

# TOWN OF REIDVILLE

## Community Newsletter

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### BOIL ORDER LIFTED

The boil order that the town was placed on January 26<sup>th</sup> was lifted as of February 10<sup>th</sup>. Council apologizes for any inconvenience this incident may have caused.

### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR WINTER GAMES 2006

From February 25 to March 4 the Humber Valley will be hosting the 2006 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games with activities being held in Deer Lake, Pasadena and Steady Brook.



During the eight days of competition, the games committee would like to showcase our region's spirit by asking that local businesses and residents decorate their homes, offices and stores. Ideas include: painting windows, putting up colourful lights and banners and signs to welcome the athletes, coaches and visitors to our area.

### GARBAGE COLLECTION

**WHITE SHOPPING BAGS:** Residents are asked to use proper garbage bags when placing their debris out for weekly collection.

**ASHES:** When placing furnace ashes out for collection, please double bag them to ensure that their will not be a mishap during collection. Thank you.

**MARCH 22:** Council is notifying residents well in advance that there will not be any garbage collection during the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup> due to out of town training. Council apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.

### PRIZE BINGO

The Reidville Recreation Committee Inc. along with the Reidville Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Prize Bingo at the Community Hall on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Any resident who would like to donate an item for this event, your donation would be greatly appreciated.

### SAFETY CONCERN

A number of concerns have been placed at the office recently regarding residents walking after dark with either dark clothing on or without a

reflector on their clothing.

For your own personal safety - please make sure you are visible. Reflective tape/vests can be purchased for a very small fee and can be very important in keeping you and the driver of a vehicle safe.

## **VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH**

February is Violence Prevention Month in Newfoundland and Labrador. This event - which is announced through the Women's Policy Office of the Newfoundland and Labrador government is designed based on the vision that the people of our province will live in safe, caring communities where there is an inherent respect for each other and violence of any sorts is unacceptable.

For more information on Violence Prevention or for help, please contact Kathleen Jason, Coordinator, Transition House, Corner Brook at 634-4199 or via e-mail at wrcev@transitionhouse.ca.

## **SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Did you know:

### ***COPIES***

- Copies are available at the council office for \$.25 each.

### ***FAXES***

- Faxes are able to be sent and received. Cost: \$2.00 send (long distance)  
\$1.00 send (local)  
\$1.00 receive from anywhere (four pages or less. If over four pages, then only \$.25 per page)

### ***LAMINATIONS***

- \$2.00 for 8 1/2 X 11 inch
- \$1.50 for 5 X 7 or smaller

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

With your monthly newsletter for February, you will notice that attached is emergency numbers to be posted by your telephone. These label numbers were donated by Computers and Communications of Deer Lake and were designed by their employee, Brendan Lush. The Fire Department would like to sincerely thank this local company for their assistance in helping keep our residents safe.

Please be sure and post them in an obvious location.

## **SOD CONCERNS**

Local sod farmers would like to ask the public to please be careful when using snowmobiles and atvs on the sod farm fields. Please ride on the road or on the edges of the fields until the fields are completely covered with more snow. As spring begins, please refrain from the sod fields to protect our crop. Thank you.

## **LOST & FOUND**

### **Sandy's Lookout**

**MISSING:** Newfoundland Flag. This item was originally placed on the roof of the gazebo in the lookout. There is a possibility that it may have blown away. Any individual with any information are asked to contact the town office during regular business hours.

## **WEB SITE**

Did you know that the town's web site has a Community Calendar on it? With this Community Calendar, any individual can enter information - so if you have a special event coming up or are planning an event like a garage sale or special celebration, you can enter this event yourself!

Also on the home page of the web site, there is a

pop-up blocker that can be downloaded to assist you when viewing any site. This download can be accessed off of the home page by entering the "Helpful Hints" section.

*Just a reminder, the web page address is: reidville-nl.ca*

## **BUSINESS VENTURE WITH THE WWW**

If any local business would like to have a single web page located on the WWW at a reasonable cost, please contact Clifford Reid at 635-5288.

## **ALL TIED UP**

The local chapter of the SPCA forwards their monthly newsletter to the town. Always in this information piece there are articles that relate to our town - however one article this month appears to have been written for us! The article was entitled "All Tied Up" and explains why animals that are "tied up" constantly cause nuisance problems - this is one of the more common complaints placed at the town office. Here are some of the reasons why your pet is behaving inappropriately:



- Barking: dogs are curious, social creatures. Dogs want to investigate things. When they can't do so, they get frustrated - when frustrated, they bark. A dog that is left restrained in view of or hearing of activity will ALWAYS become frustrated.
- Digging: dogs that are tied on are normally quite bored. Dogs that are bored look for things to do. Digging is fun for dogs and provides a lovely way to relieve boredom.
- Chewing: again, boredom is the reason. Chewing is fun and also relieves anxiety.
- Over-excited behaviour in the house. This about it. Bored all day long, then

suddenly, whappo, the dog is in a the very exciting home environment plus the dog hasn't had exercise all day.

- Scared of kids or other people: dogs that are left tied on all day are primary targets for kids to fool around with. Dog sees kids riding by on bikes, dog hits the end of the rope wanting to see/investigate kids. Dog can't get to kids. Dog starts to bark in frustration. Kids think it's funny and makes faces at the dog or jump up and down, teasing the dog. Dog goes mad with frustration. Pretty soon, the dog hates every kid it sees.
- Not reliably housetrained: dogs that do not spend the majority of their time in a home often do not adequately understand that they shouldn't relieve themselves there. They need experience and training.
- Going nuts while being walked on-lead. This is directly related to the frustration a tied-on dog experiences.

This article was written by Lisa Giroux, Pet Owner and Dog Trainer.

## **YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Basketball:** Morgan Reid traveled with the High School "Elwood Lakers" basketball team this past weekend to Pasadena for their annual Invitational Winter Carnival tournament. At this event, Elwood defeated Stephenville in the Championship Game and brought home the gold medal. Also at this tournament, **Morgan Reid** was named MVP for his team.

**Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games:** Two residents of our town will be taking part in the 2006 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games scheduled for the Humber Valley Region during the week of February 25-March 4. **Colton Normore** will be taken part in the male Curling event and **Morgan Reid** will be taking part in the male basketball event.

## **ANIMAL COMPLAINTS**

A number of complaints have been placed at the

council office recently regarding animals roaming and barking into the night. Please note that any resident has a right to call the RCMP if this event is taking place repeatedly and furthermore charges can be laid.

**ADULT DARTS**

Adult fun darts is now being held at the Comm. Hall every Friday evening. For more information, please contact Patsy Pittman at 635-3044.

**SPECIAL GREETINGS**

***Birthdays:***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
Feb. 6	Kyle Curlew	20
Feb. 7	Morgan Reid	15
Feb. 9	Melanie Reid	?
Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Melvin Cross	?
	Leonard Hiscock	75
Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lloyd Jones	59
Feb. 19	Doyle Janes	87
Feb. 22	Natasha Janes	18
Feb. 24	Eugene Reid	?
	Kerri-Leigh Anstey	18
	Wendy Reid	14
Feb. 25	Stanley Pinksen	59
Feb. 28	Wallace Budgell	58
	Reginald Pittman	65
Mar. 1	Rick Burden	40
	Megan Reid	17
Mar. 4	Carson Young	47
	Doris Jones	51
Mar. 11	Patricia Pearce	?
Mar. 13	Skye Burden	14

***Anniversaries:***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>#</i>
Dec. 18	Carson & Rosemarie Young	29 <sup>th</sup>
Jan. 17	Eric & Minetta Reid	39 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 14	Gerald & Trixie Ford	14 <sup>th</sup>
Feb. 17	Melvin & Wavey Cross	

Feb. 24 Russell & Lillian Reid

**TAX COLLECTION**

As of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 the town's collection rate for 2006 stands at 53.11%. Compared with the same time last year, the town's collection rate is up from 44.30%.

Council would like to sincerely thank residents who have been diligent with the payment of their account. JUST A REMINDER: February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the three pre cent discount to all residents. In order to avail of this discount, your property or water invoice has to be paid in full.

To those residents in arrears, please note that further action will be taken on any delinquent accounts. This could both harm your credit rating and also cause you to lose your water.

Tax collection is the life blood of our town. The town is forced to submit a balanced budget to government. This budget is based on collecting ALL taxes owing. We finished off 2005 with an overall collection rate of 98.91%. This sounds great - and actually is great - until you look at what the town was still owed - \$15,302.68. That means that somewhere in the budget for 2005, we had to cut back expenses to compensate for this money not being collected. If you look at all the street lights in Reidville for 2005, this amount that was owing to the town could have paid this invoice in full for the full year with a little left over for good measure.

Even a small balance on your account at year end has implications on the operations of our town. Each resident has to pay their fair share - council has no choice but to be firm.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Doctor on Call.....	1-800-261-0741
Fire Alarm.....	635-5600
RCMP.....	635-2173
Ambulance.....	635-3020
NF Power.....	1-800-474-5711
Council Office.....	635-5232
	Fax 635-4498