

## Junior Fire Fighters Needed

By Maurice Rees

If you are between the ages of 15 to 19 are you looking for a way to serve your community? As a younger person have you admired visiting a Fire Department open house, climbing over the equipment, or having a volunteer fire fighter show you how to operate a fire hose?

The volunteer fire departments in Five Islands, Economy, Bass River, Great Village, Debert Departments and the Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade are looking for those interested in becoming a Junior Fire Fighter. In recent years a number of girls have become junior fire fighters.

As a Junior Fire fighter you will learn the skills necessary to become a regular member of the fire fighting team in your community. Important



things you will learn include: First Aid and CPR, plus you will have something important to put on your resume.

If you wish to serve your community, contact a local volunteer fire fighter. Perhaps they will invite you to attend one of their training sessions, so you can see what they do; learn more about Junior Fire-fighting and you'll be able to ask questions. Becoming a Junior Fire fighter, then progressing to become a regular member of the team is very important to your community.

## Civic Address Signs

Volunteer Fire Departments are asking that all property owners ensure their civic address signs are visible. In the event of an emergency it is crucial first responders are able to get to your property as quickly as possible.

Home owners in the Economy Fire Department District are requested to contact 902-890-1036, or email: careade07@gmail.com. Those in the Five Islands area should contact Paula Rochon at rochonpaula@gmail.com

Bass River, Great Village, Onslow-Belmont and Debert Fire Brigades/Department are asking area residents to check their signs for visibility, or to get one if you don't have one.



## Santa visits Masstown UCW

By Chris Urquhart

Masstown UCW held their Christmas Party at the home of Wanda Wallace. She had her house all decked out and it looked wonderful! We had a tasty meal with lots of laughs, and no one refused dessert!

Then we played a couple of games before Santa dropped in from the North Pole to pass out a few gifts and some candy canes. It was decided that we wouldn't meet in January unless something urgent came up.



The next meeting will be on Thursday February 7th, 7pm at the home of Gail Hines. All ladies welcome.

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# HOME DECOR & MORE



## Are Poinsettia Plants Poisonous?

By Chris Urquhart

Poinsettia plants are less toxic than once believed. In most cases, poinsettia exposure causes only discomfort, including:

**A mild, itchy rash:** Skin contact with the sap of a poinsettia plant can cause a rash. If this happens, wash the affected area with soap and water. Apply a cool compress to ease itching.

**A mild stomach ache, vomiting or diarrhea:** This can happen after eating part of a poinsettia plant. Severe signs and symptoms are unlikely. If you find a child eating a poinsettia plant, clear and rinse his or her mouth.

**Eye irritation:** If the sap of a

poinsettia plant comes in contact with the eyes, they can become red and irritated. If this happens, flush the eyes with water.

**Allergic reaction:** Some people are more sensitive to poinsettia plants than are others. Reactions to poinsettia plants are more common among people who have latex allergies, since latex and poinsettia plants share several proteins. Also, if you're allergic to avocados, bananas, chestnuts, kiwis and passion fruits you might have a greater chance of being allergic to poinsettia plants. In case of a severe reaction, seek prompt medical attention.



## Birds Need A Treat

By Chris Urquhart

Remember that the birds deserve a special treat this Christmas! Put out extra suet! Fill pine cones with peanut butter and hang them up!

Spread some seeds on the ground for those birds that prefer to eat from the ground instead of the feeder! Throw out crumbs as a different kind of treat! Their songs will be a new form of Christmas carols in your yard as payment!

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