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JANUARY - MARCH 2024

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ENVIRONMENTAL SIGN CONTEST WINNERS

In fall 2024, the 'Design a Greener Tomorrow' poster contest was launched for students who attend Beachy Cove Elementary and Brookside Intermediate. The contest challenged students to design a poster telling our community about environmental effects of litter, climate change, and the importance of the natural environment around us. The winning submissions were selected to be made into large signs and installed around our community with the winners receiving a framed print, gift card, and a photo opportunity with the mayor when their sign is installed. We received many beautiful submissions, and we have many youth leaders looking to make their community a greener place to live!

- ★ **Roxi Lahey** ★ **Autumn Penney**
- ★ **Ella Vokey** ★ **Lela Halliday**
- ★ **Ben Vokey** ★ **Ella Morgan**

Head to PAGE 4 to see the posters! ➡

The winners will have their artwork transformed into a sign in the Spring, all in part to our Environmental Awareness Champions who are sponsoring the fabrication of these signs.

- Killick Coast Chamber of Commerce
- Murrays Garden Center
- Rock Construction
- Karen's Woodworking
- Krista Trask Real Estate

Stay tuned to our social media and website in the Spring when we unveil where the signs will be located. Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to our sponsors!

Get Ready for the 2025 Municipal General Election on October 2, 2025

Update your calendars! The General Municipal Election for Portugal Cove-St. Philip's has been rescheduled to October 2, 2025, ensuring it does not conflict with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This change, made by the Provincial Government for all communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, allows residents to participate in both important events.

This election is your chance to shape the future of our town. Whether you've been here for decades or are new to the area, your vote helps select the leaders who will guide us in areas like local services, sustainable development, and community-building.

Have a vision for our community? Consider running for office! Becoming a candidate



is a powerful way to turn ideas into action. Information sessions will be held to help you understand the role of a councillor, so stay tuned for details.

We're also looking for dedicated individuals to join the election team. Supporting the process as election staff is a great way to contribute to this important event. If interested, reach out to us at elections@pcsp.ca.

Learn more about the election process, candidate qualifications, and how you can get involved at pcsp.ca/local-government/elections.

Let's work together to shape a brighter future for Portugal Cove-St. Philip's!

LOST AND FOUND SUCCESS

Submitted by Ross Tucker



On November 9th, my grandson Aidan lost his puppy. He only had the dog 24 hours when he escaped through the patio door because he was new to us and in strange surroundings. He ran into the woods between Tolt Road and Skinners Road. When he didn't return after a few hours, we posted it on social media.

The response we got was unbelievable. I am sure everyone on Skinner's Road turned out to look for our dog. All of our neighbours on Tolt Road turned out to help. People on the road stopped and told me to feel free to walk through their backyards and look. People were on the road before daylight searching for Deery.

It would be impossible to name all the people who helped in the search for Deery, but they will not be forgotten. One family I feel deserves special recognition, Chase, his sister Brook and their parents (the Bartlett's). They searched with me through the thick woods, backyards and called whenever Deery was spotted. Chase made a flyer describing Deery with a reward to the one who found him, bragging rights. These are two fine kids, they will go far in life – their parents should be very proud of them. You guys deserve the "bragging rights".

Derry returned home on November 13th, no worse for the wear after spending five days lost. Aidan is once again a very happy 7-year-old boy with his dog!



PCSP LIONS CLUB: Spreading Kindness Locally and Globally

The Portugal Cove-St. Philip's (PCSP) Lions Club has been making waves both at home and around the world with a series of community-focused initiatives and international outreach efforts.

This fall, the Lions brought joy to local families through their participation in the Halloween Trunk or Treat and the Christmas Tree Lighting, where they handed out treats and spread festive cheer. The club also embraced the giving spirit through a clothing drive for VOCM Coats for Kids and the Association for New Canadians via the Tree of Warm Wishes, ensuring that children and newcomers to the community have warm clothing for the winter season.

Partnerships with the town, schools, local sports teams, Scouting and Guiding groups are a cornerstone of the Lions' community efforts. Together, they have been working on Christmas hamper drives to ensure families in need experience the magic of the holiday season.

The Lions' reach extends far beyond PCSP, with members actively participating in global service projects. Recently, Lion Rachel Moss represented Canada as the Youth Cultural Exchange Ambassador at the Africa Lions Forum, while Lion Brad Moss joined Team Broken Earth in Guatemala to provide free eye tests and glasses to individuals who otherwise could not afford them.



Closer to home, the Lions' popular Goods Bingo has quickly become a community favorite. Mark your calendars for our upcoming BIG Bingo fundraiser on February 4th which will support a local youth in need of a vehicle lift, showcasing the club's dedication to meeting unique community needs.

The PCSP Lions Club continues to lead with compassion and dedication, proving that no act of kindness is too small to make a big difference.

To learn more or get involved, visit their social media pages or attend an upcoming event!





Portugal Cove
St. Philip's

BUDGET



2025

As the budget process concludes for another year for the Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, we want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to you, our residents. Your engagement throughout the budget process—sharing your ideas, attending public meetings, and completing surveys—has been invaluable. Your thoughtful contributions and dedication to our town's future demonstrate the passion and commitment that make our community so special. By working together, we continue to shape a brighter, more vibrant Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Thank you for caring about the place we all call home and for striving to make it even better for everyone who lives, works, and grows here. Your voice is at the heart of our decision-making, and we are proud to move forward with a budget that reflects your input and priorities. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected community.

You can view the 2025 budget package on our website, pcsp.ca/local-government/budget-tax-structure

SPREADING Christmas Cheer

December was one of the most rewarding months of the year in our community, as we came together to share the joy and generosity of the holiday season. One of the most impactful efforts was the creation of Christmas hampers, ensuring that families in need experienced the warmth and love of this special time of year.

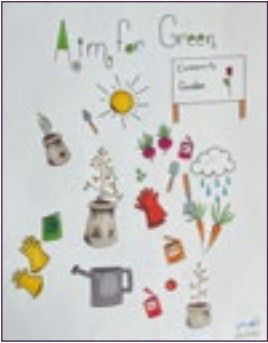
In partnership with the PCSP Lions Club, local groups, schools, and generous businesses throughout Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, we successfully assembled over 30 hampers. These hampers provided essential items, treats, and holiday cheer to families across our community.

In addition to this, we worked with students from Beachy Cove Elementary, Brookside Intermediate, and children throughout the community to create one-of-a-kind holiday greeting cards. These heartfelt creations were shared with seniors in our community, spreading smiles and reminding them they are cherished during the holiday season.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed—whether through donations, time, or creativity. Your kindness made these initiatives possible and ensured that the spirit of the season was in every corner of our town. Thank you to the Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Lions Club for partnering with us on the Christmas Cheer project throughout the month of December, and making our community brighter.



ENVIRONMENTAL SIGN CONTEST WINNERS



Ella Vokey



Ella Morgan



Roxi Lahey



Autumn Penney



Lela Halliday



Ben Vokey

WINTER REMINDERS

Did you know?

As winter settles in, it's important to ensure your garbage and recycling can be safely collected despite snow and ice.

Here are a few tips to help:

- **Keep Your Garbage Box Accessible:** Clear away snow and ice from around your garbage box to allow easy access for collection crews.
- **Mark Your Garbage Box Clearly:** Use reflective markers or flags to make your garbage box visible in snowy conditions, especially during low-light winter mornings.
- **Place Items Curbside Safely:** If you don't have a garbage box, place bags and bins securely curbside on collection day, avoiding spots where they might be buried by snow plows.

By keeping your garbage and recycling areas safe and accessible, you're helping our crews complete their work efficiently while keeping our community clean.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION THIS WINTER!

Did you know?

PCSP offers fantastic trails for you and your pets to enjoy during the winter months!

Let's keep our trails clean and enjoyable for everyone by picking up after our pets and using the waste bins provided along the way.

Experience winter evenings at Voisey's Brook Park, where groomed and lighted trails provide the perfect setting for a stroll. If you spot our crews working on trail grooming, don't forget to wave hello!

Winter Parking Ban

With winter weather on the way, we would like to remind residents and motoring traffic of the winter parking ban. During the period from **November 1st to April 30th**, both days inclusive, no person shall park, leave, or abandon any vehicle or any portion of any vehicle upon any Street Reservation within the Town **between the hours of 12:00 midnight to and including 8:00am; and at any time when there is a snowfall and for 12 HOURS after the snowfall has ceased.** Vehicles left on the roadway may be subject to a ticket or be impounded at the owner's expense.



Waste Collection Schedule 2025

The 2025 waste collection schedule is now available! Residents can download it directly from our website at pcsp.ca, and printed schedules will be delivered to mailboxes in early 2025.

For immediate access, visit our website today: pcsp.ca/services/garbage-recycling-services

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the ongoing Canada Post strike, mail delivery has currently paused and the schedule will be mailed to all households when Canada Post services resume.



WINTER 2025

FITNESS & PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

Yoga (MONDAY)

JANUARY 27 - APRIL 14

(11 Classes, no class March 3)

Cost: \$130.00 / Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Adult Fitness (TUESDAY / THURSDAY)

JANUARY 21 - APRIL 17

(24 Classes)

Cost: \$60.00 / Time: 9:30am - 10:30am

Seniors' Sit and Fit (TUESDAY / THURSDAY)

JANUARY 21 - APRIL 10

(20 Classes)

Cost: \$50.00 / Time: 11:00am - 12:00pm

Yoga (WEDNESDAY)

JANUARY 29 - APRIL 16

(11 Classes)

Cost: \$130.00 / Time: 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Zumba (WEDNESDAY)

JANUARY 22 - APRIL 16

(12 Classes)

Cost: \$115.00 / Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Kickboxing (THURSDAY)

JANUARY 23 - APRIL 10

(10 Classes, no class March 6 and 13)

Cost: \$94.00 / Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Pound Fitness (SUNDAY)

JANUARY 19 - 13

(12 Classes, no class March 2 and 9)

Cost: \$115.00 / Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Women's Institute (MONDAY)

JANUARY 19 - MID-JUNE

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Lions Club Group (TUESDAY)

JANUARY 14 - MID-JUNE

(Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month)

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Contact Suzette Moss: suzettemoss@yahoo.com

Playgroup (WEDNESDAY)

JANUARY 22 - APRIL 16

(12 Sessions, March 5 will be an outdoor session)

Cost: \$30.00 / Time: 10:00am - 11:30am

Darts Group (THURSDAY)

JANUARY 15 - MAY

Time: 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Friends of Music (SUNDAY)

JANUARY 19 - MID-JUNE

Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Registration will open Monday, January 6th via eServices for PCSP residents at 9:00am. If space is available, registration will open on Wednesday, January 8th at 9:00am via eServices for non-residents.

LIBRARY HOURS WINTER 2025

JANUARY 7th - APRIL 17th

Tuesdays 11:30am - 2:30pm / 3:30pm - 7:00pm

Wednesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm / 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Thursdays 1:00pm - 4:30pm

PLEASE NOTE

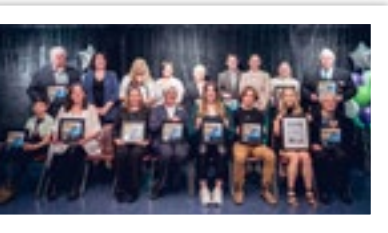
The hours above reflect times when the library is open for public use.

The library is also open at select times for programs and events by registration only.



BEST OF PCSP: Call for Nominations

It's that time of year again, so we're putting the call out!
Nominations are now open for the 2025 Best of PCSP Awards!



Nominate someone you know or a business/group in the categories of Lifetime Achievement Award, Artist of the Year Award, Youth of the Year Award, Business of the Year Award, and many more! Nominations are due by March 14th, with more information available on our website in February 2025.

PCSP Winter Carnival

SAVE THE DATE!
Our Winter Carnival returns from
March 1st to March 8th, 2025.

JOIN OUR TEAM: 2025 Easter and Summer Job Opportunities for Youth

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's is currently seeking applications from young people (ages 16-29) to fill the following positions for the 2025 Easter and Summer season:

- **Summer Programs Coordinator (Applications due March 14th, 2025)**
- **Easter and Summer Program Counsellors (Applications due March 14th, 2025)**

The position summary and details on how to apply will be available on our website and social media in February 2025.



Easter Camp Registration

The Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's is excited to once again welcome participants to our Easter Camp! The goal of this program is to offer participants socialization, be active, have fun, and safe days with their peers. We ask for everyone's co-operation in following the procedures in place for the program to run successfully and within a safe manner. **The complete details of the camp will be available on our website in February 2025.**

Registration will take place on Monday March 10th, 2025, at 9:00am for residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's only. If space permits, a non-resident registration date will be announced. Registration will be completed via eServices, and open to Portugal Cove – St. Philip's residents only. Please make sure your eServices account is up to date, and subaccounts created for all participants prior to Friday, March 7th, 2025.

CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT (IF YOU HAVE NOT USED ESERVICES BEFORE)

A Sign-Up Key is 8 characters (could be numbers or letters) and can be found:

- In a box at the bottom of your tax bill
- Or by contacting our office at 709-895-8000 or pcsp@pcsp.ca

The 2025 Easter Camp will run from Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th, 2025.

The hours of camp are 8:00am to 5:00pm. Drop off will run from 8:00am to 9:00am, and pick up from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

The cost of Easter Camp registration is \$150.00 per child.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hop into spring with us on Saturday, April 5th, 2025 (alternate weather date: Sunday, April 6th) for a day of fun, laughter, and egg-citement! This beloved family event is perfect for kids of all ages, featuring egg hunts, prizes, and festive surprises to celebrate the season.

Registration opens on Friday, March 14th, 2025, at 9:00am via eServices and is exclusive to PCSP residents. Spaces fill quickly, so mark your calendars! Stay tuned—full event details will be announced in March 2025. Follow our social media and visit our website to be the first to know when the egg-cellent updates are released!



Approved By
Santa Claus



Portugal Cove
St. Phillip's



THANK YOU

To everyone who helped make the Town's Holiday events a success this year! Thank you to our volunteers, community groups, staff and residents for bringing holiday magic - we couldn't have done it without you!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year



Introducing the **TOWNS AND LOCAL SERVICE DISTRICTS ACT**



Residents of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's will benefit from significant changes to municipal governance with the introduction of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act (TLSDA), which comes into effect on January 1, 2025. This modern and enabling legislation replaces the Municipalities Act, 1999 and is designed to help towns and local service districts better meet the needs and expectations of their communities.

The TLSDA provides municipalities with increased autonomy and flexibility, empowering towns to address local issues and opportunities more effectively. By reducing the need for ministerial oversight and cutting red tape, the Act ensures that decision-making processes are streamlined, allowing towns to focus on what matters most—building strong, sustainable communities.

A key feature of the TLSDA is its emphasis on transparency and accountability. All council meetings, including committee meetings, will now be open to the public, except in cases where legitimate reasons require a closed session. This change fosters greater public oversight, encouraging residents to engage with and understand the decisions that shape their community.

The Act modernizes language, using gender-neutral terminology, and eliminates outdated requirements, such as mandatory newspaper advertising for public notices. Instead, towns can now use modern technology to communicate effectively with residents, ensuring timely access to important information.

Ultimately, the TLSDA supports the creation of safer, more sustainable, and economically vibrant communities. By prioritizing good governance, transparency, and innovation, it ensures that municipalities like ours can meet the evolving needs of residents today and in the future.

For more information or to view the schedule of council and committee meetings, visit our website at pcsp.ca or the iCompass portal at pcsp.civicweb.net

Portugal Cove
St. Phillip's

Get Alerted!

Receive texts, calls or emails about important community news, service interruptions, emergencies, and more!

Sign up for PCSP Connects

PCSP.CA

PCSP Connects

- Closures
- Emergencies
- Special Events
- Library Updates
- Service Interruptions
- Waste Collection Updates
- Town Public Meetings
- Recreation and Programs
- And, More!

To stop receiving notifications, or to make changes email pcsp@pcsp.ca

Get Alerts as they Happen with PCSP Connects!

Did you know that the Town of PCSP has a resident alert system, PCSP Connects? **When you sign up, you can create custom alerts and be notified about changes in waste collection, service interruptions, emergency information, events happening in the community, and more!** Sign up via our website, pcsp.ca and look for 'PCSP Connects' on the top right of the purple banner – follow the prompts, and choose to receive alerts via text message, email or through landline phone calls. Choosing to receive landline calls? The number will appear with an Alberta area code with an automated voice relaying the message – don't worry, it's us! If you wish to unsubscribe, listen to the full message and at the end you will be given prompts to unsubscribe.

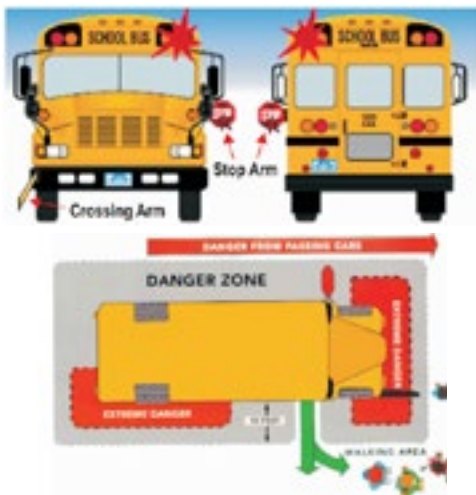
Questions? Reach out to us at pcsp@pcsp.ca



HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE WITH SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

As winter weather conditions are upon us once again, all drivers are reminded to use extra caution when behind the wheel. Here are some tips to help keep everyone safe:

1. Drivers are required to stop when any school bus has its **red stop signs** flashing and wait until the stop sign has closed.
2. Parents and passengers, please wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and for its stop sign to be flashing before moving to board the bus.
3. When **yellow lights** are flashing prepare to stop.
4. A "School Zone" means the portion or length of highway between the two posted signs indicating a school zone, in PCSP the posted speed limit in School Zones are 30 km/hr.
5. Drivers travelling in both directions in all traffic lanes (this means single, double, triple lanes on either side) must come to a complete stop when the school bus has its red lights flashing and stop sign out.



DID YOU KNOW? You can be fined between \$500 - \$1,200 for illegally passing a school bus and speeding in a school zone can lead to vehicle impoundment and fines from \$400 - \$1,800 and up to six demerit points (Source: gov.nl.ca)

DID YOU KNOW? There are over 1000 students who attend daily classes in PCSP and use the school bus to get to their classes safely.

DID YOU KNOW? Every school bus has danger zones! The danger zone is the 10 foot area around the bus in every direction. The most dangerous areas of the bus are the front of the bus and the right rear tire area.

DID YOU KNOW? You can report unsafe driving around school busses with the RNC's online reporting tool.



Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



Fact
Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



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WINTER 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

1	WED	Happy New Year! Town Offices Closed
2	THU	Town Offices re-opens
6	MON	Registration opens for Winter Fitness and Programs, Loose Threads Sewing group
7	TUE	PCSP Library Open, Family History Club
8	WED	PCSP Library Open
9	THU	PCSP Library Open
13	MON	Pickleball, Loose Threads Sewing group
14	TUE	Sparks, PCSP Library Open
15	WED	Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
16	THU	Storytime, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
19	SUN	Pound Fitness
20	MON	Pickleball, Yoga, Loose Threads Sewing group
21	TUE	Adult Fitness, Sit and Fit, Sparks, PCSP Library Open, Family History Club
22	WED	Pickleball, Yoga, Zumba, Playgroup, PCSP Library Open
23	THU	Adult Fitness, Sit and Fit, Storytime, Kickboxing, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
25	SAT	Potluck and Games Memorial United Church
26	SUN	Pound Fitness, Friends in Music
27	MON	Family Literacy Day, Pickleball, Yoga, Women's Institute, Loose Threads Sewing group Memorial United Church, Pickleball
28	TUE	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Sparks, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
29	WED	Pickleball, Yoga, Zumba, Playgroup, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
30	THU	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Storytime, Kickboxing, PCSP Library Open

FEBRUARY

2	SUN	Happy Groundhog Day! Pound Fitness, Friends in Music
3	MON	Yoga, Women's Institute, Loose Threads Sewing group Memorial United Church, Pickleball
4	TUE	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Sparks, PCSP Library Open, Family History Club
5	WED	Yoga, Zumba, Playgroup, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
6	THU	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Storytime, Kickboxing, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
8	SAT	Cakewalk and Tea Memorial United Church
9	SUN	Pound Fitness, Friends in Music
10	MON	Yoga, Women's Institute, Loose Threads Sewing group Memorial United Church, Pickleball
11	TUE	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Sparks, PCSP Library Open
12	WED	Yoga, Zumba, Playgroup, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
13	THU	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Storytime, Kickboxing, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
14	FRI	Happy Valentine's Day!
16	SUN	Pound Fitness, Friends in Music
17	MON	Yoga, Women's Institute, Loose Threads Sewing group Memorial United Church, Pickleball

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27	THU	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Storytime, Kickboxing, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open

MARCH

1	SAT	PCSP Winter Carnival Begins
3	MON	Loose Threads Sewing group Memorial United Church, Pickleball
4	TUE	Pancake Supper Memorial United Church, PCSP Library Open, Family History Club
5	WED	PCSP Library Open
6	THU	Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
8	SAT	PCSP Winter Carnival Ends
9	SUN	Time to Spring Forward! Clocks go ahead one hour
10	MON	Easter Camp Registration Opens, Loose Threads Sewing group Memorial United Church, Pickleball
11	TUE	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, PCSP Library Open
12	WED	Playgroup, Yoga, Zumba, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
13	THU	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Storytime, No Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
14	FRI	Seniors St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Deadline to submit for Youth Positions and Best of PCSP Nominations
16	SUN	Pound Fitness, Friends in Music
17	MON	Happy St. Patrick's Day! Town Offices Closed, Yoga, Women's Institute, Loose Threads Sewing group
18	TUE	Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, PCSP Library Open, Family History Club
19	WED	Playgroup, Yoga, Zumba, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
20	THU	First Day of Spring, Adult Fitness, Seniors Sit and Fit, Storytime, Kickboxing, Pickleball, PCSP Library Open
22	SAT	Potluck and Games Memorial United Church
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MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

Memorial United Church would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! In the new year we have numerous activities planned.

Our **LOOSE THREADS SEWING GROUP** meets on Mondays from 1 - 3pm. While the name implies sewing people bring their knitting, embroidery, quilts etc. to work on. The group is open to all levels of expertise and the cost is pay what you can donation.

POTLUCK AND GAMES takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6pm. Bring along a shareable dish for the supper and stay for a variety of board games. This is a great family evening.

Saturday, February 8th at 2pm. we invite you to take part in the **CAKEWALK AND TEA**. Don't know what a cakewalk is? Come and find out. Admission is \$1 with tickets for each cakewalk \$2.

Join us for the ever-popular **PANCAKE SUPPER** on March 4th at 5:30. Adults \$10, children (under 12) \$5.

We hold our WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICE on Sundays at 11am. We aim for a relaxed, joyful atmosphere where we endeavour to make a safe place for all people to worship regardless of racial or cultural background, creed, age, ability, nationality, economic status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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Phone: (709) 895-6525

Email: BIPCunitedchurch@gmail.com

Facebook: Memorial United Church Portugal Cove



FRIENDS IN MUSIC

PCSP LIONS CLUB 'FRIENDS IN MUSIC' PROGRAM: Do you love music? Would you like to get out of the house and meet other music lovers? Why not join this free community program, as hundreds of other amateur musicians have done over the past few years. Bring your guitar, ukulele or other instrument – we meet most Sundays at the PCSP Rec Centre at 5:00. Play and sing along with lead performers or just sit back and enjoy the music.

For more information, contact debbie.a.churchill@gmail.com.

Join the Friends in Music FB page to see our videos and to receive notifications and schedules:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3184846355128213>

Women's Institute

The Women's Institute is inviting new members to join in 2025! The group will be starting up again on January 13th and anyone interested in joining can call **Dawn Cheeseman for information at 709-685-4851.**

Interested in the Environment? ACE IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Are you passionate about protecting and preserving our natural environment? Do you have ideas to promote sustainability in our community? The Advisory Committee on Environment (ACE) is looking for enthusiastic residents to join the team!

Please contact Michael Murray for more information or to express your interest in becoming a member, mmurray@murraysgardens.com



Let's make Fridays a highlight of your week!

Looking for a fun and friendly way to spend your Friday afternoons? The Rainbow 50+ Club meets every Friday from 2:00 – 4:00pm at the PCSP Recreation Centre, and we'd love for you to join us!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Weekly card games and great conversations.

Monthly Socials featuring a delicious catered lunch.

Non-members are welcome to join these events for a small fee!

New members are always encouraged to sign up—everyone is welcome! For more information or to sign up, **please contact Gary King at 709-691-3902.**

MAYOR'S *message*



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new year is always filled with promise and excitement, and 2025 is no exception. It's a time to reflect on where we've been, set new goals, and embrace the opportunities ahead. For our community, it's a fresh chapter to continue building on our shared successes and envisioning an even brighter future for Portugal Cove-St. Philip's.

This past November, we passed the 2025 budget that will see the installation of sidewalks, a new community space on Hardings Hill, an increased budget for the septic tank rebate program, Broad Cove River trail development and many other initiatives and projects that contribute to the well-being of our community. Thank you to those who engaged with us throughout the budget process, we received a high level of engagement from residents – we hope to continue this trend, and we believe that working and growing together as a community is a strength.

Speaking of community strengths, during the holiday season the generosity we witnessed was incredibly touching. Thanks to crucial community partnerships, we were able to fill hampers for families

throughout the community with support from PCSP groups and businesses. As well, students with Beachy Cove Elementary and Brookside Intermediate spread holiday cheer to seniors in the community with handmade greeting cards that brought smiles all around.

Our Recreation and Community Services department have exciting events all throughout the winter months. Our Winter Carnival is back for another year, and I encourage you all to see the beauty in winter and attend the events. We'll also be hosting our Seniors St. Patrick Day celebrations, and have many programs and classes to attend to chase away those winter blues.

As always, our strength lies in the passion and involvement of our residents. Your voices, ideas, and efforts are what make PCSP so special, and I look forward to working with you to make 2025 a year to remember.

Carol

ANNUAL TAX TIME

Tax invoices are available the first week of January 2025.

If Canada's postal services have resumed, the invoices will be mailed during the first week of January. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact ar@pcsp.ca.

- Property owner(s) are responsible for ensuring the Town has their current mailing address on file.
- Property owner(s) are responsible for understanding their tax and interest obligations regardless of any error in the issuance of notification from the Town.
- Payment deadline is March 31, 2025.
- Taxes not paid in full by the due date, are subject to a one percent (1%) compounded interest rate which will be applied on the first day of every month.
- Accounts with a balance forward in January for the prior years' taxes, may be subject to collection measures, recovery and legal action.
- Accounts currently on a pre-authorized payment plan will automatically be re-calculated based on your current balance.

Please visit the Town's website for the Town's Tax Collection Policy.



Share Your Story with Us!

Send us your photos, community events, good news stories, and any information you would like to share with the PCSP community. The deadline for the next edition of the Tickle Newsletter is **4:30pm Monday, March 10th 2025**.

► **Contact Laura at laura.barnes@pcsp.ca or phone 709-895-8000 ext. 268.**