TOWN OF REIDVILLE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEWSLETTER

January 2003

GARBAGE DAYS

During the Holidays the garbage days were changed. PLEASE NOTE THAT NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER, GARBAGE DAYS WILL GO BACK TO WEDNESDAYS!

Please make sure your garbage box is clear of snow on scheduled Garbage Days. Thank you.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

The 23rd Annual Santa Claus Parade was another big success. The Reidville Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank all those who participated and as well, would like to congratulate the winners:

First Place:

"Santa's Workshop" submitted by Carl Reid.

Second Place:

"Storybook Christmas" submitted by Paul & Bonnie Reid.

Third Place:

Headline Holsteins with their Snowy Theme.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Reidville Men's Hockey Team recently held a ticket draw for 10 dozen beer. The draw date was December 22nd. The lucky winner was Dave Reid. Congratulations!

SNOW...SNOW...SNOW

It's that time of year again.

Council is asking residents to be patient regarding the snow clearing of the side roads. The Department of Highways are looking after the snow clearing on our side roads again this year and at times, can be a little delayed. NOTE: It is illegal to dump snow onto a public roadway.

TAE-BO

Tae-bo classes are once again up and running for the New Year. Classes are held Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:30-8:30 pm at the Community Hall. For more information, please contact Lori Rumbolt at 635-4232.

C O M M U N I T Y WALKING PROGRAM

Shirley MacDonald will once again this winter be holding daily walking at the Community Hall from 9 am to 12 noon. Interested persons are asked to either give Shirley a call at 635-3144 or just drop by the Hall either morning.

I N S U R A N C E REMINDER

For those residents who only recently had the town's water line pass their property - please check with your insurance company. One resident on Rocky Brook Road recently was notified by their insurance company that their home owners insurance had decreased around \$500.00 due to their

home now being close to a fire hydrant. Please check with your insurance company - it could mean a substantial savings for you!

BINGO

As of the printing of this newsletter, no plans were yet finalized for the start up of Bingo for the 2003 season. Please look for it in the next newsletter or look for bulletins posted around town.

PLAN AMENDMENT

Your town council is proposing to amend the Reidville Municipal Plan a n d Development Regulations t o accommodate mixed development (residential and commercial) along Reidville Road from the Viking Trail and then along Rocky Brook Road to the Humber River bank to allow for the future development of an RV Park and Inn. The land in question is currently zoned Hobby Farm Agricultural. Anyone wanting more details or having questions about this proposal should contact the council office from 9 am to 3 pm daily.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Reidville Volunteer Fire Department are currently recruiting more volunteers for their department. Interested persons may contact either member of the department or call the Fire Chief, Bruce Curlew at 635-5579.

FAMILY SKATING

It's that time of year again! Our fire department will be holding a *Family Skate* every Sunday from 6:30-7:30 pm. Cost is \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 per person. Hope to see you there!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Questions regarding the neighborhood watch, please contact:

 Louie Macdonald 635-3144

 Clifford Reid
 635-5288

 Helen Reid
 635-5612

 Roy Pittman
 635-3044

 Motie Young
 635-3394

TAX COLLECTION

As of December 31, 2002, tax collection rates for the town stand at 93.31% The arrears collected. stands at 98.97% collected. This is just 1.69% below our goal! Unfortunately due to not having taxes at a collection rate of 100%, some of the town's accounts have had to be left unpaid. If you are on the percentage that does not have all of your account paid in full - the time has come and council has no choice now but to take further action! IF YOUR ARREARS IS NOT PAID IN FULL BY JANUARY 31^{ST} OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT MADE - YOUR ACCOUNT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A COLLECTION AGENT THEREFORE DAMAGING YOUR CREDIT RATING.

Some resident have made repeated promises, however have not followed through -

this will not be tolerated any longer. Council has bills to pay as well as residents - council does not wish to damage your credit rating - but in the same note, is not willing to damage its own!

The diligence of residents who have strived continually to ensure their taxes are always up to date - your commitment is one council values unconditionally - however it is because of these residents and their diligence that council has no choice but to take a firmer stance on arrears - WE ALL HAVE TO PAY OUR SHARE! It is with your tax dollars that:

- the garbage is collected every week
- the street lights come on!
- the Fire Department is operating smoothly
- the council office is open to the public
- there are places for recreational activities to be held
- the snow is kept off of the streets
- your side streets are graded
- the community hall is kept up to date

and the list just continues.

Tax dollars are council's main source of income - without these dollars, something has to be let to go - either a bill is not paid or a service is gone...council has tough choices to make!

DID YOU KNOW?

That the town office receives payments on accounts by Master Card, Visa and Interac as well as cash and cheques?

Did you know that you can make arrangements to have your bank account debited regularly to pay your taxes?

Did you know arrangements can be made to put regular

payments on your credit card monthly therefore eliminating phone calls for payments, etc.?

Did you know arrangements can be made to call you on a regular basis to remind you that your payment is due (if you are set up on a payment schedule)?

Did you know we accept post dated cheques on your account with the town?

Please contact the council office and we can set you up on a payment schedule with or without your credit card that is suitable for your personal financial needs.

Please call today and make arrangements.

AUDITOR

The town's auditor would appreciate it (if you have a prior balance on your account) if you would view your records and just ensure that your balance is correct. For auditing purposes - please notify him if there are any financial disagreements. His address is:

Brian N. Hillier P.O. Box 783 Corner Brook, NL A2H 6G7

Telephone: 709-634-6431 Fax: 709-634-2769

E M E R G E N C Y NUMBERS:

Doctor on call: 1-800-261-0741 Fire: 635-5600 RCMP: 635-2173 Ambulance:

635-3020 <u>Newfoundland Power</u> 1-800-474-5711