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The Town's New Website address is short and simple...

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Please use this URL in the future, as the old URL of www.portugalcove-stphilips.com is no longer active.

Portugal Cove – St. Philip's Welcomes New Town Manager



Rodney Cumby is the new Town Manager for the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's. Rodney is a graduate of Memorial University's Commerce program and has nine years experience in municipal Management. Most recently as Chief

Administrative Officer for the Town of Torbay. Rodney serves on several provincial boards and committees related to Municipal Management and Administration.

"I am looking forward to working with residents, Council and Staff to enhance the quality of life for residents of the Town of Portugal Cove – St. Philip's", says Mr. Cumby. Rodney is married and has two sons, ages 12 and 3.

Mr. Cumby can be reached at 895-8000 or by email at Rodney.cumby@pcsp.ca

Local Resident Gains View of South Africa from a Veterinary Perspective



In 1997 a pair of students at the Ontario Veterinary College took it upon themselves to promote international veterinary medicine, and organized the first of the projects that would become known as Global Vets. Since then Global Vets has become a yearly tradition at the college wherein second year students are given the chance to submit an application to travel to a developing country. These applications are reviewed by a committee of advisors and the chosen teams then work together to find funding for the projects through fundraising and sponsorship. All the planning for the projects, as well as the work for funding, is done by the students and the program is considered entirely student run. Through this opportunity students get to explore veterinary medicine in a culture very different from their own, build relations within the worldwide veterinary community, and make contributions to the organizations they visit. Upon their return, students share their experiences with the college and veterinary community. I was lucky enough to be chosen for this amazing adventure as part of a team of three that would travel to South Africa. Why South Africa? South Africa is heavily involved in its wildlife's management, providing the opportunity to explore species we had never encountered, while still having English as one of its main languages.

*What can I say about our two months in South Africa? Incredible... Eye opening... Stunning... Experience of a lifetime? That might start to cover it. Our first stop was the Cape Town SPCA, and here we came face to face with the realities of animal overpopulation and cruelty on a severely limited budget. It seems that having **less**, forces you to do more with what you have - and the employees of this SPCA appear to have done just that and more. Unlike most Canadian SPCAs, this organization not only houses, but also treat and operate on its patients as well – in the order of 40 to 50 sterilizations a morning, plus other special surgeries. They also house much more than cats and dogs – horses, chickens, reptiles, and birds were among the guests.*

Next we spent a week with a clinic known as Mdzananda, located within Khayelitsha, one of the townships of Cape Town where black South Africans were relocated during apartheid. If we thought the SPCA had limited resources, this was an entirely new level – operating out of two cargo containers with almost entirely donated supplies, having received water and electricity only six months ago, and having a vet only two or three mornings a week. It is truly amazing what this clinic does for its community. The employees spend their days helping, as best they can, anyone who can bring their pet to the door. They even help those that cannot by travelling into the communities on mobile clinics to provide flea baths, dewormers, and vaccinations. It was here that we got the most practice using our diagnosing and surgery skills – and each got to perform our first dog neuter! From Khayelitsha we headed out to Durban to volunteer with CROW, Centre for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife. Here we had our first encounter with many species we'd never seen, let alone worked with – from baboons and vervet monkeys to mongooses and duikers. We learned a great deal about how to feed and care for these animals in order to help them re-enter the wild as well as all of the work that entails.

To continue our exposure to new species we then spent a week in the Johannesburg Zoo – yes, IN the zoo, since our accommodations were within the zoo grounds and we often spent our nights wandering through the exhibits. Our most touching experience here was the time we spent caring for a newborn sable foal who had been abandoned by its mother. Through 4am feedings and creative physiotherapy we did our best to give this baby a chance at life. Our next experience took us from entirely confined wildlife to wildlife that had rarely seen humans, let

alone been touched by them. South Africa National Parks, SANParks, is responsible for managing and caring for the wildlife within its parks. During our time there our efforts consisted of capturing a number of animals to be relocated and sold in auctions – a project with the joint goal of keeping the populations under control and obtaining funding for the organization. Capturing animals with one's bare hands, once they have been herded into a netted area, is definitely an unforgettable experience.

We finished our trip off by learning about how research can be done on one of the ultimate predators – the great white shark. All of our experiences were incredible and we were lucky enough to meet amazing people at every organization with which we worked. We cannot express how grateful we are for this opportunity, or how much we all hope to return to Africa someday.

Report written by:
Kim Andrews with Naomi Dicks and Kristen Brown

Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's Update on Subdivision Development Activity

Total number of Projects to August 2006

subdivision				status	
Type	No.	lots	%	Permit Issued	Conditional approval
SERVICED	11	456	74	4	7
ON-SITE SERVICED (WELL AND SEPTIC)	7	117	19	2	5
SEMI-SERVICED (WATER ONLY)	3	41	7	1	2
TOTAL SUBDIVISIONS	21	614	100	7	14

Note: Since January 2006, a total of 7 new residential subdivisions have been granted conditional approval, which brings the total number of subdivision lots up to 614

Coyote Sightings in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Area

Recently the Town has received calls from residents that there have been sightings of coyotes in the PC-SP area. Please be advised that if you should encounter such incidents in your area, you should direct your inquiries and information to the Dept. of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Paddy's Pond Office at 729-4180. They can arrange for the appropriate actions in response to specific concerns you may have.

have been part of history of Ocean Net and whose efforts on behalf of the marine environment have led us to this day!" For more information call Ocean Net at (709) 753-3680



Guiding Registration

Girls need Guides For Fun, Friendship And Adventure!

Guides, Sparks, Brownies, Pathfinders, Senior Branches and Guiders too!

Missed Registration? it's never too late to join, call 1-800-565-811 for information on units in your community.



GOLDEN TIGER MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

www.gtmartialarts.net

Saturday Mornings

PC-SP

Town Hall

Registration \$30.00 p/m

895-0476



AIKI-JUJITSU

Aiki-Jujitsu is an ancient self-defense martial art that is suitable for all age and fitness levels. This is a fun and practical system.

Clean Up Of St. Philip's Beach Kicked Off A Province Wide Weekend Environmental Celebration

"Ocean Net Day was proclaimed by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as the third Friday in September in the province in celebration of the 'legacy of proactive, positive environmental "Education by Action" initiated by Ocean Net with its founding in 1997, and continued throughout the province in the past seven years through the efforts of its Board, its network of volunteers, and the people of the province' says Robert O'Brien, Founder/Chair of Ocean Net. "That volunteer network has helped Ocean Net achieve a real milestone – its 1000th beach, shoreline and underwater cleanup since it's founding in 1997. We salute our government, corporate and municipal partners, and the many thousands of dedicated volunteers in communities throughout the province who

KENPO KARATE

A sport martial art system, similar to kickboxing, which uses a belt system and katas.

This is a competitive self-discipline system.



PITBULL JUJITSU

A mixed martial art system that is based on high impact workouts; high endurance levels and requires a prior MA background.

**Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's
would like to invite everyone to
their Halloween Party:**

When: Saturday, October 28th, 2006

**Where: Recreation Centre
(1119 Thorburn Road)**

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**BEST COSTUME CONTEST
GAMES
REFRESHMENT
TRICKS & TREATS**



**Halloween
Safety**

Did You Know?

Halloween is a great time for children. However, all the excitement can cause them to forget safety rules, particularly when trick or treating. The tips below will help you to keep your kids safe during this fun time.

All about costumes:

Make sure that drivers can see your child. Use costumes with bright fabrics and decorate costumes with reflective tape. Give each child a flashlight to carry.

To prevent falling, your child's costume and shoes should fit properly. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.

If you are making a costume, use materials that are fire resistant. If you are buying a costume, make sure it is labeled "flame resistant". This means that the costume could catch fire, but it will burn more slowly than other materials. Avoid costumes with loose sleeves, pants, and skirts. All costume accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft, flexible material and should not have any sharp edges. Your child should wear face paint or make-up instead of a mask. Make-up and face paint are better than masks because they don't block your child's ability to see. If your child is wearing a hat, wig, or scarf, tie it securely so that it won't slip over your child's eyes.



**Tips for safe trick or
treating:**

Children under nine years of age should be supervised by an adult when trick treating.

or
Children over nine years of age should trick or treat with an adult or in a group with older, responsible children. If your child is trick or treating without an adult, make sure he or she knows how to cross the road safely. Children should cross only at corners or pedestrian

crosswalks. Children should walk, not run, from house to house and stay on the sidewalk or at the side of the road facing traffic. Children should stay in well lit areas and should only visit homes that have their outside lights turned on. Children should not go inside homes.

Tell your children to bring their treats home before eating them. Before your children eat their candy, make sure you inspect it. Throw out any treats that are not wrapped, those in torn or open packages, or any that have small holes in the wrappers. Remember that small hard candies are a choking hazard for children under three years old.

When decorating your home:

Small children should never carve pumpkins. Instead, let your child draw a face on the pumpkin.

Make your home safe for trick or treaters. Remove all objects around the outside of your house that could cause children to trip or fall. Turn your outside light on.

Avoid using candles to decorate pumpkins. Small inexpensive flashlights can be used to light pumpkins safely. Keep lit candles out of children's reach and away from curtains and other objects that could catch fire.

If you're driving on Halloween:

Be extra careful when driving. Children are excited and may forget safety rules. When driving in areas with children, slow down and watch for them. Enter and exit driveways and alleyways slowly and pay extra attention.

