

Lion's Club Update

The Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Lions have concluded their Special Skills Dog project. The Club has received word that its dog “Bert” (named after Lion Bert Driscoll of Portugal Cove) has been fully trained and is now paired with a person in need. The Club has already supplied all incoming Kindergartners at Beachy Cove Elementary with Child I.D. kits, and has appropriated \$2750 to put Medicalert Bracelets on all students of BCE with life threatening allergies or other medical conditions for the next three years. Among other projects, the Club is partnering with the Town and the Legion on the Annual Seniors Dinner, it is developing a seniors visitation program and will partner with the Town's Scout movement in the near future. “We have renewed our commitment to provide tangible benefits to citizens of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's and to increase the visibility of the Lions Club in our community,” says Club President Bradley Moss.

The Lions Club is hoping the Town will get behind its 50/50 draws, the first of which is December 23rd. Tickets are \$1 and are now available at Elaine's, Sharpe's, Country Corner and Triple D Video. The Club thanks these businesses for supporting its work. Club meetings are 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from September to June and it welcomes new members at any time. Anyone interested in learning more about the Lions Club can contact the Membership Director, Lion John Colborne at 895-3821.

Organic Farm Wins National Tourism Award

A local business here in PCSP was the recipient of the Tourism Industry Association of Canada's (TIAC) Starwood Hotels & Resorts Corporate Partner of the Year National Tourism Award. The following excerpt was taken from the TIAC website, and is a good reflection of the Organic Farms' quality of service and dedication to their patrons.

The Organic Farm has worked with restaurants and chefs in Newfoundland and Labrador to cater to the ever increasing demand of tourists wanting fresh, locally grown, organic products. As the only local organic farm in the area, they welcome hundreds of visitors every year, providing the opportunity to experience herbs and vegetables they have often never seen or tasted. The farm's landscape is made up of vegetables, herbs and flowers that are not only wonderful to eat, but also breathtakingly beautiful to experience.

“Several customers have said that the farm's willingness to do whatever it takes to ensure their product is delivered and that customers are happy goes far beyond any other supplier they have ever worked with. It is this type of service and dedication that allows the farm's following to grow.”

Congratulations to Volunteer Fire Fighters

Congratulations to Matthew Mercer, Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year, Darren Dawson, Officer of the Year, and Honourary Member, Joe Hanames. These Volunteer Firefighters were awarded for their bravery and dedication in the Portugal Cove -St. Philip's Volunteer Fire Department at the recent Firefighters' Ball held at the Legion in November.

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Town Hall Christmas Closures

December 24th
December 25th
December 28th
December 31st
January 1st

Holiday Garbage Schedule

Residents whose garbage should be picked up on Friday, December 25th will have their garbage picked up on Monday, December 28th.

Residents whose garbage should be picked up on January 1st will have their garbage picked up on Monday January 4th.

All other scheduled garbage pick up will remain the same.

Library Christmas Hours and Closures

Tuesday	6:00 - 9:00pm
Wednesday	1:00 - 4:30pm
Thursday	6:00 - 9:00pm
Friday	10:00am - 12:30pm. 1:00 - 4:30pm.

The Library will be closed on December 24th, 29 & 30.

What's going on

in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

December 2009



The Portugal Cove - St. Philip's 2009-2011 Town Council: from left to right: Cllr. Gordon Tucker, Cllr. Joe Duggan, Cllr. Patsy Whitten, Mayor Bill Fagan (bottom), Cllr. Moses Tucker (top), Deputy Mayor Jane Tucker, Cllr. Doug Neary

A Holiday Greeting From Your Mayor

Christmas is a time of year when our thoughts turn to family and friends. It is one of the few links that Christmas has with our past. Our lives are very much changed these days and from more TV channels, to Blackberrys, electronic time schedules, texting and twittering, we seem to be caught up in a race, often against ourselves. Let us stop for awhile and pause as to what is really important in our lives. If something or someone were to be taken from our lives, what would we miss most? I think the answer would not be in terms of electronic gadgets or a favourite TV program but in terms of real live people. This Christmas let us take more time in the spirit of what Christmas means, to connect with our family and friends, to give a call or get together with someone whom we have been intending to call or get together with for the past year. On behalf of Council and Staff at the Town Hall, I wish you all a very meaningful, relaxing, and enjoyable Christmas, and the best of all that a New Year can bring.



Halloween at the PCSP Recreation Centre was Spook-tacular

Santa Claus Parade and Tree Lighting

Join us on Sunday Dec 13th from 2:00-4:00pm. for our annual Santa Claus Parade. Due to the length fo the parade in previous years, and safety issues with young children and the older population, the parade will be in the St. Philip's side of the community this year and will alternate each year between the Portugal Cove side and the St. Philip's side of the community.

The parade route will be as follows:

- Parade will begin at the Recreation Center.
- Travel Thorburn road to Healeys Pond Crescent.
- Healeys Pond Crescent to Kings Hill Road
- Kings Hill Road right onto Bennetts Road
- Bennetts Road right onto Thorburn Road and finish at the Recreation Center.

The Town will be providing a bus for the residents in Portugal Cove to get to the parade. The bus will be picking up at the Legion at 1:15pm. sharpe, and than proceed to Holy Rosary parking lot, and making another stop at Beachy Cove Elementary. Please be at these stops no later than 1:15pm.

Parking suggestions: Sunshine Camp, IBEW, Skippers Crescent or anywhere along the parade route.

Following the parade we will have our tree lighting at the Town Hall followed by music and hot chocolate at the recreation center. The Celtic Fiddlers will provide music.

Mail carriers will be picking up letters to Santa Claus along the way. Bring along a non – perishable food item to donate, which will also be picked up along the route

If you or anyone you know is interested in entering into the parade, please contact one of the following individuals.

Patsy Whitten 895-2003, Andrea Barnes or Denise Hapgood at the recreation department @ 895-8000 ext 4

Festive Decorated House Contest

Do you start decorating for Christmas just after Halloween? Does your power bill double in December due to the extra lights on display? We want to see your home. Councilors will be judging the best decorated home on December 16th. You can nominate your own home or someone else's. Contact the town hall at 895-8000 to register. The winning home will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate from a local business of your choice.

Christmas Card Competition

Does your child love to draw? Children between the ages of 5-12 can submit their version of Christmas by the Sea Card. The winning card will be posted on our website and the winner will receive a \$50.00 gift card from Wal-Mart. The council will judge cards on December 15th. Please ensure all cards have your name, address and telephone number on the back. We will be collecting cards at the Breakfast with Santa and cards can also be dropped at the Town Hall.

Rainbow 50⁺ Christmas Dinner & Dance

Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Recreation Centre

Friday, December 19th, 2009

9pm.

Music by GP Country

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

New Years Eve Party

Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Recreation Centre

Thursday, December 31st, 2009

Doors Open 9:00 pm., music by Jane Morgan's Music

Cost:\$10.00 Single, Bar service provided!!

For information or to purchase tickets call Beverly Sharpe 895-3196 or Barb Skinner at 895-8063.



Two young boys enjoy Breakfast With Santa on November 29th, 2009.