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MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS
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WHAT'S UP ANNAPOLIS?

Well, we all wanted summer to arrive and now we can't wait for it to end ! Oh my, what a couple of months we have had….Here's hoping everyone hasn't been impacted too much.

By the time you are reading this, we all hope the Long Lake fire is out, but the fire and the drought that largely caused it have been a wake-up call for us all. With Fall just around the corner, take the time to clear up around your property and get rid of all the dead brush and dry debris you may have on the boundaries. Remember, the Town has a garden waste site where you can take all this debris for free disposal.

At the time of writing, the provincial trail ban remains in place, so please ensure you continue to follow the regulations and guidance. Our town is blessed with many other places you can walk, including the very special Fort Anne Historic Site, and the boardwalk along the waterfront.

Here's hoping everyone has a wonderful Fall !

Please note that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2025 for Labour Day and Tuesday, September 30, 2025 for Truth and Reconciliation.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Open Mon to Fri / 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Public access to Town Hall will be available only during the hours 10:00 am to 3:00pm

Mayor Boyer Office Hours
Available by Appointment

The Town Crier is a publication of the Town of Annapolis Royal.
Copies are available online at www.annapolisroyal.com and by email subscription.

Contact admin@annapolisroyal.com to be added to the email list.

Submissions are welcomed and deadlines vary monthly, with the deadline for the October 2025 addition is September 24, 2025.

Please contact
kdunning@annapolisroyal.com
or 902-532-2043 ext. 110
if you have any questions

Mayor Amery Boyer

For days now, the sight and sound and sight of a helicopter and three skimmers flying in formation above the Annapolis River have been very reassuring to those of us on the ground, especially for our firefighters and the people who have had to leave their homes. The Town is fortunate to be a part of the Annapolis Regional Emergency Measures Organization which is headquartered at the Municipality of the County Annapolis and which has been doing an exceptional job of organizing the local response and the additional resources required to fight the fire in West Dalhousie.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with supporting the people who have had to evacuate and the firefighters and personnel dealing with this emergency. The response has been impressive.

While the fire has yet to be brought under control, this is a good time to consider how we can best support our volunteer fire department, other volunteer fire departments, and other first responders in the future.

- respecting and supporting fire by-laws and burning and fire bans
- supporting responsible and sustainable woodlot and forest management practices
- recognizing that water is not an unlimited resource and taking steps to avoid wasting it
- recognizing that throwing cigarette butts out of a moving car is never a good idea and that placing butts in a container with a lid could help prevent a fire
- recognizing that prevention will always be less expensive than reacting to events as they happen.

Emergency Preparedness Canada has some good information on what to do in the case of droughts:

https://www.canada.ca/en/services/policing/emergencies/preparedness/get-prepared/hazards-emergencies/drought/how-prepare.html

Further information can also be found at:

https://www.annapolisremo.ca/.

If you not already registered for Alertable, our emergency notification system, you can find the link there.

We urge everyone who lives in the area to register. There is no cost and it takes only minutes to do.

GET MOVIN'

Annapolis Royal Recreation Programs return for Fall 2025!

Recreation programs including Pickleball, Soccer, Basketball, Ping Pong, Volleyball, and more will be returning to the Community Hub Gym starting in mid-September. The schedule for most programs is being finalized at the time of this writing, and pre-registration for Public Pickleball which has limited space opens September 3 at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

For the most current information or how to pre-register, you can visit https://annapolisroyal.com/residents/recreation/recreation-programs/ , follow "Annapolis Royal Recreation" on Facebook, or call 902-955-1205.

Terry Fox Run – September 14, 2025

Taking place from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM on

Sunday, September 14

and starting at Town Hall

You can run, walk, or wheel a 2 km, 5 km, or 10 km route and help raise funds for cancer research.

Dogs on leashes are welcome. To learn more about how to run, register, and/or donate to this incredible organization, please visit:

https://run.terryfox.ca/93217

Just seven weeks left until our Twinning Committee heads out to Royan, France. We'll get to Royan on October 16 where the Twinning Committee of the City of Royan will introduce us to the local history and culture for the next three days. Then, we'll head to Basque Country with AMACADIE, an association in Royan that was created to discover and promote Basque culture in the Maritimes-Charentes region. After months of planning, the committee is thrilled to see all the different parts of the visit coming together.
Our delegation includes Town Council members, staff, and representatives from the Association Acadien de Clare. It's also really exciting that two high school students will be there with a parent each.
The visit is funded by attendees paying for it themselves. For the students, only, we've set up a Canada Helps page to collect funds for a bursary to help them cover costs. Several of the committee members have already donated If you'd like to help the students, here's a link to the donation page (Canada Helps provides income tax receipts).
Simply click on the link below. As part of the page ther eis a Box entitled "Donate to this Charity". Complete the box, selecting 'recognising our franciphone history'. The bursaries will be given to the students to help them with the costs of the trip.
https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/annapolis-royal/

Safety Tips
Preparing an Emergency Kit

When there's an emergency like a bad winter storm, a hurricane, or a fire it's important to be prepared. You need to be able to look after yourself and your family for the first 72 hours. Having an emergency kit prepared will help get you through the situation.

Things to remember when preparing an emergency kit:

- the kit should be easy to carry
- everyone in the household should know where it is
- check your kit twice a year and replace anything that is out of date
- replace the food and water once a year

Things to include:

- your emergency plan
- at least 6 litres of water per person (2 litres per day)
- food that won't spoil and that you can eat without cooking, like canned and dry foods
- manual can opener
- first-aid supplies
- at least a 3-day supply of your prescription medicines
- wind-up or battery-powered flashlight
- wind-up or battery-powered radio
- batteries for your flashlight and radio
- money in small bills
- copies of important papers like your driver's license, birth certificate, and insurance papers

It is also important to always keep your car's gas tank as full as possible and your cell phone fully charged.

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

September 6, 12, 19 & 26
Intro to the Innovation Lab OR One-on-One Tech Help, Annapolis Royal Library

September 6
Christina Martin, King's Theatre
Table Talk / Susan Tileston, Susan Tooke, Ray Mackie and Tim Wilson, ARTSPLACE
A Mi'kmaw Family Story, ARTSPLACE
The Waters Meet / Melissa Tremblett and Nichole Travers, ARTSPLACE
Revelations / Stephanie Kossmann, ARTSPLACE

September 7
Annapolis 5K Road Race, Market Square
Grandparents Day, Historic Gardens
Bad Guys 2, King's Theatre

September 12
Morgan Toney Trio, King's Theatre
Intro to the Innovation Lab OR One-on-One Tech Help, Annapolis Royal Library

September 13
17th Annual Tournament of King's, King's Theatre
Family Day / Create Like an Artist, ARTSPLACE

September 14
Terry Fox Run, Town Hall

September 19
Intro to the Innovation Lab OR One-on-One Tech Help, Annapolis Royal Library

September 20
David James and Big River - Johnny Cash Tribute, King's Theatre

September 26
Deconstructing the Beatles, King's Theatre
Intro to the Innovation Lab OR One-on-One Tech Help, Annapolis Royal Library

September 30
Town Hall closed for Truth and Reconciliation

October 3
Michael Kaeshammer, King's Theatre

October 20 - 24
Fall Clean-up (have items curbside on Sunday, October 19, 2025 to ensure collection)

Reminder: School's Back in Session!

Children are returning to school from next week. Please drive carefully and watch out for school buses stopping to pick up or drop off students. Slow down, stay alert, and help keep our kids safe!

Upcoming Meetings
Open to the public

Planning and Heritage Advisory Committee
September 2, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Committee of the Whole
September 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Board of Police Commissioners (Quarterly)
September 10, 2025 at 10:00 am

Environment Advisory Committee
September 10, 2025 3:00 pm

Audit Committee
September 17, 2025 at 4:00 pm

Council
September 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Legion events: see Facebook for details on their events.

All King's Theatre events & films: www.kingstheatre.ca

ARCAC (ARTsPLACE) events: arcac.ca

All Community Hub events: https://annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/upcoming.

Historic Gardens events: www.historicgardens.com

For up-to-date events, visit the online Community Calendar at annapolisroyal.com

Community Hub refers to the Library, Innovation Lab, and program rooms located at 143 Ritchie Street. The Community Hub Gym is located at 578 St.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town of Annapolis Royal is looking for residents interested in volunteering to serve as part of the following committees:

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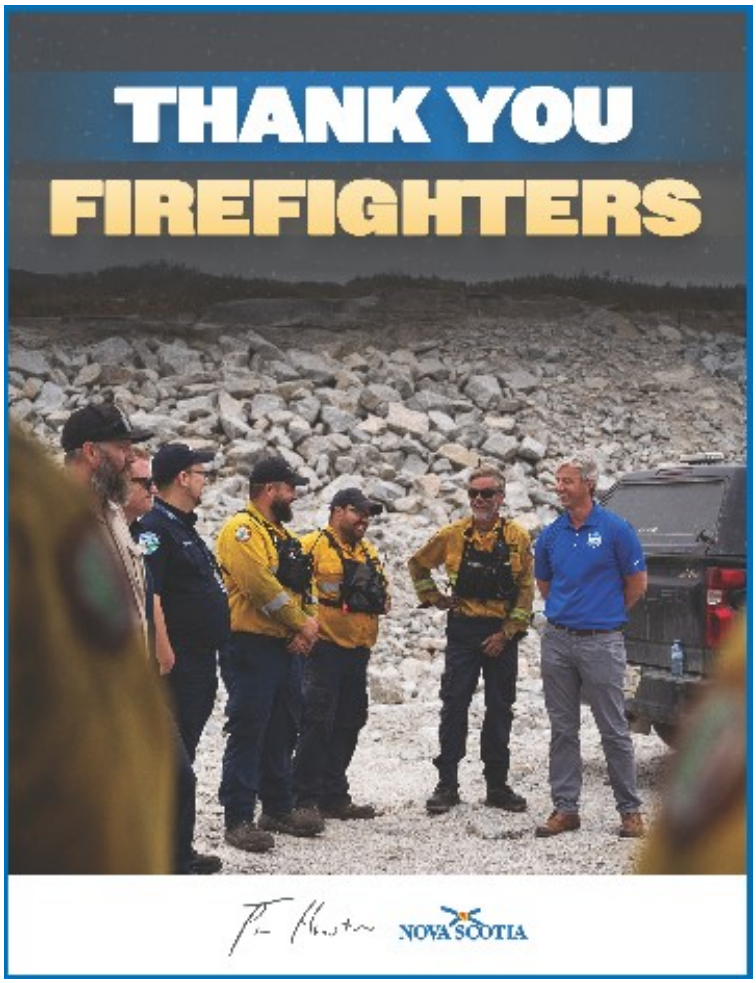
Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department are seeking volunteers
Contact : Annapolis Royal Volunteer Fire Department (arvfd.com)

and the

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) are seeking volunteers

Contact: CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell at cao@annapolisroyal.com or 902-532-2043 ext. 104



Calendars available at Town Hall for pick-up between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Valley Waste June Collection for the Town of Annapolis Royal is:

- **Friday, September 12, 2025**
- **Friday, September 26, 2025**

Water Conservation Advisory – Annapolis Royal

Due to ongoing dry weather, we're asking residents to **voluntarily conserve water**.

Please reduce non-essential water use like:

- Lawn watering
- Car washing
- Cleaning outdoor surfaces

Mayor Boyer reminds us: *"Even small reductions can make a big difference."*

No official conservation order is in place — but water reserves are being closely monitored.

Let's work together to protect our water supply.

Thank you,
Town of Annapolis Royal

Huge thanks to the Annapolis Royal Natal Day Committee for an amazing long weekend of events!
From start to finish, everything was so well organized and fun. What a great way to bring the community together - can't wait for next year!

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL AREA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE AT THE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL HISTORIC GARDENS

441 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal

Tel: 902-532-7018

Email:
AnnapolisVIC@historicgardens.com

PARKS CANADA

Parks Canada administered sites are at the heart of our national identity. They connect us through powerful stories and breathtaking landscapes, fostering a shared attachment to the places that have shaped who we are as Canadians.

From June 20, 2025, to September 2, 2025 inclusive, the Government of Canada will be offering free
admission to national parks, national historic sites, and national marine conservation areas administered by Parks Canada, as well as a 25% discount on camping fees.

This initiative is part of the Canada Strong Pass, designed to encourage Canadians to explore the natural landscapes and cultural heritage of our country and to warmly welcome visitors from around the world.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out or visit the Parks Canada website for more information.

Property Taxes
Tax bills are issued bi-yearly; April 30th and October 30th. Bills must be paid within 30 days. Interest on unpaid monies will be applied after thirty days on the next business day following the due date.

Water Bills
All properties are charged a flat fee water charge plus a usage fee. Vacant properties with water turned off are still charged the flat fee for service. Bills are issued quarterly; March 30th, June 30th, September 30th, and December 30th. Bills must be paid within 30 days. Interest on unpaid monies will be applied after thirty days on the next business day following the due date.

Bill payment methods:
- cash at the Town office between 10 am- 3 pm Monday to Friday (closed on Stat holidays)
- mail a cheque to PO Box 310, Annapolis Royal NS B0S 1A0
- bring a cheque to the Town office, there is a drop box at the front door if office is closed
- online banking by adding the Annapolis Royal (taxes) or (water) as payee
- credit card through the Town's website

Valley Waste Resource Management

Cardboard

Cardboard is banned from landfill. It can be flattened and bundled in 3ftx2ftx1ft and up to two bundles can be put out with your regular collection. It will not be collected at Clean-up.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

These items along with gas, solvents, CFL bulbs, insecticides, solvents, and pool chemicals are FREE to bring into our transfer stations. They are not accepted curbside or at Clean-up!

PROPANE TANKS

PAINT

MOTOR OIL

ELECTRONICS

RECYCLING RIGHT IS IN YOUR HANDS

BLUE BAG #1 CONTAINERS

NOT ACCEPTED IN BLUE BAG #1

- Paper products
- Chip bags
- Batteries
- Frozen food bags

BLUE BAG #2 PAPER

NOT ACCEPTED IN BLUE BAG #2

- Used tissue
- Paper towel
- Milk cartons
- Other recyclables

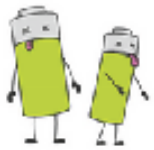
MAKE SURE RECYCLING IS CLEAN AND DRY
KEEP PAPER AND CONTAINERS IN SEPARATE BAGS

COOLING DEVICES

Cooling Devices such as fridges, freezers, water coolers, dehumidifers, and heat pumps all contain chlorofluorocarbon (CFC). There is a small fee charged to have this removed in order to make them safe.

Stop zombie batteries in their tracks

1. Never put batteries in regular garbage or recycling bins
2. Only recycle batteries using a proper battery recycling service
3. Batteries can be taken to participating locations for FREE! Cover lithium battery terminals with tape and place in a zip-sealbag
4. Use a non-metal container to store bagged or taped batteries – reuse an old yogurt container, milk jug or plastic storage bin.
5. Still unsure what to do? Visit www.call2recycle.ca



TAKE CHARGE

#takecharge

Batteries can be brought into our sites for FREE! Staples and Home Depot in New Minas also have collection boxes.
Check www.call2recycle.ca for other locations.

TIRE DISPOSAL

Nova Scotians can return up to four regulated used tires for recycling to any tire retailer in the province, during their regular business hours – free of charge!

USED SHARPS MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A SAFE SHARPS CONTAINER

Do NOT:

- Place needles, syringes, or lancets in plastic bottles or jugs.
- Dispose of them in garbage or recycling bags.
- Flush them down the toilet.
- Burn them.

Safe Sharps Program:

- Excludes used sharps from commercial entities (e.g., medical, dental).
- Contact professional associations for proper disposal.

Disposal Steps:

1. Obtain a FREE Safe Sharps container from a local pharmacy.
2. Place used syringes, needles, and lancets in the container.
3. Seal the lid when full and return it to the pharmacy.

For more information visit pans.ns.ca/find

@valleywaste

www.vwrm.com
info.vwrm.com 902-679-1325

@The Last Resort ReUse Centre

Intimate Partner Violence

Support is available across Nova Scotia for anyone experiencing or at risk of intimate partner violence and can be accessed 24/7 by calling the 211 Men's, Women's, or All-genders Helplines. You do not need to be experiencing a crisis to call, and someone is always available to listen or help refer you to the services and supports you need. Calls are always anonymous.

If it is an emergency, call 911 right away.

Resources and Supports

If you, a member of your team, or someone you know is struggling, here's where to get help for domestic violence resources and supports:

- Domestic Violence Resource Centre
- https://ns.211.ca/ for a list of services and supports in your community.
- If you need to stay at a shelter or would like to talk to a counsellor about your situation, you can call or text the THANS provincial toll-free line at 1-855-225- 0220.
- Canada's Suicide Crisis Helpline: Call or text 988.
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868. Text 686868. Live chat counselling on the website.