



# Winter Newsletter

Mineville Community Association

## Christmas Decorating Contest – Dec 22

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Decorating contest will be held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 4 judges will be touring the community starting at 6:00 pm. Be sure to have your lights on before then. Free hot chocolate and donuts will be given out down at Bennett Park starting at 7:00 (we will be having a bon-fire as well.) *If* the weather co-operates we may be able to have a skate on the pond (watch your e-mail as we may need some volunteers to help clear and flood the ice the night before.)

**Santa Claus** will also be

arriving at the event with the arrival of the judges.

Winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest will be announced when they arrive.

Our judges for the contest are:

1. Councilor Keith Colwell
2. Norma White – Saltscapes magazine.
3. Marcia Simmons – Decorator Consultant
4. Leslie MacFarlane – Decorator Consultant

We have donations of prizes from the following (more to

come): **Lake Echo Triple A, Maryanne's Gifts, Manor Hill Flags, The Vines Pasta Grill, Jamiesons Pub, Porter's Lake Home Hardware, & Saltscapes Magazine.**

Thanks to Clare O'Brien for organizing this event for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. If you want to help out or assist with prize donations please contact Clare (see contact info.)

**This event will be held in fair weather or foul.**

Parents are also reminded that they are responsible for their children at the park at all times. We hope to see everyone there!

## Sharon Dort/McLennan Sales – Thanks!

Sharon Dort of the community works at **McLennan Sales** (a division of EMCO) and managed to

get us Geotextile donated for the playground at Bennett Park. Thanks to her and Sheldon Deroach (sales) for

their support. This saved us over \$500. We also had an anonymous donation of \$500 for this park from a resident.

## Boat Safety Course – Bulk Discount

The MCA organized 2 boat safety courses in the past couple of weeks (regular price is \$65; it was put on for \$50 per person; \$35 per child

12 and under) This course is now mandatory for operating small water craft. Those on the e-mail distribution list were notified about the

courses. If you didn't hear about this and are interested in taking this course please contact John Drake at 434-4611 (min 12 people reqd.)

## Bennett Park Help - Thanks!

Murray Mason has put a lot of his personal time into putting in the deck and steps at the building at Bennett Park. Thanks for all his effort. We need some volunteers to help cleanup

the park and dig around the stairs and put some gravel in. It would be nice to have this done before the Christmas party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please feel free to help out if you get a chance. Thanks

also to Jane Veniot, Lori Mitchell and Kirk Penney (backhoe operator) for volunteering to spread the pea-stone down around the playground.

## Sponsors – KSM Entertain/St. Davids United Church

Thanks to KSM Entertainment and St. Davids United Church for sponsoring this issue of the

newsletter (see middle page of newsletter.) The cost for this is \$50 and it completely covers our photocopying and

mail charges. If interested in sponsoring future newsletters please contact any member of the executive.



## 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

### Werner Park Garden

The planting is finished at Werner Park's memorial garden. We will have a formal dedication ceremony in honour of Rosalie Blacklock in the spring and children can add their momentos then. Also, if anyone else would like to donate something to plant, they can still

### Message Board Contact - 2003

Thanks to new resident, Linda Gray for volunteering to take care of the message board starting in 2003. She can be reached at 462-

### Bottle Drive – Thanks!

Our last bottle drive raised \$401. Thanks for your support and thanks to all the volunteers who helped collect the bottles. The

### Neighbourhood Watch E-mail Distribution List

There is a new e-mail distribution list managed by the RCMP community patrol for our area. To join this distribution list please

### Halloween Party

It was a dark and stormy night...but thankfully not til after the party was over!!!

The 3rd Annual Halloween Party was a great success, with about 175 people braving the chilly night air to attend. There were over 50 Jack O Lanterns and they were individually beautiful and helped illuminate the path through the woods. All the children and adults who arrived in costume looked wonderful (Our MLA was incognito, as well). There are lots of creative people in Mineville! The party was a lot of fun, due in large part to the volunteers. A big thank you to Crissy Sears for making the creepy body parts, rigging up the Biting for Apples game and making the pin the nose on the goblin and jack o lantern games. She also baked delicious cup cakes which were eagerly enjoyed by many goblins. Crissy

### Annual Community Meeting

We will be having our annual community meeting sometime in February or March. An update on upcoming projects and

### Fill required

We are always looking for free clean fill (ie. no grubblings) to expand our parking lot at Bennett Park. If you hear of a place

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history, other links (ie. Mineville Weather, local businesses, etc.) Our community e-mail distribution list is over 200 names. E-mail to [grant.macdonald@hp.com](mailto:grant.macdonald@hp.com) to be included.

get in touch with Clare O'Brien and we will plant in the spring. Thanks to **Rae Austin** for donating the topsoil that was used in this garden and thanks to all the people who donated perennials and helped with the planting.

4068 or e-mail: [saltwind@hfx.eastlink.ca](mailto:saltwind@hfx.eastlink.ca). Thanks to Cindy McKay for taking care of it in 2002.

money raised through bottle drives has helped us get a lot of our projects completed. Thanks to Karen Webb for organizing.

send an e-mail to [neighbourwatch@accesswave.ca](mailto:neighbourwatch@accesswave.ca).

spent a lot of time preparing all these tricks and treats, and we really appreciate it.

Setting up and cleaning up were a breeze thanks to the many volunteers who helped out. Shanghai Willy creaked out of the grave to attend. Madame Tabi Taylor tapped in to her ESP to provide many interesting fortunes. As always, Karen Cooke and the Mineville Players put on another spooktacular play, "Five Timid Ghosts". Starring as the Witch was Alex Brown, and as the Ghosts were Jacob Brown, Kelsey Vanderrijt, Paige DeRochers, Brittany Sullivan, and Liam Cooke. Shawn O'Brien did a great job as MC. Thanks to everyone who donated candy. There were guests who came from surrounding communities who really enjoyed the evening and described themselves as "Mineville Wannabes". That says it all.

executive elections will take place. We will let you know once a final date has been chosen.

where we can get free fill please notify a member of the executive.

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