

# Municipal News Port Blandford

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## Happy Labour Day Weekend to everyone.

### Taxes

**W**e have four months left to pay our taxes. Our 2006 poll and property taxes were due and payable April 30th and the water tax is due monthly. Council encourages anyone with outstanding taxes to make the necessary arrangements to have accounts paid before year end.

Notices or invoices were sent and are still being sent to residents who have not already made arrangements or who have not made regular payments.

If arrangements are not made the town will proceed with the following options. (1) If you are connected to water services we will turn off your water and there will be a \$50.00 connection charge plus all of your arrears taxes paid in full. (2) The town can submit your name to a collection agency or small claims court. Once your name is listed with them it will go on your personal credit file as a bad debt for seven years. (3) If the

town knows your employer we can advise them to do payroll deductions. These are not policies the council enjoys enforcing but we also have financial commitments which we must uphold.

If your account is listed with our collection agency you have to follow agreements you have made with them.

If you have an agreement with the town it will be considered nil and void if your agreement is not honoured.

With everyone's help we would like to keep our taxes as low as possible. The town would like to thank you for your support and council is also thankful to residents who are prompt in paying their taxes.

### TARGA Rally Sept. 13

**O**n Wednesday September 13th between 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. the TARGA Rally will be running through Port Blandford.

The cars will start by the TCH in Muddy Brook, come through the community along the Legion Road ending at the TCH by The Corner Stop.

We are still looking for some marshals. The recommended age is 18 and over but we will accept ages of 16+ if required.

If you are interested in helping with this event please contact the Town Office and add your name to the list.

### Flushing Main Water Line

October 17 - 21/06

**O**n Tuesday, October 17 to Saturday October 21 from 11 p.m. at night until 6 a.m. in the morning the town will be flushing the main water line and there may be some discoloration and loss of pressure. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## Tidy Towns Update

**W**e would like to thank everyone for helping us participate in the Tidy Town competition. Our judges enjoyed their tour of our community as well as the Meet & Greet afterwards at the Town Hall. We will be receiving our evaluation overview in October and we will post the results in the next newsletter. In the meantime, lets keep our roadsides clean, compost our scraps, recycle our cans and bottles, and keep our community clean and beautiful!

## Summer Jobs

**T**his was the sixth year that The Town of Port Blandford had two research assistants Megan Clouter & Allan Hann at Northwest River sponsored by Terra Nova National Park. We had them for twelve weeks.

We had one student under the Level I, II & III Program for four weeks. Amanda Holloway did a variety of work for the town.

Thank you to the students, sponsors and anyone else who participated in any way.

## Toll Gate

**T**he Port Blandford Fire Department would like to thank everyone who helped with their

toll gate on Sunday, August 27. If anyone missed the toll gate but would still like to give a donation may do so by dropping it off to the Town Office or either one of the Fireman.

## 32nd Annual Fireman's Ball

**O**n Saturday, October 14, 2006 the firemen will be holding their 32nd Annual Fireman's Ball at the Royal Canadian Legion. Music will be supplied by Barry Lewis. Tickets can be purchased from Vida.

## Bobber Race

**T**he Port Blandford Fire Department will be having their bobber race on Sunday, September 10, 2006 (or a later date to be announced) at 2:30 p.m. from Middle Brook Swimming Hole to the Fire Hall with the usual prizes. The Fire Dept. wishes to thank everyone for their support.

## Letter to the Editor

**O**n Sunday August 27, I had a wonderful experience. It started with a phone call late afternoon from Loyola Hutchings that my boat was taking on water, followed

very shortly by another that it had sunk and was bottom up. I raced to the wharf and called Clyde Oldford who arrived within minutes, maybe seconds with his boom truck. Steve Chatman risked his life climbing aboard the suspended boat to cut her free, while being covered in salt water and gasoline in the brisk northeasterly.

Both Loyola and David Elliott worked for over an hour in the cold to raise and secure the boat aboard Clyde's truck.

I returned home to collect my boat trailer and it broke loose en route and ended in the ditch. I left it there and Darren Wiseman retrieved it and brought it to the wharf with his quad. Bryan Garrett helped to offload the boat and Michael Davis spent two hours cleaning the motor with a pressure wash and fixing the trailer hitch. He also arose early the next morning to take the boat and trailer to Clarendville by 8:00 a.m.. Darren Greening brought it back to the wharf in the afternoon.

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all. I learned once again about the wonderful people of Port Blandford, both permanent and seasonal, who helped unselfishly for hours in the cold.

It was a truly wonderful experience.

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