

*Branch News*

*March 2015*

**March Winds**

March Wind is a jolly fellow.  
He likes to joke and play.  
He turns Umbrellas inside out  
And blows hats away.  
He calls the pussy willows  
And whispers in each ear,  
“Wake up you lazy seeds;  
Don’t you know that spring is here?”

**Volunteer Week April 12-18<sup>th</sup>**

**The Town Council would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers that work hard each year to keep our community alive and going. It is our volunteers that make the communities the places they are.**



Branch sure got the **BEST VOLUNTEERS** a Town could ask for.

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Easters a new beginning....  
Easters brings Joy!  
Easter is the coming of springtime.....  
Easter brings smiles!  
Easter is to thank the Lord for all the blessings in your life!

On behalf of the Town Council I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. We hope that your baskets will be filled with joy, peace, and happiness on Easter Morning and everyday. May the blessings of the Lord guide you, protect you, and be with you on Easter morning and always. May your heart and your home be filled with the Blessing of the Lord...

**Happy Easter from The Town Of Branch**

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Councillor Mallery McGrath on being appointed to the Youth Advisory Committee, a unique forum which will advise government on youth-related programs and policies. The committee will engage with young people, Provincial Government departments and communities to enhance youth perspectives across Newfoundland and Labrador. Mallery was one of 23 young people appointed from various perspectives which will form the committee. Mallery, on behalf of the Town Of Branch we wish you all the best with your committee, and we know you will do great for the youth of Newfoundland and Labrador.



**Discount on Tax**

10 % discount off Water and Poll Tax if **ALL** taxes are paid in full by June 30<sup>th</sup>. If your Garbage or business tax is not paid by the end of June you will not get the 10% discount on your Water and Poll Tax.

**Tax Structure**

Poll Tax \$150.00

Water Tax \$150.00

Local Business Tax \$ 150.00

Utility Companies 2.5% of gross income

Garbage Fee: \$180.00.

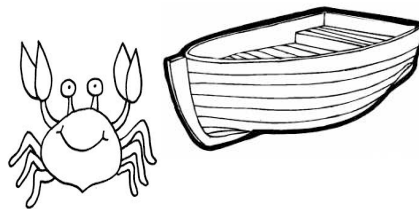
**Town Clerk Office Hour**

The Town Clerk is in the Town Office every Thursday from 3:00 Pm-5:00 PM. If you can't see the clerk at this time, feel free to call the Town Office at 338-2920, and leave a message and he will return your call and set a time that is good for you to meet him at the office.

**Fisherman's Prayer**

Father you have given your  
People skills to build boats  
in order to harvest the sea,  
Bless our fisherman and their boats.  
Bring them back to land in safety  
With a bountiful catch.  
May all who sail the seas  
be inspired by your spirit  
to have a great unity  
with all your creations.

The Town Council would like to wish all fisher people a safe, enjoyable season ahead. We hope that you have great luck in catching your quotas and that each and everyone of you will have a healthy season ahead. May God Bless you all and be SAFE.



**101 Years Old**

Our Town Council is happy to say that on January 10<sup>th</sup> we presented Mrs. Annie English with a bouquet of flowers and a fruit basket as she proudly enjoyed her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday. Mrs. Annie, the Town Council of Branch wishes you a healthy and enjoyable year ahead with many more

to come your way...

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### **Branch Singing Kitchen Committee**

The 9<sup>th</sup> year of the Branch Singing Kitchen Meals has been another successful year. A huge Thank you going out to the wonderful cooks Laura Nash, Eta Nash, Rita Mooney, Michelle Penney, Kelly Power, who give themselves freely to do such an amazing job each year. Thanks to Donna McGrath and Ellen Turner for their help when needed, it is good to know we can count on you guys. Thanks to the girls who serve, Holly Hickey, Sam Power, Alex Coffey and Victoria Nash, for always being there to do what you can to help out at each of our meals. Thanks to all our supporters that come out and enjoy the wonderful meal, without your support our Singing Kitchen Committee would not exist. Hats off to all who helped in anyway.

### **Community Radio**

The Placentia Area - Cape Shore Community Connections Committee presents the community radio event "Making Waves"!! From May 5th - 8th, everyone can listen to "Making Waves" locally on your radio and worldwide via webcast.

It will be broadcasting from Laval High in Placentia, Fatima Academy in St. Bride's, and the Branch Community Centre in Branch. Broadcast times will be from 9am to 7pm. We'll be talking about healthy communities. And so, we want to hear from you! Feel free to let us know about how you, your organization or workplace contributes to building a healthy community.

If you're interested in joining in the conversation on how to develop supportive communities please contact Mallery (mallary\_m@hotmail.com/338-2509) or Jennifer (cynplacentia@yahoo.ca/227-2050).

Funding provided by the Eastern Health Community Mental Health and

Addictions Fund.

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**Permits**

Anyone who is building a new home, building a new shed /garage, doing renovations to their home, business, fences, etc. are to have a permit from the Town Council. Permit to build a home is \$20.00, to build a shed, garage, repairs to your home, shed, garage, or fence is \$10.00. All permits can be purchased by seeing Gussie at the Town Office.

**Rent for Community Center**

The Branch Community Centre Committee asks that all rent for the use of the building be paid up front before entering the building to host your event. Thanks for your support and understanding.

**Branch Volunteer Fire Department**

A huge Thank You to The Branch Volunteer firemen who are always ready and willing to volunteer your time when needed whether it is in Branch or in one of our neighbouring communities. A fireman's job is not an easy one; it is one of the most dangerous volunteer jobs you can take on. The Town council would like to say Thank You, and that the work you do sure doesn't go unnoticed with us. Keep up the excellent work!

**Bulk Garbage**

Bulk Garbage will be picked up on May 6<sup>th</sup>, we ask all residents to PLEASE keep all bulk garbage together and place it on the side of the road for the garbage truck to take. We ask that you please not throw it in pits or wooded areas around our beautiful community.

### **Enhancement Program**

From November to March we had workers doing work for the Town Council. We would like to say Thank You to Eugene Power, Gail McGrath, Carol Anne Lyver and Roseanna Power for all the work they completed during the enhancement program. The Town Council had cleaning and painting completed in the Community Centre and Fire Hall areas. The Church was cleaned each week and the church steps were shovelled as needed. Thanks to all the workers for their help in getting ready for our Annual Christmas Parade, decorating the hall for Christmas and putting the Christmas tree up outside. Thanks to all!

Congratulations to Councillor Angie Power and her family on the birth of Anna Claire!

### **Upcoming Events**

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Easter **Saturday Night Dance** at Branch Community Centre with Music by Brian Finn.....

**Bingo** every Monday Night starting @ 8:00 PM

**Breakfast Easter Saturday Morning** with the Easter Bunny beginning at 9:00 Am...Come along enjoy your Breakfast and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!!!!!!!!!!

**Community Radio Event** May 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> (Live from Branch hall May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>!!)

***Branch Garden Party date is set for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.....***

