



TOWN CRIER

T O W N O F A N N A P O L I S R O Y A L

VIC ON THE MOVE!

The Annapolis Royal Visitor Information Center has moved. It is now located in the lobby of King's Theatre.

Phone: 532-5454

There is also a VIC at the Historic Gardens after hours

FARMERS' & TRADERS' MARKET

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10 AM—2 PM &
SATURDAYS
8 AM TO 1:00 PM

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COUNCIL GOES PAPERLESS

PILOT PROJECT UNDERWAY AT TOWN HALL

Council is currently working on a pilot program called "Annapolis Royal Council Goes Paperless". Staff conducted a short study regarding the amount of paper consumed in our small Town and presented the facts to members of Council.

Members of Council attend a minimum of 4 meetings per month, including Council, Committee of the Whole, the Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee and the Board of Police Commissioners. Staff determined that 46,000 sheets of paper were used each year to produce the materials for these meetings, the equivalent of 4.6 trees. Not only that, but staff spend the equivalent of 27 days per year in preparation for the meetings—that's compiling and photocopying documentation for the meetings.

Once Council heard these numbers and realized that they could free up 27 days of work time for staff to devote to other tasks, members decided to give going paperless a try.

Mayor Roberts, Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg and Councillor Fearon will no longer use paper in meetings. They will instead have all the documentation at their fingertips on a Netbook. Netbooks are very small computers that cost less than \$250 each and they will pay for themselves in about 8 months.

Since the Mayor owns his own Netbook, the outlay for the pilot program only involved the purchase of 2 units. Councillor Hudson, however, decided to jump on the paperless band wagon right away, and has purchased his own Netbook to use in the pilot project. If the project is successful and Council decides to go paperless, he will be reimbursed for the purchase and the Netbook will become the property of the Town. If for some reason the project is abandoned, Councillor Mueller-Sparenberg has volunteered to buy his Netbook from the Town.

Staff will load up the Netbooks prior to each meeting with the information needed for that day and then wipe them clean following the meeting. As well the plan is to project all information for the benefit of the public.

Although only a pilot project with Council, it is hoped that all other committees will jump on the green bandwagon and go paperless.

Since the Netbooks will be used only as "dumb readers" it is not anticipated that they will need to be changed for at least 7 years.

Part of the pilot project will be considering the impact of the Netbooks on the waste stream, to what extent they can be recycled, etc.

Candlelight Graveyard Tours

The tours are now in full swing on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 9:30 p.m. on the grounds at Fort Anne. For more information please visit www.tourannapolis.com



Angelika's Tree News!

It is hard to believe but the summer is coming to an end and some trees are starting to turn to fall colours. I have noticed again this year that many public trees get damaged by lawn mowing. It is a good idea to remind your contractor not to whopper snip around trees and to be careful not to ride too close to them. It is the most common reason for tree death. September is a really good month for tree planting, the days are cooler and the new tree will benefit from all the moisture in the fall and early spring. When you have the space, you may consider a long living tree species, a tree that will be there for generations to come, that will reach out over your roof tops and provide shade. Trees like maple, oak, linden and ash, or specialty trees like tulip trees or a ginkgo will live a very long time. This summer I spent a lot of time visiting in the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. It's a very tall building and I looked out of the window a lot. I was so happy to see so much green from above. Often I went for walks away from the hospital. It was such a comfort to be shaded by lines of trees in the hot summer sun. It was like being surrounded by old friends.

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The public is welcome to attend monthly Committee of the Whole (COW), Council meetings and Planning and Heritage Advisory (PHAC) Meetings

PHAC—Sept 7th 9:30 am

COW—Sept 8th 9:00 am

Council—Sept 20th 9:00 am

SMOKING— BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

By Kenneth John (KJ) Charlton

Cigarette butts are, by far, the most abundant form of litter in the world today. Worldwide 5.6 trillion filtered cigarettes are smoked each year. That's 1.7 billion pounds of cigarette waste. With more and more laws prohibiting smoking in and around public buildings, more and more of the smoker's waste is ending up on the ground and in the water.

Most cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, a form of plastic. The white fibers you see in a cigarette filter are NOT cotton, but a plastic that can take up to 10 years to break down completely. During this long process, the butts release many harmful chemicals into our environment.

A mere 200 of these billions of discarded butts contain enough nicotine to kill a 160 lb adult human. Carelessly discarded butts also wreak havoc on wildlife exposed to them. Fish can mistake them for food and birds try to use them as building materials for their nests. Small children have been hospitalized after ingesting these deadly fibres.

Aside from the serious health risks involved, carpets of discarded cigarette butts lying around ruin the scenery and are unsightly. Imagine how much better our public parks, buildings, yards and sidewalks would look if not for these poisonous little eyesores.

So why do so many smokers choose to just throw their cigarettes on the ground rather than getting rid of them in a more safe, environmentally friendly way? Many seem to think there is no real harm in it, or that everyone does it and no one will care. If nothing is done to change this way of thinking, the butts will just keep on piling up.

It seems that in spite of all the health studies done regarding the effect of smoking on our health, and the rising price of a package of cigarettes, some of us just can't quit. So, how do we attack the ever growing piles of butts? While I can't claim to have all the answers, there are many things we can do to help fix the problem. A few alternatives to contaminating the environment with discarded butts are listed below.

Throwing discarded cigarette butts out of

the window of a moving car is not a good idea for a number of reasons, not the least of which

is your ability to cause a forest fire. So, when smoking in a car, be sure to use the ashtray rather than the window.

Ashtrays should be made available in places where people commonly smoke, such as public parks, on golf courses, and outside of places where smoking is prohibited such as bars and restaurants.

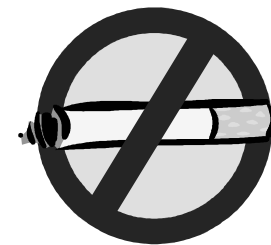
Ashtrays should never be dumped on the ground, down storm drains, into a water supply or anywhere other than into the garbage.

If no ashtrays are available, smokers should put the remains of their cigarettes in a plastic bag or container. Ideal containers are old coffee tins.

It always helps for people to collect and throw away cigarette butts they see in public places, providing they wear gloves and avoid the fumes.

Research has been done showing that recycled cigarette butts can help to prevent the corrosion of steel. When dissolved in water, cigarette butts create a solution that has been shown to prevent rust from building up on steel pipes. This could potentially save oil companies millions of dollars per year; which savings we hope would eventually be passed on to the consumer.

No matter how we look at it, though, the best way to cut down on cigarette butt waste is to quit smoking. This will keep both your lungs and the environment clean.



"KJ" is a 23 year old resident of Lequille. KJ is working with the Town through Employment Opportunities Partnership in Digby. This program delivers the 'Youth Skills Link - 2010 Employability Skills through Work Experience' program which is funded by the Government of Canada.

*From the pages of History ...
Nova Scotia Day*

Join our Queen Anne on the grounds of Fort Anne National Historic Site to Celebrate Nova Scotia.



- ☞ *Scottish Music*
- ☞ *A new Web presence for the Charter*
- ☞ *Knights of Fort Anne Tour*

Then, join in the procession to the O'Dell Museum for:

- ☞ *Theatrical Vignette*
- ☞ *Scottish Dance Workshop*
- ☞ *Refreshments*

SEPTEMBER 10, 2010 starting at 1:00 PM

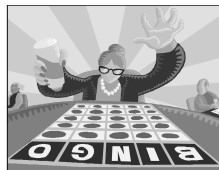
"HAWG WILD IN THE GARDENS!"

Labour Day weekend brings the much anticipated annual Wharf Rat Rally, a gathering of motorcyclists and motorcycle enthusiasts in Digby. Here at the Historic Gardens, we're part of it too! From Bike Photo Opps (yes, you heard right!) in the Gardens, to creative motorcycle inspired displays, to special discounts for Rally participants, staff and volunteers at the Gardens are rolling out the red carpet to welcome riders. In 2009 staff at the Gardens thought it would be an "off the wall" idea to allow Wharf Rats to roll into the grounds for the greatest photo opp ever! The courtyard area took on a cycle theme, and groups of riders had a ball posing with their bikes among the flowers. The event created quite a buzz, so the Gardens are once again offering the opportunity to go "Hawg Wild in the Gardens!". For the 'You and Your Bike' photo opp, here are two options: Self Serve and Full Service. Self Serve allows you to bring your motorcycle into the Gardens and take your own photos, while Full Service provides VIP treatment with preferred locations and a photographer to accompany you. It's a terrific and unique opportunity in one of Nova Scotia's treasures. If you aren't a biker, this also makes a great spectator sport—seeing the bikes, welcoming the riders and exploring the Gardens and our cycle-inspired displays!

Bingo!

Annapolis Royal Legion

Wednesday Nights—Doors open at 7 pm
Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Cash Prizes!



Market Mania

Meet at the Market Square on Thursday nights (7pm), beginning in June, for Market Mania. We are planning to provide a regular Thursday night offering of fun-n-free events. Join with local dance instructor Durline Melanson for "Dancing in the Market" on the first and third Thursdays, beginning June 3rd. For more info, contact Grant at the Recreation Department—532-7667

Property Checks

If you are planning an extended vacation or even just a night away, the Annapolis Royal Police Department will check the exterior of your property on a regular basis while you are away. These checks will not meet the requirements of some insurance policies but may give extra peace of mind while you are on vacation. Please call 532-2427 to inquire about property checks.

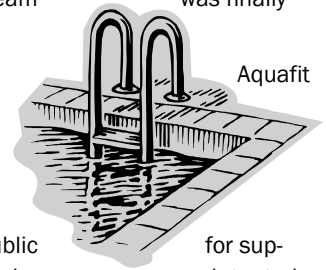
- SEPTEMBER EVENTS -

- 3-6** Celebrating Wharf Rat Rally—Hawg Wild in the Gardens! Come to the gardens for some very special themed events in celebration of this great motorcycle rally! Don't miss the opportunity for photos of "You and Your Bike" surrounded by flowers in the Gardens!
- 5** North Hills Museum Tea at Two; 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. A lovely afternoon of tea, coffee and delicious home baked sweets with live music in the background. Draw for a Wayne Boucher painting takes place at 4:00 pm
- 8** Committee of the Whole—Council Chambers, upper floor, Town Hall 9:00 am
- 10** Celebrate Nova Scotia—Join Queen Anne on the grounds of Fort Anne National Historic Site; 1:00 p.m. Will include Scottish Music, Dramatic stories; Knights of Fort Anne Tour. For more details see Display Ad on this page.
- 10** Theatre in the Garden at the O'Dell House Museum; 2:00—4:00 pm As part of the Annapolis Royal 300th anniversary events, we will be hosting a tea and a skit about Sir William Alexander written by local playwright Peggy Armstrong.
- 11** Swing into Autumn with the Annapolis Big Band on the grounds of Hillsdale House Inn 2:00 to 4:00; Bring your picnic basket, chairs, blanket and non-alcoholic refreshments. Admission is a donation with proceeds going to the "Species at Risk in Nova Scotia" Program.
- 11** Keith Ross at King's Theatre, 7:00 pm
- 11-12** Butterfly Festival at the Historic Gardens
- 12** Wendy Nielsen & Robert Kortgaard at King's Theatre 4:00-6:00 pm
- 12** Experience Mi'kmaq Traditions—Port Royal National Historic Site 1:00 to 4:00 pm
- 17** North Hills Museum Wine Tasting: 7:00—10:00 pm Meet the vintner and sample wines from one of our Nova Scotia Vineyards
- 18** The Tournament of King's: 2nd Annual Annapolis SaveEasy Golf Tournament for King's Theatre; 9:30 Annapolis Royal Golf and Country Club Info: Lesley Crysler 532-1932 or contact King's Theatre
- 18** Maria Muldaur at King's Theatre 8:00 pm
- 19** North Hills Museum Road Show; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Join Roger Crowther and friends for a day of antique appraising. \$5 per item, max of 2 items per person. Pre-registration required.
- 19** Terry Fox Run—walk, run or bike to raise funds for cancer research. Meet at Town Hall at 2:00 pm
- 20** Council Meeting—Council Chambers, upper floor, Town Hall 9:00 am
- 25** Port Royal/Annapolis Royal 1710 Symposium: Annapolis Royal Court House 9:00 am to 4:30 pm This academic symposium will feature some of the most prominent historians in the field of early Nova Scotian history. The events which unfolded in Annapolis Royal during the autumn of 1710 will be examined from Acadian, Mi'kmaq, British, and New England perspectives. Open to the public. \$10 per ticket. Pre-registration required. Contact Anne Crossman 665-2969 or a.crossman@eastlink.ca
- 25** Queen Anne's Dinner @ Annapolis Royal Golf & Country Club. Join Queen Anne and her entourage for a 17th Century style dinner. Tickets must be purchased in advance. On sale at Town Hall \$25/ticket
- 25** Blain Henshaw at King's Theatre, Time TBA
- 25** Earth Walk at Delap's Cove for 9 to 90 Year Olds 1:30 pm at Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail
- 26** Art Auction Going...Going...GONE! Historic Gardens 2:00 to 4:00 pm Join us in the Gardens for an auction of some outstanding artwork, including works by names such as Forrestall, Morriseau, Kadlec and Cromwell. From private collections, all in support of the Gardens.

Friends of the Annapolis Pool Society want to thank all the families and individuals for taking a dip in their Olympic pool. Our new umbrellas shaded moms and dads as their tots learned the basics of paddling safely. A swim team was finally established and looks forward to competitions.

This summer over 120 young people took swimming lessons at the community pool. Pool passes and classes almost tripled in demand as well as lane swimming. We attribute this success to our incredible director Teresa Macdonald and her dynamic staff of life guards, Colleen McNeil and Hilary and Rebecca Coady. Teresa was the facilitator who brought those yellow school buses rolling to the pool in June. We hope to repeat that next year.

Our team will work toward having solar panels installed for next season. Our appreciation goes to the public supporting their pool and for the wonderful volunteers who maintain the market table, monthly yard sales and our events. Watch for a new event coming your way soon. Meanwhile, we can issue tax receipts for donations over \$10. Thank you so much for being such a terrific community. Shela Breau, President, FAPS



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FOR MORE INFO ON EVENTS IN TOWN, PLEASE CONTACT:

- Farmers' & Traders' Market:** Corinne Warner PH: 245-4824; workshop@ns.sympatico.ca
- Historic Gardens:** PH: 532-7018; www.historicgardens.com or email: admin@historicgardens.com
- Historic Tours:** PH 532-3034 or www.Tourannapolis.com
- Fort Anne:** PH 532-2397
- King's Theatre:** PH 532-7704 or www.kingstheatre.ca
- Candlelight Graveyard Tour:** PH 532-2397 or www.TourAnnapolisRoyal.com
- Annapolis Royal Recreation Department:** PH: 532-7667 or recreation@annapolisroyal.com
- North Hills Museum:** PH 532-2168
- O'Dell House Museum:** PH 532-7754 or historic@aliantzinc.ca

Take Me Outside Week



Take Me Outside Week, from September 20 to 26, supports families, groups and organizations in Nova Scotia in a growing "back to nature" movement, inviting more children and youth into the great outdoors. André Bouchard will be leading an Earthwalk for all ages at the Delaps Cove Wilderness Trail on Saturday, September 25, at 1:30 pm. For 9-90 year olds in any natural area, an Earthwalk is a light, refreshing way of getting in touch with nature. The emphasis is upon reawakening individual senses and sharpening perceptions. For more information, visit www.club400.ca



Ecology Action Centre excited by Annapolis Royal Trails

The Ecology Action Centre, an environmentally focused non-profit organization, is excited by Annapolis Royal's trail projects. With funding from Conserve Nova Scotia and EcoNovaScotia, the Town moves closer to its goal of a complete network of active transportation trails. The funding assistance comes through a Green Mobility Capital Grant which helps pay for small scale infrastructure projects that reduce a community's contribution to greenhouse gas emissions. By offering alternative means of getting from place to place, both the Town and sponsoring groups are confident that Annapolis Royal will achieve its goal of reducing harmful emissions.

SCHOOL'S IN!

OR AT LEAST IT WILL BE SOON. SO, PLEASE REMEMBER SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONES, STOP AT CROSS WALKS AND PRACTISE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY. THE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE SETTING UP SOME CHECK POINTS AND HANDING OUT PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY IN THE COMING WEEKS. LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



GARBAGE & RECYCLE COLLECTION DAYS 09 / 2010

Please note the change—pick up on Tuesday only

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Tues 14	Tues 12	Tues 9
Tues 28	Tues 26	Tues 23
<u>December</u>	FALL CLEANUP	
Tues 17	September 14	
Tues 21		



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