

# REES' Pieces

One has to wonder what the world is coming too, when there is just tragic loss of life of over 90 deaths in a mass killing in peaceful Norway, when most of the urban police patrol the streets unarmed. It is sad unexplainable things like that, which changes a country or society forever.

Here in Canada, we also see so many seemingly senseless crimes. Are the causes deep rooted in society itself in lack of confidence, education and poverty?

At the Shoreline Journal we are focused on doing what we can to encourage stopping of dumping garbage anywhere and creating illegal dumps. We find it hard to imagine why motorists will toss coffee cups, beer bottles, soft drink bottles or cans, fast food containers / wrappers, and even facial tissue out the window as they are driving along.

It makes me wonder if these same people will do the same in their own yard, or what debris they drop on the middle of their kitchen or living room floor.

We have arranged monthly prizes and if we can get a substantial number of entries, we've got plans for even more activities and educational sessions in the fall.

If you have photos or know of illegal dump sites, or areas where there is a significant amount of unsightly debris, let us know about it. If you prefer not to have your name published, we can work something out. Regardless of how much effort it takes, we want to embark on a program, doing our part, to ensure West Colchester is the cleanest area in Nova Scotia.

Now I want to switch to something positive which happened to me in Moncton a couple of weeks ago. As a bit of background, I have participated in probably hundreds of trade shows and events, where there were numerous exhibitors.

As an exhibitor your greatest nightmare can include worry wondering if all the required services will be available easily. In recent years, my major concern is ensuring there is an adequate supply of electricity or connections for our booth.

Being a Nova Scotian, I hate to admit it but services to trade show vendors is much more professional in Moncton than anywhere else. We've been to several trade shows in Halifax, mostly indoor, and on numerous occasions its not a happy situation.

The Cape Breton BikeFest, an outdoor event, is okay, but really lacks the infrastructure and size of distribution panels to bring it to the top of the list. Moncton's Coliseum and 4-Plex are right up there in customer satisfaction, but not quite as near the top as Moncton's outdoor events.

Moncton seems to have invested extensively in infrastructure, including services to vendors for outdoor events. And it's not only the services available, but the attitude with which they are delivered.

Recently, I was in Moncton for the Atlantic Nationals, antique car show, in Centennial Park. The events attracted slightly over 2,000 antique vehicles and thousands of participants and viewers. When the vendors started setting up in the park's paved parking lot, along came the electrical crew with their mobile warehouse (cube van).

Out came the large cables, probably 4 inches in diameter, for connection to multiple distribution panels scattered throughout the site. These cables were connected to an even larger permanent distribution panel - 600 amp - 3 phase, easily connected to the main power lines.

But that wasn't all, each vendor was asked what power they needed and smaller cables appeared almost instantly. When the show was over on Sunday evening, the same crew were back collected all their gear.

Maybe this example is one reason why Moncton is beating the pants of Halifax when bidding for large events.

I mention this because of Truro's new civic centre, now under construction. My words of advice are before the walls are closed in and you're thinking about readying for an opening, step back and make sure you have the infrastructure in place to make readying for trade show events a pleasurable exercise.

For the town and municipality an infrastructure investment similar to what I seen in Moncton is worth it. That is not limited to electrical supply, but also infrastructure for audio and video inside the facility as well as for outdoor events regardless of where an event is held.

Maurice

## Letters to the editor

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### Shaking Hands With Royalty



Dear Maurice

Enclosing some pictures your readers may enjoy of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge taken on their trip to P.E.I. on July 4th. These pictures were taken at the foot of St George Street at Confederation Landing.

The Duke's new flag is prominent in the background of the picture of the couple departing the carriage. This is the same State Landau used in Ottawa on Canada Day and was escorted by the RMP Musical Ride.

Gary and I took a bus tour over to PEI early that morning, staked out our position and waited. We had no idea we had chosen the most perfect of locations.

The carriage stopped right in front of us.

The couple were so close we could have reached out and touched them. We were thrilled to have the pleasure of meeting Catherine and she shook both of our hands and said she was very pleased to meet you.

She is very friendly, looks right at you and smiles. She is just like a regular person - William is the same, and looks very much like Diana. Both are tall and slim and very good looking.

This was a "once in a lifetime" event that we will always treasure. Thanks for publishing the pictures.

Gary and Sharon Croft  
Lower Onslow

### Calling All Musicians & Singers

Springhill is planning a mass performance of The Ballad of Springhill (also known as Springhill Mine Disaster) as part of the town's tribute to Irish rock band, U2. The performance will take place at 6 pm in the Lion's Park on July 31.

"It is intended to be the largest mass singing of the song ever," Mayor Allen Dill commented. "We're recruiting volunteer singers and musicians to help stage a record-breaking performance."

The band performed the song as part of its Joshua Tree Tour in 1987 and helped bring international attention

to Springhill's tragic coalmine disaster of 1958 known as "The Bump."

Mayor Dill pointed out the community is celebrating the connection it shares with the band through their performance of the song that tells the story of the '58 bump. He indicated the event will be video recorded and the general public is invited to join in.

**Singers or musicians who would like to participate can contact Alfred Legere at: 763-2243, email:**

**Alfred.Legere@CSC-SCC.GC.CA or show up at the Lion's Park in Springhill at 5:30 pm on July 31.**

### Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

We have been experiencing unusually hot weather for July this summer but at least no one can complain this year that we didn't have any summer. Also, just wanted to mention this, we don't have to shovel it. One disadvantage of all this heat is that we need to water our gardens more than usual, especially our hanging baskets as they dry out very quickly.

I try not to waste water but feel that I also spent a lot of money on the flowers in my garden so I do my best to compromise and drench each flower bed in the late evenings when the water will stay the longest. This is also better for the plants. If you have a rain barrel to collect water in to use in your garden, that is a great thing to do. Try to conserve as much water as possible as so much of the world is having a water shortage this year.

Canada Day at The Park, which was held at the Masstown Community Park was a great success. Thanks go to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade for sending a truck, the RCMP constable who came in his red serge and cop car with all those flashing lights which the kids loved, Cavanagh's Food Market for the cookies which the children decorated, the Masstown Market for our Canada Day Cake, Trevor MacMeekin for leading the Children's Parade, Tracy Carrigan for leading the children's games, Trevor Livingstone and Darrell Currie for doing the Bar-B-Queing, Ron Urquhart for First Aid,

Marg Gatza who was the "Teddy Bear Nurse", and to everyone else who helped out in any way. We had a good crowd with lots of small children, each of whom carried a "fuzzy friend" who needed at least a kiss if not a bandaid. We sold 50/50 tickets and the winning ticket belonged to Liam Vance. All in all it was a fun afternoon.

The recent Strawberry Supper went over well. I would like to thank everyone who donated items for this and all those who helped with set up, food preparation, etc. as well as everyone who attended and had a very tasty meal. Proceeds from this event went to Church purposes.

Mark this on your calendar. Blueberry Pot Luck Supper will be held on August 21st at the Masstown United Church from 4:30-6pm. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$4. Take outs available upon request. Come early for a good spot in line.

Visiting this month was Cindy Smith of Calgary who was here to visit her mother Verna Gamble. Cindy organized a "neighbourhood goodbye party" for her mother which was a huge surprise for her. Also during Cindy's visit relatives John and Maureen Henderson of Brule came for a visit. Joyce Peterson & Hendrik Sellers from St. Catherine's Ont. and Tom & Janet Dudones from Syracuse New York

Congratulations go out this month to Randy and Cathy McCarthy on the birth of their first granddaughter, a daughter for their daughter Tara.

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