

TOWN OF REIDVILLE

Community Newsletter

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TAX INVOICES

All tax invoices for property, water and personal taxes were mailed out the week of January 7th. Business taxes will follow shortly.

All residents with a prior balance are to note that accounts are in the process of being transferred to collections (if you have not been making regular monthly payments). Please ensure that your account is up to date to prevent further action from taking place.

Tax collection for the town for the 2003 taxation year finished at 92.96% - down from last year by a little over a quarter of a per cent (93.25%). This was extremely disappointing as this is the first year since 1999 that the tax collection percentage has been down at all. Residents are reminded that tax collection is the life-blood of the town - it take your tax dollars to keep this town operating. In all, the town is still owed \$25,342.73 for 2003 and prior!!

We hope this year will be better! Please help us make it better - we all have to do our part.

CORRECTION

In the December 2003 newsletter, it was stated that Debbie Osmond helped with the Food Bank Food Drive in Reidville - this name should have been DEBBIE HISCOCK. We apologized for any inconvenience this may have caused.

NEW YEARS BALL

The Reidville Recreation Committee held a successful new years ball this year and would like to thank all who supported this worthwhile event! Happy New Year everyone!

THEFT

On New Year's Eve, an individual(s) stole \$1177.00 from the home of Patsy Pittman. Patsy was looking after this money for the Recreation Committee and had the money behind a locked door and hidden away. The RCMP have taken statements, have a list of every individual who was in the Pittman residence at the time of the incident and have evidence - we hope an arrest will take place real, real soon!

NEW TOWN TRUCK

Council is quite pleased to inform residents that through the financial assistance of our provincial government have managed to acquire a new 2004 Chev ½ ton pick-up. The main objective of this vehicle is for animal control however it will also be used for garbage collection and various other small jobs around town. The original sale price of the truck was \$33,057.60. All council had to pay was \$7373.58 (or 20% of the total price). Council have taken out a two year loan to paid the \$7373.58.

The truck came with a cap, new winter tires and a trailer hitch. It also had the town logos on the doors. NOTE: Council invoiced over \$22,000.00 for animal control in 2003 - the funds that council now owes on the new truck will come from these funds.

If you have any questions relating to this issue or any other issue regarding council, please feel free to either speak with a councillor or call the office from 9 am to 3 pm daily.

FIRE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Reidville Volunteer Fire Department are looking for new fire department members. If you are interested in taking part in this very important backbone of our town, please contact Bruce Curlew, Fire Chief at 635-5579 or any member of the volunteer fire department for an application.

SNOW...SNOW...SNOW

Council would like to remind residents to be patient during the winter months. There may be times that you are inconvenienced due to weather and road conditions - please drive safe, slow down and be considerate and patient with the individuals who are looking after keeping our roads as safe as possible during the long winter. Thank you.

FAMILY SKATING

The weekly family skating hour sponsored by the Reidville Volunteer Fire Department is now held every Sunday from 7-8 pm. The cost is the same as before - \$5.00 per family or \$2.00 each. Hope to see you there!

NOTE: Due to low attendance, the Fire Department would like to remind residents that if attendance at this event does not pick up on Sunday, January 11th there will be no choice but to cancel future skates.

BOWLING ALLEY

For more information or for scheduling information, please contact Junior Pinksen at 635-3669.

SWIMMING

Recreation Open Swims:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday	3:30-4:30
Tuesday & Thursday	7:15-8:15
Saturday & Sunday	3:00-4:00

Family Swim:

Monday & Wednesday	7:15-8:15
Tuesday & Thursday	1:00-2:00
Saturday & Sunday	4:30-5:30

If you require more information, please call 635-3709.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Thank you, thank you for all who took part in another successful Santa Claus Parade in Reidville. The winners this year were:

1st Place: "Waiting for Santa" submitted by Paul and Bonnie Reid and family.

2nd Place: "Christmas on the Farm" submitted by Headline Holsteins.

3rd Place: "Christmas in the 50s" submitted by Melvin and Mae Ball.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who submitted floats - we hope to see you and more back again next year.

PARKING ON BY ROADS

Residents are reminded that it is both unsafe and illegal to park on any by roads in the town any time of year - however it is even more important in the winter months. Any violators will be reported promptly to the RCMP and will be ticketed accordingly.

Owners/operators of heavy equipment vehicles are to pay particular attention to this notice.

LOST & FOUND

Found:
1 game boy in area of basketball court/playground
1 Mail Key.

BUY AND SELL

TENDERS ON OLD TOWN TRUCK: The Town of Reidville will be accepting tenders up to 2 pm January 16th on a 1992 Chev ½ Ton Pick Up Truck. This vehicle is in good working order but does have a high amount of kilometers. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TENDER IN A SEALED ENVELOPE. For more information please contact the council office at 635-5232 from 9 am to 3 pm daily.

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

December was a busy month and there is lots of good news out there on the youth of our town. Recently, Elwood Regional High School handed out awards for honors for the 2002-2003 school year. Receiving awards from Reidville were: Level II Honors Matthew Drover
Nikita Reid

At the first swimming competition for the Deer Lake Dolphins, two members of Reidville took part and both came home with awards. They included Morgan Reid and Cora-Lee Reid. Morgan was named overall pentathlon provincial champion in the AA short course 12 year old event and also placed first in the 50 meter back, breast, butterfly and free events. Cora-Lee finished fourth place in the AA short course breast and back strokes for the 10 and under events.

Andrew Guy was one of the team members of the Deer Lake Grade 7-8 Volleyball Team who took part in a tournament at Xavier in December. Andrew’s team managed to finish up in 4th place. Good job!

2003 IN REVIEW

2003 was a busy year in Reidville. Here are some of the highlights:

- January
- Community walking program was held in Community Hall.
 - Town began plan amendment

- February
- Rabies scare came to the west coast

- March
- Bowling alley opened in Deer Lake
 - Two couples celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary: Myrtle and Scott Rumbolt and Leonard and Lizzie Hiscock.
 - Three youth place high in Western Regional Chess Tournament: Devon Janes Grade 4 - Silver, Morgan Reid, Grade 6 - Silver; Timothy Reid, Grade 5, 4th Place.

- April
- 12 year old Sara Bass was chosen to be a member of the Marble Mountain Ski Team
 - Boil Order Lifted was lifted for First time in a

- number of years!
- Council made donation to Badger Disaster Fund

- May
- Swimming pool in Deer Lake is officially opened
 - Cadets were chosen to attend camps: Nikita Reid in B. C., Megan Reid in Saskatchewan, D a w n Janes in St. John’s a n d N a t a s h a Janes in N.S.

- June
- Youth softball program got underway

- July
- Five youth graduate from Level III: Lawrence Beaulieu, Aaron Butt, Catlin Reid, Chad Reid and Courtney Reid.
 - Deanna Pittman received honors and distinction from Academy Canada in their Business Administration two year program.
 - Joshua Rumbolt chosen to attend the Tim Hortons camp in Ontario from June 23rd to July 2nd.
 - Annual Summer Recreation Program begins
 - Students are hired for the summer employment with the town. They were: Carla Curlew, Kyle Curlew, Matthew Drover, Roy Pittman and Catlin Reid.

- August
- Morgan Reid, 12 years old, placed 3rd in the Atlantic “Kids of Steel” competition.
 - Reidville Hockey Team hold open dance at hall.

- September
- Residents take part in the “Victory Lap” for the Cancer Relay held in Corner Brook September 12th. They included: Robert Garnier, Gerry Dobbin, Gordon Oxford, Gladys Heath, Pauline Reid and Carol Anna Dobbin.
 - Helen Reid and Kimberly Reid become members of the Deer Lake team for the Cancer Relay. The Deer Lake team raised the most money overall of the teams submitted in the major fund-raiser.
 - Awards night is held for Youth Softball. Taking home MVP awards were Cameron Ball (team A), Mark Bradley (team B) and Roy Pittman, (team C). Taking home Most Improved Player awards were Timothy Curlew (Team B) and Kyle Curlew (Team C). Taking home Most Sportsman Player were Johnny Reid (team A), Robin Reid (team B) and Jeremy Curlew(team C). A number of players were also presented awards for best attendance. They included Terrance Curlew, Skye Burden, Cora-Lee Reid, Andrew Guy, Matthew Drover and Morgan Reid.

- October
- Reidville loses a pioneer - Alexander (Sandy) Reid passes away October 12th.

- November
- Town is one of four in region scheduled to receive High Speed (Broadband) Internet by early 2005.

- December
- Council announced the budget for 2004. This budget represents the third and final year that council agreed to increases in taxes with Municipal and Provincial Affairs in order to receive Dept Relief and the water project which connected Reidville to Deer Lake’s water supply.
 - Fire Department looking for volunteers

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Doctor on Call-----1-800-261-0741
Fire Alarm-----635-5600
RCMP-----635-2173
Ambulance-----635-3020
Newfoundland Power-----1-800-474-5711