



Winter Newsletter

Mineville Community Association

\$2000 SECHB – Beach Volleyball Court

Thanks to the *Southeastern Community Healthboard* who has awarded us \$2000 towards the construction of a Beach Volleyball Court at Bennett Park.

We will need to purchase the following materials for the construction:

1. 150 metric tonnes of washed mortar sand.
2. 150 metric tonnes of ½” clear crushed stone.
3. 420 sq. yards of geotextile/filter fabric.
4. 300 sq. feet rubber expansion joint compound (court border.)
5. Drainage pipe, bungee cords, nylon

6. webbing.
7. 1-2 days of excavation.

We are looking for discounted pricing or donations of the above items. If you can help out please contact a member of the executive. We will be building the court this summer.

Annual Community Meeting – Feb 20 – 7:30

We are having our annual community meeting on Feb. 20 at 7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00) at the Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church (on Peter Court across from Bennett Park.) There will be

a presentation in regards to past & upcoming projects, Constable Brian Veniot will be there to present area crime statistics & explain the new city watch program, and we’ll have our executive

elections. Our elected government members will also try to be in attendance. **This is a great chance to see what’s going on in your community.**

Middle Park Foot Bridge – Help Required

We have applied for funding to help pay for the cost of a foot bridge to join the 2 islands at Middle Park (Candy Mtn Islands.) To build this bridge we will need the following:

1. 100 feet of I-beam (50 ft each side.)
2. Metal hand rails.
3. Wood pickets, decking, etc.
4. Metal fabrication.
5. Bridge installer.

If you can help out with any of the above please let someone on the executive know.

Summer Jobs

If the funding comes through again this year, we will be hiring 2 university students (starting in May for 14-15 weeks) and 2 students through the N.S. Youth Conservation Corps

(NSYCC) program (8 week positions.) The 2 university positions will be to manage the NSYCC crew, setup the ice cream business, help with events, physical park labour, etc. The 2 NSYCC positions

are to perform environmental related work within the community. If you are interested in finding out more about these positions please contact Grant MacDonald (see contact list.)

Thanks Clare O’Brien – Welcome Crissy Sears

Thanks to Clare O’Brien for organizing the events the last 3 years. She’s done a great

job! Clare will remain on the executive. Thankfully, we have Crissy Sears who

has volunteered to be event co-ordinator (see contact list.)

Sponsor – Blenus Travel

Thanks to Blenus Travel (Darrell Blenus is a resident) for sponsoring this issue of the newsletter (see middle

page of newsletter.) The cost for this is \$50 and it covers some of our photocopying and mail

charges. If interested in sponsoring future newsletters please contact any member of the executive.



Web Address & Community E-mail Distribution List

Our web address is:

<http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/CommunitySupport/Mineville/>

On there you will find pictures from community events, area

history, other links (ie. Mineville Weather, local businesses, etc.) Our community e-mail distribution list is over 200 names. E-mail to grant.macdonald@hp.com to be included.

Bennett Park Plowing & Pond – Thanks!

Thanks to Kirk Penney for plowing the driveway at Bennett Park for free. Thanks also to David Nippard for plowing off the skating pond and to Terry Webb and others for flooding the pond to keep the ice surface nice and smooth.

Next year, we may want to put together an outdoor rink committee to help share the load of keeping the ice clear and flooded.

New Message Board Contact Reminder

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Linda Gray has volunteered to take care of the message board for this year. She can be reached at

462-4068 or e-mail: saltwind@hfx.eastlink.ca. Please remember that a \$10 donation is to be paid for personal message.

Bottle Drive – March 1st

We will be having our next bottle drive on Saturday, March 1st at 10:00 am. We need volunteers to drive and children who can

collect. Please contact Karen Webb if you can help (see contact info.) Please leave bottles at curbside. Thanks for your support.

Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church – Winter Carnival

L.E.F.B.C. presents Pirates of Treasure Island Annual Winter Carnival on March 1, 2003 at 10:00 - 2:00. Come enjoy

free food, games and prizes. Lunch will be served at 12:00. 17 Peter Court (across from Bennett Park.)

Christmas House Decorating Contest & Community Bonfire

From Clare O'Brien:

The 4th Annual Christmas House Decorating Contest and Community Bonfire was a great success, and I would like to thank all of you for participating by decorating your properties so beautifully. It was nice to see such a large turn-out at Bennett Park, too.

The judges had a very tough time determining winners and in the end, there were 20 award winners, and another 16 honorable mentions. Special thanks to Keith Colwell for judging the contest for the 4th time, and for donating the Merriest Street in Mineville award, which will be placed in the Bennett Park building. He also took the time to have HRM certificates printed up, and these will be given to all award winners and active participants. Keith has a lot of enthusiasm for this event, and has added to its growth over the years. Thanks, Keith.

Norma White from Saltscapes magazine judged for the second year in a row. She also donated 3 gift subscriptions and 5 Taste of Nova Scotia cookbooks as prizes. We are grateful for Saltscapes' continued support of our community.

Leslie MacFarlane and Marcia Simmons were our other judges.

Leslie also donated 2 hours of decorating services for a lucky winner. They both had fun and added a lot of expertise to the judging!

The judges were chauffeured by Doug Colson who also decorated the sleigh, the building and the tree at the park. Thanks, Doug, for all you did yet again. And to Santa for taking the time out of your busy schedule!

Crissy and Robert Richardson did a lot of behind the scenes organizing for us, and Crissy kept the hot chocolate flowing.

Thanks to their friends, Colin and Sabrina for helping at the park.

Crissy is also the new events chairperson for the MCA. Welcome Crissy!

Porter's Lake Tim Horton's donated the hot chocolate and timbits, so thanks to Bruce Vianneau, manager.

No Christmas party is complete without carols, and Kevin and Paula MacDonald from Candy Mountain Road played and sang beautifully. Thanks, guys.

To Guido Schneider, Shawn O'Brien, Terry Webb, Kaitlin Webb, Hannah MacDonald, Cindy MacKay, Grant MacDonald, thank you for all your help.

FINALLY, to all those who donated prizes: Saltscapes, Keith Colwell, HRM, Leslie MacFarlane, Lake Echo Triple A, Porter's Lake Superstore, Porter's Lake Home Hardware, Porter's Lake Tim Horton's, Maryanne's Gifts, Jamieson's Pub, The Brass Rail Family Restaurant, The Vine's Pasta Grill, Manor Hill Flags, Sobey's Forest Hills.

AND THE WINNERS WERE:

Candy Mountain Road: Numbers 18, 34, 41, 167, 209, 230, 223, 210.

***Candy Mountain Road also won the "Merriest Street in Mineville Award"!**

Mineville Road: Numbers 652, 653, 910.

Dempster Crescent: Numbers 79, 55, 43.

Stillwater Court: Number 5, and the 5 dormer house (#?).

Two Rivers Drive: Number 79.

Tall Trees Court: Number 21.

Foxwood Court: Numbers 18, 11.

The Honorable Mentions list:

29 Two Rivers Drive, 656 and 669 Mineville Road, 47, 56, 131, 187, 202 Dempster Cres., 26, 34, 22, 17 Foxwood, 77, 143, 191, 124 Candy Mountain Road.

* The contest is yet another reason to invest in the 911 civic number plates, available from the fire departments in either Lake Echo or Lawrencetown!!! Make those numbers visible at night! It has been a lot of fun organizing these events over the past 4 years, and the participation just keeps growing every year. We are so fortunate to live in an area that puts a lot of stock in the word "community".



Mineville Youth Volunteer Award

The MCA has created a new annual award to recognize youth (ages 13-19) in the community who generously given their time to perform volunteer work. Nominations can be given to any member of the executive up until March 31st. The nomination can include volunteer work performed within and outside the community. The

nominator can be a relative or friend of nominee. A committee will be formed to review the nominees and select the winner. A plaque will be presented to the winner and a plaque will hang in the building with the name of the winner from each year.

Bennett Park Landscaping

We would like to landscape around the playground, pond and basketball court this spring. We would like for somebody who enjoys landscaping to come up with a rough design (ie. do we plant

shrubs, grass, perennials, etc.) If interested please notify a member of the executive. Donations of hardy perennial divisions and planting grass would be the cheapest way to beautify this area.

Community Yard Sale

We are hoping to have another community yard sale this spring (we didn't have one last year.) A date has not yet been selected.

We also will need some people to help organize. If interested please contact a member of the executive.

Newsletter Writer?

I have been writing the newsletter for the last 3 years and am looking for somebody else to take it over. If you have an interest

in doing this please contact Grant MacDonald.

Babysitting

As mentioned to those on the e-mail list, there are many people interested in having a list of babysitters available in Mineville. Rather than producing a list of babysitters, you can e-mail a description of your family (ie. 3 kids, aged XX, 2 cats, etc.) and

your needs (ie. usually required Saturday evenings) to grant.macdonald@hp.com and it will be forwarded to the community. Youth interested can reply directly to you through e-mail or via the phone.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 am at Partridge Nest Park. This is open for all children 8

and under. If you can donate wrapped chocolate Easter eggs please drop off to 55 Dempster Crescent before April 18th.

Auction in memory of Rosalie Blacklock

From Karen Webb:
AUCTION in memory of ROSALIE BLACKLOCK. Sat. March 22/03 at Big Leagues, Dart. 1-5 pm. Proceeds are going towards a

young children's playground at Bell Park School. If you can help out with donations or volunteering your time please call 829-2269. Please help support this worthy cause.

Walking Club – Karen Webb

Karen Webb is the latest person to complete 1000KM's walking and was given a free walking club T-shirt for the accomplishment. Congratulations Karen!

Don't forget to log your KM's if you walk or jog regularly. A map showing distances of various streets in the community can be found at our web site.

Girls Softball League

A new girls softball league is being started on the Eastern Shore. This is for girls aged 7-10 years old. Indoor practice starts on

Monday, March 3rd. For more details please contact Grant MacDonald (see contact info.)

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