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EXCESSIVE SPEEDS BY ATVS AND DIRT BIKES ON OUR SIDE ROADS

The Town Council of Flatrock have been getting complaints of dirt bikes and quads doing excessive speeds on our side roads. It has been reported that the age of these riders are mostly below the legal age. The Town of Flatrock would like to make parents aware that if there is damage to a resident's property or town property caused by a dirt bike or quad and the driver is under age, the parents would be responsible for the damage. We are asking if you have any type of ATV or dirt bike that you drive safely and respect our roads, trails and our resident's property, educate your family about the rules of riding an ATV or dirt bike.

Summer Hours:

From Monday, June 9, 2014 and ending Friday, September 12, 2014 the Town Hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. then 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. for remainder of year. Open through lunch.

Labour Day Holiday:

Town Office will be closed on **Monday, September 1st** for the Labour Day Holiday.

Flatrock Community Center Grand Re-opening:

The grand re-opening will be on Saturday, September 6th. Doors opening at 9:00 p.m. featuring Shanneyganock. Come see the new center and enjoy the music. Tickets will be \$20 each and will be available on **August 30th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Flatrock Community Center.

TARGA:

Targa will be held again this year on **September 14, 2014. Road Closed at 12:40 p.m. Road Opens at 1:40 p.m.** Targa NL Newsletter will be distributed in mailboxes shortly. Volunteers are needed please call Marion at 437-6945.

OPEN HOUSE:

The Town is hosting an Open House at the newly renovated Flatrock Community Center on **Sunday, September 14th from 3:30 to 5:30.** Refreshments will be served. Please come join us and see our newly renovated building. (Being held after Targa presentation).

SECOND ANNUAL KEV BUTT MIXED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT:

Labour Day Weekend - August 30-31, 2014. For information contact: **Stephanie Butt @ 685-2627 or Edith Whitty @ 437-5445**. Donations of any kind are gratefully accepted. All monies/donations raised for the tournament will be donated to the Flatrock Community Centre in memory of Kevin Butt.

Envirofest 2014:

The Town of Flatrock won \$5,000 to put towards enhancing Ocean View Park from Newfoundland Power's Envirofest 2014 competition. MHA Kevin Parsons provided extra funding of \$7500.00 towards the cost of the work involved for the park.

On **Wednesday, Sept 24th, 2014 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** (Weather Permitting) Residents are invited to come join employees of NL Power in working at the canal area as part of the Envirofest award. Work may include assisting with cleaning the area, planting trees/shrubs. It will be helpful if you can bring gardening type tools to assist. BBQ will be provided. Children accompanied by an adult welcome.

Tidy Towns:

Tidy Town Judges visited the town on **August 21st, 2014 at 9:00.**

Ditches:

The Town of Flatrock is asking residents to clean out the ditches around your property. Keeping the ditches clear from garbage and debris helps prevent flooding of homes and roads.

Diabetes Containers:

There are two red containers for clothing donations to the Diabetes Association located at the Flatrock Town Hall.

Compost Bins:

Compost bins are available for anyone interested in having one. Cost is \$21.99 plus \$2.86 tax, total \$24.85 each. If you would like to have a compost bin you can drop by the town office and pick one up.

Town Council Meetings:

Deadline for applications or correspondence for Flatrock Town Council meetings are **3 pm** on the **Thursday** before the meeting. Any applications or correspondence that comes in after that time will be held for the next meeting. The Town Council meets every second Monday and is open to the public at all times. If you wish to speak to Council on a matter, please call ahead of time so we can put your name on the agenda. The next council meetings are **Tuesday September 2nd at 6:00pm and Monday September 15th at 7:00pm.**

Youth Representative:

Explanation: Section 13.1 of the City of Corner Brook Act, section 31.1 of the City of Mount Pearl Act, and section 5.01 of the City of St. John's Act, and section of the Municipalities Act, 1999 authorize the following:

"...council may appoint one or more persons with the title "youth representative" to sit with the council and participate in its deliberations for a term and on conditions that the council may decide."

This amendment gives councils an additional tool to engage in their communities, to obtain a youth perspective on issues before council, and to generate interest among youth in local government. It is hoped that through their involvement with council, youths will better understand what their city or town does allowing a mentoring opportunity so they consider running for council in the future.

These various sections specify that a youth representative must be less than 18 years of age at the time of appointment **and are not members of council so do not count for the purpose determining quorum or deciding a vote.**

In short, whether to appoint, the number of appointments, as well as the length and conditions of any appointments are all determined by council.

Residency in the community, as well as school enrollment.

A term of one year is common in other jurisdictions, where the representatives are chosen before the summer hiatus and start their term in September.

Once appointed, the youth representatives typically engage in dialogue and share their perspectives; however, they cannot vote. They should be expected to demonstrate consistent attendance at council meetings and may be asked to provide reports regarding issues to youth in the community.

Youth Representative Orientation Training:

The Department provides councillor orientation training to new councillors. It is equally important that the Department also provides similar orientation training to youth representatives. This training is currently being developed and it is anticipated that it will be available for delivery in the Fall of 2014.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Austin Martin who was awarded the Neil Maynard Award at Cape St. Francis Elementary School.

Happy Birthday:

Happy Birthday to Madeline Maynard of Flatrock on celebrating her 96 birthday, Mrs. Maynard is the oldest person living in Flatrock.

Speed Bumps:

Speed Bumps are installed on some roads. If you did not get a speed bump on your road please contact Council, if your road qualifies for a speed bump your road will be added to the list of speed bumps to be ordered for next year.

Speed Signs:

The Insurance Brokers of Newfoundland and Labrador have donated two road side speed signs to the RNC. These signs will be used to track traffic and the speed for certain areas, including the Town of Flatrock. This is to help with areas that are having issues with speeding, once the data is collected then the RNC will decide if the area will need more police presence to try and slow drivers down for that section of road. Please drive the speed limit, watch for children and don't drink and drive, it's not worth it.

Soccer:

The last day of Soccer will be **August 28th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for 4-10 year olds.** Parents are asked to bring a food donation for the food bank on August 28. 11-17 year olds last day will be on September 6th, 2014 with a time to be announced.

Recreation:

Flatrock Recreation is pleased to provide youth with the opportunity to apply for our Counselor in Training (CIT) Program. Counselors-In-Training gain valuable training and experience by providing support to camp staff. CITs are supervised by the Regional Recreation Coordinator and Head Counselor. This is a training position, CITs are volunteers and are not paid. Completion of the CIT program does not imply or guarantee future employment with Flatrock Recreation. Additional information regarding this program and how to apply will be posted on www.townofflatrock.com in the coming days.

House Numbers:

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department has requested that all residents have visible house numbers placed on their homes in case of emergency.

Permits:

Permits are needed for all sheds even movable sheds, please contact Town Office for details. If you have a shed on your property the permit application is \$10.00 and permit costs 20 cents a square foot with a minimum cost of \$30.00. You can be asked to remove a shed if you do not have a permit for it.

Permit to Burn:

The Fire ban for Flatrock is lifted, however residents are advised that from May 1st to September 30th, 2014 business and landowners are required to have a permit to burn from the Department of Natural Resources. This permit covers such fires as cleaning or clearing land or burning brush etc. on forest land or within three hundred meters (300m) of forest land. To obtain a permit, residents must visit the Forest Resource District Office at Paddy's Pond. Phone 729-4180. There is no cost to obtain a permit. You must also notify the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department; www.tvfd.nl.ca or call 437-6542.

Animal Control:

The Town of Flatrock works with the Town of Torbay animal control officer Meagan Battersby for all animal control in Flatrock. If you need to contact Meagan regarding an animal issue you may contact her at 437-6532 (ext. 285), or call the Flatrock Town Hall at 437-6312.

Dog Tags:

If you would like your dog or even your cat registered in the town, so we would know who owns the pet if it should get out, then just drop by the town office and get a license for your pet, they are **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Horses/Dogs Clean Up:

Reminder to everyone that you have to clean up after your Horses /Dogs. Don't forget to Stoop and Scoop if your pet messes on any property other than your own, you must stoop and scoop the feces immediately. This is respect for our neighbours and public spaces. Also all dogs have to be on a leash when walking.

No Dumping:

There is no dumping anywhere in the Town of Flatrock. It has been reported that people are dumping garbage, such as clothing, tree branches, building material etc. in the areas of Red Head soccer field and Flatrock cemetery. Garbage should be brought to Robin Hood Bay. The hours of operation are Tuesday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and grass clippings from their property on Red Head Road into the ditch near the park, this is unsightly to look at, as well as a breeding ground for rodents such as mice and shrews.

CONSERVATION CORPS/GREEN TEAM:

Our assignment this year was to widen, make more walkable and tidy up the trail in which we started last summer. This trail leads you through the woods, wetlands and rocks overlooking the town. It runs from Wind gap Road to Old Flatrock Road and is nearly four kilometers in length.

SOIREE:

Thank you to all volunteers who helped make the Soiree a success again this year. Special thanks to Wayne Coady for fireworks presentation. Thanks to Sean Farrell of D&S Vacuums for donating portable toilets for Soiree and Recreation.

TORBAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Thanks also to TVFD for helping with end of year Bonfire and Soiree Fireworks.

RED HEAD PARK:

As you are aware Red Head Park is a public park and people should respect this. Please remove your garbage when leaving and also curtail the language used as children are also using this park. No Dogs allowed on any of the recreation fields.

STUDENTS:

Summer Students have finished their employment as of August 22, 2014. Many thanks to the students for a great job and wishing them good luck in their future endeavours.

PARKING WHEN SWIMMING:

Please respect "No Parking Signs" when parking on Hickey's Lane and Wind gap Road when swimming in the area. This has become a safety issue if vehicles are blocking the road and there is an emergency. Please respect private property and swimming area and take your garbage with you.

BULK GARBAGE:

Clean up will be held in the fall. Date to be confirmed.

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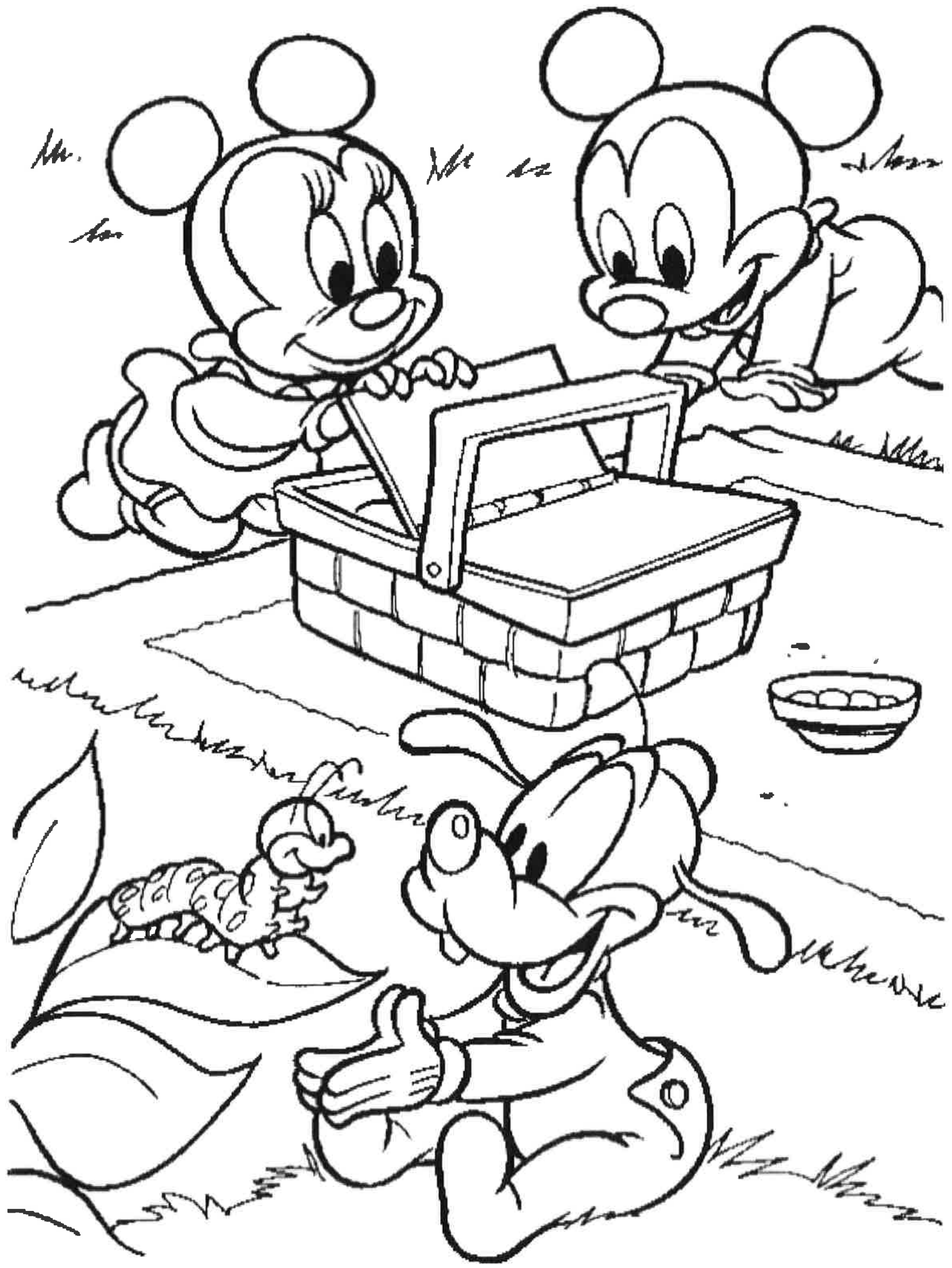
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Summer Colouring Contest

The Town of Flatrock is having a Summer Coloring Contest. The picture is attached to this newsletter. We will be picking one winner from four age groups: 2 years and under; 3 to 5 years; 6 to 8 years and 9 to 12 years. You can drop off your picture to the Town Office from Monday to Friday between 8:30 to 3:30 pm. or after hours it can be put in the mail slot outside the office door. The deadline will be September 12th, 2014 at 3:00 pm. The winners will be selected at the council meeting on September 15th, 2014 and will be notified the next day.



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