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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) now available at the Town Office.

DVD'S and MUGS

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 show 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 ornament as well for \$10.00 each of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. 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 MEETING

Deadline for applications or correspondence for Flatrock Town Council meetings are noon on the Thursdays before the 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 meeting is Monday, January 30th, February 13th, and February 27th at 8:00 pm.

PROPERTY TAXES

Any 2011 property taxes that are owing and installment payments are not arranged, will be charged interest. Thank you to those who have paid their 2011 property taxes, this makes it easier to run the town. For all residents 2012 property taxes are in the mail and you should have them by now and are due the end of February, 2012, no interest will be applied until June 30, 2012. Tax payments can be made by monthly installments. Payments are accepted by visa, mastercard, debit, cheques and cash as well as post - dated cheques at the town office between the hours of 8:30 to 4:30. Forms for payments are available on the web site or at the Town office.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If there are any students looking to complete their volunteer hours, the Heart Foundation are looking for volunteers to go door to door in the Flatrock area to collect donations for the Heart Foundation. You may contact the Town office for more information.

RECYCLING DATES

The next few dates for recycling will be: February 1st, 15th, 29th, 2012. Please have your recycling out with your garbage by 8:00 am. on those dates. Just a reminder, you can drop off your recyclables, the ones you pay a deposit on, to the Town Garage or the Town Hall. These recyclables are going into an account at the Evergreen Recycling Depot and all money raised will go to the Flatrock Recreation Program. If you would like to donate your recycling to the Flatrock Recreation Program, drop them off at the Evergreen Recycling Depot marked "**Town of Flatrock**".

SNOW CLEARING

It is that time of the year again and snow is 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 number that is on that pole can be provided to the council office, this will speed up the process of getting the light replaced. The Town of Flatrock has requested that Light and Power install a pole light at the intersection of the Bye Pass road and Pouch Cove Highway, we checked again and were told by Light and Power that the reason for the delay, is that they have to install a transformer on the pole before they can install a light on the pole. We informed them that this is an urgent matter, as the intersection is so dark and asked if they could move this request to the top of the list.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR RED HEAD ROAD

The Town of Flatrock is the winner of the 1st RONA Kids Advantage program. Rona is pleased to announce the launch of the "Rona Kids Advantage Program" . Teaming up with Henderson Recreation, Canada's largest 100% owned and operated playground manufacturer, the "Rona kids Advantage Program" will help communities realize their dreams of new playground's. Rona /Henderson Recreation will make a bigger and better playground available to a selected community by offering a custom play structure at a highly discounted price. Rona will pay for the freight and installation supervisor costs associated with the playground equipment. The playground will be installed by the winning community under the direction of a qualified playground installation supervisor and a team of volunteers provided by Rona, Henderson Recreation and the winning community. The first "Rona Kids Advantage Playground" is tentatively scheduled to be installed in the spring of 2012. Flatrock will be looking for volunteers to help with the installation of the new playground in the spring. You may contact the town by calling 437-6312 or email info@townofflatrock.com.

DONATION

The Town of Flatrock would like to acknowledge and thank the Silver Lights Club of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for donating their prize of \$100.00 which they won for taking first place in the 2011 Santa Claus Parade, to Flatrock's Recreation.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Town of Flatrock has hired a financial clerk to work in the Town office. The Town Council would like to thank everyone who applied. The position was filled by Joanne (Parsons) Strugnell.

SOIREE 2012

The dates for the 2012 Soiree have been chosen. It will be held on July 20th, 21st and 22nd. The Soiree Committee is looking for new volunteers, if you would like to volunteer or would like more information; please contact the Town Office at 437-6312.

SAVING ENERGY

WWF-Canada is thrilled to invite you to participate in two events launching early 2012: National Sweater Day and Earth Hour. These events aim to engage Canadians in a fun and celebratory way while raising awareness about climate change and encouraging individual behavior change.

On February 9th, 2012, for National Sweater Day, turn down your heat and turn up your sweater! We are calling on Canadians to turn down their thermostats and wear a fun sweater to symbolize their commitment to the environment.

On March 31st, 2012 between 8:30 - 9:30 pm, turn off your lights for Earth Hour. Year over year Canada has remained a leading country in terms of participation. For us the moment of Earth Hour is a bit like an environmental New Year, providing a chance to reflect on how our planet is fairing and what new or renewed commitments we can make to help.

There are a multitude of things that divide people: gender, nationality, race, political and religious beliefs to name a few. But when it comes to fighting climate change, it doesn't matter who we are or where we're from - we're all on the same team. This is our opportunity to ignite change and ensure that Canada is on the right path for future generations, our economy and the planet.

Pledge your commitment and support for WWF's National Sweater Day and Earth Hour and make sure these dates are in your calendar for 2012.

Last year, over 5 250 cities across the globe participated in Earth Hour - reaching over 1.8 billion people worldwide!

TORBAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. DINNERS

The Torbay Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be having their annual take-out Chicken Dinners on Saturday, February 25th, 2012. The cost is still only \$10. this includes, potatoes, carrots, turnip, green peas, dressing, gravy and stuff chicken breast, as well as cookies. To order dinners call 437-1704 or e-mail ngosse@nl.rogers.com.

NEW OCCUPANCY PERMITS

A "Building Application" must be accompanied by one copy of a certified survey plan, one copy of building plans for proposed construction and application processing fee of \$50.00 (residential) plus **\$500.00 occupancy/security** deposit and processing fee of \$75.00 (commercial construction). If you are applying for a building permit that is discretionary in any zone, a fee of \$75.00 plus cost recovery must be enclosed to cover required advertising. An occupancy permit will be required from the Town of Flatrock before permit to build is issued. An occupancy or security deposit of \$500, with \$400 refundable upon occupancy or applied to property taxes, is required to be paid to the Town before conditional permit will be given. Upon receipt of a "Real Property Report" (which is a survey where your footings are located or the "foot print" of your house) a permit to build will be issued at a cost of \$.30 per square foot.

Tax and Fee Structure

Property Tax	6.5 mils
Business Tax	15 mils
Minimum Property Tax	\$400.00.
Home Base Business Tax	\$250.00/annually
Bed & Breakfast Tax	\$500.00/annually
Farm Tax	3 mils
Utility Tax	2.5% gross revenue
Compliance Letter	\$100.00
Tax Certificate	\$100.00
Zoning Certificate	\$100.00 + cost recovery
Accessory Building Application Fee	\$10.00
Accessory Building Permit	\$0.20 per sq.ft./min.\$30.00
Residential Application Fee	\$50.00
Discretionary Use Ad	\$75.00 + cost recovery
Residential Building Permit	\$0.30 per sq.ft.
Commercial Building Permit	\$0.35 per sq.ft.
Subdivision Application Fee	\$50.00/lot
Crown Land Application	\$100.00 (if not approved 80% refundable)
Quarry Permit	\$1000.00/annually
Occupancy/Security Deposit	\$500.00
	\$400.00 refundable upon occupancy
Stop Work Order	1 st notice \$100 + cost recovery
	2 nd notice \$500 + cost recovery
	3 rd notice \$1000 + cost recovery
Returned Cheque	\$50.00
Dog License	No Charge
Animal Pickup Fee	1 st time - \$100.00
	2 nd time - \$200.00
Animal Holding Fee	\$20.00/day
Animal Euthanasia Fee	Cost recovery/charged to owner

Recreation News

Community Skates

Residents are advised that effective immediately there will be changes made to the way Community Skates are ran. In order to attend a skating session, **residents must purchase a skating pass in advance** from either the Flatrock or Pouch Cove Town Hall. Skating passes are just \$1 each and will be accepted at both Flatrock and Pouch Cove's Community Skates.

Individuals who do not reside in Flatrock or Pouch Cove will be required to pay a \$4 admission fee. Upcoming Community Skates are February 4th and 18th, March 3rd and 17th, and April 7th.

Kids Bingo

Flatrock Recreation will be holding a Kids Bingo at the Flatrock Community Centre on Sunday, February 12th starting at 2 pm. Bingo cards are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Canteen service will be provided and this is a kickoff event to our annual SNOWFEST celebrations.

2012 SNOWFEST Celebrations

Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation would like to advise Residents that our annual SNOWFEST Celebrations will be held from February 17th to February 25th. Over the course of nine days a variety of events for all age groups are planned. Some of the highlights for our 2012 Celebrations include an adult dance featuring Siochana, and a

family hypnosis show by Gary Summers. A complete copy of the schedule of events will be coming to your mail box in early February.

Zumba

Flatrock Recreation would like to advise the general public that we are now offering Zumba lessons at the Flatrock Community Centre. Lessons are held Sunday nights from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Registration has taken place but we do have some spaces available. For additional information please contact Ashley at 437 6945.

Little Dreamers Playgroup

Residents are reminded that Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation currently offers a preschool playgroup for youth between the ages of 3 and 5. Sessions are held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11 am at the Flatrock Town Hall. Admission is \$2 per person and healthy snacks are provided.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Flatrock Recreation will be holding our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 7th at the Flatrock Community Centre. Breakfast will be served from 9 – 11 am. Additional information about this community event will be made available in our March newsletter.

Healthy and Functional Movement Classes

Flatrock Recreation would like to advise residents that we will be offering an 8 week Healthy and Functional Movement program on Sunday afternoons starting on March 4th. Classes will be held at the Flatrock Community Centre from 3 – 4 pm. Instructed by Ryan Osborne, this class is structured to increase joint mobility and muscular strength, improve daily functioning, enhance cardiovascular health and correct nagging injuries/pain.

2012 Killick Coast Games

Residents are advise that the 2012 Killick Coast Games will be hosted by the Town of Logy Bay - Middle Cove - Outer Cove from August 26th to August 30th. Killick Coast Games are open to youth between the ages of 11 and 17 (within the calendar year). Information about registration will be posted on www.townofflatrock.com as the games draw closer.

Indoor Walking Program

Residents are a advise that Flatrock – Pouch Cove Recreation currently runs a Indoor Walking Program at All Saints, Parish Hall in Pouch Cove. Walking sessions are held on Tuesday's and Thursday's of each week from 10 – 11 am. New members are welcome.