

# Pumpkin People Celebrate 25 years of Harvest Fest in Kentville!

## Pumpkin People on Display - October 2nd-24th 2010

"Pumpkin People Flashback! A tour of themes from years gone by". 2010 marks the 25th anniversary of Harvest Fest in Kentville, so the Pumpkin People are celebrating in a big way! This year the Pumpkin People will be recreating your favorite Pumpkin People displays from the past all over Kentville! Aliens, movie stars, sports fanatics and farmers will all be returning to Kentville to celebrate the history of Harvest Fest. What was your all time favorite Pumpkin Person scene? Tell us on the Kentville Recreation Facebook page to make sure it makes the cut this year! Deadline to vote is September 21st. Details on Facebook or at [www.kentville.ca](http://www.kentville.ca)

## Kentville Harvest Festival, Centre Square

Saturday, October 2, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Activities include greetings from Mayor Dave Corkum, Princess Kentville 2010 Kara Hill, Proclamation from Town Crier Lloyd Smith; Pumpkin Person building workshop; wagon rides; farmers' market; bounce tent & face painting; candy scramble; children's art; road hockey skills competition; Pumpkin People book signing; Spike the Pumpkin Person & live musical entertainment all day!



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## Message from the mayor



Welcome to another issue of the Kentville Connection. Thank you for your readership of this newsletter; it's a great way to

keep you informed of what is going on in our Town. Most of us are now settling down from a busy summer and gearing up for the fall season and all that comes along with the cooler weather.

This summer the Town of Kentville was filled with community events and lots of celebrations. Whether you participated in the weekly Farmers Market, Centre Square Movie Nights, Community Yard Sale, or various sporting tournaments and events there were lots of opportunities to get out and mingle with fellow community members.

There are a lot of highlights from this summer for me and I would like to share a few of them with you. The Town of Kentville held its first Street Fest this summer on Aug. 7 and it was one for the books. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and our Recreation staff deserves to be congratulated on a job well done with that event. The weekend of July 3 marked the 25th

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Attending the opening of Miner's Marsh were (from left) David Griffin of Michelin Canada, Deanne Meadus of Ducks Unlimited, Kings North MLA Jim Morton, Mayor Dave Corkum, Gren Jones of Ducks Unlimited and Hugh Fairn.

## Miner's Marsh opens

After many years of hard work, Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Town of Kentville can celebrate the grand opening of Miner's Marsh.

The Town of Kentville, Ducks Unlimited and a large number of supporters and community members were present at Miner's Marsh on August 12 for the official opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony. This project, funded by numerous community supporters, has resulted in a 1.5-kilometre walking trail, a new bridge, a viewing platform and interpretive signage. The trail, which can also be accessed by bicyclists and has portions that are wheelchair-accessible, will bring visitors around Miner's Marsh. There, they will have the opportunity to see such wildlife

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anniversary of the 1985 Kentville Wildcats Baseball team's National win and they were presented a key to the Town. Finally, another highlight was the grand opening of the Miner's Marsh and the Ducks Unlimited Site on Aug. 12 when various community members gathered at the site to celebrate the completion of a project long in the making.

On a sad note, I would like to mention the passing of two dedicated former Town employees, Richard Mason and Roger McNamara. Richard and Roger were with Public Works for a combined 43 years of service and were hard-working dedicated employees. They will be missed by everyone at the Town and our thoughts are with their families.

As mentioned in an article in this newsletter, we are looking forward to the opening of a brand new building for Kings County Academy. This new school will be an asset to our Town and to our children's future. On a related note, I would like to thank the residents of West Main Street and our soccer community for their patience with the road construction and the temporary parking for the fields over the summer.

Finally, congratulations should be given to Princess Kentville 2010 Kara Hill for being chosen Miss Congeniality for the 78th Apple Blossom Festival and for doing a wonderful job representing our Town this past summer. I look forward to seeing most of you at this year's 25th Harvest Fest and I hope you enjoy this issue of the Kentville Connection!

**Mayor Dave Corkum**

## Miners Marsh opens

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as black ducks, wood ducks, bald eagles, muskrats, dragonflies and a broad variety of other waterfowl and wildlife.

"This project has really shown what Kentville is made of," says Mayor David Corkum. "Our community members, organizations and businesses put a lot of hard work, support and encouragement into Miner's Marsh. It is now a beautiful area for the entire community to cherish and enjoy, and I look forward to seeing people take advantage of it to bike, jog, bird-watch or just go for a walk with their friends or families."

"Miner's Marsh is the best of both worlds," says Deanne Meadus, Manager of Conservation Programs for DUC. "It not only provides excellent habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife, but it also provides a fantastic recreational area for the people of and visitors to Kentville. It is a great example of how wetlands benefit not just waterfowl, but people as well."

Since 1938, Ducks Unlimited Canada has conserved, restored and managed wetlands and their associated habitats for waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. Visit their website at [www.ducks.ca](http://www.ducks.ca) for more information.

## Fall cleanup is coming

Cleanup takes place on one day only in all of Kentville: Monday, Sept. 27. Cleanup is the time to get rid of extra garbage and large items that are not picked up on your regular collection day.

**There are some rules...** In order to make cleanup manageable and to keep it running smoothly, there are some rules. For example:

- Each household and business can put out up to 20 items on cleanup day. An item is a bag, a securely tied bundle or a single object (like a stove or mattress).
- Clear bags are required for bagged waste.

**Some items are banned** from landfill and will not be collected, such as:

- Tires
- Propane tanks and cylinders
- Paint and other hazardous wastes
- Leaves and brush (you can put out two bundles of brush each regular pick up day),
- Recyclables such as cardboard, and electronics such as computers, TVs, stereos and telephones.

For more details check your waste management calendar or visit the Valley Waste website at [www.vworm.com](http://www.vworm.com)

## Department updates

### PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works employees are busy maintaining streets and sidewalks in as safe a condition as possible with the variable weather conditions that occur throughout the year. The following is some of the Capital Construction work completed within the Town of Kentville in 2010:

- The sidewalk on Main Street running from A.P. Reid to the Visitors Information Centre has been renovated and resurfaced by G.K. Morse. The Public Works department collectively worked with the businesses attached to this sidewalk to minimize the impact the renovations had to their operations. The Town is very pleased with the new surfacing on the sidewalk which has created easier and safer walking conditions

- West Main Street continues to be extended to create a road leading to the new KCA School. The final layer of asphalt on this road will soon be in place.

- The Kentville Trail will once again continue on the former CP Rail land in Kentville where the Shannex building currently resides. Public Works is working on opening the trail once again from the beginning of West Main Street extending to the opening of the newly extended River Street.

- On Glenview Avenue, work has taken place to repave and install a new curb and gutter system. The sewer main has also been replaced

- Park Street has been reconstructed from Pelton Drive to Roscoe Drive to cover and fill all potholes for smoother driving

### PLANNING

Development within Kentville remains steady. So far for 2010 the Town has issued 55 permits for a total building valuation of \$2,684,375, seven of which were new Single Family Dwellings.

Kentville's Sustainability Plan, "Envision Kentville: Planning For Tomorrow Today," was submitted to the Province in early spring. Some of the key goals and priorities identified in the plan are underway. Throughout the summer the Friends of the Cornwallis River, with the help of the Nova Scotia Youth Corps, are undertaking culvert assessments within the Town to help restore the Cornwallis River.

The Department will be undertaking a review of the sustainability Plan and incorporating many of the goals within the Municipal Planning Strategy.

Other reviews include the Sign Bylaw. Please remember that all signs require a permit, are not permitted off-site of

the business they are advertising, and are not permitted with the Towns street right-of-ways.

### Future Public Parking Initiatives

A number of initiatives are under way to help with the revitalization of Webster Court and the Cornwallis Inn to promote these areas as destination points. With a study under way to determine the feasibility of a year-round farmers market in the Cornwallis Inn, and with new businesses opening within the Inn and on Webster Court, we are working with Alex Filimon of the Cornwallis Inn to designate a number of 2 hour parking spaces to support the growing need for public parking. It is anticipated that these spaces would be located on the northeast side of the Cornwallis Inn, adjacent to Webster Court, but the idea is still under review.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

This Summer, Kentville Recreation programs had an excellent turn out, as well as a very successful season! The Day Camps participated in many activities throughout the town and in addition had some very exciting field trips. Some of the locations visited included the Museum of Natural History in Halifax, the Windsor Water Slide, Aylesford Lake and Oaklawn Farm Zoo. The kids had a fantastic summer with the help of their enthusiastic counselors who never seemed to miss a beat. The pool was also very busy this summer with a great turn out at daily public swim as well as the Red Cross swimming lessons. The pool also hosted several successful pool parties this year on the weekends thanks to the dedication of the hardworking lifeguards. The Kentville Tennis Program also had a very rewarding season with a great number of participants signed up for junior and adult lessons. Kentville also hosted a tennis tournament with the aid of Tennis Nova Scotia and our tennis instructor. Overall the summer of 2010 was very successful, and will definitely be one to remember.

## Welcome to new businesses

### Breadworks

395 Main Street  
Kentville, NS  
(902) 681-3322

### Erin Lord Registered Massage Therapist

19 Aberdeen Street  
Kentville, NS  
(902) 678-8186



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# CentreStage Theatre presents four plays

CentreStage has a great line up this fall. Come and stop in for some quality, volunteer and amateur theatre!

**Temperance in a Tea Cup.** The story takes place in the Temperance Society Hall during Prohibition in the 1930s. The caretaker of the hall is moonlighting. He is offering storage space to a rum runner, in the only building the police haven't got under surveillance - The Temperance Hall. The rum-runners are moving in the contraband rum when they are interrupted by the townspeople who are arriving for their Temperance meeting. This show is part of the annual dinner theatre with the Glooscap Curling Club to be held on Sept. 10 and 11. Tickets are \$50 each and include a full course meal, admission to the show and entrance to the

silent auction. The show is also playing at CentreStage for 2pm matinees on September 18 and 19.

**The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery.** Sept. 16, 17, 18, 24, 25, October 1, 2, 3 (2 pm matinee), 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23. Showtimes 8 p.m.

Every drama group has experienced the horrors of what can go wrong on the night and the ladies of the F.A.H.E.T.G. Dramatic Society are no different, with the possible exception that almost everything that could happen does. The scenery collapses, cues are missed, lines forgotten, and the sound effects take on a strange note at times, as the ladies present their ambitious evening's entertainment with the cunning whodunit,

"Murder At Checkmate Manor".

**The Princess and the Pea**  
Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 (All shows 2 p.m.) Will the Queen let her son marry the girl he loves even if she's not as pretty as the other princesses? And what defines a real princess? Beauty? Kindness? Courage? The Prince doesn't want to marry just anyone, he wants to get to know her first. This story encourages children to follow their hearts and dreams and not live someone else's expectations or demands.

**Little Women**  
November 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, 28 (2pm matinee), December 3, 4, 10, 11 The play begins that memorable Christmas when Marmee leaves to visit her sick husband and Jo sells her beautiful hair to help finance the trip. It ends just a year later when the happy family is again preparing to celebrate not only Christmas but also the return of Mr. March. In between these two events, we again live, laugh, love and cry with Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth as they go through the many trials and tribulations that have made this story a classic. For tickets and reservations phone 678-8040 or visit [www.centrestagetheatre.ca](http://www.centrestagetheatre.ca).

## Kings Court House Museum Exhibits

**Celebrating the New England Planters: 250 Years in 2010:** The year 2010 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of the New England Planters in the territory which would one day become Kings County. Currently showing until December.

**Take a Hike:** The Girl Guides of Canada are celebrating 100 years of Guiding in 2010. With this in mind, the Hardwood Lake Trefoil Guild have created a display of memorabilia dating back to the 1930s. Showing September thru December.

**A new virtual tour** of the Kings County Museum can be found at [www.novascotiamuseums.com](http://www.novascotiamuseums.com).

There is more planned for the fall at the Kings County Museum. To learn about these events keep an eye on local media, visit [www.okcm.ca](http://www.okcm.ca) or call 678-6237.

# Princess Kentville chosen Miss Congeniality

This year's Princess Kentville Tea was held April 29 and Kara Hill was crowned Princess Kentville 2010. Kara is the 19-year-old daughter of Cliff Hill and Nola Folker-Hill of Kentville. The Town of Kentville would like to congratulate Kara on being chosen Miss Congeniality by her fellow princesses for the 78th Apple Blossom Festival. The Award goes to the most friendly, helpful, genuine and outgoing contestant in the leadership competition.



Princess Kentville Kara Hill

"My experience thus far as Princess Kentville has been simply wonderful," Hill says. "My time at the 78th Apple Blossom Festival was amazing; I was able to gain many strengths and a wealth of knowledge about the Annapolis Valley and the origin of the festival while meeting many new people and creating long-lasting friendships."

She said having the opportunity to act as a representative for her hometown and serve as a role model to the youth of Kentville and the Annapolis Valley has meant a great deal to her.

"This experience is an incredible opportunity that offers young women a chance to represent their hometown and allows them to grow, mature and gain valuable strengths and knowledge that will ultimately help them to succeed in the future," she says. "I would like to thank all those who offered their support to me during my journey thus far and for the rest

of my time as Princess Kentville; the support of my community has been invaluable to me."

The Town invited girls aged 10 to 18 to participate in the Junior Princess Kentville Mentorship Program new this year. The program was developed by the Kentville Parks and Recreation Department to increase interest in Princess Kentville and start young girls thinking about becoming candidates from a younger age. Junior candidates participated in the interview process, delivered speeches at the Tea, and got to see first hand what it's like to run for Princess Kentville. This year, two junior candidates participated in the program. Cecilee Paige Herber and Samantha Lisa Longaphy both completed the program and received Junior Princess Kentville Status.



Mayor Dave Corkum, Junior Princesses Samantha Lisa Longaphy and Cecilee Paige Herber, and Lindsay Young of the Kentville Recreation Department.

## Community policing

The Kentville Police Service is committed to providing a service to enhance the safety and security of our community. We accomplish this through reactive enforcement and proactive initiatives to best serve the residents and visitors of the town of Kentville. Community Policing is available to address concerns, provide programs and assist in events which occur in the community.

The Kentville Police Service, in partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia and the RCMP, conducted a program for those who were demonstrating proper bicycling practices. Those bicyclists who were properly wearing helmets and following the rules of the road were given ballots to be dropped off at Cleve's Sporting Goods stores in Kings County for the chance to win a bicycle, which was donated by BIANs. The winner was 9-year old Sean Adams of Kentville.

This summer, I had the chance to conduct mountain bike patrols, particularly on the many Kentville trails available to residents and visi-

tors. With the fall season approaching, the trail system would be a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the fresh air. I hope to see you out there.

With the school year quickly approaching, it's important to remember there will be a large number of children walking to and from school. Being aware of their presence as you drive will ensure their safe arrival. It's also important to educate children regularly on being safe while traveling to and from school, either on foot or by bus. Here are a few tips:

- Push the button to activate the crosswalk lights (if available), make sure that traffic has stopped and the drivers see you.
- While waiting for the bus, stay back from the road and wait quietly in line until the bus stops, its lights start flashing and the doors open;
- When the cold weather arrives, wear proper clothing and footwear and take your time.

Cst. Mike Goss  
Community Policing Officer  
Kentville Police Service

## Live actively in Kentville

- Miner's Marsh is now open for walking and exploring.
- Kentville trail system brochures are available which include all walking trail locations in the Town.
- Fitness Bootcamp – early morning fitness classes were held twice

a week for eight weeks this summer.

- Afterschool program planning is underway. Registration will be available the first week of school, look for updates coming home with children in Grades Primary to 6.
- Senior fitness classes will begin again in September at the Kentville Recreation Centre Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (Zumba gold class) from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30

a.m.

- Indoor walking programs will begin at the Indoor Soccer Facility in November on weekdays from 10 a.m to 11 a.m. There is a \$2 charge on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Kentville will participate in "Take Me Outside week" with lots of fun afterschool activities for youth to encourage everyone to be outside and away from the computer or TV.



## Touring the new KCA school

BY LINDSAY PEARL

On Aug. 17, Susan Fitzgerald of Fowler Bauld and Mitchell Architects took a group of Town of Kentville Recreation staff and Mayor Dave Corkum on a guided tour of the future building for Kings County Academy (KCA) which is currently under construction.

Fitzgerald, who designed the school, was eager to answer the questions many residents of Kentville most often inquire about.

"Everything is on schedule and there have been no major setbacks. Bird Rideau has been a wonderful construction company to work with and building this school has been a very collaborative process," Fitzgerald said. "The construction of the building is scheduled to be finished in January 2011, in the end this building will be worth approximately 14 million dollars."

When entering the building through the main entrance the first thing a visitor will notice is a beautiful mosaic on the floor, yet to be chosen by the school. Turning left a visitor will spot a trophy case filled with KCA memorabilia and turning right a visitor can enter the administration offices.

"The school features many full length glass walls to allow the light in. We're fortunate to have built the school on a beautiful property; the building has really borrowed much from the surrounding scenery to create many attrac-

tive views from within the school," Fitzgerald said.

The school features state-of-the-art facilities including a gymnasium, multipurpose room, industrial arts room, music room, performance stage, cafeteria, technology lab, nutrition room with kitchen, science lab and textile room.

Each classroom will average 900 square feet in size, and every two classrooms will share a breakout room that has computers. "More and more students are working on group projects and breakout rooms provide them the opportunity to work within their group," Fitzgerald said. "This is becoming an important aspect of education."

Each classroom will also contain an overhead projector and white boards, and feature plenty of windows for natural light.

Everything within the new KCA has been designed with a specific purpose and reasoning in mind. The washrooms within the building have been placed near areas where staff will be to prevent bullying.

"It has been found that most bullying takes place in or around the washrooms in school. We wanted to make sure we had staff nearby to police and monitor this issue," Fitzgerald said. "The whole school has been designed to ensure staff have optimal control over the students' safety."

Possibly most impressive overall is the building's innovative environmentally friendly design.

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## Kentville officials tour new KCA building

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The building is already set to make the silver certification on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, and Fitzgerald said there is a possibility it will attain gold certification.

The contractors have used the Annapolis Valley's environmental features to their benefit to create a building that runs on only solar and electrical power, using no fuel or oil. The school is connected to a geothermal open-loop system which makes use of the underground river deep beneath the building to draw power. The third floor of KCA is a mechanical penthouse which features solar panels to provide additional power, and the roof is painted white to reflect heat and also has a system for collecting rainwater.

"KCA is by far the most energy efficient school we have ever built, citizens should be very proud of this innovative building" Fitzgerald said.

Parents, students, staff and citizens have much to look forward to when it comes to the opening of the new building and location for KCA. The Town of Kentville, Fowler Bauld and Mitchell Architects, and Bird Rideau Construction crews have been working tirelessly to ensure the new school meets not only worldwide design state-of-the-art standards, but also the important standards of Kentville residents.



Mayor Dave Corkum and other Kentville officials toured the new KCA School on Aug. 17. The new building will open next year.

## Kentville Library Update

**Story Time for Preschoolers** - Starts Wed, Sept 15, 11-11:30 am and ends Wed, Nov 24, we will read books, discover some fun facts and make a craft each week.

**Book Club for Adults** - Join us on the last Wednesday of each month for a lively discussion of our latest choice. We read a different book each month, first meeting is Sept 29 at 7 p.m. Come meet other avid readers and have fun!

**Downloadable Audios and eBooks** - Come to the library to learn about our new digital media download service. In this FREE workshop on Wed, Sept 15 6:30pm you will learn how to download audiobooks and eBooks, use them on various devices and to manage your account. You can bring your laptop and/or portable devices. We will have a Sony e-reader, an iPod and other equipment for you to try. Refreshments will be served.

**Teen Movie Night** - Sun Sept 26, 7-9 p.m, for teens 12-17.

Check [www.valleylibrary.ca](http://www.valleylibrary.ca) for other upcoming events at the library.

## Upcoming events

### Pumpkin People Supplies Giveaway

On Saturday, Sept. 25 Pumpkin People supplies will be given away at Memorial Park from 9 a.m. until noon or they run out. Come out to get a jump start on your Pumpkin People display for your home or business.

### Remembrance Day

Kentville's annual Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at The Cenotaph in Memorial Park on Nov. 11. 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

Join in the festivities on Thursday, Nov. 25, when Kentville kicks off the Christmas season with its annual Torchlight Parade & Skating Party. The parade will line up 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.