

PORTUGAL COVE - ST. PHILIP'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

As we move into the summer months and we look forward to getting outside, we also must exercise some personal diligence to provide for both our own, and public safety.

If you believe that there is an emergency, or, if there is a perception of an emergency, or, if there is the possibility of a threat to public safety, THEN IT IS AN EMERGENCY and you are to call to 911.

It is far better to activate 911 and have our emergency services turned back because of a non-emergency than not activate 911 in a real emergency.

This is the most effective and decisive way to mitigate all possible and definite emergency situations.

For summer burning, we all must visit the people at the Forestry Division to receive a permit to burn.

http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/forestry/permits/reminder.html

Included in the document, are all of the related conditions to be followed when burning. The contact number is 709-729-4180. Make sure all open fires are never left unattended.

When using fireworks, make sure the area to be used is away from any potential materials that may burn. Also, make sure all viewers of the fireworks are kept a safe distance away. Make sure the instructions for the lighting of fireworks are strictly followed.

When refuelling our motorized lawn and garden equipment, we want to make sure the gas motor has enough time to cool before we refill the fuel tank.

Everyone should guickly check their smoke alarms to make sure they operate correctly.

Safe summer grilling safety must be exercised.

Tips for the proper use of propane barbecues

Transporting and storing propane cylinders

In Canada, propane cylinders have to be replaced every 10 years, unless it is inspected and re-gualified. The date the cylinder was last gualified can be found stamped on the collar of the cylinder. If your cylinder does not need to be replaced due to its age, remember to:

- Transport cylinders in an upright position in a wellventilated space.
- Use a cap to cover the cylinder outlet, when transporting or storing
- Never transport or store a cylinder in a passenger or living area
- Store cylinders outdoors, off the ground on a fireproof base
- Keep out of the reach of children
- Never smoke near a propane cylinder
- Inspect the propane cylinder and replace it if it is rusty or damaged

Set-up and maintenance

- Carefully follow the assembly instructions included with your barbecue. If you're not sure about something, take it back to the dealer for help or call a qualified propane technician.
- Make sure the burners and tubes connected to the burners are rust and debris-free, and that the burner throat, where the propane enters the burner, is free of dust or cobwebs.
- All hoses and joints should be carefully looked at to ensure there are no leaks where gas can escape. Leaks, if ignited can send out huge flames.
- Never check for leaks with an open flame.
- Remove lava rocks and grates to clean.
- Clean the grill and burners regularly to avoid grease build-up.

Lighting the barbeque

- Always open the lid before lighting so that gas does not build up.
- Open the cylinder valve first, then the burner. Immediately use the igniter switch.
- If you do not have a working igniter switch, have your barbeque lighter handy when you are preparing to light the grill.
- If the burner does not ignite, with the lid open, turn off the gas and wait five minutes before trying again.
- When finished using the barbeque, close the propane cylinder first followed by the burner controls. This way, propane does not get trapped in the hose when the grill is not in use.

Everyday use

- Use gas grills outdoors only. Even grilling in the garage with the door open does not allow for enough ventilation
- Position your barbeque at least three metres away from windows, doors, wooden fences and walls, and branches
- Never use lighter fluid, gasoline or other accelerants on the grill.
- Keep children and pets away from the barbeque especially when in use.
- Keep loose clothing away from a hot barbecue.
- Use long-handled tongs and brushes while grilling. It puts you at a safer distance away from the flames.
- Never move a lit barbeque.
- Make sure the barbeque is turned off, and completely cooled before covering.

For more safety information, please visit www.safetyinfo.ca

These are a few of the safety habits we should follow for us to have a safe and enjoyable summer. Fire can be very dangerous and even deadly. Injuries from fire related incidents are something we all never want to happen whether it is summer or any other time of year. Summer, meanwhile, should always be a fun season. By practicing the summer fire safety tips mentioned here, we can look forward to a safe and enjoyable summer experience.

On behalf of all the members of the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Volunteer Fire Department, I wish you all a fire safe summer.

Sincerely, Michael Raine, Fire Chief Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Volunteer Fire Department

What's going on

in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's



July 2011



Municipal Awareness Day 2011 Winners

May 18th, 2011 was Municipal Awareness day across the province and this year we focused on our youth. The Town hosted Municipal Awareness events which were broken up into two parts. The first was a poster contest for the grade six classes at Beachy Cove Elementary. This was an initiative brought forward by the Town's "Our Town - Clean Town' Committee. The posters had to depict community pride through keeping our community clean and tidy. The posters were beautiful with each one being unique. The first prize winner's poster will be used as the Committee's logo. The winners of the poster contest were:

Kate Morrisey: 1st Prize - \$100.00 - (pictured top left with Cllr. Patsy Whitten) Poster to be used as the committee's logo. Melissa Mercer - 2nd Prize - \$75.00 - (pictured top middle with Cllr. Patsy Whitten) Victor Linfield - 3rd Prize - \$50.00 - (pictured top right with Cllr. Patsy Whitten)

Secondly, on Saturday, May 21st the Town hosted a scavenger hunt meant for younger residents, grades 7 – 12. This was a hunt for various items around the community. The person who finished first with the most items won first prize. Second and third prizes were awarded accordingly in the same fashion.

Tristan Mckeever - 1st Prize – (pictured bottom left with Cllr. Patsy Whitten)Sony Playstation 3 (PS3) Jamie Houston - 2nd Prize – (pictured bottom second from left with Cllr. Patsy Whitten) Sony Playstation Portable (PSP) Patrick Miller - 3rd Prize –(pictured bottom second from right with Cllr. Patsy Whitten) Ipod Nano

There were also two honourable mention winners, Alyx King(bottom right) and Lada Orach(no photo) who won \$30 each in movie money.

Killick Coast Regional Summer Games

The Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's will be hosting the Killick Coast Regional Summer Games from July 17th – July 21st. 2011. Participants for these games must be 11 years of age by December 31st, 2011 and can be turning no older than 17 years of age by December 31st, 2011. Sports offered are softball, basketball, ball hockey, soccer, and cross country running. The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's would like to enter as many teams as possible. If you are interested in entering a team or playing on a team please contact Jennifer at 895-8000 Ext 4. We are also Portugal Gove looking for volunteers to assist with the games as well as help coach. If you are interested in volunteering St. Philip's please contact us.



Walking/Hiking Club

Did you know there is a Walking/Hiking Club in Portugal Cove-St. Philip's??

This group goes on different hikes every week!! Come out and enjoy the beautiful trails in and around the town. For more information or to join this group please contact Jennifer at 895-8000 Ext 4 or check out the group's facebook page by looking up PCSP Walking/Hiking Club.

Canada Day Celebration

Thursday, June 30th

Pre-Canada Day Youth Dance Recreation Centre 6:30-8:00pm Grades 2-4 admission \$3 8:30-10:30pm Grades 5-7 admission \$5 Canteen items \$1 - ice cream, hot dogs, chips, bars, water and poplots of prizes wear red and white! This is in support of PCSP Minor Soccer. A big thank you to them for organizing this.

Friday, July 1st, Town Hall

12:00 p.m. Raising of the Flag Ceremony

§ Greetings from the Mayor and other dignitaries.§ Singing of O'Canada.

12:30 p.m. Automotive and Motorcycle Show

Hosted by the PSCP Volunteer Fire Department

- § People's Choice Award
- § Council's Choice Award
- § Fire Fighters Choice Award

§ Participants Choice Award

3 Categories: (1) Modern (2) Antique (3) Motorcycle Anyone who has an automotive (Modern or Antique) or a Motorcycle that they would like to enter into the show, please call Jennifer at 895-8000 ext 4.

2:00 p.m. Parade

- § Prizes for the best "Canada Day" dressed youth.
- § Prizes for the best decorated bikes/scooters.
- § Family parade-walk, bike, roller blade, etc.

3:00 p.m. Youth Games

§ The summer staff will take the youth to Rainbow Gully Park to participate in low organized games at Rainbow Gully Park.

5:00 p.m. BBQ & CAKE

10:00 p.m. Family Fireworks Bring the family down to Rainbow Gully Park Happy Canada Day from Mayor, Council, and Staff at the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's

July 2011

Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Annual Regatta Festival

This week long festival from July 3rd – July 9th will include activities such as card games, games night, community hikes, dinner theatre, Fire Department open house, 50+ open house, dory races, musical entertainment and Casino Night! We really want to take this opportunity to highlight the musical talent in our Town. If you would like to perform in the music festival on July 9th please contact us. If you or your organization would like to host an event during the regatta or would like to enter a vendor booth, please contact Jennifer Martin at 895-8000 ext 4. Keep your eyes opened for a detailed schedule of events in your mailbox or visit the Town's website at www.pcsp.ca!

MUSICFEST 2011 Sat. July 16th, 2011 & Sun. July 17th, 2011

Voiseys Brook Park

Indian Meal Line

Portugal Cove-St. Philips

2 Days 13 Performers Children's Games & Activities

Come see our Sunday Fireworks Display

Saturday July 16th, 2011 Live In Concert

2:00 - 3:00 - The Rolling Kings 3:20 - 4:50 - Point Blank 5:10 - 6:40 - Stixx and Stones 7:00 - 8:00 - Another North 8:20 - 9:20 - The Sleveens 9:40 - 12:00 - The Stone Cartel

Sunday July 17th, 2011 Live In Concert

2:00 - 2:45 - Terry Parsons & Fabian Gladney 2:55 - 3:55 - Even Keel 4:15 - 5:15 - Rick Lambe Band 5:30 - 6:30 - 709 6:50 - 7:50 - Redline 8:05 - 9:15 - Tarahan 9:30 - 12:00 - The Celtic Connection



If your Community Group has an event they would like listed in this calendar please call 895-8000, ext: 7 to provide details.