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Natal Day weekend is here!!!

Being born and raised in Annapolis Royal, Natal Day weekend has always been my favourite time of year; it's wonderful to see the town come together! Natal Day weekend feels like "home" for many, and it's an opportunity to catch up with folks you haven't seen in years or meet new faces in our town.



I want to send a sincere thank you to all our dedicated committee members, every individual who has helped shape Natal Day weekend, and the poor souls who answered my many questions! I would also like to thank the community for their support during our May long weekend fundraiser and our incredible sponsors. Natal Day weekend wouldn't exist without our volunteers and sponsors!

We have lots of new and exciting events for everyone and I hope you have an opportunity to participate and explore our amazing little town. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the events!

Cheers!

Julia Hall

Annapolis Royal Natal Days Chair and Parade Coordinator



Welcome to the Town of Annapolis Royal 'The cradle of our nation.'

Council and staff of the Town of Annapolis Royal are pleased to extend a very warm welcome to you all to the 79th Natal Day celebrations. For the Town and area, this is the signature event of the year. It involves almost everybody, including individuals, businesses, not for profit organizations, and various levels of government. It is brought to you by the 2025 Organizing Committee which includes Theresa Porter. Audra Everett. Adele MacDonald, Joanne Lawrie, Katie McLean, Krista Wright,



Karen Theriault, Marilyn Francis, Darlene Soulsby, Louise Oliver, Angela Hudson, Diana Trimper, Emily Saulnier, Sandra Hall, Diane & Richard Hall, and Christine Igot, ably led by Julia Hall.

Careful planning and organizing has gone into all this year's schedule, so plan what events you and yours would like to take part in and come prepared with hats, sunscreen and anything else you will need to enjoy these wonderful events!

Amery BoyerMayor of Annapolis Royal

Grand Street Parade





Monday, August 4th @ 1pm



Join us for our annual Natal Day Grand Street
Parade! Rain or shine, it's not too late to participate!
Join us after for festival closing ceremonies and
parade awards at Fort Anne National Historic Site at
the accessible parade square location.



Friday, Aug 1 5:30-8:00

Whether you're with family, besties
or dancing solo, kick off the
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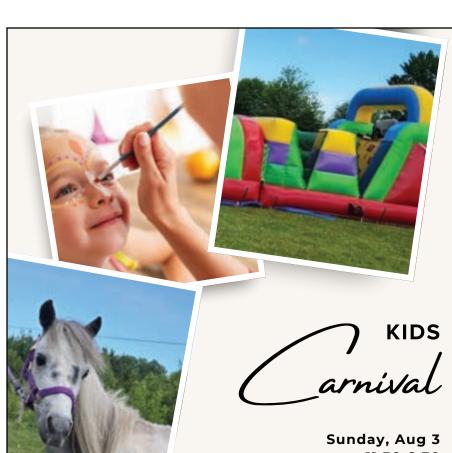
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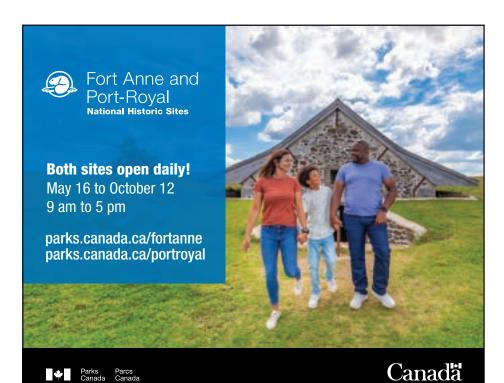
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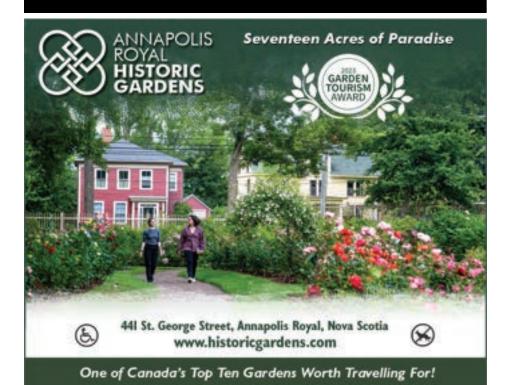
Bouncy castle, obstacle course, mini horses, goats, facepainting, spray tattoos and lawn games. (11:30-1:00) Milo T Clown (1:00-2:30) Aurora the Mermaid and Billy Bones the Pirate

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Where Service Matters

Time	Activity	Location
	Activity	
11:00AM-2:00PM	Discovery Day at the Market with	Market Square
	Annapolis Heritage Society	
	Costumed interpreters, demonstrations,	
	crafts, activities and more!	
2:00PM-4:00PM	FREE SWIM	Annapolis
5:00PM-7:00PM		Community Pool
5:30PM-8:00PM	Youth/Family Dance with	Market Square
	DJ HIGH ENERGY Sponsored	•
	by Miller's Independent	
	Annapolis Royal Football Club	
	Fundraiser BBQ (cash or debit tap) and	
	Maria's Face Painting	
5:45PM-6:15PM	Opening Ceremonies with	Oqwa'titek
	Free Cake Cutting	Amphitheatre
	Welcoming remarks from Town Crier,	•
	Mayor, MLA, and Presenting Sponsor	
	Nova Scotia Power	
0.450440.00044	Cake by Diane and Richard Hall	
6:15PM-8:00PM	Summer Concert Series:	Oqwa'titek
	Radical Soul Live Music	Amphitheatre
	Sponsored by the Nicholson Foundation	
6:00PM-on	84th Foot Encampment &	Fort Anne
	18th Century reenactors	
7:00PM-11:00PM	Karaoke with Maurice	Annapolis
		Brewing Company
		(ABC)
9:00PM-1:00AM	Late Night Karaoke with	Port Royal Legion
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Time	Activity	Location	
7:30AM-10:00AM	Pancake Breakfast	Firehall	
9:00AM-1:00PM	Farmers' and Traders' Market	Market Square	
9:00AM-5:00PM	Family Day in the Gardens &	Historic Gardens	
	Scavenger Hunts for Kids		
	Visit www.historicgardens.com for		
	admission fees and info, and remember,		
	kids are free!		
All Day	84 th Foot Encampment &	Fort Anne	
	Annapolis Heritage Society		
	(AHS) Interpreters		
	(18th Century re-enactors)		
10:00AM	Annapolis Community Health	Municipality of	
	Centre (ACHC) Auxiliary 5K	Annapolis Main	
	Fundraiser "Walk for Health" in	Office Parking Lot	



	partnership with Nova Scotia	(752 St. George St.
	Walks and Municipality of	Annapolis Royal)
	Annapolis County	
	No registration fee, but donations are	
	welcome to support the Auxiliary and	
	ACHC family room refurbishing	
10:00AM-2:00PM	Small Mouth Bass Derby	First Lake
	Sponsor: Lequille Country Store	(near exit 22
		carpool parking lot)
10:00AM-5:00PM	Four exhibitions at	ArtsPlace Gallery
	ARTSPLACE GALLERY	
	Annual ARCAC Members'	
	Exhibition/Coleen Davidson/Terry	
i	Drahos/Matt Marquette	
11:00AM start	Photo Scavenger Hunt for Teens:	Start at the
	Ages 12-18	Lighthouse on
	Teams of two: entry fee \$5 each. Bring	St. George Street
	your phone to take pictures and	
	complete the scavenger hunt. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners	
	1st place prize of \$100!	
11:00AM-9:00PM	"Lets Taco 'bout Snacks"	Across from
11.00/4W-5.001 W	Food Truck	Pharmacy
11:00AM-12:00PM		
11.00AW-12.00PW	Teddy Bear Tea pre-registration:	Annapolis Valley
	pre-registration. Annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com	Library
Noon	84 th Foot Noonday Gun	Fort Anne
1:00PM-3:00PM	Community Dance Workshop	Ogwa'titek
1.001 W-0.001 W	with Annapolis Valley Dance	Amphitheatre
	Company	Ampilitieatie
	FREE Natal Days Line Dance Party!	
	Variety of styles, beginner friendly, with	
	or without a partner	
1:30PM	74 th Crusaders Roll Past	St. George Street
2:00PM-3:00PM	84th Foot Tactical Battle on the	Fort Anne
	Ramparts	
2:00PM-4:00PM	KidZone	Historic Gardens
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3:00PM-4:00PM	Splash Mob! Sponsored by	Market Cauero
3:00PIVI-4:00PIVI		Market Square
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3:00PM-5:00PM	Free Swim	Annapolis
		Community Pool
6:30PM-8:30PM	Live Music: Tide & Timber	Oqwa'titek
		Amphitheatre
6:30PM-9:00PM	Live Music with Theresa Porter	Mad Hatter
		Wine Bar
7:00PM-11:00PM	DJ Bannok Jack (Dance Party!)	Annapolis Brewing
	, 3,	Company (ABC)
7:30PM	Chris Ricketts	King's Theatre
	Sea Shanty Concert	range meane
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8:00PM	84th Foot Sunset Ceremony	Fort Anne
9:00PM-1:00AM Natal Day Dance		Port Royal Legion
	with 'One Night Only"	No. 21
	Cover \$10	

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Time	Activity	Location
9:00AM-5:00PM	Family Day in the Gardens &	Historic Gardens
	Scavenger Hunts for Kids	
	Visit www.historicgardens.com for	
	admission fees and info, and remember,	
9:00AM-12:00PM	kids are free! 84 th Foot Encampment	Fort Anne
10:00AM-11:00AM	Children's Parade and Treats	Annapolis Royal
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10:00AM-5:00PM	Annual George Thibodeau	Port Royal Legion
	Washer Toss Tournament & BBQ	No.21
	(\$5 per player)	
	Registration 10 am; Play starts 11am	
11:00AM-fireworks	"Let's Taco 'bout Snacks"	Across from
	Food Truck	Pharmacy
11:30AM-2:30PM	Natal Day Carnival	Annapolis Royal
	Sponsored by The Lawrie Group	Home Hardware
	Bouncy castle, mini horses, goats, Milo	
	the Clown: bubbles and magic mix (from	
	11:30AM-1:00PM), treasure time with	
	Aurora the mermaid and Billy Bones the pirate (from 1:00PM-2:30PM), lawn	
	games, DNG Studios Spray Tattoo Artist,	
	Maria's face painting, Annapolis Blaze	
	Volleyball BBQ Fundraiser, Annapolis	
	Royal Football Club snow cone	
1:00PM-2:00PM	fundraiser (cash or debit tap) and MORE! Free Line Dance Class	Omus'titals
1.00PIVI-2.00PIVI		Oqwa'titek
	with Durline Melanson All levels welcome	Amphitheatre
	Sponsor: Trans World Dance Company	
3:00PM-4:15PM	Graveyard Tour with	Fort Anne
	Alan Melanson	
	The Historical Association of	
	Annapolis Royal	
	(\$20 Adult, \$10, 13-18, \$5, 12 & under)	
6:00PM-8:00PM	Live Music: Delusion Road	Oqwa'titek
		Amphitheatre
6:30PM-7:30PM	14 Wing Greenwood Military	Fort Anne
	Base Band Performance	
7:00PM-9:00PM	Live Music: Theresa Porter and	Annapolis Brewing
	Friends	Company (ABC)
8:00PM-9:00PM	An English Country Dance	Fort Anne

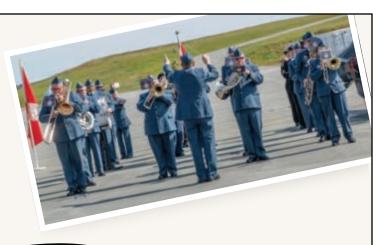
Annapolis Royal English Country		
	Dance Society	
Dusk	Fireworks	Launched from
(approx. 9:30PM)	(glow sticks for cash sale	Fort Anne Queen's
	by ARVFD)	wharf
9:00PM-1:00AM	Firehall Dance + Beer Garden	Firehall
	(cash only)	

Monday, August 4, 2025

Time	Activity	Location
9:00AM-5:00PM	Family Day in the Gardens &	Historic Gardens
	Scavenger Hunts for Kids	
	Visit www.historicgardens.com for	
	admission fees and info, and remember, kids are free!	
10:00AM-11:15AM	Cradle of Our Nation Tour	Lighthouse on
	with Alan Melanson	St. George Street
	The Historical Association of	
	Annapolis Royal	
	(\$20 Adult, \$10, 13-18, \$5, 12 & under)	
11:00AM-3:00PM	"Let's Taco 'bout Snacks"	Across from
	Food Truck	Pharmacy
12:00PM-9:00PM	OPEN all day!	Annapolis Brewing
		Company (ABC)
11:00AM-12:30PM	Parade Registration	Firehall
11:00AM-2:00PM	DnG Studios Spray Tattoos	Near Town Hall
	And Maria's Face Painting	
11:15AM-12:30PM	Sparkle Dance Company and	Oqwa'titek
	Bridgetown Buccaneers Pirate	Amphitheatre
	Performances	
11:45AM-12:45PM	Stamp Passport Drop Off	Market Square
1:00PM	Grand Street Parade!	Starting at Firehall
		(see route)
Following Parade	Awards Ceremony &	Fort Anne
	Stamp Passport Prize Draw	
1:00PM-5:00PM	Holiday Homecoming	Historic Gardens
	Afternoon in the Garden	
2:00PM-4:00PM	Music with Noelle Lucas	Historic Gardens

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Sunday, Aug 3

6:30-7:30pm

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8:00-9:00pm

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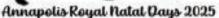
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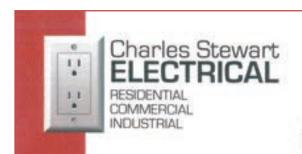
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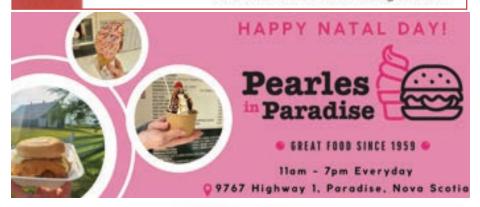




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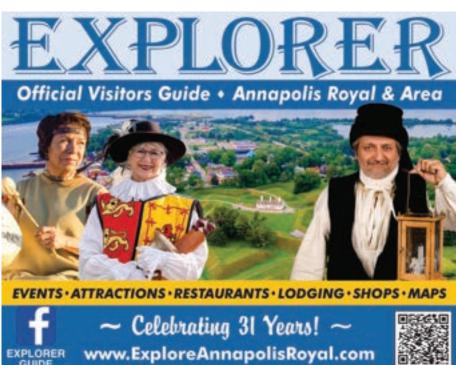
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It takes a lot of planning and dedication to create something for everyone to enjoy, and we're so glad you joined us for the Natal Day Weekend! Behind the scenes, there's a lot that goes into making sure everything runs smoothly.

A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers—your efforts are deeply appreciated and helped keep this cherished tradition alive.

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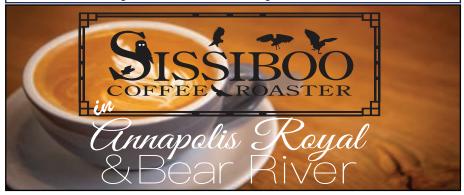
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o much to enjoy!

DID YOU KNOW...

In the event schedule, we're excited to list both the activities hosted by the 2025 Annapolis Royal Natal Days Organizing Committee, and a range of activities independently offered by local groups and businesses. We're grateful for the enthusiastic support of our amazing community and we hope you'll make plans to enjoy as much as you can!

Here, we highlight a few of the committee-hosted events.







Children's Parade: Sun, Aug 3



Bridgetown Buccaneers: Mon, Aug 4



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Sunday, August 4th

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HOW DOES THE STAMP PASSPORT WORK?

BRING YOUR BOOKLET TO EACH OF THE 15 EVENT CATEGORIES LISTED AND FIND A VOLUNTEER WEARING AN ORANGE VEST TO RECEIVE YOUR STAMP! GET AT LEAST 8/15 CATEGORIES COMPLETED AND STAMPED TO BE ENTERED IN THE PRIZE DRAW!



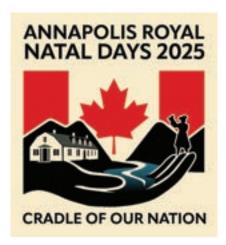
DROP OFF YOUR COMPLETED STAMPED PASSPORT TO THE MARKET SQUARE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH FROM 11:45AM-12:45PM TO BE ENTERED IN A RANDOMIZED PRIZE DRAW. THERE WILL BE TWO PRIZES TO CHOOSE FROM: FOR ADULTS OR CHILDREN. THE DRAW WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH DURING THE POST-PARADE AWARD CEREMONIES A FORT ANNE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE.

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1. "VISIT THE ANNAPOLIS COMMUNITY POOL AND/OR SHOW A LIFEGUARD YOUR BEST DIVE OR JUMP!"	10. "LISTEN TO A CONCERT HOSTED BY TIDE & TIMBER" - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND FROM 6:30PM-8:30PM
2. "SIP A REFRESHING DRINK ON OUR PATIO WITH A VIEW AT MAD HATTER WINE BAR" MUST BE 19* 3. "INTERACT WITH A COSTUMED INTERPRETER AT THE MARKET OR TRY A	11. "PARTICIPATE OR WATCH THE CHILDREN'S PARADE AT THE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL NURSING HOME AND SAY HI TO A RESIDENT!" - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD FROM 10:00AM-11:00AM AT THE ANNAPOLIS ROYAL NURSING HOME
HISTORIC CRAFT AT THE MARKET" - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST FROM 11:00AM-2:00PM AT THE MARKET SQUARE 4. "ATTEND OUR OPENING CEREMONIES AND LIVE MUSIC AT THE "O" AMPHITHEATRE!" -	12. "CHECK OUT OUR NEW NATAL DAY CARNIVAL SPONSORED BY THE LAWRIE HOME HARDWARE GROUP" - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD FROM 11:30AM-2:30PM AT HOME HARDWARE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST FROM 5:45PM-8:00PM AT THE "O" AMPHITHEATER 5. "SHOW YOUR BEST DANCE MOVES AT OUR CHILDREN/FAMILY DANCE SPONSORED BY MILLER'S INDEPENDENT" - FRIDAY, AUGUST	13. "TAKE A FREE LINE DANCE CLASS WITH DURLINE MELANSON OF TRANS WORLD DANCE COMPANY" - SUNDAY, AUGST 3RD FROM 1:00PM-2:00PM AT THE "O" AMPHITHEATRE
1ST FROM 5:30PM-8:00PM AT THE MARKET SQUARE 6. "ENJOY A PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT" - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND FROM 7:30AM-10:00AM AT THE	14. "TAKE A GRAVEYARD TOUR AND/OR TAKE A CRADLE OF OUR NATION TOUR WITH ALAN MELANSON OF THE HISTORI- CAL ASSOCIATION OF ANNAPOLIS ROYAL"
7. "ATTEND THE SMALL MOUTH BASS FISHING DERBY" - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND FROM 10:00AM-2:00PM AT FIRST LAKE	- SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD FROM 3:00PM-4:15PM AT FORT ANNE - MONDAY, AUGUST 4TH FROM 10:00AM-11:15AM AT THE LIGHTHOUSE
8. "TAKE PART IN A COMMUNITY DANCE WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND FROM 1:00PM-3:00PM AT THE "O" AMPHITHEATRE. 9. "GET IN A WATER FIGHT AT OUR SPLASH	15. "ENJOY A CONCERT PERFORMED BY DELUSION ROAD AND/OR 14 WING GREENWOOD MILITARY BASE" - SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD FROM 6:00PM - 8:00PM AT FORT ANNE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE AND THE "O" AMPHITHEATRE
MOB SPONSORED BY FAIRWAY INSURANCE SERVICES INC." - SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND	AND THE O AMPHITHEAIRE

HAVE FUN COLLECTING!

FROM 3:00PM-4:00PM AT THE MARKET

SQUARE



The Mi'kmaq call this area Nme'juaqnek - place of bountiful fish - and have lived on this land since time immemorial. In 1605, after naming the region Port Royal, the French built the first permanent European establishment in what is now Canada, leaving a legacy of language and culture that would belong to the Acadians.

The Scots built, in 1629, the first fort on the present day site of Fort Anne giving us our province's name, crest and flag. The English also coveted this land and, after many battles, raised their own flag over the town in 1710, naming it Annapolis Royal. And we would remain the capital of Nova Scotia until the founding of Halifax in 1749. The Planters and the Loyalists would come too followed by many others attracted by the beauty and opportunities along the river.

We are a meeting place. We are the Cradle of our Nation

Christine Igot

Annapolis Royal Town Crier

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Planning Natal Day weekend is a team effort and it could not happen without the amazing support from our community! The Natal Day committee would like to send a sincere thank you to our amazing support systems:

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Annapolis Royal Police, Town Hall, and Public Works

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AND... everyone else who helped shape Natal Day Weekend - thank you!