

Branch News

January 2016



Born January 10th, 1914

Celebrating 102nd Birthday January 10th, 2016

Branch's Oldest Resident

Mrs. Annie English

The Town Council along with all residents of Branch sent warm Birthday wishes your way. Hoping you'll have a wonderful day. Surrounded by people you hold most dear gathered to celebrate one more year. A Happy day is wished for you, we hope it lasts the whole year through!

Happy Birthday Mrs. Annie.

May the Dawn of this New Year;
Fill your heart with new hopes;
Open up new horizons;
And bring forth your promises
Of the brighter tomorrows.
Have a wonderful year ahead.
Happy New year to all.

Council Members

Kelly Power – Mayor
Alice Mooney- Deputy Mayor
Angie Power-Councillor
Mallary McGrath- Councillor
Lorna English- Councillor
Gus Power- Town Clerk

Property owners are encouraged to install the civic number of your property on your homes/ business. This will easily identify your property, particularly in an emergency response situation. It will make it easy if you need assistance from police or ambulance. Anyone who needs their civic number can contact Mayor Kelly Power 338-2088 or by email kellypower6@hotmail.com.

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."

- Victor Hugo

Tax Reminder

In order to run a town and keep our town active we need ALL RESIDENTS TO PAY THEIR TAXES each year. As always, there are residents who pay in full every year before the deadline date of June 30th. As always, there are residents who are late but pay up with a friendly reminder. And, as always, there are residents who NEVER pay taxes and make no effort to do so. What this means is that those residents who do pay taxes faithfully are paying for the services our town provides. This is not fair to our town and will not be tolerated any longer. We are appealing to delinquent taxpayers to see Gussie to make honest arrangements to pay their taxes and avoid legal action. Municipal Affairs need an approved Tax Collection Plan on how The Town Council will be collecting Tax Arrears and if Tax arrears are not collected Municipal Affairs will be helping Town Council to collect all Tax arrears. So we encourage all residents in arrears to see the Town Clerk by Feb 18th to make arrangements.

Town Office

Town Clerk is in Office Thursday evening from 3:00 Pm- 5:00 Pm. If you can't make it to the office during those hours please leave a message for Gussie and he will return your call and set a time that is good for you to drop by.

Contact Information for Town office

Phone Number 338-2920, Fax Number 338-2921

Email : townofbranch@bellaliant.com

Town website : www.branchnl.ca

Out with the old, in with the new: may you be happy the whole year through

Permits

Before commencing new construction, repairs, renovations and/or alterations you are required to have in your possession a municipal permit. You can drop by the Town office to pick up your permit.

Boat Lighting

Thanks you to all the fisher people who took the time to light up their boats this year in memory of all fisher people gone before us and to honour all fisher people of today. Thanks to Father Leo English for his prayers and blessings, to Nora O'Rourke and Maureen Young for their beautiful tributes, to Charles McGrath for reading and to all the kids and their leaders Jennifer English and Paula Power for the beautiful Christmas carols. To all who helped in any way to make this evening as special as it was I say Thank you. Looking forward to Lighting it all up more next year Please God.

Garbage

Garbage is collected each Thursday and Bulk Garbage will be April 28. So we ask all residents to **PLEASE** don't throw your household garbage or bulk garbage in pits, wooded areas or on side of the roads.

Please keep our Town a tidy one.

"One kind word can warm three winter months. "

--Japanese Proverb

Bulk Garbage Information



Items ACCEPTED for bulk item pickup:

- Sofas, tables, chairs & furniture
- Children's toys
- TVs, computers, desks and bookshelves
- Fridges, stoves, washers, dryers & additional household appliances
- Box springs and mattresses
- Dressers, bathroom fixtures
- Carpet & flooring tied in rolls less than 1.5 m (4 ft), less than 22 kg (50 lbs)
- Tree limbs tied in bundles less than 1.5 m (4 ft), less than 22 kg (50 lbs)
- Doors, window boxes – glass must be removed
- Glass, securely packaged & marked as **BROKEN GLASS**
- Iron & removable car parts less than 22 kg (50 lbs); all fluids such as oil, lubricants & antifreezes must be removed by resident prior to collection
- Other bulk items normally associated with a household
- All bulk items must be properly bundled. All loose items must be boxed.

SCATTERED OR LOOSE ITEMS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED – ALL ITEMS MUST BE BUNDLED AND TIED.



Items NOT ACCEPTED for bulk item pickup:

Shingles & construction materials | Vehicle parts greater than 22 kg or 50 lbs | Tires | Fish nets | Car wrecks, car chassis & frame | Animal carcasses & special wastes | Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as motor oils, solvents, propane tanks, paints – oil and latex – paint stripper, pesticides, glues, etc. | Brick & concrete | Earthen materials including stumps & large trees | Recyclables | Excrement & liquid waste | Items that do not fit in pickup



Branch Singing Kitchen Meals

The Branch Singing Kitchen Team is looking forward to starting their 10th year cooking and volunteering in the kitchen. This year the 1st meal will be held on Wednesday January 20th @ 5:00 Pm, full meal plus dessert will be served for just \$6.00 per person. The 1st Meal will be Chicken Breast Meal served with Potatoes, Turnip, peas & carrot, gravy, dinner roll and dessert. Anyone who would like to attend this meal is asked to submit their name by Saturday January 16th; you can submit your name by adding it to the list posted in each of the local stores, or joining the event page on facebook. Takeout's available, If you are ordering Takeout Please mark it behind your name on the sheet or event page.

Dates for Singing Kitchen Meals are as followed:

January 20th

February 3rd

February 10th Ash Wednesday

February 24th

March 9th

*Meals and Memories
Are
Made Here*

Community Forum Update:

The Town of Branch received funding from the Office of Public Engagement's Collaboration Incentive Fund. This grant money is to be used for collaborative discussions between communities and organizations in our region. These discussions will be inclusive (we want you to join in!) and will be broadcasted to you via community radio in Spring 2016! For more information, to become involved or to share an idea contact Mallary at 338-2509

Healthy Corner Stores NL Project

The exciting Healthy Corner Stores NL Project is continuing in Branch.

Thank you to all those who completed household surveys at the hall, sent in response cards, and used their Brownie Points card at the store!

Everyone who swiped their cards in the month following the surveys had a chance to win. Kelly Power was the lucky winner of the random iPad draw! Another prize for VIP Shopper for the launch has been awarded to Cyril Nash —, who visited, shopped, and swiped most frequently! This

winter we have a new set of promotions getting underway. You may have already seen some of the great new fresh foods in the store. Be sure

to keep swiping your Brownie Points cards. Our first two loyalty promotions are as follows: 1. Keen Shopper: For every 25 visits to the store when you make a purchase and swipe your Brownie Points card, you will receive a \$10 gift certificate to spend on groceries or at The Loft. 2. VIP Shopper: At the end of each month this winter, the Brownie Points user who visits, shops, and swipes most often will receive a \$15 gift certificate to spend on groceries or at The Loft. If you do not have a card and wish to get one please inquire at Careen's store!

Upcoming Events:

Paddy's Day Seniors Party March 19th, 2016

Branch Garden Party August 7th, 2016

"Happiness is not something ready made. It comes from your own actions."

— Dalai Lama XIV