



NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024



Lobster Season 2024/25

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lucy the Lobster "crawls" out of the ocean on February 2nd! Will she see her shadow or not? Join us at 8AM at the Cape Sable Island Causeway to find out!



Lucy the Lobster Photo - Ken Chetwynd
Lobster Trap Christmas Tree Photo - Daveyandsky

OFFICE HOURS

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

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BRANDON BLADES PHOTO

As your newly elected representatives, our councillors are excited to serve and represent the community. In this section, we introduce you to the individuals who will be working hard to shape the future of our municipality over the next 4 years!



George El-Jakl - District 1

Councillor George El-Jakl lives in Wood’s Harbour with his wife Hala, two sons and daughter. George owns his own business, Anthony’s Food Market & Wood’s Harbour Pizza, located in the beautiful fishing village of Wood’s Harbour. George enjoys volunteering his time in his community, which includes his time as a volunteer firefighter with the Wood’s Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. George believes in the concept of the African Proverb - “If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together.”



Amy MacKinnon - District 2

Born and raised in Newellton, Amy is the daughter of Rosemary and the late Captain Dellie Mackinnon, who dedicated his life to the fishing industry. After pursuing education elsewhere, she returned home to raise her children and became deeply rooted in the community. Amy’s personal and professional experiences have provided her with insight into the challenges families face, particularly regarding youth well-being. She began her career in non-profit work, supporting vulnerable populations in Shelburne County. For the past four years, she has served as Executive Director of the Shelburne County Youth Health and Support Association (Our House Youth Wellness Centre and Barrington Community Care and Recovery Centre), focusing on interagency collaboration. Amy is committed to enhancing community resources in housing, mental health, education, and food security, believing in the community’s inherent capacity to address its needs.

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Shaun Hatfield - District 3

Councillor Hatfield started serving people as a child at his father's general store - Hatfield's Market. He has also served his Cape Island community for over 25 years as a Pastor and family/relationship counsellor. His vocation has given him the privilege to share in some of the most intimate and tender human moments. Shaun believes that trust is the most sacred thing people can extend to each other, and that it is important for local government to honour public trust by valuing community needs above all else. Therefore, Shaun is passionate about community health and wellness. Shaun is currently serving his fifth term on Council. He is especially motivated to advocate for "the little guy" or any group which is marginalized and underrepresented in community. Shaun is likewise passionate about sticking up for rural areas when it comes to community growth, economic development, communication needs, and health care/ essential services.

On a personal note, Shaun is an avid long distance runner and loves to swim year round in the Atlantic Ocean. Shaun and his wife, Carla, reside at Villagedale, N.S.



Eddie Nickerson - District 4

Eddie Nickerson is a lifelong resident of Cape Sable Island. Presently he is living in South Side with his wife, Tina. He has two daughters Hannah a recent graduate from Acadia University with a BSC in Psychology and Gracie who is attending Acadia pursuing a Bachelor of Kinesiology. Eddie is presently employed as the Manager of Boston Lobster Canada, a lobster holding facility in Newellton, Cape Sable Island.

Eddie is committed to working with other levels of government to improve health care in the municipality. He understands the importance of the fishing industry to our economy, as well as the many small businesses that contribute to the success and prosperity of our communities. He also sees the need to move the municipality forward by attracting professionals and new business to the area to grow our economy.

Eddie urges residents to reach out and share their ideas that will move the municipality forward.



Cynthia Bazinet - District 5

Cynthia is co-owner of Coastal Grove Farm in Upper Port La Tour. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Lesley University in Boston, Massachusetts, an M.A. in English, a B.A. in English, and a B.S. in Geology/Earth Science from the University of Massachusetts at Boston. After nearly 20 years as a high school English teacher and department chair, she retired in 2020. Cynthia previously worked as a physician group practice administrator for UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, Massachusetts and served six years in the Army National Guard's Signal Corps. Before moving to Nova Scotia, she held two elective local offices, serving for 11 and 9 years respectively. Her priorities include expanding healthcare access, fostering economic diversity, and supporting robust community services that improve the municipality's safety, security, and well-being.



BRANDON BLADES PHOTO

RECREATION CENTRE

UPDATE



The construction of the new Recreation Centre is well underway! Much of the foundational work is complete, and structural elements are beginning to take shape. Most recently, crews have been focusing on installing underslab plumbing and electrical systems, followed by the pouring of the concrete floor slab. Once the main floor is complete, framing of the interior rooms and recreational spaces will begin, giving shape to the facility's layout.

Each new milestone brings us closer to a facility that will serve as a hub for sports, fitness, and community gatherings. We're excited to see this vision come to life and can't wait to welcome residents to their new space! Stay tuned for more updates.

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

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





FALL HIKE CHALLENGE!

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 (or blankets!) and making the Honour Roll. It challenges you to visit at least 7 of 10 local trails over the course of a year and we're amping it up! In addition to the seasonal prize draw for gift cards generously provided by The Trail Shop, Barrington Recreation has a limited number of hike blankets to give away. This is great to sew all your hike badges on from across the province and show them off!

Hike maps and how to enter are on our website:

www.barringtonmunicipality.com > Recreation > Active Living

The special contest part of this challenge will run from Thanksgiving weekend (CAN) to Thanksgiving weekend (US) October 12-November 30.



All levels and experience!

Equipment is available.

Monday, 6-8:30 PM

Clark's Harbour Elementary School

Thursday, 6-8:30 PM

Forest Ridge Academy

Learn to Cross Country Ski!

Try it session with instruction and all equipment included! The only thing we don't know is WHEN. Sign up for this session(s) and when conditions appear to be good to schedule, we will ASSEMBLE! We will try our best to have a couple options available to work with your already busy life. This is great for adults, seniors or the whole family (ages 8 and up with adult supervision). Interested and want your name on the list to call? Email, call or message us and we will need an email address and phone number along with the number of people. When we call the clinic, we will get some other information to size equipment.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

We are looking for those interested in joining a recreation working group to advise Council on the Sherose Island Recreation Hub. What outdoor facilities should be included, developed, upgraded? How do you or your family want to play? Commitment may be as little as one or two meetings or several sessions with other stakeholders with specific interests. Right now all we need to know is your interest: email or call us and leave your name and contact information. We will be in touch in the new year to get started.

Play Pockets



We are excited to introduce new "play pockets" along the Sherose Island Rocks Trail! These natural play areas are designed to bring even more adventure and discovery to your trail experience. Kids will love exploring the newly installed sand play area, where they can dig, build, and create. For those who enjoy getting their hands dirty, the new mud kitchen is a perfect spot for imaginative play. Additionally, log mini-trails offer a great way to balance, jump, and explore. Come out and enjoy these new play spaces that blend fun with the beauty of nature!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Doubles Spiel** - November 16th
 - Stickfest** - Nov 30 & Jan 18th
 - Turkey Shoot Social** - Dec 21
 - 25th Anniversary Social** - Jan 25th
 - Lobster Spiel** - Jan 31st - Feb 2nd
 - Ladies Sea Spiel/Curling Day in Canada** - Feb 22
 - Pancake Supper** - March 4th
- Want to learn more, call Jon Langille the Operations Manager at 902-637-2009 or brcc@ns.qliantzinc.ca

Mark your calendars for more fantastic **LIGHTNING TRIVIA WITH ADAM** -- November 16th, Christmas Trivia Dec 21st and future dates on Jan 18th / Feb 15th / March 15th!



Find our arena calendar here!



- Pre-School Skate:** Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10-11am, Wednesdays 1:30-2:30pm
- Adult Skate:** Tuesdays and Thursdays - 11-12pm, Wednesdays and Fridays 10-11am
- Home School Skate:** Monday - Thursday 2:30-3:30
- Public Skates:** Tues, Wed and Thur - 4:30 - 5:30, Sunday(free) - 1-2pm
- Youth Pick-up (grades 3-6):** Tuesdays - 3:30-4:30pm
- Teen Pick-up (grades 7-12):** Thursdays - 5:30-6:30pm
- Adult Pick-up:** Fridays - 5-6:30pm

FEES

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

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

**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

The October 2024 final bill was sent out during the first week of October, the interest date begins after November 15, 2024.

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.

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

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..



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

NEW REQUIREMENTS

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. The new building code will be adopted April 1, 2025 and further details of changes will be in the next newsletter.

The province now requires all Airbnb's to be registered with them. A zoning letter will be required from the Municipality to complete this registration. Please contact us should you have any questions.



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

Woods Harbour Shag Harbour: Chief - Jason Shand, Deputy Chief - Shannon Newell, Deputy Chief - Gordie Stoddard

Island & Barrington Passage: Chief - Greg Duggan, Deputy Chief - Devan Waybret, Deputy Chief - Tyson Ross

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

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.

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)



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!

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Dwayne Hunt

Fire Services/EMO Coordinator
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BIRDS CANADA - PIPING PLOVER UPDATE

Birds Canada is celebrating another successful season monitoring and protecting endangered Piping Plovers. For the second year in a row, Nova Scotia's plover population exceeded the 60-pair recovery goal, with 62 pairs recorded in 2024. The Municipality of Barrington continues to play a key role, hosting 29 of those pairs, which represents 47% of the provincial total. While plovers across the province had an impressive breeding season with 1.96 fledglings per pair (surpassing the target of 1.65), Barrington's beaches produced 1.48 fledglings per pair, slightly below the goal.

We've seen encouraging improvements in stewardship efforts, with 72% of dogs on leash and fewer vehicles on beaches. However, challenges remain, particularly on Stoney Island Beach, which only produced one fledgling from two pairs.

Barrington's beaches are vital habitats, supporting not just plovers but other species like Willet and

Arctic Terns. Crow Neck Beach, for example, hosted nine plover pairs this year.

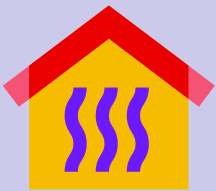
Interested in helping protect our local birdlife? We're looking for volunteers to monitor Barrington area beaches, especially on Cape Sable Island. Contact Rielle Hoeg (rhoeg@birdscanada.org) for more information.



Designed to help our seniors improve their quality of life!

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

1-800-565-0397



Heating Assistance Rebate Program

The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-and modest-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$600 for each household.

You can apply 1 October 2024 to 31 March 2025.

<https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-heating-assistance-rebate-heating-assistance-rebate-program>



Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant helps low-income seniors with the cost of household services (like lawn care, snow removal, grocery delivery, transportation, small home repairs and phone service), healthcare services (like physiotherapy and mental health support) and home heating. Grants are \$750 for each household. You can apply until 31 March 2025.

<https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-healthcare-and-home-heating-costs-seniors-care-grant>



The **Western Regional Enterprise Network** is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year! We are here to help grow the economy in Western Nova Scotia, from Barrington all the way to Digby.

If you are a business, we offer some great programs at minimal cost to help you prosper. Our Continuous Improvement program will make things run more

efficiently with reduced costs, expanded business, enhanced customer experiences, boosted employee morale, and increased profits. Our Business Transition program will guide you through the process of selling your business. Our Connector Program brings together job ready professionals with Business and Community leaders with the goal of connecting them with career opportunities. Want to learn more? Send us an email at wern@westernren.ca, or call (902) 881-3008.

The Barrington Municipal Administration Offices will be closed for the holidays as indicated below:

12 noon on Tuesday, December 24th, 2024

and will reopen at 8:00am on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Let's **SHELL'ebrate** the 
Christmas SEASON
in the Lobster Capital of Canada

NOVEMBER 16 10AM - 2PM
Something for Everyone Vendor Market
Clark's Harbour Elementary School

NOVEMBER 20 6PM
A Walk Through Christmas
OCA Centreville

NOVEMBER 21ST 6:00PM
Lighting of the Lobster Trap Christmas Tree
North East Point Gazebo
The kick off to the Christmas and Lobster season!
Join us for a festive evening as we light the Lobster Trap Christmas Tree followed by a beautiful display of **fireworks** over Barrington Bay!

NOVEMBER 22 6PM
OCA H&S Movie Night
How the Grinch Stole Christmas
OCA Centreville

NOVEMBER 23 10AM - 3PM
BMHS Christmas Craft Market
Barrington Municipal High School

NOVEMBER 23 7PM

Parade of Lights

Barrington Passage Business District
The Barrington & Area Chamber of Commerce presents the annual Christmas Parade of Lights. This year's theme is Christmas Movies. If you are interested in registering a float, please contact Della at 902-637-7166 or email barringtonchamberofcommerce@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 25 DUMPING DAY!

Wishing all our lobster fishers a safe and prosperous season.



NOVEMBER 27 7PM

Ball Ornament Felting \$10

Barrington Museum Complex - Register online

NOVEMBER 29 6PM

Kitchen Party & Potluck

Wesley Heritage Community Centre

NOVEMBER 30 11AM/1PM

Cookie Cutter Felting \$10

Barrington Museum Complex - Register online

DECEMBER 2 7PM

Snowman Felting \$10

Barrington Museum Complex - Register online

DECEMBER 3 7PM

Xmas Scene Flat Felting (adults) \$10

Barrington Museum Complex - Register online

DEC 5TH & 8TH 7PM

Lantern Tours - \$20

Barrington Museum Complex - Register online
barringtonmuseumcomplex.ca/events

DECEMBER 6 7PM

Family Christmas Concert & Sing Along with Lynne Crowell

Wesley Heritage Community Centre
2288 Hwy 3, Barrington

DECEMBER 6 7PM

Town of Clark's Harbour Christmas Party

West Head Church

DECEMBER 7 9:30AM

Breakfast with Santa

West Head Church
Must pre-register by calling 902-745-2390

DECEMBER 7 10AM - 2PM

ERMES Craft Market

Evelyn Richardson Mem. Elementary



Information on each event was correct at the time of printing. Please contact the host to ensure correct time and dates and/or cancellations.

DECEMBER 7

9AM - 12PM - No Frills

1PM - 4:30PM - Sobey

Stuff an Emergency Vehicle Food Drive

ALL FOOD BANK ITEMS Including ANIMAL FOOD & CASH DONATIONS ACCEPTED

DECEMBER 7 1PM - 5PM

Stuff the Cruiser Toy Drive

Wilson's Home Hardware

DECEMBER 7 1PM - 3PM

Santa at Wilson's!

Wilson's Home Hardware

DECEMBER 8 1 - 2:30PM

Skate with Santa

Sandy Wickens Memorial Arena
sponsored by Wilson's Home Hardware

DECEMBER 9 7PM

Flat Felting an ornament \$20

Barrington Museum Complex
Register online

DECEMBER 10 6:30PM

Trivia Night at the Library (adults)

Barrington Municipal Library

DECEMBER 11 6-7PM

Holiday GLOW! Family Fun Hike

Sherose Island Rocks! Trail.

DECEMBER 12 6-9PM

Christmas in the Historic District

Holiday shopping party and artisan market

DECEMBER 14 1PM - 4PM

Christmas Tea & Bake Sale

\$10/person - children free
Wesley Heritage Community Centre

DECEMBER 14 7PM

Old Fashioned Christmas Concert

Old Meeting House Museum, Barrington
\$10 - advance tickets only
Purchase at the Museum gift shop or online

DECEMBER 17 6-7PM

Reindeer Christmas Crafts

Barrington Municipal Library
Register by Dec 10th

DECEMBER 21ST

Turkey Shoot Social & Lightning Trivia

Barrington Regional Curling Club

DECEMBER 22ND 2:30PM

Let the Bells Ring

Wesley Heritage Community Centre

DECEMBER 25 12 NOON

Free Christmas Day Potluck Lunch

Wesley Heritage Community Centre

Shelburne County FREE HOLIDAY MEAL DELIVERY

Senior Services
Designed to help our seniors live the best quality of life!

BARRINGTON

Friday, Dec 6th, 2024

CAPE SABLE ISLAND

Wednesday, Dec 11th, 2024

WOODS HARBOUR

(INCLUDING UP TO COURTYARD APT)

Friday, Dec 13th, 2024

SHELBURNE & LOCKEPORT AREA

Sunday Dec 8th, 2024

PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR AREA ONLY BY
EMAIL OR PHONE. LIMITED QUANTITIES.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOVEMBER 25TH, 2024

Dates subject to change.

Name, Civic Address & Phone
Number required for registration.

msmith@barringtonmunicipality.com

902-903-0493



JANUARY 1ST



Dog Jog

\$20 per person
Kids wanting swag \$10 or
free with no swag
Dogs free!
Barrington Passage



LOBSTER DIP

Kick off the new
year with a dip in
the ocean!
Stoney Island Beach

OUR HOUSE YOUTH WELLNESS CENTRE

Stuff the Sock Youth Initiative

Registration is open November 6
to December 6

Open to all youth ages 12 yrs to 19
yrs throughout Shelburne County



LOBSTERCRAWL.CA CRAWL A'BOARD!



IT'S LOBSTER SEASON ON
THE SOUTH SHORE, COME
SINK YOUR CLAWS INTO IT!

Join us February 2nd at 8AM at
the Cape Sable Island
Causeway! Will Lucy see her
shawdow?

