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Fall/Winter 2013

A Message from Mayor Bill Bishop

As the summer season has come to a close, I am sure we are all looking forward to the awesome colours of autumn. Looking back over the past few months, I feel confident in stating that our Town was, indeed, a show piece for all to enjoy.

Residents and Town staff are to be congratulated for their efforts in presenting beautiful private properties and Town-owned parks and road rights-of-way. Thank you for helping to make Rothesay a special place to live and raise a family.

As you know, there are many parks and trails in Rothesay and in this edition of the **R Insider**, I want to highlight one park in particular.

Just north of the Riverside Country Club and across Rothesay Road, there is a real gem – the East Riverside-Kingshurst Park. This is a wonderful place to walk the dog (on a leash) or enjoy an evening stroll. The terrain is flat and devoid of obstructions which makes it inviting and accessible for young and old alike. The Kennebecasis River is easily accessible for those who wish to sit and watch the waves (or ride them on a windsurfer!) The bench along the waterfront trail offers an unspoiled view of the magnificent sunsets over the Kennebecasis.

The former Village of East Riverside-Kingshurst purchased this wonderful riverfront property prior to amalgamation and the sewer lagoon was subsequently converted to green space. The natural treescape of birch, cedar and pine offers some intriguing photographic opportunities. The trees were planted by a local Scout troop, under the leadership of Rothesay resident Jim McKenna. The roses along the railway were donated to Rothesay by world famous photographer and naturalist Freeman Patterson.

My wife and I enjoy frequent walks in this green space and I highly recommend it as an ideal “walk in the park”.

See you on the trail ~
William J. Bishop
Mayor



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Fall Clean up (Compost Only) - Monday, Nov. 4th

ALL ITEMS MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM
Regardless of your scheduled pick-up day
For more information visit www.rothesay.ca/operations



Rothesay Arena 2013-2014 Public Skating Schedule

Activity	Day	Time	Admission
Family Skating	Sundays	3-4pm	No Charge
Parent & Tot SKATING	Mon & Wed	2:45pm - 3:45pm	No Charge
Parent & Tot HOCKEY	Tues & Thurs	2:15pm - 3:15pm	No Charge
Seniors Skating	Mondays	12 noon - 1pm	No Charge
Seniors Hockey	Mondays	1:15pm - 2:15pm	No Charge
Adult Scrimmage	Wed & Fri	9:45am - 11:45am	\$6 each

*These scheduled events may vary due to other special events.

If you would like to be added to the **Open Ice** distribution list, email KeriFlood@rothesay.ca

Rothesay Arboretum

Rothesay is proud to host Southern New Brunswick's first Native Tree Arboretum. The area has been planted with 32 native commercial tree species found in our Acadian Forest and an additional 28 trees and shrubs that are either native to New Brunswick or have been growing here productively in our region for several decades and are native to Canada. Citizens are encouraged to drop by the Arboretum located at 401 Dolan Road (off the Airport Arterial) at the Bicentennial Ballfield.

Halloween Fears & Phobias with David Goss

Walk among the symbols of Halloween! Black cats, monsters, ghosts, gravestones and more. David Goss will tell you what they all mean through stories, songs and stunts.

Saturday, October 26th at the Bill McGuire Centre
2 Spooky Sessions:

6:00pm – Ages 8 & under

7:15pm – Ages 9 & older

**Activities and stories will be age appropriate*

Bring a flashlight and come in costume as there will be prizes! It can be cold, so consider this in your dress choice. No dogs please. If wet, we will be indoors at the Bill McGuire Centre. Free hot chocolate following both sessions.

The Big Rothesay Read

Traditionally an anticipated Spring event, The Big Rothesay Read has switched its timing this year to October! The book is *The Freedom Writers Diary*. Check the website for events.

The original Freedom Writer, Tiffany Jacobs will visit Rothesay on **October 30th** for two public talks, 11:00am & 7:00pm.

Admission is free.

Show Your Civic Address

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Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department



We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You - Have you ever driven down a dark street in a subdivision looking for the home of a friend or relative and not been able to immediately find them? Your emergency services run into this situation far too many times. The majority of people don't realize the time lost because the ambulance or fire truck had to slow down and crawl along a street trying to pick up a house number. These few seconds or minutes could mean the difference in someone's life during a serious medical emergency. The next time you are driving or walking home after dark, take a minute and check out the homes in your neighbourhood; you'll be amazed at how many numbers are not visible under the cover of darkness. Some have no civic number on display at all! Obviously these people are under the impression nothing will ever happen to them that would require emergency services finding them. In addition to having your civic number properly displayed, it is important to have it lit after dark. Those made from reflective materials stand out at a great distance. Visibility is far more important than looks when it comes to displaying your address. Many homes and businesses have put up their civic number but they are far too small to be easily seen from the street, or do not contrast with the background. Remember, displaying a proper civic number could save the life of a loved one. Please, for the sake of your safety, and all those you cherish, take the time now to ensure you have your civic number properly displayed. Remember to teach fire safety to someone you love! You can order a blue reflective civic number sign from KVFD at a cost of \$20. Call 848-6601 or stop by the station.



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KV Santa Claus Parade

The towns of Rothesay and Quispamsis will be hosting the 15th Annual Kennebecasis Valley Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 23.
(Storm Date: Sunday, Nov. 24) Registration deadline Nov. 1st.

Groups, organizations, families, and businesses are encouraged to take part in this popular community event. This year's theme is **A Story Book Christmas**.

The parade starts at 6pm at KVHS and travels along Hampton Road to Clark Road. Remember your letter to Santa and a non-perishable food item for the KV Food Basket, which will be picked up by volunteers along the parade route. To register a float in the parade please visit our website www.rothesay.ca.

Skate with Santa

Come skate with Santa at the Rothesay Arena on Sunday, December 8th, 3:00pm-4:00pm
Join us for some Christmas Fun!

Bring your camera to have your picture taken with Santa, grab a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy this free family event!

St. Mary's Band Christmas Concert

Join us for some free musical entertainment on Wednesday, December 18th, 7:00pm at the Bill McGuire Centre.



On behalf of members of Council,
I invite Rothesay Residents
to join us on
JANUARY 1, 2014
between 11:00am and 1:00pm
at the Rothesay Town Hall
for the
Mayor's Levee

Hope to see you at the
New Year's Day Skate
at the Rothesay Arena
JANUARY 1, 2014
between
1:00pm and 3:00pm
Mayor William J. Bishop

Winterfest

Saturday, February 8th 2:00pm-4:00pm
(Storm Date: Sunday, February 9th)

Rothesay events take place at the Bill McGuire Centre

Lace up your skates, get out your snowshoes and skis, and shine up your toboggan for Winterfest 2014. With events planned all weekend (February 7th-9th) for Rothesay, Quispamsis, Grand Bay-Westfield and the City of Saint John, we want to get you out to love the frosty weather at its best! There is a full slate of winter activities for the entire family to enjoy, so put on your boots, grab a warm hat & mittens and come join in the fun!

Join us for a day filled with **FREE** fun winter activities! Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Arts & Crafts, Snow Shoeing, Horse & Trolley Rides (weather dependent), Music, BBQ and more!

***In case of inclement weather, call 847-6363 for updates!**

Winter Speaker Series

Rothesay will be hosting the Winter Speaker Series again in 2014, offering the community a variety of events on several topics. The speaker sessions take place on Thursday nights at 7:00pm. Rothesay Town Hall Events are free to the public and no registration is required. Stay tuned for the complete schedule that will be posted on our website at www.rothesay.ca.

Online Shopping Tips

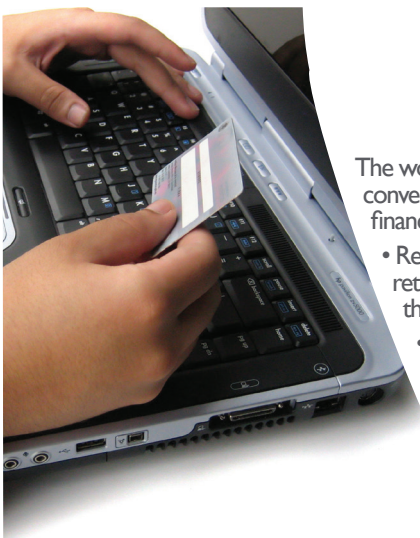
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The world of online shopping has basically made any object we want available to us at any time of day. The convenience of shopping in your own home is extremely popular and incredibly easy. However, like most financial transactions, there are some major pros and cons when buying online.

- Research who you are buying from and only buy from reputable sellers. If you're planning to purchase from a large online retailer you shouldn't experience any problems. You will, however, want to make sure you understand their policies. Read them carefully.
- Make sure the website is secure. You can tell if the web page is secure by looking at the bottom left-hand or right-hand corner of your browser window. A padlock or key icon indicates that the page is secure.
- If you are not comfortable submitting your credit card information through the Internet, call the seller and give them the information over the telephone. Under no circumstances should you ever send credit card information through an email.
- Once you have submitted your credit card and shipping information, you will likely land on a "Thank You" page. This page usually contains a transaction receipt and transaction number. Print this page for your records.
- Check your credit card statement against your email receipts to make sure everything went through properly.



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Rothesay Living Museum

Do you have an interest in your community's history? The Rothesay Living Museum committee is looking for new members. The role of the Museum is to preserve and promote the heritage and history of Rothesay. It does this through use of a website (www.rothesaylivingmuseum.nbed.nb.ca) and exhibits of historic photographs throughout the community. One of the committee's roles is to encourage participation of residents in publicizing and recording the Town's history. If you are interested in learning more or joining the committee, please contact **Ellen Steeves** at **848-6600** or ellensteeves@rothesay.ca.

Rothesay Council Commits to New Recreation Project

Rothesay Council has agreed in principle to build a new arena on Scott Avenue and to convert the existing Rothesay Arena into a multi-purpose recreation facility for basketball, volleyball, tennis, indoor soccer and a variety of other sports and leisure activities. The working budget for the current project is \$13M including the new building and the renovations. The new building will include an indoor walking track and a full-size ice surface. It will be constructed while the existing arena continues to operate to avoid scheduling problems for ice users. Once the new facility is in operation, the ice making equipment in the existing building will be removed, a new multi-purpose floor installed and a series of upgrades implemented to re-purpose the building and refresh its appearance inside and out.

Construction of the new arena is expected to take 8-10 months and renovations to the existing building will follow shortly after. A connecting corridor will allow users to move between the completed buildings. Once the design has been developed and drawings have been prepared, the public will be invited to see the new building concept and learn more about the project.

For more information on the project as it evolves, the public is invited to visit the Rothesay website www.rothesay.ca and "Like" the Rothesay Facebook page.

Receive your Rothesay Utility Bills by E-mail

Did you know Rothesay sends over 11,000 utility invoices each year? Of course, each invoice must be printed and requires postage. We offer a solution to make it more convenient for our residents to receive their invoices and also save the Town time and money. Send an email to utilities@rothesay.ca with your utility account number(s) listed and we can send your utility statement by email! Please keep us informed of your e-mail address changes. Thank you to our residents for making us more efficient!

Rothesay Common Upgrade Project

The Rothesay Common Project continues to develop. After public consultation and numerous committee meetings, a concept plan has been developed by landscape architect Daniel Glenn. The project will continue to progress with upcoming presentations to the Rothesay Heritage Preservation Review Board, Rothesay Town Council and an Open House for additional public input. Please check out www.rothesay.ca for updates on this exciting project. Comments and suggestions can be directed to Rothesay Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Jensen at charlesjensen@rothesay.ca or by phone at 848-6600.



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Stay connected to your Town by liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter. Visit our website to find the links.



Scan this barcode with your smartphone to take you to www.rothesay.ca

Emergency Alert Service

Rothesay offers an **"EMERGENCY ALERT SERVICE"** which will quickly notify you and your family by email, phone, or text message of an emergency which may affect you. Register your name and contact information by visiting www.rothesay.ca.

This information is held in a secure database and is accessed only when an emergency occurs or is expected in your area. An automated message is sent directly to the landline telephone, cell phone or e-mail address provided. Online registration requires a valid email address.

If you or someone you know does not have an email address and wishes to register for this service, registration forms are available at the Rothesay Town Hall (70 Hampton Road), the Kennebecasis Public Library (1 Landing Court, Quispamsis) or by download from the Town website.

Completed forms must be returned to:
Rothesay Town Hall, 70 Hampton Road

