

### Easter Bunny Comes to Town

Saturday March 27th  
10-12:00pm.

Join us for breakfast, crafts and of course a visit from the Easter Bunny. Be prepared for a hopping good time.

### Rainbow 50+ Club St. Paddy's Day Dance

March 20th, 2010  
PCSP Recreation Centre  
9:00pm  
\$5.00 at the door  
Call Sheila King for info at 895-3374

### PCSP Minor Soccer

Registration will be coming up soon so don't forget to mark your calendar for this years one and only registration date Saturday, May 8th, from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Beachy Cove Elementary. Online registration will begin in March so keep checking the website for further details at [www.soccer895.ca/](http://www.soccer895.ca/)

### Friendly Reminder

Time is running out....

The deadline date for payment of 2010 taxes is March 31, 2010. If paid by this date you will receive a 5% discount on your property tax portion. After this date interest will be added at the rate of 1% per month on the unpaid balance on accounts not paid in full (with the exception of those having the interest- free payment plan in place). To make payment arrangements please call 895-8000.

### New for 2010 - Seniors Discount

Seniors in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) may be eligible for a 20% Property Tax reduction on the Property Tax portion of the invoice for their principal place of residence in the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

In order to qualify for the 20% discount, you must be the assessed owner or joint owner of the property and occupy it as your principal year round place of residence and you must be in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act. You will be required to complete and sign an "Application for Senior Citizen's 20% Discount" each year. The applications are available at the Town Office or on our website



A wintery trailside at Rotary Sunshine Park

(look in the Tax Structure tab under the Town Council). When you submit your application we will need the entitlement letter confirming you are in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement attached to it. The following are instructions to help you obtain your letter prior to completing your application:

### INSTRUCTIONS

Have your Social Insurance Number ready and call Service Canada at **1-800-277-9914**.

Once the recorded voice starts, **press "0" to speak to a Service Canada Agent**. You will hear a short message and then a service agent will take your call. Tell the agent you need an **entitlement letter confirming that you are in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement**.

When you receive the letter, attach it to the application to be processed at the Town Office.

If you have any questions, please call 895-8000, Accounts Dept. or press '0' for assistance.

### Snowclearing and Parking

Although Spring may be just around the Corner, there still remains a lot of snow on roadsides etc. The Town is asking that residents please be mindful of this since snowclearing vehicles **MUST** be allowed passage through all streets and roads etc. The Town will be towing vehicles when they impede with snowclearing operations after 12:00am. Also please note that pushing snow on or across Town Roads is not an acceptable practice. The Town wishes that residents please refrain from doing so.

Spring and summer are just around the corner. The time is near for people to look at their own properties to see what needs to be tidied away after the winter.

*A couple of other items.....*

- Pet owners are reminded that when they walk their pets, they should ensure that they bring along a bag to clean up after their pets.
- On the subject of pets, our animal control is ongoing 12 months a year. To avoid having to pay a fine, please ensure that you keep your pets tethered on your property.
- Licensing and tags are free and available at the Town Office.
- Remind your children that streets are not play areas, and when using bikes, scooters, roller blades, or skateboards they should be extra cautious, and to find more suitable areas.

# What's going on

in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

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

March 2010



### WinterFest 2010

This year's WinterFest got off to a great start with 140 people coming to join us at the Legion for Breakfast. The Town would like to send out a special thanks to all of the Council who served and of course our Volunteers who ensured we had enough flapjacks to go around. The above photos were taken at the pancake breakfast, as well as the Beachy Cove Elementary Skating Day at the Jack Byrne Arena. The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's would like to thank the Legion for hosting this year's event. Thank you to all of our sponsors for this year's WinterFest. Without your assistance events like this could not be possible, also a special thanks to Michael, Meghan and Jarred for coming out so early on a Saturday morning.

### This year's WinterFest sponsors:

Bugden's Signs, Country Convenience, Gladney's Buses, Kid's Kare, Murray's Garden Center, Premier Video and Pizza and Winterhome Spa.

Due to the time of printing, not all events are highlighted in this edition, however all results and winners will be included in the April edition of the Town's newsletter.



Chris Milley, Town Manager, Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

### PCSP Gets New Town Manager

On behalf of Council, Staff and the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's, we wish to extend a warm welcome to Chris Milley, Town Manager of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's. Milley began his role with the Town on February 23rd, 2010 and is certainly a long sought after addition to town staff.

Chris Milley has an Engineering Degree from Memorial University and is a registered Professional Engineer in Newfoundland & Labrador and Ontario. Milley holds a certificate in Project Management from Ryerson University and he started his career in manufacturing. He has spent the last eight years serving the public of Ontario and Newfoundland & Labrador by implementing, developing, and enforcing Public Safety Acts, regulations, codes and standards. In serving a public safety role, Chris has acted as a Provincial Offences Officer, Design Registration Engineer, and Manager. Also Chris has been a member of several safety and advisory committees. For the past year, on behalf of the Provincial Government, Chris has managed a group of people responsible for the technical implementation of, in addition to the Public Safety Act, the Building Accessibility Act and Regulations, building fire and life safety plan reviews, inspections of alternate and child care facilities, and aspects of supply and waste water development.

## !!NOTICE TO RESIDENTS!!

The Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Transportation & Works has proposed a change of the direction of Loop Road. It is proposed that the current exit become the entry point to Loop Road, and that the current entry point become the proposed exit. This is a proposal at this point and Council is requesting feedback from affected parties.

### PCSP Volunteer Fire Department Raises \$6000

The PCSP VFD recently raised \$6000 for one of its own volunteer members when his wife recently underwent cancer treatment. That's quite a lot of raffling and tickets sold. The VFD would like to extend this member and his family best wishes and also thank everyone who supported this endeavor.

### Volunteer Week April 18-24th

This years theme is Volunteers Connect Communities. This is so true as most organizations could not survive if it was not for the dedicated work of many volunteer hours.

As April approaches quickly, please take a few minutes now to think about how a volunteer has affected your group or organization. We are looking for nominations for this years event. The categories are as follows:

**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.

**Male Youth of the Year & Female Youth of the Year**– presented to a youth (under 19 years) who has demonstrated outstanding efforts in volunteering, athletics, and academics.

**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 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 provide a short write-up as to why you are nominating this individual. Please be sure to include any awards, specific contributions, or projects they are involved in. Nominations can be emailed, faxed or dropped off at the Town Office anytime. Please ensure you title your correspondence “Volunteer Nominations” so that they can be sorted accordingly .

Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held on Friday, April 23rd so please mark your calendar to not miss this event.

The submission deadline for this year’s applications is April 12th.



Breakfast during the 2010 WinterFest