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The Village's Community Newsletter

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VILLAGE TAXES BEING COLLECTED BY VILLAGE OFFICE

REMEMBER: IF YOU OWN PROPERTY IN NEW MINAS you will no longer pay **Village Rates** along with your regular tax bill at the County. **In 2013**, your Village Tax bill will come directly from the Village and you will pay directly to the Village. **HERE'S A CHANGE SINCE THE LAST NOTICE: YOU WILL RECEIVE ONLY ONE TAX BILL FROM THE VILLAGE, FOR THE TOTAL YEARLY AMOUNT.** This change has come about due to technical problems.

REMEMBER: If you pay your Tax Bill online, you will **HAVE A NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER FOR YOUR VILLAGE TAXES**, as well as a new **payee for Village Taxes**. So please be very careful. You will be required to set up a new Account for your Village Taxes using your new account number. Watch for additional direction in this regard.

REMEMBER: You will be paying the exact amount of taxes this year as you would have paid if all the taxes were to be collected by the County - it's just split now - with the Village collecting Village taxes, and the County collecting County Taxes.

NOTE: PLEASE CONTACT THE VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS IF YOU PAY YOUR TAXES THROUGH YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/BANK, TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE SET UP IN OUR SYSTEM.

IF YOU DO NOT OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE NEW MINAS VILLAGE LIMITS, THIS WILL NOT AFFECT YOU.

QUESTIONS? Please call the Village Office, 681-6972, or email: shelly.newminas@bellaliant.com

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Special Events



New Drop-In Youth and Resource Centre

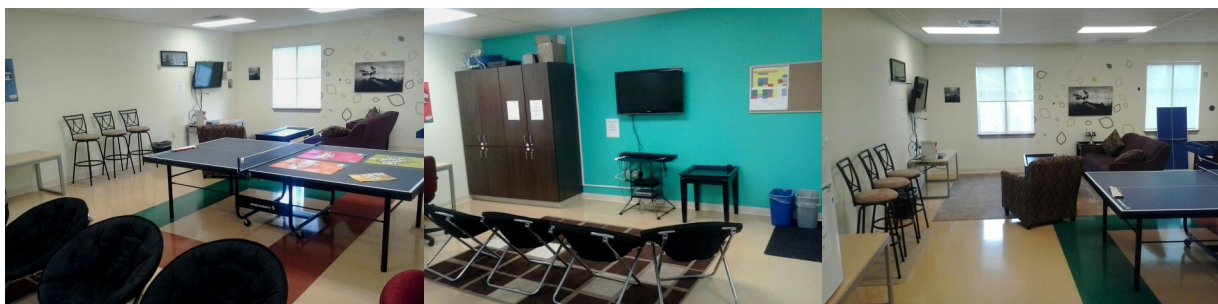
**Louis Millett Community Complex
For Children ages 6 to 21 years of age!**



The Village is proud to be offering a youth drop-in centre where children ages six to twenty-one years of age can come and hang out after school and on weekends. The Paul D. Gates Youth Drop in and Resource Centre (YDRC) will provide a safe environment to socialize, network, learn, and have fun. Programming will be centered on building skills that will positively affect the social, mental and physical well-being of the participant. The mandate of the Drop in Centre will be to ensure the program is accessible to all youth and that user fees will not be a barrier to participation.

Youth room coordinator Aaron Cumberland has been working diligently to recruit qualified volunteers, and has an impressive roster made up of Acadia University students and local community leaders. All volunteers have had their required background checks and first aid training. Aaron has also outfitted the room with video games, ping pong, foosball, art supplies and a canteen. We look forward to seeing you here! Please call John at 902-681-6577 for open hours.

The Village of New Minas would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the organizations that made the room possible, particularly Kings Prime Prevention Association, Intact Insurance Foundation, and Gates' Insurance. It is through their patronage that New Minas continues to be a leader in positive growth in the Valley.



2013 Apple Blossom Princess Tea

The Village of New Minas is proud to announce that the Official Opening of the 81st Apple Blossom Festival will be held in the Civic Centre of the Louis Millett Community Complex 9489 Commercial Street in New Minas on Wednesday May 29th 2013 commencing at 7 pm. This event marks the Grand Opening of Apple Blossom activities in the Valley. The sponsors for the event are the Village of New Minas and the New Minas and District Lions Club. We extend an invitation to the citizens of New Minas to join us for the Opening of this year's festival with its theme 'A Time to Celebrate'. The event will feature the official ribbon cutting ceremony, introduction of all the Princesses, and local entertainment. Hope to see you on May 29th.

We hope to see you on May 29th to kick off the 81st Apple Blossom Festival.

Special Events

DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW MINAS RAIL TRAIL

The rail bed in New Minas is finally being developed into a sustainable active-transportation trail. The final touches on a lease agreement between the rail-bed owner and the Village of New Minas was completed late in 2012 and our Public Works Department immediately began the cutting of overgrowth and pulling of rail ties upon hearing the good news. The trail will stretch from just behind Lockhart Ryan Park and extend to the area behind Founding Fathers Park near where the existing Kentville trail ends.

Additional funding awarded

What's more, New Minas Recreation has just received news that the trail project will be awarded an additional \$110,000.00 from the Department of Energy through its Nova Scotia Moves grant! This money will be used to pave the surface of the trail, which is paramount to trail accessibility, making it user friendly for persons with disability, persons in wheel chairs, parents with strollers, and other recreational users such as inline skaters and skateboarders.

The overall goal of the New Minas Rail Trail project is to contribute to a larger sustainable active transportation system within the Annapolis Valley, from Grand Pre to Kentville/Cambridge with the possibility of extending to Annapolis Royal and Digby and eventually the Southshore.

The Village of New Minas would like to acknowledge and thank the following groups for their patronage, hard work and support in securing funding through the Department of Energy's NS Moves grant:

- Towns of Kentville, Wolfville and the Municipality of the County of Kings
- Kieran Pathways Society
- Annapolis Valley Trail Coalition
- Grand Pre UNESCO Heritage Committee
- Bicycle Nova Scotia

Look for an announcement regarding the official opening of the trail in late spring 2013!

New Minas Boundary Expansion

On February 4, 2013, the NS Utility and Review Board announced its decision to approve the Village's application to expand the Village boundaries south of Highway 101, effective April 1, 2013. The Village made this application in January 2011 in response to a request by 17 landowners in that area who asked to have their properties part of the Village.

The NSUARB conducted a hearing in June, 2012 and received evidence supplied

by the Village, property owners and the County of Kings, who had submitted the only objection to the application.

On April 1, 2013, those lands in the newly approved boundary area will be included as part of the Village. For tax purposes, the properties in the area will be included in the New Minas Village assessments in December, 2013, and all taxable properties will receive tax bills from the Village in **2014**. Residents in the area

will be eligible to vote and run in Village Commission elections as of **July 2013**, once eligibility is established. Everyone is welcome to attend Village meetings.

This is an exciting step forward for the Village, and Commission and staff look forward to serving the newly expanded area.

If there are any questions, please direct them to 681-6972. Visit us on our website at www.newminas.com.

Recreation Programs

Canada Day

Fun Activities for the Entire Family

12:00 to 4:00 pm

Lockhart Ryan Park

Come and enjoy a fun filled day of food, live music, magic shows, soap slide, face painting, wagon rides, & balloon twisting, Flag raising begins at 12 noon.

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Summer Day Camps 2013

8 Weeks, Starting July 2, 2013 through to August 23, 2013

Full Week \$100, Daily Rate: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri \$25, Wed \$35

JUNIOR: Ages 5 – 7, SENIOR: Ages 8 – 10, & INTERN: Ages 11 – 13

It's time to start thinking about the summer! New Minas Day Camp continues to build on its reputation as a safe, affordable and fun place for kids to spend those sunny days!

Join us as we take weekly trips to such popular places as Blomindon Provincial Park, Aylesford Beach and Zoo, Upper Clements Park, Halifax Discovery Centre and more!

Registration is on a First come first serve basis. There is no charge for extended hours. Various funding opportunities are available. Regular hours 9:00 to 4:00, extended hours 7:30 to 5:30 pm.

Disc Golf

The Links at Lockhart Ryan Park: New Minas' Own 18-hole Disc Golf Course is Here!

NEWBIE'S MORE THAN WELCOME!

Last fall the Village of New Minas' Public Works Dept put the finishing touches on the province's first ever 18-hole basketed disc golf course. Beginning near the basketball court, the course take golfers on a pleasant stroll through a good chunk of the 45 acre park, challenging seasoned veterans and stimulating the interest of new-comers alike. New Minas Recreation has multiple sets of discs, to lend, including score cards that have a map of the course on the back. Borrow discs, play for free.

Disc Golf Tournament,

Saturday, Apr 13, 2013,

Cost: \$5.00 to enter

Registration: 10:00 am, Shotgun Start: 11:00 am

Must pre-register, discs provided, call John at 681-6577



Nova Scotia Tattoo

Sunday, July 7, 2013, 2:30 PM (Bus leaves New Minas @ 12:30 pm)

The County of Kings and Recreation Services and the Village of New Minas Recreation Department are once again partnering to offer a bus trip to Halifax to see the Nova Scotia International Tattoo at the Halifax Metro Centre.

At **12:30 pm**, a comfortable luxury motor coach will be leaving New Minas and will arrive in downtown Halifax at approximately 2:00 pm. For those in the western part of Kings County the bus will leave at **12 noon**, from Berwick Elementary School.

Cost: \$50.00 per person, includes bus trip and the Tattoo. Only extra cost will be for dinner/supper.

Register by May 30th, as there are only 38 seats available.

Recreational Programs

Gymnasium Drop-In

The gym can be rented out by groups on an hourly basis or in a drop-in fashion for numerous activities. Please note: drop-in is only available when there is open Gym.

Cost: Drop-In: \$2.00/hr, \$8.00/mth Seniors & Youth, \$12.00/mth Adults.
Regular Gym use: \$30.00/hr. Hitting net: \$45.00/hr.

Yoga

Thursdays **5:45 – 6:45 pm** **Louis Millett Community Complex**

Classes are designed to accommodate the needs of new or experienced students.

First class & registration: April

Cost: \$60.00 for 6 week session

Contact Jennifer MacDonald to register at jennmacd@hotmail.com or 670-1003.

Senior's Fit as a Fiddle Exercise Classes

Tuesdays & Thursdays **9-10:00 & 10:15-11:15** **Louis Millett Community Complex**

Seniors will be able to get an hour of low impact exercise in a friendly environment two mornings a week.

Cost: \$2.00 Drop-in fee, No need to pre-register

Contact Eve Deir, 902-681-8828 for Spring/Summer Starting & Ending Dates!

Social Dancing

Tuesdays **7:00 pm to 8:30pm** **Louis Millett Community Complex**

Enjoy a relaxed evening of social dance. All levels welcome, no formal instruction. Come on along for some great exercise and an opportunity to meet new people! \$5.00 drop-In fee!

Contact: Glenda & Bryan Woodland 681-0985

Fitness Centre

SORRY NOT ABLE TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERSHIPS AT THIS TIME!

Spring Tennis

Saturdays **4 Weeks, Starting April 20, 2013** **Lockhart Ryan Park**

Age Group:

4 – 7 yrs, 9:00 am

8 – 11 yrs, 10:00 am

11+ yrs, 11:00 am

Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Aaron Cumberland, 300-2194, aarontennispro@gmail.com

Weekend Tumblebugs

Children ages: 3 to 5

Sundays **1:00 pm to 2:00pm** **Louis Millett Community Complex**

Develop gross motor skills, coordination and balance; while promoting a fun and active lifestyle at an early age!

8 Weeks, Starting April 21, 2013

Cost: \$30.00

Contact: New Minas Recreation at 681-6577 or village.newminas@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Ways for New Minas Households to Conserve Water

Water supplies are not endless. The New Minas Water Commission believes strongly that everyone can play a part, at home, at school or in the community to protect and conserve our water so that it will be sustained for future generations. Here are several ways in which you can conserve water.

Check faucets and pipes for leaks. - A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day. Larger leaks can waste hundreds of gallons. This costs money!

Don't use your toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket - Every time you flush a cigarette butt or facial tissue or other small bits of trash, five to seven gallons of water is wasted.

Check your toilets for leaks. - Put a little food colouring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the colour begins to appear within 30 minutes or sooner, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.

Use your water meter to check for hidden water leaks. - Read your house water meter before and after a two-

hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Install water saving shower heads and low flow faucets aerators.

- Long, hot showers can use five to ten gallons for every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down and rinse off. "Low flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute.

Insulate your water pipes. - It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.

Take shorter showers. - One way to cut down on water use is to turn off the water after soaping up, then turning it back on to rinse. A four minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40 gallons of water.

Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. - There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.

Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge.

- Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful.

Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads.

- Automatic dishwashers and clothes washers should be fully loaded for optimum water conservation. Most makers of dishwashing soap recommend not pre-rinsing dishes which is a big water savings. With most clothes washers, avoid the permanent press cycle which uses an added 5 gallons (20 liters) for the extra rinse. For partial loads, adjust water levels to match the size of the load. Replace old clothes washers. New Energy Star rated washers uses 35 - 50% less water and 50% less energy per load.

Source: (AWWA) - American Water and Wastewater Association.



Important Notice

NEW MINAS VILLAGE COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

Although Counties and Towns hold their elections every four years, Villages are required under the Municipal Government Act to scatter their elected official seats every year. In other words, in 2013 there will be one seat available, in 2014 there will be two, in 2015 there will be two, and 2016, the rotation will begin again. In accordance with the Village's *ELECTION BYLAW*:

"Nomination Day" is the second Wednesday preceding election day ie April 17, 2013; and **"Election Day"** means the first Wednesday in May of each year and each other day as may be designated by the Commissioners pursuant to Section 24 of the Act;" (ie May 1, 2013)
"Advance Poll" if there is an election, the Advance Poll will be held on April 27, 2013.

PLEASE NOTE: ANYONE LIVING WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF NEW MINAS BOUNDARIES CAN VOTE....MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER!

Community Groups

Sparks

Contact: Kelsey Hillier

Tuesdays, 6 — 9 pm, Louis Millett Community Complex
 Email: 108349h@acadiav.ca

Seniors Minas Fifty Plus Club

Minas Fifty Plus Club meets Wednesdays at 1:00 pm at the New Minas Volunteer Fire Department (NMVFD).

The first Wednesday of every month is pot luck beginning at 11:30 am.

Contact: Art Dempsey 365-5440.

Alexander Society for Special Needs

Phone: 582-3888 email: kp@alexandersociety.org

Welcome Wagon, Since 1930

Contact Lynn Sowards-Best Phone: 902-678-0200

New Minas Sunrise Rotary Club

President: Greg White
 Phone: 680-5831

Habitat for Humanity

Halifax Regional Municipality
 Annapolis Valley
 P.O. Box 632 Kentville, NS B4N 3X7
www.habitatav.com
Habitat.av@gmail.com

Brownies

Contact: Holly Everett

Tuesdays, 6 — 9 pm, Louis Millett Community Complex
 Tel:(902)680-2451

East Kings Soccer: Ted Fraser 542-0229

New Minas Soccer: Michelle Young 681-5459

New Minas & District Lions Club

Peter Wallis, President 582-7980
 Gary Burger, Treasurer
 Maynard Stevens, Secretary 681-2040

-Country Breakfasts are the 1st Saturday of every month: 7-10:30 am at Lious Millet Community Complex.

-Collect used eye glasses, hearing aids, used postage stamps and cell phones. Please drop off at Civic Centre.

Meet: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm Business

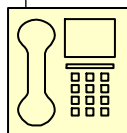
Meet: 4th Tuesday, 6:30pm Supper

Evangeline Recreation Society

8752 Commercial Street, New Minas, NS B4N 3C5
 Tel:(902)678-1117 Fax:(902)678-4668

Valley Business Connections Networking Group

Chairperson: Frieda Burger
 Phone: 681-4796/fritz@eastlink.ca
 Meet: 3rd Tuesday, 7 to 8:30 pm, September—June
www.valleybusinesscommunications.com



Contact Numbers

9489 Commercial St., New Minas, NS B4N 3G3

shelly.newminas@bellaliant.com www.newminas.com Phone: 681-6972 Fax: 681-0779

Organization

Contact Info

Animal Control	Phone 678-3647
Building Permit Inquiries.....	Phone 690-6123
Louis Millett Community Complex Rentals.....	Phone 681-6972
Civic Numbers Signs.....	Phone 582-7980
Department of Environment	Phone 679-6086
Lockhart & Ryan Memorial Park Inquiries (fields).....	Phone 681-0870
MLA Ramona Jennex, Kings South.....	Phone 681-3741 ramonajennexmla@bellaliant.com
MP Scott Brison, Kings-Hants.....	Phone 542-4010 kings.hants@ns.sympatico.ca
Municipality of Kings County.....	www.county.kings.ns.ca or Phone 678-6141
New Minas Volunteer Fire Department (NMVFD).....	Phone 681-6661
Planning and Development Inquiries.....	Phone 690-6138
Police General Inquiries-RCMP.....	Phone 679-5555
School/Busing Inquiries.....	Phone 538-4600
Sidewalk Inquiries.....	Phone 681-6972
Soccer Inquiries.....	Phone 542-2905
Street Inquiries.....	Phone 679-6122 (DOT)
Street Light Inquiries/Emergencies.....	Phone 1-800-428-6230 (NSP)
Street Signs.....	Phone 679-6122 (DOT)
Tax Bills (County).....	Phone 690-6147
Tax Bills (Village).....	Phone 681-6972
Traffic Lights.....	Phone 679-6122 (DOT)
Valley Regional Hospital.....	Phone 678-7381
Valley Waste: Garbage/Recycling.....	Phone 679-1325
View all approved Village Minutes.....	www.newminas.com
Village Bylaws.....	Phone 681-6972
Village Commissioners Contact Numbers.....	Phone 681-6972
Village General Business.....	Phone 681-6972 / Fax 681-0779
Village General Business on line.....	www.newminas.com
Village Recreation Programs & Events.....	Phone 681-6577
Village Water/Sewer Bills/Inquiries.....	Phone 681-6972
Village Water/Sewer Inquiries/Emergencies.....	Phone 681-7750
Welcome Wagon/Welcome Baby.....	Phone 678-0200

Recreation Summer Employment Opportunities!

New Minas Recreation Department is now accepting applications for the following summer positions:

Day Camp Directors & Leaders

Recreation Intern/Special Events Coordinator

Playground Coordinator

Send Cover letter & Resume to John Ansara, Recreation Director at village.newminas@ns.aliantzinc.ca or at the Village Office, 9489 Commercial St. New Minas.

Deadline for applications is April 19, 2013. While we appreciate all those who apply, only those who qualify will be contacted.