



THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARRINGTON | *An ocean of opportunity*

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024



BRANDON BLADES PHOTO

Celebrating 75 years of the Cape Sable Island Causeway



Join us in marking the 75th Anniversary of the Cape Sable Island Causeway! This pivotal structure, completed in 1949, has connected Cape Sable Island to the mainland, transforming the lives of residents and visitors alike. The causeway's construction, championed by Premier Angus L. MacDonald in 1946, was a monumental achievement, reflecting our community's resilience and vision.

To celebrate this milestone, we are hosting a celebration on August 5, with lots of great family fun activities! This day is not just about celebrating a piece of infrastructure, but also the spirit and heritage of the Municipality of Barrington. Come and be a part of this special occasion as we honor the causeway that has brought us together for 75 years!

OFFICE HOURS

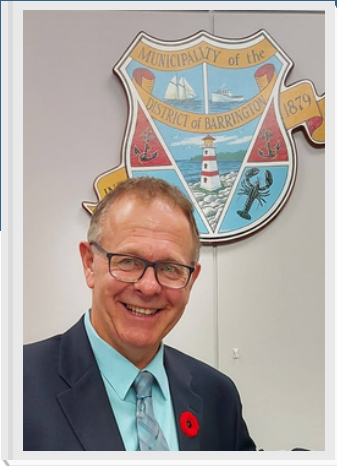
MON - FRI
8:00AM - 5:00PM

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WARDEN'S MESSAGE

EDDIE NICKERSON - DISTRICT 4

Summer is here, and I hope you're all making the most of the sunshine and warmth. Whether you're spending time at our local parks, enjoying barbecues with friends, or just relaxing in your backyard, this season is a great opportunity to enjoy everything our municipality has to offer.

I'm excited to announce the fantastic progress on our new Recreation Centre. The construction is moving along smoothly, and it's shaping up to be a wonderful addition to our community. The centre will feature top-notch amenities like an indoor walking track, a spacious multipurpose room, and versatile rooms for various community events and programs. We're aiming to open next Spring, and I'm confident it will become a vibrant hub for residents of all ages, promoting health, wellness, and togetherness.

Our beautiful municipal beaches are another highlight of the season. With their pristine sands and inviting waters, they offer the perfect setting for relaxation and fun. We are fortunate to have such wonderful natural resources, and I encourage everyone to make the most of them. As we welcome visitors to our beaches, let's extend our community spirit by being friendly and accommodating, ensuring that everyone has a positive experience. Remember to keep our beaches clean and safe for all to enjoy.

This June also marked a significant moment of reflection and resilience as we acknowledge the one-year anniversary of the wildfire. The devastation was significant, but so was the strength and unity of our municipality. Many of you came together to support one another, and through your efforts, we've made remarkable strides in rebuilding and healing. As we move forward, let's continue to support each other and remember the lessons we've learned.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making our municipality a wonderful place to live. Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and take advantage of all the fantastic activities and events planned in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Eddie Nickerson

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

Property Taxes Reminder notices for property taxes will be sent out the first week of July 2024. Please note that reminders will not be sent to owners with an account balance of less than \$5 and that interest is accruing daily at a rate of 18% per annum on all outstanding balances. Property owners with two full years of arrears (2022 and prior) will receive a Preliminary Notice of Tax Sale during the first week of August, 2024. Once the notices have been sent, the property owner is added to the 2024/25 tax sale list and is required to pay all interest and arrears in order to be removed from this list. The tentative date for the tax sale is February, 2025.

The October 2024 final bill will be sent out during the first week of October and the interest date will be after November 15, 2024.

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.

PROPERTY TAX REBATE

Applications for the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors, which helps low-income seniors with their municipal residential property taxes, open Friday, July 1. The program offers eligible seniors a rebate of half of their property taxes, up to \$800.

For more information please visit the Senior Services office at the Municipal Office or <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-property-tax-rebate-property-tax-rebate-seniors>

MEET OUR

TOURISM AMBASSADORS

Meet Kyla and Kay, our Tourism Ambassadors for 2024! You will spot them out and about this summer in various locations throughout the Municipality, and in our Visitor Information Centre (2447 Hwy 3, Barrington), counselling visitors and residents and sharing the top things to see and do in the **Lobster Capital of Canada!**

Keep up to date on their location of the day and all things
Visit Barrington on our social channels!



Follow Us

@VISITBARRINGTON





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HELLO Summer

NEW!! YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Calling all young teens! Dive into our exciting Youth Leadership Experiences and explore your passions while gaining knowledge, experience, confidence, and leadership skills. Join us for sessions like Kinesiology Camp, Outdoor Skills, STEM Activity Camp, Sports, and more! Whether you're into science, sports, or the great outdoors, we have something just for you. Don't miss out on this chance to learn, grow, and lead! <https://barringtonmunicipality.com/Recreation/summer-programs>



COMMUNITY BEACH DAYS EVERY FRIDAY!

Fridays are Beach Days!

Watch for beach activities every Friday at Stoney Island Beach! Our staff will be on site and deliver activities for all ages from Beach volleyball or Crossnet tournaments, to epic scavenger hunts to bocce ball or washers. Watch our Facebook page for all the details! @BarringtonRecreation



VOLLEYBALL NOW AT STONEY ISLAND BEACH!

Try it Kayaking sessions for beginners in the month of July! (Sherose Island Boat Launch)

New Kayak shed at the Sherose Island Boat launch - kayaks are available to borrow for FREE!



Equipment Loan: Kayaks

Girls on Boards Returns! On a mission to empower girls to love their bodies, trust their core and lead the way. Ages 10-14

Try-it Stand Up Paddleboard sessions at Wild Axe Park in July! \$5 with instruction and all equipment provided.



For more information on our programs phone 902-637-2015

Find us on



KAYAKING
For Beginners
Sherose Island Boat Launch
Month of July
\$5

THE MUNICIPALITY OF
BARRINGTON



In Barrington!
Sessions for Ages 10-16
Wild Axe Park

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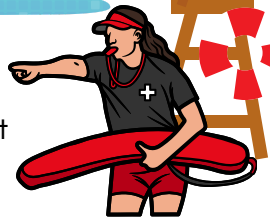


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POOL

LIFESAIVING COURSES

become a lifeguard or swim instructor and start with our entry level courses.



AQUA DANCE

fitness class where you stay cool!



MERMAID SCHOOL

don your tail and learn specialty swim skills to swim like a mermaid/ merman.



Plus

- SWIMMING LESSONS
- PARENT & TOT SWIM LESSONS
- SENIOR SWIMS
- OPEN SWIMS
- FAMILY SWIMS
- BUBBLE RENTALS



DISCOVER OUR BEACH TOY LIBRARIES!

We understand that you can't always travel with bulky beach toys and that spur-of-the-moment beach trips happen and we want everyone to enjoy a day at the beach! Borrow the toys from the library, enjoy playing with them on the beach, and return them when you are done for others to enjoy as well!



BARRINGTON LEISURE PARK

Be sure to check out the exciting new additions to the Barrington Leisure Park! From hill slides to zip-lines, every feature is designed to spark joy and provide endless fun and learning opportunities



BARRINGTON CURLING CLUB DROP IN PICKLEBALL

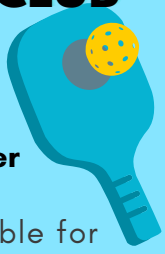
Mon, Wed. & Thurs. - 6PM - 9PM
\$99 Unlimited Play or \$5 session

The courts are available for drop-in other times when the club is open.

Lounge and ice area rentals are available for small or large functions, events or birthday parties. Space available for inflatables!

Contact the club for more info
brcc@ns.sympatico.ca

barringtoncurlingclub.weebly.com



Find us on 

BARRINGTON Farmer's MARKET



SHEROSE ISLAND NOW EVERY SATURDAY!!

9AM - 12PM

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

CIVIC NUMBERING

HOW CAN WE FIND YOU WHEN YOU NEED US?

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

During the wildfire, it became evident to emergency services that many properties lacked proper civic number signage. It's crucial to display civic numbers in accordance with the civic numbering by-law. If you're unsure about how to obtain or display your civic number, please contact our office for assistance.

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BUILDING PERMITS - WILDFIRE UPDATE

Structures that were lost as a result of the wildfires will still require a building permit to be replaced. The Municipality has **waived any fees** for these replacement permits. Please contact the Building Inspections Office for further details.

HOUSES PURCHASED FOR WORKERS RESIDENCES

When converting a single-family home to workers' housing, it is essential to meet the requirements of the National Building Code and Fire Codes. A building permit is required for such conversions. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 902-637-2015 ext. 230.

FIRE SERVICES

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

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

Island & Barrington Passage: Chief - Walter Scott, Deputy Chief - Greg Duggan, Deputy Chief - Tyson Ross

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)

BurnSafe 101

The BurnSafe map is your guide to when it's safe to burn in Nova Scotia during wildfire season, March 15 to October 15.



- GREEN** = burning is allowed after 2 pm.
- YELLOW** = burning is allowed after 7 pm.
- RED** = no burning is allowed.

Burning is never allowed from 8 am to 2 pm during wildfire season because that is often when the risk of wildfires is greatest. The map is **RED** during those hours. After 2 pm, check for an update.



Burn restrictions apply to open fires, including at campgrounds. This includes campfires, bonfires, burn pits, brush burning, chimineas and similar appliances.



Always make sure a fire is completely extinguished.

Never leave a fire unattended.



Save brush for burning in the winter.

Know your municipal bylaws and follow them if they are stricter than the provincial fire restrictions.



You could be fined \$25,000 if you don't follow provincial fire restrictions.

Burn restrictions are updated daily at 2 pm based on weather data.



Check online at NovaScotia.ca/BurnSafe or call 1-855-564-2876 to see if burning is allowed.



Effective May 16, 2024

NovaScotia.ca/BurnSafe

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MARSHA BATEMAN PHOTO

BIRDS CANADA - SPRING UPDATE

The beaches within the Municipality of the District of Barrington are busy with nesting birds including endangered Piping Plovers! Plover pairs are tending eggs and chicks on the dry open sandy areas between the dunes and wet sand. You can help beach-nesting birds by walking on the wet sand and keeping dogs on leash.

Last year was an exciting year for Piping Plovers in NS. For the first time in over 30 years, the number of Piping Plovers in NS - 66 pairs - exceeded the 60 pair provincial population recovery goal. This marks an important milestone in recovering this endangered species, and Barrington area beaches and beachgoers are a big part of this success. In fact, in 2023, beaches in the municipality supported 30 plover pairs, representing 45% of the provincial population and the highest count of any municipality. Plovers also had a successful breeding season in 2023. Province-wide, plovers produced 1.91 fledglings per monitored pair, which was above the 1.65 annual productivity target. Plovers nesting in the municipality also had a good year with a productivity rate of 1.81.



Do you love beaches and birds? We looking for new volunteers to help us on Barrington area beaches, especially Cape Sable Island! Please contact Birds Canada's Outreach Biologist, Rielle Hoeg (rhoeg@birdscanada.org), for more information.

BE WILDFIRE PREPARED

The wildfire our municipality endured has forever changed our community. There are numerous things residents can do to make their properties more resilient to the threat of wildfire and there is a wealth of information to help with that at the link below.

[FIRESMARTCANADA.CA](https://firesmartcanada.ca)

FOOD BANKS



VILLAGEDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

716 Villagedale Road Barrington
support@villagedale.ca

[VILLAGEDALE.CA](https://villagedale.ca) OR
[FIND THEM ON FACEBOOK](#)

CENTREVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

800 HWY 330, Centreville, CSI

Monday & Wednesday
10:30AM - 1:30PM Bring your own bag



Connector Program SUCCESS STORY

"After living in Alberta for 6 years, I was looking for a professional opportunity that would allow me to come home. Through the connections I made in this program, I was able to **get my foot in the door and accept a great job in my field of work.**"

- Dustin Atkinson, Chartered Professional Accountant
White Perkins Associates

The Connector Program is a simple, yet **highly effective networking program** designed to help broaden a skilled job seeker's network through one-on-one meetings with established local business and community leaders.

Contact **Miranda MacLean**
Connector Program Manager
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(902) 340-8136

Our Senior Services

Designed to help our seniors improve their quality of life!

1-800-565-0397



Scammers want to steal your money

They are sneaky and know how to become close friends very quickly. They might appear to be friendly but all they want is your money or your personal information.

With this information, they can get a credit card in your name.



Never give your PIN number to others



Never lend your bank card to others



Never send money to a person you have not met.



Do not give your bank details to a person you have not met.



Never agree to accept money into your account from a stranger



Be careful with strangers when texting on social media.

STAY INFORMED AND REPORT!

Call the Anti-fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 and local RCMP at 902-637-2325

Call 211 to find out how to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS!



July 6
Strawberry Tea
Barrington Museum Complex

Old Meeting House
Summer Concert Series
All Summer Long



July 21
Nova Scotia Marathon

JULY 26
Beach Bash
Stoney Island Beach



August 1-4
Hawk Dayze

August 5
75th Anniversary of the Cape
Sable Island Causeway

August 10th
Cape Day

August 15-18
Barrington Exhibition

AUGUST 23
Beach Bash
Stoney Island Beach



Sept 27 - 29
Shag Harbour UFO Xpo

Visit
SHELBURNECOUNTY.CA
for a full schedule of events!



Shelburne County Youth Health and Support Association

Our House Youth Wellness Centre is pleased to bring back the "Pack The Sack" School Readiness Program for it's 5th year. This program is designed for students gr. 7-12, attending one of Shelburne County's three high schools. We recognize and appreciate that many families are struggling. With high seasonal unemployment, and the increased costs of essential goods, there can be a lot of stress associated with looming back to school purchases. Our House would like to help ease that stress. We know students are more successful and confident when they feel prepared on that first day. Registration will open for this program from July 2nd to July 26th . Please contact us for more information @ 902-875-3337 or through any of our socials.

