



The new playground behind West Colchester Consolidated School is started to take shape. (submitted photo)

## Great Village & District Fire News

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

By the time you read this, it will be close enough to the event, we will be thinking of the holidays. Just a few reminders for the season...First of all, did you remember to check your flue when the time changed. If you haven't done it recently, now would be a good time. Then there would be: Check your extension cords. As we light up the trees and deck the halls, a worn extension cord is a definite fire hazard. During the holidays, it is customary to visit friends, so another thought would be to shut the lights down while you are not home. If you have a real tree, keep it well watered and check it regularly. Not only do we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas, we want it to be a safe one.

This month, we have a few "pats on the back" to hand

out. We would like to congratulate Jeremy Smith and Janet Harrington for their ongoing hard work. Both have been successfully working on achieving their Level One Firefighting certification. Also, recognition goes to Kate Cameron who completed the two day course on Nova Scotia Emergency Responders Traffic Management.

There is an AMFR certification on the 26-27 January and the 07-08 February. We have five members who have expressed an interest. We wish them the best of luck. (If anyone is interested, you can contact me at safety\_net@bel-laliant.net).

New members are always welcome. Feel free to drop in any Wednesday to see us. Civic number signs are available. Give Betty a call at 668-2314 to order.

Until next time, be safe.

## Steeped Tea Open House

Terry Francis, Independent Steeped Tea Consultant is holding a Christmas Open House on Sunday evening, December 2, 6:30 to 8:30 at the Great Village Royal Canadian Legion. You'll have the opportunity to meet Bonnie Chapman, local author of youth and adult books such as Missing Ella, One Last Chance, and the Hanna Rae's series. Check [www.bonsbooks.ca](http://www.bonsbooks.ca).

Bonnie will be doing readings from some of her books during the evening. Door prize as well as draws held every half hour. For more information you can call Terry at 668-2766.

## Don't sell just to trigger a loss

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abide by superficial loss rules and wait 30 days before repurchasing the investment. These rules prevent taxpayers from realizing losses without actually disposing of the assets. However, there are options for investors who wish to realize losses but still want exposure. They can buy an exchange-traded fund that is linked to the desired sector, or purchase shares of a similar company.

For instance, an investor who wants to sell Barrick Gold (TSX: ABX) but is still bullish on gold could pur-

chase the iShares S&P/TSX Global Gold Index (TSX: XGD). Alternatively, they could acquire shares of another large cap gold producer, such as Goldcorp Inc (TSX: G) or Kinross Gold Corp (TSX: K).

However, don't sell a stock just to trigger a tax loss. Investment decisions must be based on tactical thinking and careful evaluation. Be sure you have no reason to continue holding the stock. If your analysis suggests it can recover, you may want to make a different choice.

The concept of tax loss

## Great Village Garden Club News



Gerrie van den Hoek shares some fall decorating tips with members of the Great Village Garden Club. (Pattie Sharpe Photo)

By Patti Sharpe

Members of the Great Village Garden Club met on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at Faith Baptist Church. Plans were made to meet on Saturday, December 1 to decorate the community Christmas tree in front of St. James United and then move inside to the church hall for a potluck meal following the tree decorating.

The garden club has been decorating the community tree since 1967, taking over this task from the IOOF Lodge. As funds allow we have been replacing the old incandescent Christmas lights on the tree with LED lights and this years tree will be entirely decorated in LED lights. Winnie and Denny Spencer of Londonderry Station have kindly agreed to donate this year's tree.

The 2014 annual convention of the NS Association of Garden Clubs will be held in Truro with the central district clubs planning and hosting the event. Members were advised that the convention planning committee has

selling appears simple but there are intricacies to consider. Before embarking on any new strategies, investors should consult with their tax advisors.

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selected the Royal Canadian Legion, Truro as the venue for the conference to be held June 6 and 7, 2014. The planning committee is also looking for three individuals from each part of the central district to join the committee by spring 2013.

Wilfred Miller, Pat and Sybil Flemming were thanked for another year of maintenance and grass cutting at the welcome signs at either end of Great Village. Arthur Haskins advised that he would take the signs down prior to Halloween and store them until spring. The bedding plants have been removed from the cenotaph flower beds in preparation for winter and the upcoming Remembrance Day service.

Following the business meeting, Jerrie van den Hoek gave an informative and entertaining demonstration on creating fall door swags and also showed how the same swags might be updated for the Christmas holiday season. A number of members were fortunate to take home some of the finished swags and arrangements.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church. Arthur Haskins will give a slide presentation of the 2012 NSAGC annual convention held in Wolfville. Guests are always welcome.

## United Church Services for December

By Chris Urquhart

Church services for the month of December will all be at 10am except for Christmas Eve, which will be at 7pm. Sunday School is held at the same time as the regular Church service and all children of all ages are welcome. 1st Sunday in Advent December 2nd - Glenholme; 2nd Sunday in Advent December 9th -

Masstown; 3rd Sunday in Advent December 16th - Debert; 4th Sunday in Advent December 23 - Glenholme; Christmas Eve December 24th - Masstown and December 30th - Debert.

Our Minister is Carol Gillard M.Div. and she will make you welcome, as we the congregation will also. Come and join us each or any Sunday. Come out and sing Christmas carols as we make our way through Advent to Christmas!

**You will be glad you did!!**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**COME AS YOU ARE!**

ULTIMATE VIDEO GAME CHALLENGE

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Multiple Video Game Systems
- Head to Head Battles with your friends
- Food and drinks all afternoon to keep you well fueled and hydrated
- The chance to hang out with your friends in a church and play video games all afternoon



**WHEN?** Saturday Dec. 1, 2012 - Noon until 5 pm  
**WHERE?** Bass River Baptist Church (5847 Hwy #2 Bass River)  
**Who?** Everyone from Grade 6 to Grade 12 is invited.  
**Why?** Why Not?



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