Light refreshments will be provided.

Bring a friend or 75! Everything is provided and best of all at NO CHARGE!
Wednesday, November 15th at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre from 1 - 3 PM.



Magic of the Holidays!

Experience magic and music at this special social event! We can't wait for the Great Tim Beanie to entertain you!
Wednesday, December 13th at the Sherose Island Recreation Centre from 1 - 3 PM.

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

The Municipality added 8 bicycles to their equipment loan program! We also have Nordic walking poles, backyard games, and many more activities to keep you active in the fall! If you would like to borrow our equipment, you can call 902-637-2015 EXT 237 or visit our municipal website!



The Barrington Regional Curling Club has launched a new curling season and welcomes to come try curling this Winter.

Interested in curling but have never tried it before? Come and try it out - with support and guidance of in-ice instruction!

Learn to Curl Try It Nights

November 15th & 16th - 6-8pm

Register on Facebook at @BarringtonCurlingClub

Come try our new "4 Week Fun to Curl" League running November 22nd, November 29th, December 6th and December 13th

Want to learn more, call Jon Langille the Operations Managers at 902-637-2009 or brcc@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Mark your calendars for more fantastic
LIGHTNING TRIVIA WITH ADAM --

Christmas Lightning Trivia Dec 16th / and future dates on Jan 20th / Feb 17th / March 23rd!

SANDY WICKENS MEMORIAL ARENA

MONDAY

10am - Adult skate

TUESDAY

10am - Preschool Skate
2:30pm - Home school skate
4pm - Public Skate

WEDNESDAY

10am - Adult skate
2:30pm - Preschool Skate
4pm - Public Skate
8:30pm (bi-weekly) - Women's Pick-Up Hockey

FEES

Public Skate - \$2 youth & \$3 adults
Pick-Up Hockey - \$5

PUBLIC SKATE SCHEDULE

(subject to change for tournaments/festivals)

THURSDAY

10am - Preschool Skate
2:30pm - Home school skate
4:30pm - Teen Pick-Up Hockey
5:30pm - Men's Pick-Up Hockey

FRIDAY

10am - Adult skate
2:30pm - Home school skate
5pm - Public Skate

SUNDAY

1pm - Public Skate

Prime Time Rental - \$130/hr plus tax
Weeknights - 4pm to Close & Weekends
Non-Prime Rental - \$65/hr plus tax
Weekdays - open to 4PM

Find our arena calendar here!





DID YOU KNOW?

Students who join a fire department and complete firefighter 1 training qualify for a personal development credit from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. This credit can be used as one of the 5 elective credits high school students need to graduate.

EMO SERVICES

Hurricane season is nearing the end for this year and we have made it through without significant impacts. We always need to be prepared for a wide variety of emergencies. You can find a wealth of information on preparing for emergencies at: <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca>

CIVIC NUMBERING

260

**HOW CAN WE FIND YOU WHEN YOU NEED US?
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!

A copy of the civic numbering by-law can be found on the Municipal Website.

NEW REQUIREMENT

The Abilities Act is now in effect. All new building construction or additions to residential housing requires all doors to be 36 inches minimum width. For further details on all adaptable housing requirements contact our office.

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Development permits are required to locate any storage building or shipping container on a property. Please contact the building inspector's office to obtain the correct permit.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

With the wood burning season soon upon us, please be sure to check your batteries in all your smoke detectors and be sure to check even wired in detectors as they too have battery back up.

STRONGLY SUGGEST if you burn wood, oil or propane, please install a carbon monoxide detector on each floor. These plug into any normal wall plug and can detect carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is called the "SILENT KILLER". Carbon monoxide detectors can save your life!

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

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

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

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

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TODAY!

The fire departments are always in need of volunteers to maintain the excellent service they provide. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please stop by your local fire department or fill out an application online on our website (look under fire services).



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OUR HOUSE YOUTH WELLNESS STUFF THE SOCK!

As the holiday season approaches, we are excited to extend a warm invitation to you to sign up your youth for our special Christmas support program. Our House is launching its first "Stuff the Sock" for youth initiative. Our goal is to ensure that every youth in our community experiences the joy and care of the holidays, and we're here to provide a helping hand. Open to all youth ages 12yrs to 19yrs throughout Shelburne County.

What We Offer:

Your youth(s) will receive a beautifully crafted Christmas stocking filled with delightful surprises and an assortment of hygiene products

How to Sign Up:

- Visit our fb page **Our House Youth Wellness Centre** or call our office at **902-875-3337** to access our online sign-up form.
- Fill in your contact details and your youth's information. We are committed to respecting your privacy.
- Let us know about any specific needs or preferences your youth may have.

Sign-up Deadline: December 6th, 2023

Distribution of Christmas Stockings: December 18-22nd



SCAN ME 

GOOD NEWS FROM THE TEAM AT SCOTIAN SHORES SHORELINE CLEANUP!

We did it! The area around The Cape lighthouse has been cleaned. We estimate another 75,000lbs of marine debris has been removed again this year! New stuff may wash ashore, but we will continue to work on it. You can help by taking a little bit of debris with you everytime you visit this beautiful island. Remember: Every bit counts!

A huge thank you to all of our supporters this year: The Fisheries and Oceans Ghost Gear Fund, The Barrington Public Works Team, Barrington Municipality, Sable Fish Packers, Long Point Lobster, Atlantic ChiCan, Cape Sable Island Harbour Authority, Friends of the Cape Sable Lighthouse, Little River Fisheries, The Coastal Restoration Society, Breton Air, our cooks, our hosts, local lobster fishers, irish mossers and so, so many more good humans.

But MOST importantly: Thank you to all the volunteers who came along with the Scotian Shores Team and cleaned up around Nova Scotia's Tallest Lighthouse for it's 100th Anniversary! The island hasn't looked this good in decades!

Join us for more cleanup events by emailing: scotianshores@gmail.com

Brandon Blades Photos



QuickStart Nova Scotia is a parent-mediated coaching program designed to empower caregivers of toddlers with a suspected, provisional, or confirmed diagnosis of autism to teach and support their child's development.

Learn more at autismnovascotia.ca



Please assist us in keeping our public sewer systems working properly. Do not flush items such as wipes (even if they say they are flushable) 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 Public Works at 635-0181 with any inquiries or problems regarding the sewer system.



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

Visit souwestnovatransit.ca or call (toll free) 844-637-2572 to learn more.

Western Counties Regional Library

BARRINGTON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Community Play Group

Thursdays to December 14th

10 - 11AM

Families with children five years and younger can join library and Shelburne Family Resource Centre staff for a variety of free play, songs, games and story time at the library.

CLARK'S HARBOUR LIBRARY

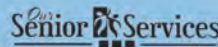
Knitting Club

Tuesdays to December 19th

5:30 - 8PM

Bring your yarn and knitting needles to the library and join the knitting club where you can work on projects and socialize. This program is for adults.

Each library branch has COVID-19 rapid test kits available for the public near the entrance. There are ongoing puzzle exchanges and programs and book sales at both libraries. Note: Free rides may be available through Sou'West Nova Transit for family and children's programming in Shelburne County. Call 844-637-2572 in advance to request a trip. Adults must travel with children under 16.



ENJOY OUR MEMORY CAFÉ SERIES THIS WINTER

Join us from 2:30-3:30pm on these dates...

Tuesday December 5 - In Person

Tuesday January 16 - Virtual

Tuesday February 13 - Virtual

Tuesday March 12 - In Person

Tuesday April 16 - In Person

What is a Memory Café?

A free winter social event for individuals, families and care partners living with memory challenges.

What happens at Memory Café?

We enjoy conversation, entertainment and warm drinks in a welcoming atmosphere.

Where are in-person cafés held?

NSCC Shelburne Campus
(1575 Lake Road)

How do I register?

Call (902) 903-0493 or Email
msmith@barringtonmunicipality.com



Shelburne County

Mental Health & Wellness Association
Non-Crisis Mental Health Support

1-833-927-6546

FOOD BANKS



CENTREVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

800 HWY 330, Centreville, CSI
Monday & Wednesday
10:30AM - 1:30PM
Bring your own bag

VILLAGEDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

716 Villagedale Road Barrington
support@villagedale.ca



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ASSOCIATION



Join in the Fight Against Hunger!

Every act of kindness counts, and today, we're asking for your help to support our local food security programme.

Your Contribution Matters: Even a small donation can make a big difference. Your generosity ensures that families facing hunger can access the nourishing food they need.

Give the Gift of Food: Think of the smiles you'll bring, the tables you'll fill, and the hope you'll inspire. Your contribution directly impacts lives in our community. Together, we can make a real change! www.villagedale.ca

What we eat not only fills our bellies but also plays a critical role in determining our health. By ensuring everyone has access to good food, we're investing in healthier communities and healthier lives.

Food security programmes are more than just places to collect and distribute food. They're symbols of unity and care!

Please consider donating today and be a part of the solution. Let's stand together against hunger.

Open hours are available online at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/villagedale>