

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

Here it is, almost winter, and our weather has been something to brag about! Ah well, we all know it won't last but we can hope... I hope you are feeding the birds, as the bug supply has diminished and they need to eat their body weight many times over each day to stay alive. Suet is such an important part of feeding the birds as well, for they need the fat to help keep them warm.

You will want to dress warm this coming Friday, December 2nd, storm date December 9th, at 7pm for our Christmas Tree Lighting at The Park. This is held at the Masstown Community Park and everyone is welcome! There will be a bon fire, marshmallows to roast, hot chocolate to drink and we will turn on the lights on our community Christmas tree as we sing a few Christmas carols.

The tree is donated by Folly Mountain Trees & Wreaths - so a special Thanks to Diane Robinson and her husband Jamie. We should also thank the MacDonald's who provide the electric power to run the lights on our Christmas tree each night over the holiday season.

The Masstown UCW will hold their Christmas Party meeting on Thursday December 8th at 6pm at the homes of Irene Gratto and

Gail Hines. Debert UCW has invited all our ladies to join them at their Christmas Party on Tuesday December 14th at 7pm. Bring an item for the Food Bank please.

The Masstown UCW would like to thank all those who made their recent Breakfast With Santa such a success! The ladies who were doing the craft tables upstairs will be holding another Craft Sale on Saturday December 3rd in the Church basement. I'm not sure of their times so go early and enjoy!

The Masstown Community Association are selling tickets on a "Get Ready For Christmas Basket" which is actually a tote as they couldn't get all the donated items in a basket! Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$2. You will find sellers at the Masstown Market on the weekend or you can get your tickets from any association member. Proceeds are for the Masstown Community Association to help them keep up the Masstown Community Park. Winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday December 10th at 12 noon at the Masstown Market.

Condolences go out this month to Geraldine Kaulback and family on the death of her mother, Bernice Kaulback; family of Jack Barley; and Heather Milligan and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Lucy Milligan.



Doug MacInnes, Wilson's Home Heating Sales Manager and Councillor for Colchester District 9, shares a smile and happy time with several members of the Wilson's Cyclones girls teams, who showed up at Wilson's Pleasant Street office with a truck load of over 200 coats they collected during the Coats for Kids program. (Submitted)



This is the West Colchester Pee wee A team. The team is fortunate to have 2 generous sponsors for this year. On the left is the team wearing their away jerseys with their sponsor - IDJ Construction, On the right is the team wearing their home jerseys with their sponsor - Turner's Excavating. The team is very appreciative of their sponsors and wear their colours well.

Preventing Sexual Violence Grants Announced

The province is inviting Nova Scotians with creative ideas on how to prevent sexual violence to apply for grants through the Sexual Violence Strategy. Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard launched round two of the Prevention Innovation Grants October 17.

The grants are divided into streams of up to \$5,000 for smaller projects and up to \$50,000 for larger ones. They are a commitment under government's Sexual Violence Strategy. This second round has \$600,000 available for a total investment of more than \$1.2 million.

The grants support community groups and organizations, including youth and underserved communities such as African Nova Scotians, First Nations, and the LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer) community, to reach out to their peers and help put creative prevention initiatives into practice.

Application forms are available for download at novascotia.ca/stopsexualviolence. Any questions about the application process can be emailed to strategy@novascotia.ca.

The deadline to submit grant applications is Dec. 16, 2016, at 4 p.m.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS



MLA Karen Casey presents Onslow Belmont Fire Chief Greg Muise with a cheque for \$20,000, a grant from the Emergency Service Providers Fund. The money will be used to buy a new set of Jaws of Life. (Harrington Photo)

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