



November 5, 2003

Autumn Newsletter

Mineville Community Association

Hurricane Juan – Thanks to many!

It was great to see our community come together like it did after Hurricane Juan. Many residents took time to help out others who had more problems than themselves. Special thanks also goes out to the following residents:

Jim Shields – Jim is a constable with the RCMP and he helped prioritize what tasks had to be done.

Steve Purdy – Steve

organized the rental of the freezer trailer after it was suggested at our community meeting.

Donnie Vincent – Donnie runs a trucking company and donated the delivery of the freezer trailer to and from Burnside.

Kevin Murphy – Organized the delivery of fuel to the freezer trailer.

Pastor Frank Kohler – For letting us use the church for

community meetings and allowed us to store the freezer trailer in their parking lot.

Max White – Delivered the fuel to the freezer trailer free of charge.

Rae Austin – Donated the first tank of fuel.

It made one proud to be from Mineville!

Freezer Trailer Donated! (Access Trailer Leasing)

Tyler Moore of *Access Trailer Leasing* (based in Moncton) donated the use of the freezer trailer. He said they were glad to help us out in our hour of need.

The total costs for the trailer

was \$240 for fuel and \$150 to pay for the replacement fuel and to have the engine reprimed.

Total donations received from the community was \$2400 when residents

retrieved their food and the bottle drive raised \$715.

These funds will be used towards our park projects. *Access Trailer Leasing* will be added to our thank you sign at Bennett Park.

Shaw Resources Thanks!

Thanks to Shaw Resources who is selling us white beach sand for our beach volleyball

court at \$12.95 per tonne delivered. This would normally cost \$38 per tonne.

Shaw Resources will also be added to our thank you sign at Bennett Park.

Park Work Days – November 11th & 15th

You may have already seen that our community parks are in pretty bad shape. We have decided that we will hire a sawmill to make lumber from the downed trees in the parks. This lumber will be used to build a trail bridge at Middle Park and we hope to build a multiuse facility at Bennett Park. The multiuse facility would be used as an outdoor skating rink in winter and a tennis court, roller/ball hockey & lacrosse area in the summer. We hope to have enough lumber to

complete the above projects and possibly a few more (build a park gazebo, bleachers, park benches, ...)

To make these projects happen, we need the help of residents in the area who can operate a chainsaw.

We are organizing work days on November 11th starting at noon (out of respect for our veterans/military residents) and on November 15th starting at 9:00. If you are unable to help out please feel free to work in the parks as your schedule

allows. We are only interested in clearing the park paths and cutting 8 inch or larger logs into 10'6" lengths (just leave the brush; it will be taken care of next year.) Bennett & Middle Park will be the parks that we will start with on these work days. We will still need to find funding to pay for the paving and chain link fencing for the multiuse facility. Hopefully we will end up with enough lumber to build this facility.



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

Saw Mill and Log Hauling

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter we will need to hire a saw mill to mill the logs from our parks. If you have any recommendations for a saw mill company please notify a member of the executive. We also need to get all the logs hauled to a

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

Concept Plastics – Thanks!

Thanks to Bart Cooke and Will Robertson of Concept Plastics for repairing our message board. It was in desperate need of repair and

McLennan Sales – Thanks!

Thanks to Sheldon Deroach of McLennan Sales (a division of EMCO) for donating the geotextile required for the beach volleyball court. Resident Sharon Dort works for them and helped

Halloween Party

Thanks to Crissy Richardson (Events Director) for organizing the Halloween Party. From Crissy:

On October 25th, Bennett Park as transformed and became the gathering place for Mineville's spooks and goblins. Families enjoyed the challenge of a Halloween Scavenger Hunt and children played games like Pumpkin Seed Transfer and Conehead Toss. A young Shanghai Willy entertained everyone with the story of One

Trees

We are hoping to find some funding in the new year to help replant trees in our parks for next spring. We will keep you posted if

history, other links (ie. Mineville Weather, local businesses, etc.) Our community e-mail distribution list is over 300 names. E-mail to grant.macdonald@hp.com to be included.

central area in each park. We are considering asking for volunteers with ATV's to help haul the logs. Or, we may rent a mini-excavator to bring them out. We have to be careful not to damage the logs when we bring them out.

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

is now more secure then it once was. Their name will be added to the sign for all the support they've given us over the years.

make this happen. McLennan Sales also donated geotextile for our playground at Bennett Park. For their support they too will be added to our thank you sign at Bennett Park.

Spooky Night and gave out treats to all the children as they left.

To all those who donated treats for the Halloween party and volunteered their time on the 25th - Thank you very much! Without the support of the community our events would not be the huge successes they are.

anything develops.

HRM Community Response Team – Thanks!

Hats off to Gary Martin and the HRM Community Response Team for getting the brush on the side of the roads cleaned up as quickly as they did. Many people were surprised and how quickly and efficiently the brush was taken away. Thanks to the Department of Transportation for their work with this. Thanks to Rae Austin who

has allowed the brush to be stored in his pit (behind Canada Post gazebo.) All of the stored brush will be put through a grinder and will be stored at Bennett Park. We will use the chips for mulch and for our park trail paths next year.

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Dumper Caught!

A resident witnessed somebody dumping in our community. They took down the dumper's license plate number and it was reported to the RCMP. The RCMP traced the plates and the person who did

the dumping has been charged and fined.

As Community Constable Brian Veniot stated "this proves that you can make a difference. Keep up the good work."

Christmas Decorating Contest

From Crissy:

As we await the arrival of the first snowfall plans are already underway for the 2003 Mineville Christmas Party being held on December 21st. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m. at Bennett Park with Christmas carols, hot chocolate and of course Santa!

Which street in Mineville is the merriest? Will Candy Mountain Road retain its title? Residents are encouraged to participate in the Christmas Decorating Contest. Judging of the houses will occur prior to the 21st so please watch for more information

regarding judging on the message board and future e-mails. Awards/prizes will be presented during the Christmas Party.

Families are asked to bring one food item per family member as a voluntary donation to the local Food Bank. The Mineville Community Association hopes to see you all on December 21st!

If you would like to volunteer for this event or you are able to donate prizes please call Crissy Richardson at 461-1555 or e-mail at robriehardson@eastlink.ca.

Bulk Generator Discount

Thanks to Jo-Ann and Alan Chinn for organizing the generator discount. Thirty-three people participated and saved a few hundred

dollars on the cost of a generator. Residents were kept informed about this program through the community e-mail list.

Beach Volleyball Court – Thanks to the Graham family

Thanks to the Graham family (Chris, Cathy, Robert & Keith) for volunteering many hours to work with the beach volleyball court. They helped put the posts in, lay the geotextile, clear downed trees,

etc. Because of their hard work the court will be ready for use next spring.

Newsletter

The newsletter requires a lot of work and we are now producing fewer of them per year than in past years. The best way to keep people informed as to what is happening in the community quickly

and efficiently is through e-mail. If you don't have access to e-mail you should communicate with a resident who does so you know what is going on.

Newsletter Sponsor

Thanks to EchoLink for sponsoring this newsletter (see insert.) If your company is interested in sponsoring future newsletters the

cost is \$75.

Next Annual General Meeting

Our next annual general meeting will be held sometime this winter (probably February) at the Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church.

We will let you know when a date has been chosen.