



The Town of Flatrock

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Thank you

Thank you to the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department for volunteering their time for the Halloween Pumpkin Patrol and Guy Fawkes Night. There are some pictures of the bonfire on Facebook. Thank you to everyone who attended the bonfire.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to the Torbay Volunteer Fire Department, as well as Representatives for Jack Harris MP, MHA Kevin Parsons, and Town Committees, as well as all who attended.

New Employee

Welcome to Paul Blundon, the Town's new full time Maintenance/snow clearing worker.

The Town would like to thank everyone who applied and was interested in working for the Town of Flatrock.

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission held their Annual General Meeting in October. The members of the Flatrock Recreation Commission, as of October 16, 2012 are: Chris Reglar, Chair; Flora Pike, Vice-Chair and Decorator Coordinator; Sonya Power, Treasurer; Nancy Gosse, Secretary; Members at Large, Madonna Wilkinson, Keith Smith, and new member, Anita Walsh, Council Liaisons, Marion McCarthy and Michelle Martin. Regional Recreation Coordinator, Matthew Cooper. Welcome Anita, and thank you to Stephen Moores for all your time and hard work while you were on the commission.

Seniors Dinner

Seniors are reminded that if you have not received an invitation for the Seniors dinner or if you have yet to RSVP please do so by call the Town Office at 437-6312.

Halloween Colouring Contest

Congratulations to the Winners of the Halloween colouring contest. Each winner received a \$25.00 gift card for Chapters/Coles. Thank you to all who entered and sent in their pictures. This was the largest contest for the Town with over 30 entries! The following are the winners of the contest.

Rachel Ezekiel age 2 and under

Olivia Parsons age 3 - 5

Leah Moores age 6 - 8

Amanda Phillips age 9 - 12

Christmas Colouring Contest.

The Town of Flatrock is having a Christmas Coloring Contest again this year. 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 4:30 pm. or after hours it can be put in the mail slot outside the office door. The deadline will be December 14th, 2012 at 4:00 pm. The winners will be selected at the council meeting on December 17th, 2012 and will be notified the next day.

Santa Claus Parade

The Santa Claus Parade is being held on Sunday December 2nd at 2:00 pm weather permitting starting at Ocean View Park / Breakwater proceeding in to Back Road turning right on Pouch Cove Highway and back Windgap Road to Flatrock Community Center to meet with Santa Claus for treats and pictures [bring your camera]. All children can bring there letters to Santa Claus as avid Knight will be at the parade as Santa's helper to collect letters. Everyone is invited to put a float in the parade and if you know of any business or groups who would like to put a float in the parade please contact the Town office at 437-6312 or e-mail at info@townofflatrock.com. The alternate date in case of weather is Sunday December 9th. Don't forget the best costume prizes especially for the children who take part. Judging is done by Torbay Volunteer Fire Department.

Prizes for family or community floats are:

1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$75.00, 3rd place \$50.00

Prize of \$100.00 for best commercial float

Prizes for best costumes are:

1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$30.00 and 3rd - \$25.00

Christmas Tree Lighting

The tree lighting ceremony will be held after the Santa Claus Parade on Sunday, December 2nd at 4:30 pm. at the Town Hall. Hot chocolate will be served and Christmas carols will be sung with Santa, his helpers and the Cape St. Francis choir.

Garbage Pick up

For Christmas week only garbage will be picked up on Saturday December 29th, instead of Wednesday December 26th.

Christmas Recycling

Please remember when you put your recycling out during Christmas that Coloured wrapping paper is not recyclable. Therefore your recycling will not be picked up if it contains wrapping paper. The next recycling dates are December 5th and 19th.

Speed Bumps

The speed bumps will soon be taken up for the winter. Residents are reminded to slow down and watch for children, pedestrians, and ice.

Outstanding Taxes

A final letter has been sent to those with outstanding taxes owing up to and including 2011. Residents who received this letter and do not reply will have their information sent to a collection agency.

Students volunteer hours

Any students looking for volunteer hours please contact the Town Hall at 437-6312

Mil Rate

The Flatrock Council will review the mil rate for residential property taxes as the 2013 budget is done. During the process a decision will be made on how much the mil rate will be lowered.

The Budget is scheduled to be done in the next few weeks; everyone will be notified of the mil rate as soon as the 2013 Budget is completed. 2013 Property Taxes will be sent out by January 15, 2013.

Property Assessments

All property assessments were sent in the mail in October by the Municipal Assessment Agency, with the new higher property values. If you did not receive the assessment you need to contact the Municipal Assessment Agency at 1-877-777-2807. If you want an approximate idea of your property taxes you can multiply the total value on your assessment by 0.0065

Example \$100,000.00 X .0065 = \$650.00 and \$200,000.00 X .0065 = \$1300.00

50 Plus Club

There has been an interest in starting a 50 plus club in Flatrock. To get this club started there will be a public meeting in January for all who are interested. A committee will be formed at that time. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to put your name forward for the committee please call 437-6312

Snow Clearing

It is that time of the year again and snow will soon be upon us, the Town Council would like to remind residents **NOT to park on sides of road** so our snow clearing equipment can have room to clear the town roads. Remember you are **NOT allowed to shovel snow** out in to the road or across the road to cause an obstruction to traffic. The Town is not responsible for any damages incurred to any fence or garbage box that is not set back 17.5 ft. from center of any local road and 33.5 ft. from any highway. The town has a priority list of roads to follow and our children's safety and school bus runs is at the top. Please watch for children waiting for school buses during our snow season, remember "Snow means Slow".

Pole Lights

If any pole lights are out near your home you may contact the Town Office and we will let Newfoundland Power know of this situation. If the number that is on that pole can be provided to the council office, this will speed up the process of getting the light replaced.

After Hours Emergencies

Town staff is NOT to be called after hours; they can be reached through the Town office Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

For after hour emergencies the Town Council can be reached at the following numbers:

Kevin Butt	Tourism / Finance / Community center	233-2329
Tony Grace	Roads / Snowclearing / Streetlights Animal & Garbage Control	437-6825
Bob Schmiedendorf	Planning / Tourism / Finance	437-6255
Marion McCarthy	Recreation / Heritage / Soiree Regional Games	437-6945
Michelle Martin	Recreation / Heritage/ Clean-up	437-5016
Brian Martin	Roads / Snow clearing Animal & Garbage Control.	437-7665
Darrin Thorne	Streetlights / Planning	437-5654

Flatrock Flyers Watches

There is a Flatrock Flyers watch with the Flyers logo on the face of the watch available in men's and ladies at a cost of \$32.00 (taxes in). These watches are now available at the Town Office.

DVD'S, Mugs, and Ornaments

The Town of Flatrock has 2 DVD's for sale. One DVD is of the 1989 Soiree and the other is a video done by the Town of Flatrock in 1990. These DVD'S shows Flatrock scenery, the Lancers, Patrick Moran, Mark Hiscock, Leah Stamp Band, Is'd Bye Band, Reunion Band and many deceased residents from our community. These are available for \$20.00 each. There are mugs also available, with three different scenes on them, one of the old church, one of an iceberg in close to the rocks and the other of Flatrock beach. These are \$10.00 each. We also have a Christmas ornaments as well for \$10.00 with the Flatrock crest or the grotto on them. You can purchase these items at the Town Office. The Town Office is open Monday –Friday, 8:30-4:30. The profits from the sales of the DVD's are going towards the Soiree and the profits from the sale of the mugs and ornaments will be going towards the Recreation Committee.

Town Council Meetings

The next council meetings will be on December 3rd and 17th. If you would like to speak to council please call the Town Hall 437-6312 to have your name added to the Agenda. Also please note that the Town Hall will be closed on December 25th, 26th, 2012 and January 1st 2013.

Tidy Towns

Flatrock WON the Tidy Towns Award for the category of 701-1500 population. The Town Council of Flatrock would like to congratulate and thank all the residents of Flatrock who made this possible, with the pride and commitment you take in your property and your town. President of Municipalities NL, Mayor Churence Rogers said" A Tidy Towns win is an outstanding achievement for a municipality and their volunteers. It is a great victory for the residents who have commitment and pride for their local environment and work really hard to keep it clean, tidy and sustainable."

The Honorable Kevin O'Brien, Minister of Municipal Affairs, presented awards to the 2012 Tidy Town recipients at the Municipalities NL Convention in Gander. Mayor Kevin Butt and Councilor Michelle Martin were in attendance.

Torngat Award

The Town of Flatrock won a Torngat Municipal Achievement Award for Regional Cooperation. The following explains why Flatrock won the award.

"Regional cooperation is the watchword for our sector in the foreseeable future. This award recognizes those municipalities that see regional cooperation as a means to delivering more effective services and are making it part of their arsenal rather than letting centralization overtake them.

The Town of Flatrock have built an impressive list of partnerships with neighbouring municipalities – all with the focus on reducing the cost of delivering municipal services for their residents.

They are a partner in the Jack Byrne Arena with the Towns of Torbay, Pouch Cove and Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove.

They provide joint fire protection with the Town of Torbay Volunteer Fire Department, boasting ten local volunteers and a pumper truck located in Flatrock.

They worked with the Northeast Avalon Regional Economic Development Board to create a joint ICSP with the Towns of Pouch Cove and Bauline.

They share a Recreation Director with the Town of Pouch Cove.

They share the Town of Torbay's Animal Control Officer.

They partner with the Town of Torbay on winter sand and salt storage.

And they are looking to the future with a possible joint waste management system with Pouch Cove and Bauline as well as a regional fire service that would serve them, Torbay, Bauline, Pouch Cove and Logy Bay-Middle Cove-Outer Cove"

Recyclables

The Town Council and the Recreation Commission would like to thank everyone who has dropped their recyclables off to the Town. When you drop them off please remember ensure there is no covers or corks on the bottles and that there is not any cardboard included, as the Recycling Depot will refuse to take the whole bag. All funds received from the recyclables go towards recreation programs in the town.



FLATROCK CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Town of Flatrock Curbside Recycling Program, will be picking up recycling every up every second Wednesday. Your recycling should be separated in BLUE plastic bags, 1 for paper products and 1 for containers. It doesn't matter what size bags, but they must be BLUE in color. Please see the list below on how to separate your items:

PAPER PRODUCTS

Newspapers and Flyers
Magazines and Catalogues
Glossy paper and Junk Mail
Computer paper, writing paper,
Bond paper, Post-it Notes
Phonebooks
Envelopes
Books
Toilet paper and paper towel Rolls
Egg cartons (the cardboard kind)
Drink/Coffee trays
Paper Bags

BOXBOARD

Cereal boxes
Tissue boxes
Detergent boxes, etc...

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Clean, unwaxed and flattened

Items that will NOT be accepted:

Glass	Kitty Litter
Coffee Cups	Plastic Bags
Hazardous Waste	Diapers
Syringes	
Fast food containers ex: chicken buckets	

ALUMINUM CONTAINERS

Pop and Beer Cans
Baking trays, pie plates, etc...

TIN CANS

Soup cans, coffee cans, beans, tuna
cat food, etc....

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Water, pop, and liquor bottles (no
covers or tops)
Condiments ex.: barbeque sauce
ketchup, mustard, honey, etc...
Household cleaners ex.: dish and
Laundry detergent, bleach,
Windex, etc...
Plastic containers marked on the
bottom #1, 2, 4, 5, 7 ex: yogurt,
ice cream etc...
Tetra boxes ex.: juice boxes, soups
Gable Tops ex.: milk and juice
cartons

If you want to donate your items
to the Recreation program, please
drop them off at the Town Garage
next to the gate. Please do not
block the fire exit. (These items
would be what you pay a deposit
on)

Please make sure that the plastic bottles and containers are rinsed and lids and caps are removed. Please place your recycling with your garbage bags on recycling pick up day.

Recreation News

Gentle Gym

Flatrock - Pouch Cove Recreation would like to advise residents that our Gentle Gym is returning for the fall season. Ideal for seniors or new comers to exercise classes, this is a low impact aerobic program that includes stretching, low impact cardio; follow by conditioning with weights, and abdominal exercises. This program will be held at All Saints' Parish Hall on Friday's from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. There is a \$5 fee per session.

Community Skates

Community Skates are held at the Jack Byrne Arena on Saturday afternoons from 4 – 5pm. The following dates are Community Skate times open to residents of Flatrock: December 1st, 15th and 29th. Admission is \$2 per skater.

Choosing Healthy Food and Beverages Workshop

Pouch Cove – Flatrock Recreation in partnership with the Avalon East Wellness Coalition and Eat Great and Participate will be hosting a Choosing Healthy Food and Beverages Workshop at All Saints' Parish Hall on Friday, November 30th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop! You will learn to prepare quick snack and lunch ideas for your community meetings and events.

To register contact Leslie Clark at 752-4907 or email hpresourcecenter.stjohns@easternhealth.ca before November 27, 2012. Space is limited.

Breakfast with Santa

Flatrock Recreation Commission will be holding their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8th, at the Flatrock Community Centre from 9 am to 11 am. Don't forget to bring your cameras as Santa will be available for pictures. Vickie from the Anna Templeton Centre will be doing crafts with the children.

Annual Skate with Santa

Pouch Cove – Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Skate with Santa on Sunday, December 15th from 4:00 -5:00 pm at the Jack Byrne Arena in Torbay. There will be a \$2 admission fee for this event.

Christmas Lights Contest - Flatrock

Flatrock Recreation is encouraging residents to use their imagination and creative skills this holiday season and enter our Outdoor Christmas Lights Decorating Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top three decorated houses in Flatrock as determined by our judges. To enter the contest, registration can be completed in two ways: 1) residents are asked to contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335-227- on or before 12:00 pm on Monday, December 17th to enter their own home, or 2) residents can nominate another homeowner by contacting the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2270 on or before 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 18th. Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 18th from 7-9pm.

Snowfest

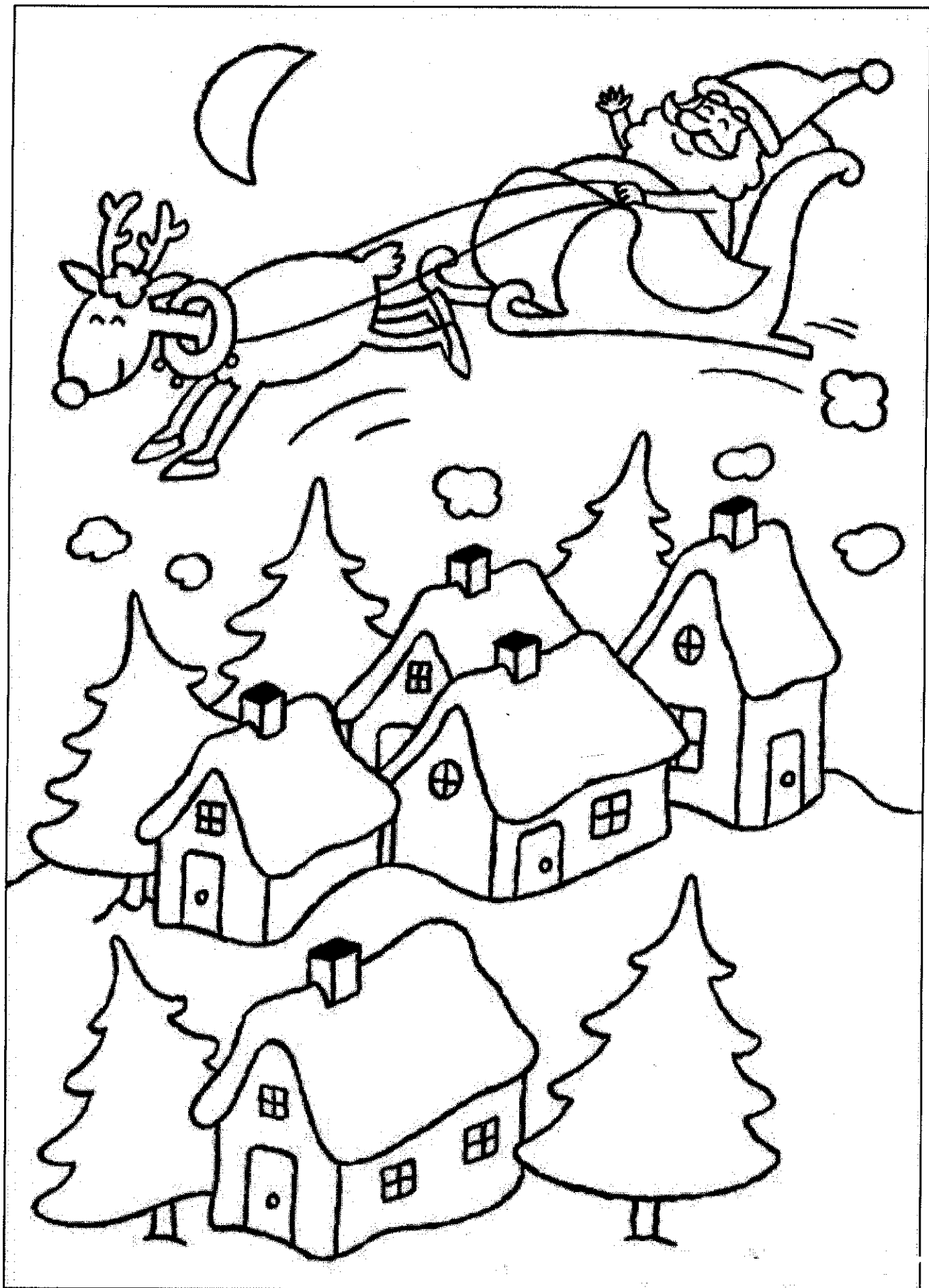
Residents are advised that our annual Snowfest Celebrations will be held during the month of February. Our 2013 Snowfest Celebrations will feature a variety of activities for all residents. Some events such as our Gospel Tea Party and Seniors Outing will be returning while new events and activities are being planned.

2013 Killick Coast Games

The countdown has begun and the Town of Flatrock is just ten months away from co-hosting the 2013 Killick Coast Games with Pouch Cove. In preparation for the Games, an official Facebook page has been created to help keep residents informed with up to date information. Please "like" the 2013 Killick Coast Games Page. The official date for the 2013 Killick Coast Games has been set as August 11 – 15th. If you would like to volunteer for these games please contact the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335-2270.

Seniors Outing

Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation will be holding a Seniors Outing to the Confederation Building on Tuesday, December 4th. On this outing, residents will have lunch with our MHA Kevin Parsons, meet some government officials and sit in on Question Period. Transportation and lunch will be provided. The bus will leave the Flatrock Town Hall at 11:20 am. Space is limited and seniors must call the Regional Recreation Coordinator at 335 2270 on or before 12 pm on Friday, November 30th.



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