



# What's on this month in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

## Youth Activities

### Easter Party

The Recreation Department would like to invite all youth and their families to the Annual Family Easter Party. There will be crafts, games, fun, and refreshments.

Come out and enjoy the fun at the Recreation Centre Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Dawn @ 895-8000 ext 4.

## Adult Activities

### Slo-pitch softball

Spring is just around the corner. Do you enjoy slo-pitch softball? Want to meet new people and get outdoors?

We will be holding meeting and registration in the coming months.

Please contact:  
Gerry Hall @ 689-9236  
pcspmixedsoftball@nl.rogers.com  
Or: Dawn at the Town office @ 895-8000 extension 4

## Note to cats and dogs

**Dogs:** Please ensure your owner brings a bag along on your walks to help keep our town clean. Also, there's been reports of some of you loitering around the Windsor Heights area without your owners. Those guys in the red truck are nice, but remember the accommodation they have is not as much fun as your own bed.

**Cats:** Although it's great to be out on your own, your owner should remember to consider their neighbours' gardens when allowing you to roam.

**Dogs and Cats:** The latest in fashion accessories is free at the town office! These neat tags help you get reunited with your owner quickly should they wander away from you when you are checking your p-mail. Get yours today!

## More Youth Activities

### PCSP Minor Soccer

Registration for the 2007 Summer Program is now available online at our website. Parents can click on the "2007 Summer Registration (Returning Players Only)" if your child/children was registered last year with us. New players can click on "2007 Summer Registration (New Players Only)". These can be found on the left hand side menu.

[www.leaguelineup.com/pcspminorsoccer](http://www.leaguelineup.com/pcspminorsoccer)

An official registration day will be held in early May which, at that time, the registration fee can be paid. For those registering online we will call/email you and notify you of the official registration date. We will have the player information on hand so there is no need for any paperwork. You simply come in and pay the registration fee.

### Metro League/Youth All-Star Soccer

This is the second year for the metro league and will be the first year that it is being offered to the youth of Portugal Cove-St. Philip's. Competitive teams from St. John's, CBS, Goulds, Torbay, Bay Bulls, Mt. Pearl and Paradise competed last year in this league. We hope we will have teams from Portugal Cove-St. Philip's involved this year.

Eligible age groups are:

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Boys under 10 | Girls under 10 |
| Boys under 12 | Girls under 12 |
| Boys under 14 | Girls under 14 |
| Boys under 16 | Girls under 16 |

If any player in the above age groups is interested playing in the metro league you can visit our website or contact us. Tryouts would be held once we determined that there was enough interest and could possibly be held during the next couple of months.

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# What's Going On in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's

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## Town takes over maintenance of nine provincial roads within the town.

After lengthy negotiation with the Department of Works and Services, Mayor Norm Collins is pleased to announce the Town will be taking over maintenance of nine roads within the town. This includes snow clearing services, something the town is better able to provide. Part of the settlement is a payment from the department to cover the maintenance costs for a ten year period. In addition, the department has committed to upgrading the roads to town standards over the next three years. New pavement is part of that upgrading, and the town will be consulted for a schedule of the work.

Councillor Jon Seary, Chair of Public Works, is pleased with the successful outcome. "This is a good deal for our town, as it recognizes the Town can provide these services more effectively than what is done now, while allowing an arrangement to cover the cost. This work will be done by Town employees, who are residents themselves."

The roads covered in this agreement are:

- Olympic Drive
- Princeton Place
- Olivers Pond Road
- Olivers Pond Place
- Healeys Pond Road
- Healeys Pond Road Extension
- Hogans Pond Road
- Hogans Pond Road Extension
- Powers Road.



### **Winner of Snow Sculpturing Contest "Portugal Cove Sea Monster"**

*Seen at Beachy Cove Road in Portugal Cove*

**Created by:**

John Quinton  
Valerie Hansen  
Otto Quinton  
Oliver Quinton  
Brandon Bridger



## Recycling is Coming!

Over the next few months the town will be getting ready to start our recycling program. Watch for more information as we get ready to do our bit for the environment.

## Town Announces Tax Exemption for New Business

The Town of Portugal Cove-St. Philips revised the policy for granting tax exemptions for new businesses. A tax holiday of one year from the date the business permit is granted will now apply.

Deputy Mayor Keith Mercer, Chair of the Executive Committee, says this is a positive step forward to entice new business to the community. "New business in the town can increase employment to the residents, provide more locally available services, and benefit the town as a whole"

The policy is retroactive to all businesses who received permits as of July 1, 2006.

## Winter Carnival

### Thank You

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Winter Carnival was a great success. "Lots of people came out this year. Even though storms shut down a couple of events, people were still enthusiastic and had a lot of fun" said Councillor Adrienne King, Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Committee.

The Council and Staff would like to thank all who contributed to this year's events. Special thanks to the Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Volunteer Fire Department, the Salvation Army, and the Royal Canadian Legion for volunteering their time and services.

### **Winner of the Drawing Contest**

- Hillary Furlong Age 6
- Gabrielle Newman Age 6
- Kaitlyn Woodley Age 7
- Melissa Mercer Age 7
- Hannah Donovan Age 8
- Nick Mercer - Age 11
- April Connolly Age 12

Winners are asked to claim their prize at the Town Office. You can call Dawn @ 895-8000 ext 4.

**Prizes for this contest were provided by Connie's Cozy Corner.**

We would also like to thank the following businesses:

- The Siding Experts
- Sharpe's Store and Gas Bar
- Peter Tucker Ceramic Tiles
- Specialty Homes
- Connie's Cozy Corner
- Francis Day Care
- Villa Nova Pharmacy
- Triple D Video
- Miller Excavating
- J.C. Consulting
- Kirby Pumps



The Town congratulates Grace Mitchell and Gus Noseworthy as the Senior's Party King and Queen for 2007.

### Is the snow getting to you? The Killick Coast Summer Games are coming to our Town!

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's is looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering, coaching, or participating in the 2007 Killick Coast Summer Games. These games will take place August 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. The participants for these games must be between the ages of 11 and 16 years old (by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007).

Events include soccer, softball, basketball, floor hockey, and cross-country running. Anyone looking for further information and would like to join in these games, please contact Dawn @ 895-8000 ext 4. Residents will be notified of any updates on these games as planning progresses.



A view from Old Broad Cove Road of Conception Bay.

### **Take your best shot...**

Our town has many attractive views and settings. As part of our new website project, we would like to feature some photos taken around the Town.

We will feature as many as we can here in our newsletter, as well as on our website.

Please e-mail your photo submission with a description to [sheree.kent@pcsp.ca](mailto:sheree.kent@pcsp.ca).

## **Planning & Development**

*After a year and a half as Chair of the Planning and Development committee, Councillor Steve Andrews shares some food for thought for anyone considering a development application for a single family dwelling or significant renovation of an existing dwelling.*

### First: Contact the Town

From time to time, residents planning to build or develop a property contact councilors to see if their plans have a chance of getting approved. While councilors welcome the consultation with you, the staff has more technical knowledge of town policies and regulations and the past history of interpretation of the wording of these items.

Your first step should be contacting a member of the Planning & Development office to obtain a copy of the detailed steps to follow. If you actually need to meet with someone, please call ahead to set a time since scheduling is very important with our small staff.

### Second: Submit your application

The next step is to submit your application providing all the necessary supporting documents. If your application is straight forward, in that it fits within the current regulations, the processing will usually be handled without involving councilors. If your application requires a variance from the current standards, fits into a category where the policies or regulations permit council discretion or falls outside the framework of the current town plan, then the application is generally sent to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration and they may consider a recommendation to council.

Once council makes a decision at a public council meeting, you will usually be advised within two weeks

following the meeting. If your application is approved and you are satisfied with the attached conditions, then you can proceed to acquire the various permits.

### Third: Recourse

If your application is rejected or you are not satisfied with the attached conditions, you can first contact the Planning and Development office to see if they can suggest any alternative approaches under the current plan.

If no obvious alternatives exist that are acceptable to you, then you generally have two options. One is to submit a revised application with the associated fees. The other option is to appeal the decision of council to the Eastern Regional Appeals Board. This is a time-limited option, where you have 14 days from the time you are notified of council's decision to submit your appeal. The Planning & Development office will be happy to provide you with the contact information needed to submit your appeal. There is a fee which you will get back only if your appeal is successful. Since the fee refund comes from the town and not the Appeals Board, the Planning and Development Committee does its best not to make recommendations that risk being overturned.

### Summary

As you can see (and this becomes even more obvious when you see the complete process), the whole effort can take some time, particularly if you end up going to the Appeals Board. Therefore, to avoid frustration as the applicant, don't leave starting the process to the last minute.

In the next issue of our Newsletter we will look at some specific regulations and how they are interpreted for an application.

Steve Andrews, Chair, Planning & Development Committee