

## Volunteer Week

Volunteer Week is a special time set aside each year to recognize the enormous contribution that volunteers make to the social and economic development of our province and to the quality of life in our communities.

“Volunteers Light Up Communities”, is this year's theme for Volunteer Week. The Awards Program will acknowledge the following:

- A. Volunteer of the Year** – presented to a volunteer for their outstanding efforts and invaluable contributions to the development of the community and improving the quality of life for the citizens.
- B. Youth of the Year** – presented to a youth (under 19 years) who as demonstrated outstanding efforts in volunteering, athletics, and academics.
- C. 10 Years of Service** – presented to all members of a community group who has volunteered for 10 years.

In order to make this program a success we need help from residents/groups/organizations to nominate individuals that you feel deserve these awards and recognition. If you are involved in a community group, please forward the names of the individuals who have volunteered with your organization for 10 years. To nominate someone for “Volunteer of the Year” or “Youth of the Year”, please forward the following information to the address below.



The Woman's Institute (WI) presented a cheque to the PCSP Public Library

**Nominator's Name:**

**Phone :**

**Nominee Name:**

**Phone #:**

Please provide a short write-up as to why you are nominating this individual. Please be sure to provide any awards, specific contributions, or projects they are involved in. **Forward all information to:**

**Ms. Stephanie Bourne**  
**Director, Parks, Recreation & Community Services**  
**Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's**  
**1119 Thorburn Road**  
**Portugal Cove-St. Philip's**  
**NL A1M 1T6**

**Deadline for nominations is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>! Any questions or concerns, please contact Stephanie @ 895-8000 ext 4.**

### Volunteer Appreciation Social

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's would like to invite all residents in the community that take the time to volunteer to attend an appreciation social. Volunteer Awards will be distributed at this time. Food and drinks will be served!

### Volunteer Social

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Royal Canadian Legion

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**For more information on the awards or social, please contact Stephanie @ 895-8000 ext 4.**



PCSP Volunteer Fire Fighters attend a past Volunteer Appreciation Social

# What's going on

in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

On-Line [www.pcsp.ca](http://www.pcsp.ca)

April 2009



Mayor Norm Collins presents a cheque to Daffodil Place on behalf of Urban Municipalities, Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador, for an amount in excess of \$200,000 of which \$3,200 was from the Town of PCSP

### Message from the Mayor

Over the last number of weeks our council has been in the news more frequently than usual. As is all too frequently the case most of the stories were not positive ones. Despite the commentary and rhetoric that has gone on, I would like to assure the people of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's that the Council and its staff are continuing to do good work on your behalf. Here are some of the things we have been doing:

The new Municipal Plan has been submitted to government for review and if all goes well will be back to you for final feedback by mid April or early May.

Our Heritage Committee has received one grant and submitted applications for others and is working on getting a couple of students from the Marine Institute and /or MUN to conduct research over the summer.

The Public Works department is gearing up for a busy summer with a long list of roads that will be upgraded and/ or paved this year plus overseeing the upgrading of the rest of the nine roads which the Town took over from the province two years ago.

The staff reorganization plan is moving ahead under the direction of our Town Manager.

With our head of Recreation now on maternity leave, her interim replacement is already getting plans in motion for the summer activities. This includes improvements at both Voisey's Brook and Rainbow Gully Parks, along with the Community Centre.

Our Planning & Development department is in the process of filling a couple of vacancies that will enable them to process development applications in a more timely manner and to provide a better level of monitoring of development activity.

Besides a number of medium scale sub-divisions that are already in progress, two new ones have received conditional approval in the last few months. Both of these new developers have indicated they are supportive of the town's policies as laid out in the draft Municipal Plan.

Work is in progress that will see the large welcoming signs to the Town refurbished with the new logo and most of the remaining street signs will be replaced with the new models during the summer. In addition we hope to have a number of Heritage signs put in place giving tourists and residents, alike, little pieces of our Town history.

We are currently waiting for confirmation from the province with respect to any regulation that we must meet in order to proceed with the next phase of pursuing a wind-power development project. If successful, this project will save the town significant dollars annually over the long term.

The Town recently tendered for a new piece of snowclearing equipment. Included in the specification is the request for side guards. Side guards are innovative safety device to prevent people from sliding under heavy class vehicles such as snow clearing equipment. The spec was designed by an engineer from the community.

While sometimes the news media and some government officials have not been very complimentary, your Council, is moving ahead with innovative plans and improvements. I welcome your comments and questions.

Norm Collins  
[norm.collins@pcsp.ca](mailto:norm.collins@pcsp.ca)





*Residents enjoy a beautiful day for skiing during the Winter Carnival 2009*

#### **Christmas Decorating Recognition Program**

Although the holiday season has been long gone, the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's would like to take the opportunity to recognize all those individuals and families in the community who took that time to make their homes look festive. There were many beautifully decorated homes and we wish we could mention them all. This year the Town would like to acknowledge the following families:

- Lisa & Shannon Adams of Thorburn Road
- Wayne & Celeste Norman of Joyce Crescent
- Gerard & Mary McDonald of Neary's Pond Road
- Donald Hawco & Family of Western Gully Road
- Colette Harvey & Don Deering of Bugden Drive
- Elaine Dobbin of Bennetts Road

Thanks to everyone who got involved in this event and we encourage everyone to nominate your neighbor in next years program.

#### **PCSP to Host Easter Breakfast Featuring 'Stampin-Up'**

April 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.  
The Royal Canadian Legion

Bring the family out for a morning full of great food and fun crafts! Come out and enjoy a hot breakfast and then get ready for an Easter Craft making session with Shelley Petten from "Stampin' Up". Shelly will be teaching how to make an Easter basket.

Cost will be \$4.00 for breakfast, after breakfast the children will make a craft (no extra charge). Info call 895-8000 ext 4.

If you or your child has never heard of "Stampin' Up" and would like more information you can visit their website at [www.stampinup.com](http://www.stampinup.com)

#### **Heritage Advisory Committee**

##### **Heritage questions to challenge your brain!**

1. In what year was the name of Twenty Mile Pond changed to Windsor Lake?
2. Where was Indian Path and when was it re-named?
3. In what year was the road to Portugal Cove completed and officially opened?
4. What does the S.U.F. in S.U.F Hall stand for and where is it located?
5. What and where is the 'teachers residence'?
6. Who was "Madam Harty" and what kind of "public place" did she operate?
7. In what year was the Anglican Church in St. Philip's completed?
8. In what year was the RC Church in Portugal Cove completed?
9. How were "lotteries" used in the old days to raise funds for public projects?
10. What is a Packet Boat and where was it used?
11. In what year was the first Stagecoach service established between St. John's and Portugal Cove?
12. Who was the first person to "hold-up" this new stagecoach service?
13. And what happened to this unfortunate chap?
14. Where was the first "parsonage" built in PC and who designed it?

For answers to these or any other Heritage related questions you may have, you can contact Kevin Aucoin, Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee at [aucoin89@nl.rogers.com](mailto:aucoin89@nl.rogers.com).



*The Mayor with Flat Stanley's cousin, Flat Danielle, acting as Mayor at the Town Office Council Chambers. Flat Danielle visited us from Drumbo, ON.*

#### **The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's becomes first in Canada to require side guards on new trucks**

On March 10th, 2009, Council voted to include an 'underguard/sideguard' component in the new Plow Truck Tender Specification.

The Town recently called tenders for a new Dump Truck to be used in snow clearing operations. The tender called for the installation of side guards before the delivery of the new vehicle. The Guards are designed to help prevent injury or deaths by stopping pedestrians and bikers from being dragged under the wheels of such heavy equipment.

The action comes in the wake of a tragic death of a young woman in Montreal with ties to the Community. Jessica Lauren Holman-Price was accidentally killed while successfully preventing her ten year old brother from being dragged under the wheels of a piece of snow clearing equipment on a busy Montreal intersection. This tragic death may have been prevented if the truck had been equipped with side guards.



*Truck-underguard (sideguard) shown protects both vulnerable road users and the trucks undercarriage*

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's hopes that this will set a precedent across Canada and help prevent many unnecessary injuries and deaths. Mayor Norm Collins says he hopes that Municipalities and all levels of Government across the Province and Country will take similar action to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Collins says, "This may force Transport Canada into changing the rules and requiring all vehicles of a certain type to be equipped with this safety mechanism".

The side guards are mandatory in Great Britain and other European countries.

#### **North American Truck**



#### **European Truck**



#### **Boaters and Jet Ski Operators Card**

As of September 15, 2009, everybody who operates jet skis or a boat that has a motor must, by federal law, obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC). This includes large and small power boats, sailboats, and small open boats with outboard motors. It's the same as a driver's license for a car, and people operating a boat without this card will be subject to a fine. It doesn't matter whether you're operating your boat on the ocean or on a pond, everybody still has to have this card.

Boaters and jet ski operators: Get your mandatory Pleasure Craft Operator Card for \$65 by calling 895-3137.

#### **Town Signs Missing**

The Town has been experiencing difficulty in keeping street signs posted. Over the past couple of years there have been several street signs removed from there post by vandals. This practice creates two problems.

**Emergencies:** Too many times when emergency equipment is called to a residence the difference between life and death is minutes. Imagine having called an ambulance only to find that they cannot find your road because the sign was missing. This is valuable time wasted!

**Cost:** The cost initially associated with erecting a sign is approximately \$400. This includes labor and materials. Just to replace a missing sign and bracket is approximately \$150. Coupled with that is man hours and tools needed to complete the job. Not an inexpensive endeavor.

The Town is requesting any person that has any information concerning the missing signs and or the location of any of the Town signs to please call the Town Office and leave the information. Also if any person or persons have any signs in there possession to please return the sign to the Town Office or either of the Fire Departments. In either case there will be no questions asked. If the Town has reason to believe any person is in possession of a Town sign the police will be contacted and charges will be laid.