

# Kentville Harvest & Pumpkin People Festivals

## 2009

### Kentville Harvest Festival, Centre Square

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

Activities include: greetings from Mayor Dave Corkum, Queen Annapolisa Lindsay Pearl & Royal Proclamation from Town Crier Lloyd Smith; Pumpkin Person workshop; wagon rides; farmers' market; bounce tent & face painting; candy scramble; children's art; road hockey skills competition; Pumpkin People book signing; special guests such as Spike the Pumpkin Person and live musical entertainment all day!

### Pumpkin People Festival

Saturday, October 3 – Sunday, October 25

"Pumpkin People Go For Gold! A Celebration of the Winter Olympics" is this year's theme. Visit Kentville to experience our famous Pumpkin People! You will find them in fields, on doorsteps, in front yards, around town and in shop windows. The wonderful, magical atmosphere that the Pumpkin People create is contagious and energetic. There is an adventure waiting around every corner for all who come and take part in the Kentville Pumpkin People Festival!



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## Message from the mayor



Summer seemed to fly by and here we are in the fall again. We got through pothole season and a very tough spring budget. We also had a very exciting Apple Blossom Festival this year and are so very proud of our own princess Lindsay Pearl, who has gone on to become Queen Annapolisa LXXVII.

Many exciting things have been taking place, such as the efforts made on behalf of the the Friends of the Kentville Public Library. They held weekly outdoor concerts in Centre Square throughout the summer months to promote their cause and create awareness around the new library. They have a very strong handle on where they would like to be and will be starting their fundraising soon. By the time this newsletter is distributed, hopefully our new P-8 school will have been started. Also, our Parks and Recreation

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## It's Harvest Fest time!

It's harvest time again in the Annapolis Valley and there's no better place to celebrate than in the town of Kentville!

Restaurants are preparing incredible dishes using fresh, local ingredients; shop windows are coming to life with fall decorations and Pumpkin People; and the spectacular autumn leaves are transforming the town into a brilliant maze of colours.

Kentville's annual Harvest Festival, which for more than 20 years has celebrated the harvest season, is held at the beginning of each October. The Festival welcomes the world famous Pumpkin People, as well as thousands of visitors who make the town a destination point during their autumn tour of the province.

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## Mayor

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Department should be commended for the beautiful hanging flower baskets we've enjoyed around our town all summer. Comments I've received from residents and visitors have been very positive and people have noticed the difference these baskets have made to our town. I would also like to take a moment to thank our residents and businesses for their tremendous support of the Kentville Farmers' Market. This year was the biggest and most successful Market season yet and it is obvious that our citizens want the option to buy fresh, local products directly from producers on a regular basis.

From within Town Hall, I'd like to say goodbye to our Active Living Coordinator Jill Trinacty. In her short time with us, Jill contributed well to our community. We wish her much success, which I'm sure she'll have, in her pursuit of a medical career.

Lastly, we are very fortunate to have returning to our town Nichole Lutz, who will be taking over from Jill in the role of Active Living Coordinator. Welcome back Nichole!

Enjoy the fall and all the bountiful harvest season has to bring. Hope to see you at the Harvest Festival!

**Mayor David Corkum**

# Pumpkin people fun at harvest festival

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October 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Activities will include an official welcome from Mayor Dave Corkum and Queen Annapolis Lindsay Pearl; Royal Proclamation from Town Crier Lloyd Smith; the ever-popular Pumpkin Person workshop taking place from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.; wagon rides; bounce tent & face painting; candy scramble; free children's art activity; road hockey skills competition; Pumpkin People book signing; special appearances by Spike the Pumpkin Person and live musical entertainment all day!

The Harvest Festival will also feature the increasingly popular Kentville Farmers' Market, with over 20 vendors and lots of local food, produce and products.

The event will wrap-up at 2:00 p.m. with a horse-drawn wagon leading the way to the Friends of the Kentville Public Library's new site on Justice Way for the official announcement and unveiling of the new building.

In addition to the Harvest Festival, October also brings the world-renowned Pumpkin People to the Town of Kentville. Streets, sidewalks, shop windows, lawns and door steps come alive with the presence of these mysterious beings. Constructed from cornstalks, straw and pumpkins, these folkloric figures are assembled

every year to celebrate the harvest.

"Pumpkin People Go For Gold! A Celebration of the Winter Olympics" is this year's theme and the Pumpkin People will be on display from October 3 – October 25.

The Town of Kentville wants you to help celebrate Harvest Festival this fall by participating in this year's Pumpkin People Display Challenge. Do it for the fun, the glory or the gold! The challenge is open to all Kentville residents and businesses and participants are encouraged to register by the October 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Winners will be selected in 3 categories and awarded great prizes. Registration forms, rules and regulations, plus categories and other helpful hints are all available on the Town of Kentville website at [www.kentville.ca](http://www.kentville.ca). So grab your family, co-workers or neighbours, put your pumpkin-heads together and show us your creative side! The wonderful, magical atmosphere that the town's people and businesses create with these mysterious beings is contagious and energetic.

There is an adventure waiting around every corner for all who come and take part in the Kentville Harvest and Pumpkin People Festivals!

# Department updates

## PUBLIC WORKS

Contractors and Public Works Staff are busy completing the 2009 Capital Works Program to upgrade the Town's Municipal Infrastructure. This summer a significant effort was made to repair and rehabilitate a number of heavily traveled downtown streets such as Main, Cornwallis, and Aberdeen Streets, as well as a section of Park Street.

Remediation continued on the former CP Lands which allowed for the paving and opening of River Street.

The water system continues to be upgraded to allow for the safe and reliable delivery of drinking water.

### Seasonal Reminders:

Winter Parking Regulations: Sections 202(1) of the Motor Vehicle Act, effective December 1 until April 15, no person shall park upon any highway or street in the Town of Kentville from 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. This is strictly enforced during snow storm plowing operations and violators will have their vehicles towed. This is to allow for snow plowing to take place. The placement of snow from a driveway or parking lot onto Town streets is strictly forbidden.

Notice to Builders and Construction: The Town of Kentville wishes to advise all builders and contractors that the Department of Public Works will not issue street opening laterals to be installed between December 01, 2009 and April 15, 2010.

## PLANNING

The Planning Department has been busy with the consideration of a number of rezoning applications. With the sale of the Crows Nest Golf Course, the new owners have rezoned the property for approximately 200 multi-family residential dwelling units within 5 buildings. The property adjacent to Park Street has been rezoned for Commercial purposes.

Approximately 10 acres of land in Fox Hollow Subdivision, on the south side of Belcher Street, has been approved for semi-detached 2 unit dwelling units. As our population continues to age, smaller affordable housing for residents wishing to downsize will be greatly needed.

Shannex's long term care facility is moving along and it is anticipated that the facility may be open as early as this fall. North of its property, adjacent to the Cornwallis River, is 3.75 acres of commercial property now ready for sale. The Town will be considering Expressions of Interest

for the property and inquiries may be made to Keith Robicheau at 679-2501 or Beverly Gentleman at 679-2535.

Covington Station is moving along nicely as well. Located on Station Lane, the building, which has very nicely incorporated design aspects depicting the Town's railway history, will host a new pharmacy and two stories of commercial office space. It is due to open this fall.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Paving of the Kentville Trail from Webster Street to the west end has started. The paved portion of the trail will start at Webster Street and continue west along the Shannex development and end at the new school site.

Progress continues on the Ducks Unlimited Trail at the east end of Town. Construction of a bridge will provide access to the Trail from behind the County of Kings building. The Recreation Department expects this piece of the Trail to be accessible from that location this winter.

Oakdene Park has been upgraded with the addition of another soccer field. The new field will be ready for use in spring 2010. The Recreation Department completed the new field project with help from Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection, Valley District Soccer Association and the Valley United Soccer Club.

Centennial Arena is ready for the start of the new season and looking better than ever. The entrance doors have been replaced and each dressing room has an impressive new look based on the colors and designs of top NHL teams. The rink will also be the site for a pilot project the Town is participating in with NS Power. A solar power system will be installed on the roof of the building that will preheat all hot water used in the arena. The project is slated to get underway this fall.

The Recreation Centre is gearing up for another busy fall/winter season. Many of the regular programs are back and some new programs have been added this year. The Recreation Centre hosts a variety of programs and is also available to rent for birthday parties, banquets and meetings.

The Recreation Department would like to remind people that as school starts up in the fall so do many sport and recreational programs and activities for all ages. For a complete listing of programs in Kentville visit the Town's website and check out the Fall Programs Flyer.



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## COMING EVENTS

### Remembrance Day 2009

Kentville's annual Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at The Cenotaph in Memorial Park on Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Let's come together to remember those who lost their lives for us, pay tribute to those who fought for us, and honour those who continue to serve our country.

### Torchlight Parade & Skating Party 2009

Join in the festivities on Friday, Nov. 13, when Kentville kicks off the Christmas season with its annual Torchlight Parade & Skating Party. The line-up for the Parade will take place behind Town Hall, then walk around Town and into Centre Square for a Christmas carol sing-along and the lighting of the Christmas lights. Festivities continue with a family skate at the arena, where you can enjoy hot chocolate, apple cider, and a visit with Santa! Watch for more details as we get closer to the holidays.

## CentreStage Theatre purchases own building

The board of directors of CentreStage Theatre Society was delighted when the purchase of the Hiawatha Lodge building on River Street was concluded in April. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of many. It was also the result of the generosity of both patrons and local, municipal, and provincial governments. On behalf of the Board and all who have benefitted, are benefitting, and will benefit, we say a sincere thank you.

Having our own space is wonderful, but it is also demanding. As part of the purchase agreement, CentreStage, with the financial assistance of the IOOF and Rebeccas, has agreed to renovate a space on the upper floor for the use of the IOOF and Rebeccas. This space will be for their use during the period of their tenancy agreement. Brian McKibbin, an architect who has provided the board with invaluable advice, has drawn up plans for the renovated

space and has provided a scope of work, which has been given to a number of local contractors. We are waiting for the third of three estimates to arrive, after which a decision will be made and the renovation will go forward. We hope that the project will be finished by mid-October of 2009.

The board has also spent many hours in 'visioning' sessions, trying to come to a consensus on how the building will be used and the kinds of renovations, updates, and additions that are needed to make this vision a reality. Once we have this vision, we can begin planning and fundraising. A request for funding was submitted to the Economic Development Department; however, with the change in government, we have yet to find out if the application was approved.

The former MLA for Kings North, Mark Parent, was a tremendous supporter of CentreStage Theatre, viewing

it as a definite plus for the region and as an example of an initiative that enriches the community. We are sure that the new MLA, Jim Morton, will provide this community theatre with the kind of support and leadership that will help it to continue its good work.

CentreStage Theatre is in its 25th season. The 2010 season is planned and we are looking ahead to 2011. Various workshops are being prepared and planning for the drama camps for March break and summer 2010 is underway. We are also hoping to attract a number of visiting performers to our small venue. Our Artist Wall continues to attract interest. As well, we are considering several fundraising ideas that will utilize the 'new space' upstairs.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of CentreStage Theatre. Without them, we cease to exist. We're always looking for actors of all ages and gender, directors, producers, set designers, set builders, costumers, technicians, front of house staff, stage managers, lighting persons, and so on. If you wish to become involved or make a donation to our building project, why not come see us or call us at 678-3502. Visit our website at [www.centrestagetheatre.ca](http://www.centrestagetheatre.ca) or email us at [centrestage@centrestagetheatre.ca](mailto:centrestage@centrestagetheatre.ca).

### Visit the Kentville Public Library this fall!

The Kentville Public Library has something for everyone. Children's story time is a fun time to share books with your kids in a friendly, welcoming setting and the teen lounge is a time dedicated just for teens. For adults, there are book clubs and one-on-one computer tutorials. The Library also has movies, games and computers available. Check the library calendar of events online at [www.valleylibrary.ca](http://www.valleylibrary.ca) or call 679-2544 for information.

## Community policing update

The Kentville Police Service is committed to making our streets and communities safer places to be. As Community Policing Officer, it is my job to provide programs, events and information and make them available in communities and schools.

This year we worked in partnership with the RCMP on a program called Operation Headway. It was a push on education and enforcement of making sure helmets were worn by all patrons within our communities. We can't stress enough how easily a brain injury can occur if you are not wearing the proper equipment. Such an injury also has a huge impact on families of the victims. Remember, all it takes to help prevent one is wearing your helmet!

There will be an upcoming workshop this fall for all individuals and their families who received infractions, to educate them on the consequences of a brain injury.

Remember an injury can occur at any time but by taking a few precautions, you can prevent such things from happening. Here are a few safety tips that you can follow to protect yourself not just from injury but also from becoming a victim of crime:

- When out walking in the community, please press the flashing light at the cross walk before stepping out into the street. It is sometimes difficult for drivers to see pedestrians in cross walks, especially when the snow starts to fly.
- Remember to always lock your car doors, it is a proven fact that criminals will check for locked doors and take whatever they want if they find one.
- Always have your gas tank full in case you get stuck somewhere and need to keep warm
- Keep a first aid and emergency kit in your vehicle at all times.

Const. Angie McWaid  
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## Planning for tomorrow, today



Brennan Vogel, Lucas Brehaut and Tupon Tajrin took to the Kentville Farmers Market to conduct part of their survey for a community sustainability plan.

Envision Kentville has been an ongoing community-based planning initiative in 2009 to create an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) for the Town of Kentville. Over the summer, the Envision Kentville campaign welcomed the addition of Tupon Tajrin of Wolfville and Lucas Brehaut of Kentville to assist in the delivery of a door-to-door community sustainability survey. Tupon and Lucas are both university students who joined the Town for the summer through the funding support of the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps and with the municipal partnership support of Kings Transit and Kings County Regional Development Agency.

Tupon, Lucas and Sustainability Coordinator Brennan Vogel were kept busy over the summer months walking the streets of Kentville, knocking on many doors, listening to and documenting the thoughts and opinions of Kentville citizens regarding the present

state and future direction of the Town of Kentville.

The purpose of going door-to-door with the sustainability survey was to build community awareness of the Envision Kentville sustainability planning process while verifying community levels of support for the sustainability issues and community assets identified by over 200 Kentville citizens during the first round of the Envision Kentville public consultations this past spring.

Over the summer, the sustainability survey was delivered throughout all Kentville neighborhoods. From Bona Vista Estates, to upper Oakdene Avenue, from the outskirts of Chester Avenue, to the heart of McDougall Heights – the sustainability survey aimed to be as inclusive as possible in seeking broad-based community participation from Kentville citizens of all ages. At the end of the summer, 296 surveys were completed by a diversity of citizens of all ages and backgrounds.

Thanks to all who participated.

Some of the key results of the Kentville sustainability survey include:

- 95% of Kentville citizens support or strongly support the Kentville Vision Statement for guiding the future development of the Town. The Vision Statement reads: "Kentville is a healthy, vibrant, integrated and complete community where citizens can live work and play in an environment that supports a high quality of life."
- 79% of Kentville citizens are concerned, very concerned or more than very concerned about declining air quality and its local impacts such as increased rates of respiratory diseases and illnesses such as asthma and cancer.
- 77% of Kentville citizens are concerned, very concerned or more than very concerned about local impacts of global climate change such as increasing storm

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Every spring during Provincial Volunteer Week and in conjunction with province-wide celebrations, the Town of Kentville honours its outstanding community volunteers and organizations at its Volunteer Recognition Night. The event is a small token of the town's appreciation for the countless hours that individuals dedicate to their organizations and community groups. Kentville is a better place because of the work they do.

## Sustainability plan process ongoing

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severity and frequency, sea level rise and flooding as well as longer term changes in local weather patterns.

The sustainability survey also asked citizens to prioritize their top three community assets and community sustainability issues. Below are the results of this prioritization process based on the total number of prioritization votes, as well as the top ranking results by highest number of number one priority votes.

#### TOTAL PRIORITY VOTES

**Community assets:** Access to community services (schools, hospital, government, business and community services)

**Environmental Issues:** Protecting and sustainably managing the town's water resources for future growth and development

**Social and Cultural Issues:** Encouraging a senior and youth-friendly community that is accommodating and accessible to people of all ages

**Economic Issues:** Better supporting the local agricultural economy

#### MOST #1 PRIORITY VOTES

**Community assets:** A clean, safe and reliable municipal water supply

**Environmental Issues:** Working with regional partners to clean up the Cornwallis River

**Social and Cultural Issues:** Making Centre Square a

safe and attractive public space

**Economic Issues:** Addressing parking issues in downtown Kentville

This valuable community data will allow the next steps in the sustainability planning process to move forward with 95% confidence level, with a +/- confidence interval of 5.55%. This is the same as concluding with confidence that the opinions expressed in the survey are accurate of Town of Kentville citizens' opinions 17 times out of 20.

This important baseline information regarding community opinions about sustainability issues and community assets will form the foundation for the development of the draft ICSP. Watch for Envision Kentville at Kentville community events throughout the fall and be sure to share your thoughts about how the Town can take action on Kentville's sustainability priorities.

Integrated Community Sustainability Planning is a mandatory requirement of all Canadian municipalities in order to continue to receive federal Gas Tax Funds.

For more information on Envision Kentville, please contact Brennan Vogel at 679-2512 or by email at [icsp@kentville.ca](mailto:icsp@kentville.ca). You can also see the Envision Kentville web resources at [www.kentville.ca](http://www.kentville.ca) or at [www.envisionkentville.blogspot.com](http://www.envisionkentville.blogspot.com) All Envision Kentville information is also available at the Kentville Library.

## Kings County Museum Events

### NEW EXHIBITS

#### **Shoes: The Ultimate Necessity & Accessory**

What is the difference between a Cordwainer and a Cobbler? Why did people hide shoes in walls? What do shoes made out of apple wood look like? To answer these questions and view an interesting collection of vintage shoes, and cobblers tools, why not visit the museum and see this display. Showing in the main gallery from Sept. 21 to Dec. 11.

#### **The Red Hatters**

"When I am an old woman I shall wear purple with a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me."

In 1998 a social organization was formed to promote social interaction among woman, and to encourage fun, friendship, freedom and fulfillment. To learn more about this group, and the local branch, why not visit this mini-display on the main floor of the museum. This display will be open from Sept. 15 until Dec. 11.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

#### **Victorian Death Rituals, Hearse History, & a Halls Harbour Ghost**

Public lecture coming in October. Please watch regular media outlets, or visit the museum website for the announcement of details.

#### **Stadacona Band Benefit Concert**

Kings Historical Society major fundraiser to be held on Oct. 29. Please watch regular media outlets, or visit the museum website, for the announcement of details.

The Kings Historical Society offers an interesting selection of monthly meeting guest speakers during our regularly scheduled monthly meetings (last Tuesday of each month beginning in September at 7:30 p.m. at the museum). Please watch regular media outlets, or visit [www.okcm.ca](http://www.okcm.ca), for the announcement of details.



Thank you to everyone who attended Canada Day 2009. This was the first time celebrations were held in Centre Square and it proved to be a very successful family-oriented community event. The Kentville Farmers' Market had more than 35 vendors participating. The bicycle rodeo, organized by The Kentville Police Service, saw 24 riders improve their bicycle safety skills. The 1st annual Town of Kentville Classic Car Show and Shine attracted a number of car enthusiasts. The childrens' bounce attraction, clown and other activities kept the kids busy for the event. The Amazing Race around Town was a fun family challenge. A big thank you to Beer In The Headlights for keeping the music going while community members received their healthy snack bags and Canada Day cake from Kentville Town Councillors! See you again on July 1, 2010!



Lindsay Pearl was crowned Princess Kentville 2009 at the Kentville Princess Tea held on Thursday April 30th, and went on to be chosen Queen Annapolisa at the Apple Blossom Festival. She will be supported in her role as Princess Kentville by Child Attendant Kailey Bennett.