



## Reminders & Notices

From the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

### Transport Canada Reminds Drivers to Prepare for Winter Driving Conditions

Canada has one of the best road safety records in the world. While the number of vehicles and drivers in Canada increases year after year, our road safety record continues to improve. Yet, each year approximately 2,900 people are killed and more than 220,000 are seriously injured on Canadian roads.

The following information and tips can help you do your part to make Canada's wintry roads even safer:

- \* Always keep the gas tank at least half full, and add gasoline antifreeze to every second tank.
- \* Top up antifreeze, transmission, brake and windshield-washer fluids.
- \* Use a matching set of all-season or snow tires that meet standards (see below).
- \* Make sure that tire valves are equipped with caps to keep out snow and ice.
- \* Dress properly - wear warm clothing.
- \* Carry a winter emergency kit that includes: extra antifreeze and windshield-washer fluid; a flashlight and extra batteries; blankets; a candle; matches; hazard markers or flares; a snow shovel; extra hats and mitts; and chocolate or granola bars.
- \* Check local weather and road conditions before leaving.
- \* If possible, tell someone where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
- \* Bring a map and be prepared to take an alternative route.
- \* Bring a cell phone.

In February 1999, Transport Canada announced the introduction of a new industry standard to help Canadian consumers identify and buy snow tires that provide a higher level of traction for Canada's harsh winter conditions. This standard is now being implemented by North America's tire manufacturers, and is being monitored by Transport Canada. The tires are marked on at least one sidewall with a pictograph of

of a mountain and snowflake.



This design indicates that tires have met specific snow traction performance requirements, and have been designed specifically for use in severe snow conditions.

### Beachy Cove Elementary Recycling Fundraiser to be Held Every Tuesday

Beachy Cove Elementary School is recycling as a fundraiser for various school activities and equipment. Their first recycling fundraiser was held October 23rd, 2007. In one morning alone, the Community donated over 14,000 recyclable units to the school, and an almost equal number on the next week. How's that for numbers..?

Anyone wishing to donate their recyclables to the school are invited to do so each Tuesday morning between 7:55 and 8:25am. Containers such as juice cartons, bottles and popcans will be accepted and recycled by Evergreen Recycling. Please remember that all bags should be tightly tied or secured.

Anyone donating a large amount of recyclables can drop them off directly at the Evergreen Recycling Depot (Elizabeth Avenue, Cowan Avenue, Blackmarsh Road) and should mention that credit should be applied to the Beachy Cove Elementary School Fund.

### Fitness Classes

Fitness classes will be starting in January on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. Keep your eyes open for further details in next months Newsletter!



**Have you paid your taxes yet?**



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## What's Going On

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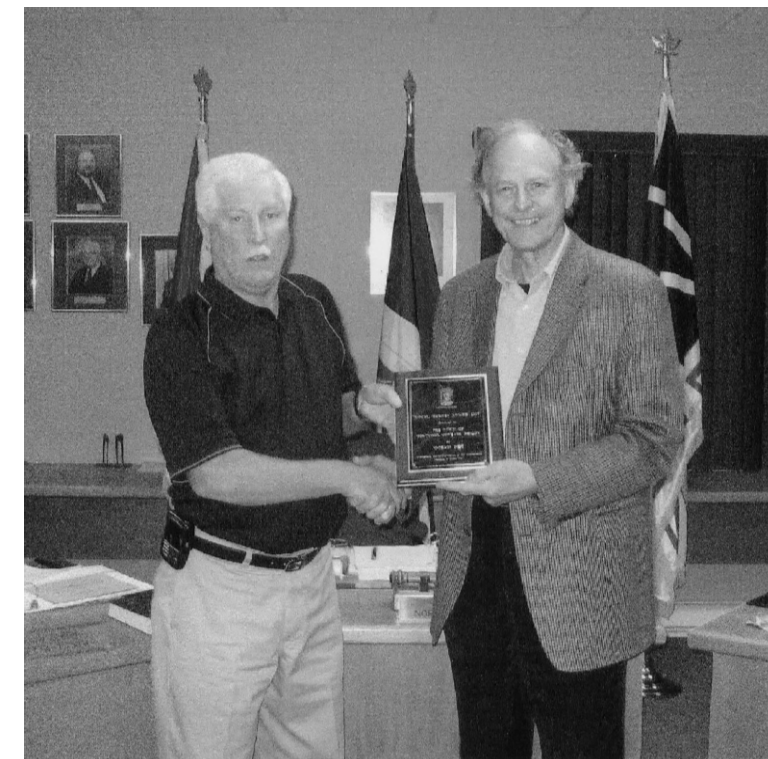
### Ocean Net Awards Town Local Heroes Award

In October 2007, and in recognition of Ocean Net's 10th anniversary year, the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's was chosen as the recipient of the "Local Heroes Award", in recognition of the support provided by the Municipality to Ocean Net's ongoing environmental activities since its inception in 1997.

Ocean Net, for those not so familiar with their mission, is a Newfoundland based Volunteer, not for profit group, whose vision was, and strongly remains, to clean up our Newfoundland shorelines. Not just the beaches that you and I see everyday, all 'tidied-up' and unspoiled (no doubt thanks to OceanNet), but more importantly, cleaning up the things we don't see. The things under our so-called pristine waters such as bikes, plastic bags, containers by the thousands, cigarette packs, snack packaging, tires and old rusted car parts and yes folks...even used appliances like fridges and stoves. Lucky for us, Founder and native Newfoundlander, Bob O'Brien remained true to his mission. Since 1997, with the help of more than 30,000 volunteers across the province, Ocean Net has completed over 1500 beach clean ups, removing more than 1 million pounds of garbage from coastline all around the Province. Their mission statement, "to educate by action" is the tactic used by OceanNet in order to fulfill their mandate 'to help reverse the polluting of the world's oceans and the utterly unacceptable destruction of marine life'.

In 2005 Ocean Net developed its "Local Heroes Award" to honor groups, communities and individuals deemed to have made an extraordinary commitment to a clean marine environment. In 2005 and 2006, the award was presented to individuals who had made and demonstrated attitudinal and lifestyle changes in relation to their interaction with the marine environment.

Last month, O'Brien presented the prestigious award to Mayor Collins at a Public Council Meeting. Collins commented, "It's great so see that efforts made by the Town, as well as surrounding communities, are actually making a difference." Mayor Collins further noted that this award was the second one for the Town this year. As noted on the front page of our June Newsletter, the Town received the provincial Environment Award - Municipal Category for its efforts in waste management.



*Ocean Net Founder, Bob O'Brien presents Mayor Norm Collins with the Local Heroes Award, right*





## Get Involved – Activities in

Portugal Cove – St. Philip's

### The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting



*The Town Christmas tree at last year's tree lighting ceremony*

### Christmas Parade - Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00p.m.

The Parade will begin at Murray's Horticultural Services. It will travel up Portugal Cove Road to Old Broad Cove Road, down Old Broad Cove Road to Bennett's Road, then across Bennett's Road and finally turning left on to Thorburn Road ending up at the Town Hall/Recreation Centre.

Volunteers will be collecting items for the food bank along the parade route. Please do your part to help someone in need this Christmas Holiday!

If you or anyone you know is interested in entering a float in the parade or if you would like to dress up or volunteer, please contact one of the following individuals:

~Darren Dawson @ 895-2442  
~Dawn Chaulk at the Recreation Department @ 895-8000

Deadline for entries is  
Friday, November 30th

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony...following the Parade

Lighting of the Christmas Tree  
Singing of Christmas Carols  
Serving of Hot Chocolate  
\*\*Family Entertainment with The Turbot Cheeks\*\*

Special visit by Santa Clause!



*Santa Claus visits with children at story time last year*



## News & Things to do

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### Christmas Decorating Contest



*Past winner of Christmas decorating contest, Beachy Cove Road*

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department would like to notify all residents of the Annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Members of your local council will travel throughout the community during the evening of Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to judge all the decorated houses. Get into the festive spirit and challenge your neighbor or family member to out do you with their Christmas lights and decorations. This contest does not require you to pre-register. However, if you do not want your house to be missed or you think we better not miss your neighbor's house, please call Dawn @ 895-8000 ext 4. Be sure to have your lights on December 20<sup>th</sup> by 4:30p.m.!

### Royal Canadian Legion Branch #10

#### Hours of Operation

Tuesday to Sunday open at 4:00pm.  
Monday: Closed

#### Bingo

Every Wednesday at 8:15pm., doors open at 7:00pm. early bird game, Lucky 7, Satellite Bingo, Jackpot, as well as the usual games and various spins.

#### Texas Hold-em Poker

Every Friday at 7:30pm.



*Past winner of the Christmas decorating contest, Parrott Drive*

### Mom or Dads and Tots Group

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's would like to invite all moms and tots to come out for a morning of games, learning, and socialization. Families are asked to bring along toys that they wish to share. There is no registration fee, just a drop in fee. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Dawn Chaulk at 895-8000 ext 4.

#### Wednesdays

10:00a.m. – 12:00a.m.

Recreation Centre

Starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Drop in Fee - \$2.00