



The Tickle Newsletter

January–February 2013

Name the Newsletter Competition!

We were lucky to receive an enormous amount of submissions for the name the newsletter competition. It was so hard to choose a name that... the entire



Mrs. Cobb's Grade 4 class at Beachy Cove Elementary have been named the winners! Their enthusiasm and number of entries were astounding and the final name was inspired from a number of their submissions.

The Tickle Newsletter is named after the body of water that borders the entire length of our town or Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. This community and our residents have been shaped by the Tickle for generations and its beauty reminds us of the bright future that lay ahead for our future generations.

A big thank you to all those who submitted entries.

District 19 Girl Guides

For some financially minded girls there was no better way to spend a weekend afternoon then selling cookies at some of the local stores in the St John's area to raise

funds for the district. Brownies and Guides participated in Cookie Days at Sears and Rona in early October. These girls not only gained knowledge of money management and customer service but had lots of fun too! Cookies are Girl Guides of Canada's main fundraiser and the sale of cookies



Guides Kaitlyn Hall and Shannon Jones with Brownie Jessica Hall at Rona (Missing from photo Holly Newhook)



Brownies Amy Manning, Jessica Hall, and Rebecca McNeil are joined by Brownie Helper/Girl Guide Kaitlyn Hall at Sears Cookie Days (Missing from photo Robyn Dwyer)

helps to provide programming, supplies, badges and of course camp! Our classic cookies will once again be on sale in the spring so watch for us at your door and please support the girl guides in Portugal Cove-St Philip's! For \$5 a box it will be the best investment you've made

this year, supporting the business leaders of tomorrow!

Joyce Churchill Awarded Medal

Queens Diamond Jubilee medals are being awarded to honor significant contributions and achievements by Canadians in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Anniversary. The Mayor and Council of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's nominated Joyce Churchill in recognition for her

work with the Autism Society and in the community. On October 15, 2012 Mrs. Churchill was awarded the medal by His Honour, the Honourable John C. Crosbie Lietenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador and Mrs. Jane Furneaux Crosbie. Joyce is certainly an inspiration for us all and her achievements go far beyond the borders of our community, as she has impacted the lives of so many Newfoundlanders and Labradorians with her passion for bringing awareness to Autism in our province.

Amazing Spirit in PCSP!

As always the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s hosted numerous events celebrating the holiday season. 2012



saw record numbers at just about every event. The Santa Claus Parade had over 30 floats and hundreds of spectators, the tree lighting ceremony had well over 100

residents join in the festivities, while the Breakfast with Santa had over 200! We appreciate the support and look forward to making these events even bigger and better in the future. Everyone in the Town should be proud of the spirit of the season that our residents displayed this year.

Lifestyle Centre Survey

A series of consultations were conducted in December to reconfirm the priorities in the Town when it comes to the Lifestyle Centre. We are at a very important part of the process now in validating what will be included in the Lifestyle Centre, as the



demographics and demands in the community have changed since we started this project. Now is the time to give your input, we need to hear from you! Take the time to fill out our survey that can be found on the website, it will take no more than five minutes and the information we get is invaluable to the success of the Lifestyle Centre.

Fire Chief for a Day

On October 12, 2012 as part of Fire Prevention Week, Maria Oldford and Liam Drover-Mattinen, both Grade 2 students, were picked for Fire Chief for the Day.



Pictured above: Maria Oldford and Liam Drover-Mattinen with Firefighter Mandy Young, Fire Chief Michael Raine and Lieutenant Mike Hynes. Missing is Fire Prevention Officer Jason Donnan.

In honor of the day there was a lunch, which was provided by Wild Horses Restaurant.

Emma Dawson Churchill Seniors Memorial Park

On Sunday, October 21st the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s was proud to open our newest public space, the Emma Dawson Churchill Seniors Memorial Park.



(from left to right): Major Wade Budgell, MHA David Brazil, Mayor Bill Fagan, Lieutenant-Colonel Wayne Pritchett

The park is located next to the waterfall near the Bell Island – PCSP ferry terminal. It has been named after Emma Dawson Churchill, who held the first ever Salvation Army service in Newfoundland and Labrador in Portugal Cove. The Salvation Army and their band were on hand to celebrate the grand opening in style. A special thanks to the Salvation Army for donating the storyboard.



2013 Budget Announced!

The Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s is pleased to announce the 2013 budget. In response to the increase in home assessments the Town has reduced the mill rate to 7 mils from 8.5 mils in 2012. A full breakdown of the budget, the tax and fee schedule and the budget speech can be found on our website.

Residents are reminded that there are multiple payment options including a six month and eight month interest free payment plan. If you pay your taxes before March 31, 2012 you will receive a 5% discount (note: if you are paying through a financial institution payment must be made by March 15, to ensure processing times).

In addition residential Property owners 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. See website for more details.

Portugal Cove – St. Philip’s Lions Club

Meetings every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.
New Members welcome!
Starts at 7:30 pm at the Holy Rosary Community Centre

OLDER ADULT FITNESS

Our bodies crave exercise - at any age! The Older Adults Fitness Program of Portugal Cove - St. Phillips was relaunched in September and takes place every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:30 - 11:30 in the Recreation Centre. Classes are instructed by Laura Murray and feature thirty minutes of cardiovascular exercise, followed by twenty minutes of strength work



using a resistance band, and ten minutes of gentle stretches performed while sitting

in a chair. Any of the movements or portions of the class can be altered for anybody of any fitness ability. Please don’t hesitate to give your body the exercise it deserves because of your age. Bernice is proof that age is no limitation here as she’s always up and moving at 81!

Laura has thoroughly enjoyed meeting the wonderful residents of Portugal Cove - St. Phillip’s and hopes that 2013 is the healthiest year for the community yet! She encourages all people of all ages to get moving any way they can and invites all residents, regardless of age, gender, or ability, to come out and give the program a try. Your body and mind will thank you.

PCSP Library Hours of Operation

There are a few changes to the Library hours of operation early in the new year. January 3rd, 8th and 10th the library will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m.

Regular hours will resume on January 15th with the first Tots & Us program on January 16th from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon and the winter storytime sessions will resume on January 16th at 2:00 p.m. Call Joanie at 895-8000 ext. 6 for full details.

January 2013

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PCSP HERITAGE COMMITTEE

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Heritage Committee welcomes Julie Pomeroy as the Town's new Heritage Programs and Services Coordinator. The Heritage Committee has a number of initiatives underway the principal one being developing a Heritage Strategic Plan to map the town's heritage agenda for the next 5 years. A public consultation on the plan is scheduled for February 18th - details to follow.

If you have an artifact to donate to the PCSP Museum and Archive or questions and comments regarding heritage, please contact Julie at:

Julie.pomeroy@pcsp.ca or 895-8000 ext. 229.

For more information, check out the Heritage Committee tab on the town's website www.pcsp.ca



Desk from the 1940's found in the old Dyke House.

How do you report a street light issue?

The Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's are very active in reporting street lights out in the community. However, if you notice a street light out you are encouraged to contact Newfoundland Power directly at 1-800-474-5711. You can also register it easily online on their website at www.newfoundlandpower.ca/outages. You can follow the link on our website.



Who is responsible for snow clearing PCSP Roads?

Our community is a very large one, with a great number of residential and public roads, the Public Works Department is very proud of their ability to maintain the roads that we are responsible for. However, it is important for residents to be aware that the Town does not have jurisdiction over all roads in our community.

Portugal Cove Road, Thorburn Road, Beachy Cove Road, Tuckers Hill Road, St. Thomas Line, Old Broad Cove Road, Indian Meal Line and Bauline Line Extension are maintained by the Provincial Government. Any issues with these roads should be directed to the provincial Department of Transportation and Works at 729-3200 or tw@gov.nl.ca. Bennett's Road is maintained by the City of St. John's with issues being directed to the City of St. John's at 754-2489 or publicworks@stjohns.ca. The Town will also alert responsible provincial or city departments to any concerns, but residents can make their concerns known directly.

Changes to Go Bag distribution in PCSP

In an attempt to reduce litter and waste in the community as of March 31, 2012 residents will no longer receive Go Bags unless they have the specially designated box provided by the distributor, or register their mailbox directly with the distributor. This will eliminate the packages being thrown directly into driveways. Residents are encouraged to contact Go Bag directly through their website www.telygram.com or 748-0888. If you prefer not to have them delivered to your house you can also pick the packages up in some of our local stores.

2012 Lions Club Report

The PCSP Lions are pleased to report another successful year of community involvement and improvement. Club President Bradley Moss highlighted several examples of their work, including the purchase of a \$5000 SmartBoard and a \$1000 inclusion swing for the new Beachy Cove Elementary playground. The Club donated to our Guide and Scout programs, assisted deserving families with medical travel costs, and collected and recycled over 500 pairs of eyeglasses for sight missions abroad with the help of BCE students. Members participated in the Christmas parade, Remembrance Day parade, and supported both our winter carnival and summer regattas. Together with the Town and the Legion, the Club co-hosted the annual PCSP senior's appreciation dinner. The Club partnered with the PCSP Fire Department on a successful Car Wash and Moose Burger sale. Lions conducted a Christmas senior's outreach, bringing gifts and visitation to more than 50 seniors from PCSP residing at home or in long term care homes on the Northeast Avalon. They hosted their 2nd annual Easter



BRICKS 4 KIDZ CLASSES IN PCSP
6 Weeks – January 16th – February 23rd
GADGETS & GIZMOS - \$75

Students love our interactive Bricks 4 Kidz models. This unit is all about the fun of doing something with what you've built. From a spinning top to a spin art model, kids will love playing with their creations! But don't worry, we sneak in lots of learning, too – understanding probability in the "3-in-a-row" game model, learning about friction and symmetry with the spinning top lesson, and describing how our body cools itself when they build a personal-size fan out of LEGO® bricks. Don't miss out!

For more information check out our website at
www.brick4kidz.com/stjohns

Bonnet contest and card game and put off a successful cold plate sale with the help of Tilt House Bakery. The Club held a Walk for Dog Guides to support its national Guide Dog program, and sponsored an Air Canada Dreams Take Flight child from our community to visit Disney World in Orlando. Lion John Colborne, a carpenter in the Club, constructed and donated a table bowling set to the Canadian Council of the Blind. Congratulations to Ms. Penney's Grade 4 class at BCE on winning our "Name the Mascot" contest with a name derived from Portugal Cove and St. Philip's: "Phillyco". Keep an eye out for Phillyco at community events! Lions meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Hall, from September to June. New members are always welcome. Contact Lion Gertie Rees at 895-6857 for details. Follow the Club on Twitter @PCSPLions.

The Church by the Sea

The Church By The Sea Inc. Heritage Group wishes to thank all those who supported and enjoyed two recent successful fundraiser functions, to help save and preserve the St. Philip's 1894 Heritage Church. The Nov. 17th moose dinner, with surprise kitchen party, was a fun "sold out" event: a special thank you to all the "kitchen party" players and singers. Thank you also to everyone who supported and joined The CBTS at the Rotary



Bob Guy, Jimmy Hanames, Wes Tucker, Carl Picco (behind, playing the ugly stick), Dean Sharpe, Gerry Tremblett: some PCSP residents who actively participated in the "kitchen party" at The CBTS Rec Centre event

Sunshine Park Dec 2nd "paintings collection" launch of the 2013 calendar: with 16 different artists and their painting images in the 15-month calendar. Please contact us for a copy.



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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 10, Portugal Cove *Legion Happenings...*



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WAR MEMORIAL

The Portugal Cove War Memorial will be repaired where it stands as a result of the meeting on Sept 17, 2012. Surveys of the property have been requested and inquiries have gone out as to where the funding can be obtained.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS DINNER

January 5th

Royal Canadian Legion

Call for details

DARTS

Darts will start up again at the Legion in the Women's and Men's League in January. We will once again attempt to start up a Mixed League on Tuesday evenings. It was discontinued due to lack of attendance in the fall. If you want a Mixed League at the Legion please join us at the Legion in January.

The Legion would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their enthusiasm and support for the Legion. The fundraising continues with many volunteers assisting the legion and we will never be able to thank everyone enough. The list of names is many... they all know who they are and they all don't like us to name them so we won't, but we do thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

2012-13 Home Heating Rebate Program

The Home Heating Rebate is available to residents of the province whose adjusted family income in 2011 was \$40,000 or less and have directly incurred costs to heat their home.

Eligible households are those who have an adjusted family income of \$40,000 or less for the 2011 taxation year. Regardless of the energy source purchased to heat the

home, eligible households will receive a maximum rebate of \$250, where adjusted family income for 2011 is less than \$35,000. A partial rebate is available to households with adjusted family income for 2011 above \$35,000 but less than \$40,000, with a minimum rebate of \$100. For more details follow the link on our website: **www.pcsp.ca**





Public Works Projects Updates



2011 ROAD UPGRADES

The tender package for the planned 2011 road upgrades have been reviewed by the Department of Municipal Affairs and we are awaiting final approvals, after some delays. These upgrades include: the Town owned portion of Thorburn Road (from Tuckers Hill to St. Philip's Marina), Hanlons Road, North Point Road, Loop Drive and Knight's Rest. These road upgrades are expected to be completed in 2013.

HARDINGS HILL ROAD AND HARDINGS HILL BRIDGE

Provincial funding has been approved for this project. We are currently working with Municipal Affairs to finalize the work plan. The project will commence in 2013.

THORBURN ROAD SANITARY SEWER

Similar to the Hardings Hill project, provincial funding has been approved. We are currently working with Municipal Affairs to finalize the work plan. The project will commence in 2013.

RAINBOW GULLY PARK

The Rainbow Gully Park complex has been completed, except the artificial turf pitch which will be installed in the spring of 2013. The complex includes a new club house, trail system, open space, children's park, skateboard park, parking area and landscaping. There will be some additional projects in 2013 including the artificial turf, lighting for the field, an upgraded road and additional parking.

VOISEY'S BROOK PARK

With the major announcements that we had in the summer regarding the acquisition of 100 acres of land and capital funding from the province, 2013 will see a huge amount of activity at the Voisey's Brook Park. The club house has already been constructed, but additional plans for 2013 include additional soccer and softball infrastructure, trails, parking, landscaping and more.

DOGBERRY HILL ROAD AND JENNY LYNN DRIVE SANITARY SEWER

Much of the work has already been completed with the rest being finished in the spring of 2013.

Important Contact Information

Emergency Services

Fire/Police Services 911

Community Services

Town Office895-8000
Recreation Centre895-3584
Bell Island Ferry Service895-3541
Eastern Health Portugal Cove Branch.....895-7051
Post Office895-3652
Royal Canadian Legion895-6521
Library895-8000 ext 226
Liaison to Community Service Groups...895-8000 ext 236

Schools

Beachy Cove Elementary.....895-2241
Leary's Brook Jr. High726-9889
Prince of Wales Collegiate.....576-4061

Churches

Holy Rosary Catholic Church.....895-6722
Memorial United Church895-6525
St. Lawrence Anglican Church.....895-2215
St. Philip's Anglican Church.....895-0715
Christian Meetings Group895-2822

We want to hear from you! Send in your pictures, community events or any information you would like to see in the newsletter. Deadline for submission for the March-April edition is February 4th at 4:00 pm. Contact Jeff Lawlor at jeff.lawlor@pcsp.ca or 895-8000 ext 222.