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Annapolis Royal Visitor Information Centre  
Weekly Newsletter



## Visitor Information Centre

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Newsletter #6 – July 1

## ***Good Afternoon,***

*We can hardly believe that July is already here! Our fingers are crossed for good weather for this month, bringing lots of visitors to discover this beautiful town. There are many exciting events in the upcoming weeks, starting off with Canada Day and First Friday celebrations! Please don't hesitate to call us at the Visitor Information Centre (open daily 10am – 6pm) for further information regarding events happening in the town.*

## ***Upcoming Events:***

Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> (CANADA DAY!)

### **11:45am: Canada Day Opening Ceremonies at the Town Hall**

Official Proclamation at the Town Crier

Join Mayor Tompkins as we raise the flag and lift our voices for “O Canada”.

### **ALL DAY: Canada Day Special Events at Fort Anne (Free Admission)**

Noon: **Free** Canada Day cake

Noon – 1pm: Annapolis Basin Community Band Concert

1:15pm – 2:30pm: Open-Air Concert featuring Caleb Miles

Noon – 2pm: Children’s Games and Fun (Face painting for children, Parka the Beaver, & more!)

Noon – 3pm: Croquet and lawn games—bring your own!

Noon – 3pm: Photo booth!

### **ALL DAY: Canada Day Special Events at Port Royal (Free Admission)**

11am & 2pm: “Harriette” a Historic Vignette  
11:30am: Annapolis Basin Community Band Concert  
1pm: Official Opening Ceremonies  
1:50pm: **Free** Canada Day cake  
2:45 – 4:30pm: Music in the Courtyard featuring Harvey Marcotte

**9am – 8pm: Celebrate Canada Day Historic Gardens Style**

Free Admission ages 17 & under

**1pm – 4pm: FREE Swim at the Annapolis Royal Pool**

Come join at the Annapolis Royal pool for a FREE afternoon swim from 1-4pm. There will be a BBQ with \$2 hotdogs and \$1 drinks (water and juice). Hope to see you there!

**2pm: Acadian/Mi’Kmaq Heritage Tour (Begins at Annapolis Lighthouse)**

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**6pm: Annapolis Royal Golf & Country Club Canada Day BBQ**

Join us for our Canada Day BBQ from the Cuban BBQ box. Includes pork, salmon, and selection of salads, bread, potatoes, apple sauces, and desserts. Tickets are \$19 plus tax and reservations are required. Join us indoors or on the deck! Call (902) 532-2064 to make a reservation.

**6pm – 9pm: FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS**

**At Fort Anne:**

Fort Anne is open all day FREE until 8pm. Bring your kite to fly at the Fort!

6pm – 8pm: Music by Caroline Bosley

**At the Farmer’s Market:**

Face Painting by Julia Redgrave

7pm – 9pm: Music by Julia Tynes

Popcorn, Candy on a stick, and Candy Apples

**On the Boardwalk:**

6 – 6:30pm: Zumba for kids

6:30 – 7pm: Zumba for adults

**Around Town:**

8:30 – 10:30pm: Late Night Swim at the Annapolis Royal Pool (\$4). There will be a BBQ with \$2 hotdogs and \$1 drinks (water and juice). Hope to see you there!

9:30pm: Candlelight Graveyard Tour

***Locals 4 Locals Event around Town:***

*Show your local receipts at participating merchants to get discounts!*

**Enjoy First Friday with plenty of time to see the Bridgetown Fireworks!**

*Stroll, Shop, & Enjoy!*

**8-10pm: Weekly Music & Chase the Ace at the Port Royal Legion**

Port Royal Legion, Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal is happy to announce that our great local musicians will play music set from 8-10pm (or later) each Friday night! The Chase the Ace draw will begin the night, with the draw at 8pm sharp, so arrive early to ensure your chance to win the jackpot! Tickets are on sale for all week long. See the schedule on our Facebook page or drop by the Legion for more information. Open to the public & everyone is welcome.

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Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**8am – 1pm: Farmers and Traders Market**

The largest outdoor market in Nova Scotia! Come support our local venues. Town Crier Peter Davies, accompanied by two Junior Town Criers, Oliver Bonnington and Maura Scranton in appropriate costumes, open the entertainment part of the Saturday Farmers' Market at 10.00am, proclaiming what will be happening in Annapolis Royal over the weekend.

### **10am – 12pm: Young Company Productions Theatre Days Workshop for Kids**

Young Company Productions presents a FREE Theatre Workshop for youth ages 10-18. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the topic is Improv. & Drama Games with Gillian Ormerod. The workshop will take place in the Gymnasium at ARRA (590 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal) and space is limited so sign up in advance!

Reserve your spot by emailing: [youngcompanyproductions@gmail.com](mailto:youngcompanyproductions@gmail.com)

‘Like’ and message on Facebook: Young Company Productions Association

### **11am – 3pm: Family Nature Day at First Lake**

A perfect outdoor space for you to escape to, just 5 minutes out of Annapolis Royal. Drop in at First Lake for a variety of activities and games that will get you exploring nature. Bring a water bottle, snack, sunscreen, bug repellent, and dress for the weather. Expect to get a little messy. Family event—a parent or guardian should accompany all youth participants under the age of 14. Age 14+ can be dropped off. Pre-registration not required, but appreciated. For more information, contact Katie McLean at (902) 532-7533, [katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca](mailto:katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca)  
Parking for First Lake is at the carpool lot at HWY 8 & 101. Entrance is at the gate across the road.

### **7pm: Weekly Fun Pool Tournament at the Port Royal Legion**

The Port Royal Legion Branch #21 in Annapolis Royal holds weekly 8 Ball Tournaments each Saturday evening at 7pm. \$5 to play, all proceeds go into prizes. Open to the public & everyone is welcome.

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### **Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **1pm – 4pm: Port Royal National Historic Site 75 Years Celebration**

Celebrating 75 years of Canada's first major historical reconstruction!

Do you have your calendar marked for Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>? That's when Parks Canada, in collaboration with the Province of Nova Scotia and the Annapolis Royal community, will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the reconstruction of the Port-Royal

Habitation. The event will include a day full of performances and activities, including the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Nova Scotians to receive the Order of Good Cheer – a distinction normally reserved for visitors. You won't want to miss this signature heritage celebration!

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### **5pm – 6:30pm: Strawberry Supper at the United Church at the Lights**

Strawberry Supper – eat in or take out [no deliveries] \$12 adult, \$6 under 12.

### **7pm: Bingo at the Port Royal Legion Branch #21 Annapolis Royal**

The Port Royal Branch #21 Legion in Annapolis Royal holds bingo every Wednesday evening, starting at 7pm. Please arrive early to buy ticket books. Open to the public & everyone is welcome.

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Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

### **10am: Grand Cruise to Paradise**

Helen Opie intends to set sail for her Grand Cruise to Paradise on July 7<sup>th</sup> at about 10 AM. Rain dates July 8 or 9. Anyone who wishes is invited to come sail, paddle, or row along part way or all the way. The point is to have fun on the river in vessels without motors in order to enjoy the sounds of nature and cause no pollution. Bring your canoe, kayak, paddle board, to the beach at the causeway just north of the hydro station/Visitors Centre. Or just come and wave us off. It will be a rising tide, so no fear of being sucked into the sluice.

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## ***Attractions & Hours of Operation***

### **Port Royal National Historic Site (75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

*This national historic site features a reconstruction of early 17<sup>th</sup>- century buildings representing the former colony of the French who settled for a time along the Nova Scotia coast. Costumed interpreters and period demonstrations help recreate the look and feel of Port-Royal, one of the earliest settlements in North America.*

Open daily 9am – 5:30pm

## **Melanson Settlement National Historic Site**

*Melanson Settlement contains the archaeological remains of a pre-Deportation Acadian community (c. 1664-1755). These archaeological resources reflect the family communities settled by Acadians and Acadians' unique dykeland agriculture practised along the Annapolis River (formerly the Dauphin River).*

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The trail and the interpretation panels remain accessible in the evening but the toilets are closed at the indicated time.

## **Fort Anne National Historic Site of Canada**

*Canada's oldest historic site - a present-day reminder of a time when conflict between Europe's empire builders was acted out on the shores of the Annapolis River. It offers a sweeping view of the beautiful Annapolis Basin from the centre of Annapolis Royal.*

Grounds are always open

Museum is open daily 9am – 5:30pm

## **Annapolis Region Community Arts Centre & ARTsPLACE**

*Located at 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. ARTsPLACE Artist-run Centre is run by an Exhibitions Committee of the ARCAC Board, comprised 100% of artists, to support and encourage serious artistic endeavours at all levels and of all sorts. Our exhibition schedule has been designed to reflect the role ARCAC plays as intermediary between the contemporary art world out there and the local community. ARTsPLACE is funded in-part by the Artist Run Centres (ARC) program of the Canada Council, the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage and by volunteer fundraising endeavours.*

### **Summer Hours**

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday 10 am - 4:30 pm

Wednesday 10 am - 5:30 pm

Thursday 10 am - 5:30 pm

Friday 10 am - 7:30 pm

Saturday 12 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 11 am - 6:30 pm

## **O'Dell House & Genealogy Centre**

*Located on the Annapolis Royal waterfront in a circa 1869 stagecoach inn and tavern, the O'Dell House Museum is the former home of Nova Scotia Pony Express rider Corey O'Dell and his family. The ground floor of this period Victorian structure allows you to step back in time and explore the inn's parlour, dining room, kitchen*



*and small office. The second floor houses several rooms of interpretive displays which document the sea-faring and ship-building past of the Annapolis Royal area and the everyday lives of its citizens. Admission by donation.*

Open daily 9 am – 5pm and open late **every** Friday until 8pm

### **Sinclair Inn Museum**

*Three hundred years of history, architecture and living... Visit a unique and exciting building which reflects the preservation and conservation of original architecture from the early part of the 1700s. Tour the earliest surviving Acadian building in Canada... a National Historic Site within a National Historic District. Come visit the ghosts of Sinclair Inn! Admission by donation.*

Open daily 9am – 5pm

### **Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens**

*Escape from the hectic pace of everyday life with a visit to Annapolis Royal's beautiful Historic Gardens! In a beautiful setting overlooking a tidal river valley, the Historic Gardens is a premiere Nova Scotia attraction showcasing gardening methods, designs and materials representing more than four hundred years of local history.*

Open daily 9am – 8pm

### **North Hills Museum**

*Built in the 1760s, the exterior of this small farmhouse looks like a typical country home, but inside it boasts a collection of fine art and furnishings that create an air of Georgian elegance. In 1964, Robert Patterson bought North Hills and made it a showplace for his impressive collection of antiques, including English porcelain and oak, mahogany and walnut furniture. Through his efforts to establish a local restoration society, Patterson became a popular and valued member of the community and was an early member of the Nova Scotia Heritage Trust. Visit North Hills Museum and be charmed by the history and culture found in this unique home, located in the heart of one of North America's most historic regions. Admission by donation.*

Open Monday – Saturday 9:30am – 5:30pm, Sunday 1 – 5:30pm

### **Annapolis Tidal Power Generating Station**

*This is the only Tidal Power Generating Station in North America. You can drop in to learn more. The first floor has visitor information and the second floor features interpretative information and guide. Then, there's a third possibility - to go 'down under' to view the turbine. Up to eight visitors at a time (16 years of age and older, in hard hats, safety glasses, and closed-toed footwear) descend five stories by elevator into the power plant for a 10-20 minute tour. Because it's a working plant, this can*

*only be done during the hours when it is not generating. Our interpretive guides, Les & Henry, would be delighted to teach you about our renewable energy plant! Free admission.*

Interpretive Centre open daily 10 am to 6 pm

**“Down Under” Tour Times:**

Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>: 10am – 12pm

Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10 am – 1:15pm

Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10 am – 2:15pm

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 3pm

Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>: 10 am – 4pm

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>: 10:15am – 4:30pm

Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: 11am – 5:30pm

Enjoy the week ahead! Our fingers are crossed for sunny and warm weather. Please feel free to email or call us about events and openings in the community and we will include them in the upcoming newsletter to be sent out on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

Chris, Michelle, & Laura  
Annapolis Royal Visitor Information Centre