

Message from the mayor



Just around the corner, on Dec. 7 of this year, the Town of Kentville will officially celebrate 125 years of incorporation.

As summer gives way to fall, I cannot believe how fast the time has seemed to go by, and how many exciting things have happened in the Town of Kentville this year.

Many of our residents have helped us celebrate this special time by joining us at signature 125 events, attending project announcements and unveilings, ribbon cuttings and more. We kicked off our 125th Anniversary year with a giant sledding party in Memorial Park last January, we had record numbers of people attend our second annual Street Fest last month and, looking ahead, Harvest Fest, Pumpkin People and the Torchlight Parade are sure to be extra special this year. It has been wonderful to see the support and community spirit expressed by our residents at our Town events. I would like to send a special thank you to Ed Coleman for the stories about Kentville he has been publishing

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Recreation space development will complement new school

The removal of tanks from the former Superior Propane site last month was the last step in the road to getting the new KCA School open as scheduled for the start of this school year. Teachers, students and administrators are now moved into the new state of the art building, but the school itself is just the first piece in the execution of a redevelopment plan for the surrounding site. Work continues around school grounds that will eventually culminate in a new soccer field, walking trails, green space, signage, fencing, parking and of course the new playground.

“The overall goal of the project is to create space that will not only support the school environment and the needs of KCA, but also accommodate the growing recreational needs of the community”, says Town CAO Mark Phillips. The soccer community in the area continues to grow, people are more interested in active transportation, and having activities to do outdoors with their families is important to our residents.

The trail work is being done in hopes to encourage residents to use active transportation to get to and from the school and recreational spaces. The Kentville trail system allows people to travel safely walking or running, by bike or skateboard, and in the winter time with snowshoes or on skis. People can access the school site by way of the trail all the way from the downtown core, or from the west end of Town. Portions of the trail have been paved to

accommodate persons in wheelchairs, or with walkers, and to make it easier for families with strollers.

The playground project is an important one to the members of the school’s PTA and its playground committee, who have been busy raising funds for the past year. At press time the tendering process was underway for an accessible space that caters to the unique or special needs some children may have. The playground will serve as a school playground, but be open for community use during off hours.

At this time, the Town’s two main priorities for the recreational space surrounding the school are completion of the playground installation and preparation work for the new soccer field on West Main Street. Work on the recreational space will follow a step by step process which will include clearing the site, further decommissioning of the former superior land including removal of concrete, asphalt and any remaining infrastructure, leveling the site, and eventually the playground installation. Grading and drainage work in preparation for the new soccer field is also expected to be carried out this season, with grass, sod, fencing and irrigation work planned for next year.

The additions and improvements will complement the already existing three outdoor soccer fields, running track, three softball fields, outdoor pool, full size baseball diamond and tennis courts that make up the

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Spotlight on business: Weavexx celebrates 50 years

Weavexx in Kentville is celebrating 50 years in operation this fall. The Kentville location, which first opened in October of 1961 under the name "Formex" has seen many changes, progress and growth over the years.

The plant, which currently employs 152 people, makes products used by the pulp and paper industry. Since the beginning, the plant has grown from 7,900 to 14,500 square meters in size and has retooled some of its major equipment 5 times.

"We are very excited about celebrating this milestone," says research and development manager Kevin Ward. "We don't celebrate enough; and after 50 years, we really do have a lot to be proud of".

Over the years, Weavexx has supported various charities including the Canadian Cancer Society and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. They make donations to the Valley Regional Hospital's Festival of Lights fundraiser, the Apple Blossom Festival Booster Club, and have participated in the



Mayor Dave Corkum recently met with employees of Weavexx to offer congratulations on the company's 50th anniversary in Kentville. From left to right are (front) Mayor Corkum, Reg Lenihan, Andres Knircha, former plant manager Dick Clattenburg, Kathy Wilson and Kathy Connell. (Back) Allen Rhynold, Richard Cousins, Kevin Ward, Michael Godreau and Andrew Schnare.

Town of Kentville Pumpkin People display challenge.

Recently the Weavexx corporate team, employees and shareholders held a major fundraiser for the Japan tsunami relief effort. The Town of Kentville sincerely congratulates Weavexx on their very special anniversary year. For more information about Weavexx please visit www.xerium.com

Rotary Club donates clock to town

This past May, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in downtown Kentville, celebrating the recent installation of a Town Clock, donated to the Town by the Rotary Club of Kentville.

The clock stands in the centre triangle in front of Town hall. It was erected in memory of the late James M. Duguid, who was a Rotarian for over 40 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. The clock also commemorates the Town's 125th

anniversary, being celebrated in 2011.

Mayor David Corkum is especially happy about the installation of the clock, saying, "we have been very pleased with the Rotary Club's community participation on this and other projects over the years. The contributions they make to the community mean so much, and this clock will serve as a reminder to residents and visitors of the great work that Rotarians do."



Planning and development

Development within the Town of Kentville continues to be steady in 2011. The year has seen the issuance of 75 permits for a total building valuation of \$9,618,745. Much of this is due to a resurgence of infill and higher density developments, which were identified as a key goal of the integrated community development plan, and the proposed Kings 2050 initiative.

New apartments and semi-detached housing in Kentville will meet the demand for rental housing which is increasing across the Province due to the changing demographics. Our aging population no longer need or want the trials of single family home ownership. These “empty nesters” are looking to downsize, and are increasing the demand for apartment and condominium units. In fact, the seniors housing market is fast becoming an important component of residential development activity in Kentville due in part to our proximity to the Valley Regional Hospital

and, the various government and financial services in our downtown. Kentville can expect continued demand for multi-unit dwelling housing.

Kings 2050

Many of you may have heard of Kings 2050, an exciting partnership under review by all four Municipalities within Kings County intended to guide the long term sustainable development of Kings County. This will be a comprehensive, regional planning approach embracing smart growth principles such as directing development towards existing communities already served by infrastructure; preservation of critical environmental areas, open space and farm lands. The first phase will be in developing, through a transparent and inclusive public consultation, a vision for the future of Kings County.



Much-needed work

Webster Court is getting a facelift! Business and property owners on Webster Court have been patiently anticipating the completion of the capital project currently underway on the street which consists of the installation of a new asphalt roadway, sidewalks and curbs for the street as well as the addition of ornamental lighting. At the time of print, the street was closed to through traffic as workers installed conduits and light bases. The gravel had already been placed on the roadway and curbing was well underway. A new set of steps and small retaining wall will be installed prior to the new concrete sidewalks going in. At the time of printing, work was still on schedule to be complete by the end of the month.

Active living report

Kentville Walking School Bus

This school year keep your eyes open for children wearing their bright yellow “Be cool walk to school” t-shirts as they participate in the Walking School Bus program. The program is part of this year’s Active & Safe Routes to School initiative and is being run by the Town’s Active Living Coordinator, Nichole Lutz, as a way to encourage more children and parents to use active transportation as part of their morning route to school. If you and your children wish to be part of this program please contact Nichole 679-2556 or activeliving@kentville.ca for more information.

KCA Afterschool Program Start Up

KCA afterschool programming will begin for student in Grades Primary to 6 again this year. The program will start up for the year in mid October. Information and registrations will be sent home with children at KCA.

Humans vs Zombies at Memorial Park

The Kentville Parks and Recreation Department and the Annapolis Valley Regional Library have partnered up to coordinate a game of “Human vs. Zombies” for all who

wish to participate! The game will be taking place at Memorial Park on October 2nd. Registration is at 3:30pm and game time is 4:00-6:00pm. Humans vs. Zombies is a game of moderated tag played at schools, camps, in neighbourhoods, at military bases, and conventions across the world. Human players must remain vigilant and defend themselves with socks and dart blasters to avoid being tagged by a growing zombie horde. To learn more about the game visit www.humansvszombies.org or contact Nichole Lutz at 679-2556 or activeliving@kentville.ca

Provincial 55+ Games coming to Kentville

Kentville is pleased to welcome participants and spectators to town as Kings County hosts the Nova Scotia Provincial 55+ Games on September 22-25. Participants from all over the province will gather at the Old Orchard in on Thursday September 22nd for the opening ceremonies of the 4th annual NS provincial 55+ games.

Events will be taking place at venues all across the valley. Events such as hockey, golf, 45s, washer toss, table tennis, candle pin bowling and many more events will be hosted by community groups within the area. To learn more please visit the official website at www.novascotia55plusgames.com event schedules are listed. For additional information please contact Bruce McArthur at 690-6124

Annual Street Fest downtown in August

Kentville hosted the second annual Kentville Street Fest on August 13th in the Downtown. Aberdeen Street was shut down to accommodate live bands, food vendors, a beer concession, and of course live music. Beer in the Headlights opened the day, followed by Courtyard and Headliners the Good Feelin Band kept participants dancing in the street until 10:30 p.m. The night closed with a fireworks show. This year’s Street Fest was very well attended and the Town plans on hosting another one next year.



Indoor soccer facility to host attempt at world-record soccer match



Dwight MacLeod of the Valley District Soccer Association, organizer Kendal Hogeboome and Mayor David Corkum are excited about the possibility of a local attempt to set a soccer game endurance record.

A recent meeting was held at the Indoor Soccer Facility in Kentville to discuss plans for an exciting upcoming Guinness World Record attempt.

Event Coordinator Kendall Hogeboome spoke enthusiastically of his dream to break the current Guinness world record for the longest marathon 5 aside indoor soccer game ever played.

With help from The Valley District Soccer Association, the Valley Referees Association and the Town of Kentville, Kendall plans to take his best shot on October 8th, 9th and 10th at the indoor facility in Kentville.

Kendall and his committee are in the middle stages of planning and fundraising for the event. The timing will put the attempt near the end of the 125th Anniversary year for Kentville.

“It really is a wonderful thing to have happening in Kentville during the 125th year,” says Mayor David Corkum.

Currently, the group is still looking for sponsors, which are vital to the success of an attempt of this nature. All proceeds raised from the attempt will be donated to KidSport Nova Scotia, a national children’s program that helps kids overcome the financial barriers preventing or limiting their participation in organized sport.

The event will be held at the indoor facility in Kentville, supported by VDEC, and logistical and promotional support will be provided by the Town of Kentville. Amanda Lombard of the Valley Referees Association will be looking for referees to volunteer their time to the attempt as well. For more information on the attempt, or to become a sponsor please contact Kendal Hogeboome at 698-2101 or Dwight MacLeod at 678-2426.

Illustrator to mark Kentville’s 125th anniversary by giving town pumpkin person painting

Well known local illustrator Ron Lightburn will be marking Kentville’s 125th year in a special way at the next meeting of Kentville Town Council.

Ron and his wife Sandra are the creators of the ever popular children’s book “Pumpkin People” which was published in 2008 and tells the magical tale of the famous Kentville Pumpkin People and the fun they have during the night when the townspeople are sleeping.

Ron and Sandra will be presenting Town Council with an original oil painting of a character seen in the

book.

The painting was one of the very first full color images of the Pumpkin People created by Lightburn in developing the illustrations for the book. It was made in 2006. The Lightburns will be making their presentation at the September 26th meeting of Council.

Kentville Town Council meets on the last Monday of every month at 7:00pm in Council Chambers at Town Hall and members of the public are welcome to attend.

CentreStage Theatre ready for renos



CentreStage Theatre has come a long way since the days it was located in Centre Square. The little theatre now owns the building on River Street in which it is housed, and there are big plans for future renovations and additions which are ready to begin.

CentreStage will be making some announcements about recent major Federal funding at a Soil Turning event on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the River Street site. The renovation plans will be revealed, special guests will speak and cake and coffee will be served.

Board of Directors chair George Henry, says everyone is invited.

“Drop by River Street and see what enthusiasm, dedication, and a spirit of love can accomplish,” he said.

For further information, please contact Laura Churchill Duke at lauracd@ns.sympatico.ca



New Guy on the Block!

Tim Taylor is the newly appointed commissioner assigned to by-law enforcement in the Town of Kentville. Tim comes to us after 17 years of service in the Canadian Forces as a Signals Officer. Tim has been with the Commissioners since 2005 and lives here in the Valley with his family. You will likely see Tim around frequently so feel free to stop and say hello! The Town of Kentville is happy to welcome Tim to Kentville as part of the team.

2nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

Nov. 26 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy the decorating skills of Paula Huntley of Smart Staging Solutions.

All proceeds to SPCA and Walk for the Cure
Bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.
Tickets \$15. Call 678-6692 or 679-9770

VON marking 85 years in Kentville

The VON began in Kentville in 1926 and this year celebrates 85 years. The VON has a proud tradition of often being the first to identify emerging health and social needs, and then providing innovative services that meet those needs. That's the way it has been since the founding of the VON in Canada more than 100 years ago.

Prenatal education, well-baby clinics, school health services, visiting nursing and coordinated home care programs have all had their earliest origins with the VON.

More recent initiatives include home-based palliative care, adult day programs, foot care clinics, respite care, meals on wheels, and Safety Check in programs.

VON Annapolis Valley delivers its programs and services through 2 local offices staffed by 225 health care workers and staff and dedicated 170 community volunteers.

The VON is in need of community board members to help plan for and respond to the changing needs of our Annapolis Valley. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Katherine Hayes at katherine.hayes@von.ca or call 1-800-411-9646.

Volunteers are always needed for meals on wheels, the visiting program and fundraisers. Interested volunteers should contact Karen (Kentville) at 678-1733 or Carol (Bridgetown) at 665-4804 for more information

Calling all heroes!

The Town of Kentville recently issued a formal request for assistance from the World Protection Agency* of Super Heroes, Citizen Protectors and Sidekicks.

The Town cited “planned villain invasion this October” as its main cause for filing the application with the well-known agency of do-gooders. Rumors have been circulating for weeks that Villains from all over the world have been plotting an invasion of Kentville to take place during the month of October.

A recent statement released by Mayor David Corkum confirmed that an official threat has in fact been received by Town Hall. Police Chief Mark Mander says assistance from the World Protection Agency is being requested as a back-up measure, and that his highly trained officers are more than prepared to defend the Town against any and all villainous acts. CAO Mark Phillips has been in close contact with Agency President, “The Hulk”, and although a contract has not yet been signed, Phillips is confident the Agency will be committing at least half of its membership to defending Kentville during October. There has been no

word on why the month of October has been identified by the villain group; however many are speculating it may have something to do with the Pumpkin People Festival running in Kentville from October 1-25.

Despite the imminent threat, Town officials are encouraging residents to continue normal activity, including attending the Harvest Fest Kick-off in Centre Square on October 1st.

**Not a real agency. In fact this entire story is made up. Check out Pumpkin People displays, “Heroes vs. Villains” Oct. 1-25 in Kentville.*



New road race for Harvest Fest

The Town of Kentville is very excited about an upcoming event being organized in conjunction with the Kentville Harvest Fest this year.

Town Council member Eric Bolland, who is an avid runner, is working with Active Living Coordinator Nichole Lutz to organize the Town’s 1st one mile road race to take place on Sunday Oct. 2, 2011.

“We thought a one mile race would be a great way to add a physical activity component to the usual Harvest Fest activities, and invite runners from all over the province to visit Kentville during the Pumpkin People Festival”, says Bolland, who has run the popular MacPass Mile in the past along with several half-marathons. “We are looking to maximize participation of youth by getting the schools involved.”

The event will feature both men’s and women’s open mile races and also boys and girls youth mile races. It is set up to be a great way for



Pumpkin Mile organizers Councillor Eric Bolland and Active Living Coordinator Nichole Lutz have been busy training Spike the Pumpkin Person for the Kentville Harvest Pumpkin Mile Road race on Oct 2.

families to be active together outdoors.

Registration cost is only \$10 per person before Sept. 30 and can be

done online at www.atlanticchip.ca. Interested participants can email ebolland@kentville.ca for more information.