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An enthusiastic young spectator enjoys the 2011 Christmas in Pippy Park pagament. Photo: Sharon Pippy, December 18, 2011.

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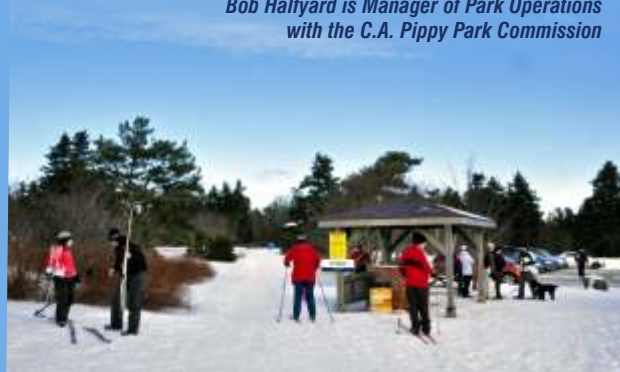
Pippy Park's Winterfest 2012

Text and Photos:
Bob Halfyard.

Despite the winter storm cancellation on Saturday, January 28th, the annual Pippy Park Winterfest went ahead the following day, Sunday, January 29th.

The wait was definitely worth it! It was a lovely sunny, crisp winter day with plenty of snow cover for sliding, skiing and snowshoeing. Several hundred people with their children, all decked out in outdoor gear, thoroughly enjoyed the entire afternoon event.

The City of St. John's ski rental program experienced a busy day as many skiers took advantage of the free ski rentals. The Community Recreation Leadership students from the College of the North Atlantic volunteered their time again this year to conduct snow games and other activities for the children.



Bob Halfyard is Manager of Park Operations with the C.A. Pippy Park Commission

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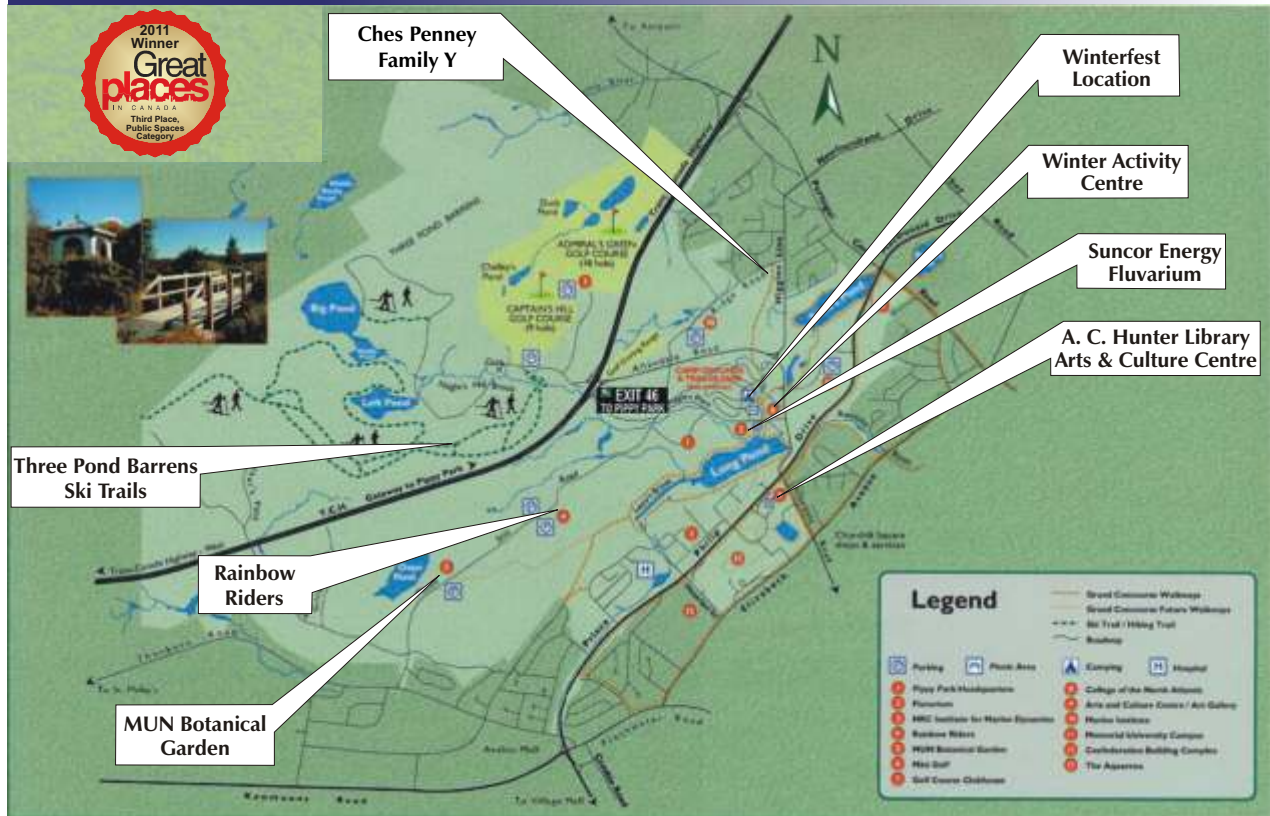
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The Annual Christmas Pageant, 'Christmas in Pippy Park' was held on Sunday, December 18th at the Riding Arena at Rainbow Riders on Mount Scio Road.

A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered to view the live Nativity Crèche, presented by the children of the Rainbow Riders Therapeutic Riding programme. Christmas carols were sung, led by Lisa Gillam of the Munchkin Music Factory, and Rev. Marion Davis read the Christmas story. Timbits and hot chocolate were provided by Tim Hortons. Even the animals dressed up for the event!



Sharon Pippy is the Pippy Family Representative on the C.A. Pippy Park Commission. She also chairs the Commission's Heritage Committee and is President of the Friends of Pippy Park.



Winter Activity Centre Opens



It's been an interesting winter at Pippy Park's Winter Activity Centre. The snow has either been bountiful, or scarce, sometimes changing from one condition to the other in just 24 hours.

The Winter Activity Centre is located just off Nagles Place, (approximately opposite the Suncor Energy Fluvarium) at the North Bank Lodge (rentals) and on the closed roadways of the Campgrounds (trails). It offers rentals of Nordic skis, snowshoes, and even a sledge for those with disabilities that prevent them from using traditional

skis or snowshoes.

In addition, there have been weekend and evening workshops teaching cross-country skiing and snowshoeing skills to the novice and the experienced.

Recorded information about opening hours and snow conditions is available by calling the Ski Line at 737-3651.

The Pippy Park Winter Activity Centre is presented by the C. A. Pippy Park Commission, and the City of St. John's Department of Recreation.

Up for more adventurous skiing? Wild and rugged (and ungroomed) cross country ski trails are open on Three Pond Barrens in Pippy Park. Access to these trails is at the top of Allandale Road, near the Pippy Park Golf Courses.



Pippy Park Winter Activity Centre
Nagles Place, (Approx. opposite Suncor Energy Fluvarium)
Recorded snow conditions: (709) 737-3651

Be a Friend!

Join the Friends of Pippy Park!
New Friends are needed to help with Friends' initiatives, or to support the Friends through their annual member fee or special donation.



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Join the Friends!



Membership is only:
- \$15 per year for individuals,
- \$20 for a family of up to five,
- \$50 for Non-profit groups/NGOs,
- \$250 for corporate groups

Each Membership helps support Friends' activities that support Pippy Park!

Fluvarium Kids Club Wake Up!

**Saturdays and
Sundays in March**
1:30 pm
Suncor Energy
Fluvarium

The winter is coming to an end and we can just start to see nature getting ready for spring. But who is waking up, who is still asleep? Who is building nests, who is hunting again? Let's discover who is getting up and on the move despite the snow!

Suncor Energy Fluvarium
5 Nagles Place
T: (709) 754-3474



Professional Development Workshops Winter Pruning Workshop

March 6-7,
March 13-14
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

A hands-on training session for horticulture professionals. Material includes pruning requirements of woody plants in the Newfoundland landscape.

MUN Botanical Garden
306 Mount Scio Road
T: (709) 864-8590 F: (709) 864-8596



MARCH

A. C. Hunter Library

Book Club + Award

March 7, 7:00 pm
A. C. Hunter Library
Arts & Culture Centre

7:00 pm: The book club discusses "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. Join us & bring a friend. Refreshments provided.

8:00 pm: The Newfoundland & Labrador Arts Council will join us to announce the winner and present "The Lawrence Jackson Writer's Award" for 2011.

A. C. Hunter Library
125 Allandale Road (Corner of Allandale Road and Prince Philip Drive)
T: (709) 737-2133 twitter: @ACHunterLibrary



Earth Day Fair 2012

**April 22
12-4 pm**
Suncor Energy Fluvarium
5 Nagles Place

Did you know if something is off but plugged in it still saps electricity? We call it "vampire electricity". Unplug as much as possible to save money and the planet!

Interested in learning more eco-tips and participating in fun environmental activities? Plus keep the kiddies entertained through-out the day with a variety of activities to teach them all about our planet?

Drop in to the Suncor Energy Fluvarium for the annual Earth Day Fair. Admission is free!

Our Earth Day Fair is a collaboration of many regional environmentally minded organizations and we're set for this to be the BIGGEST yet as Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Network (NLEN) has agreed to co-host with us!

Suncor Energy Fluvarium
5 Nagles Place
T: (709) 754-3474 e: info@fluvarium.ca



Easter Day Camp Ages 8 - 12

**April 9 - 13
8 am - 6 pm**
Ches Penney Family Y
Ridge Road at Higgins Line

Sign the kids up for a week of fun and educational activities at the new Ches Penney Family Y! The program will focus on age-appropriate activities to spark interest and imagination. Schedules are flexible enough to allow for individual differences and enable children to make choices and participate at their own pace. Plus there's the opportunity to go swimming everyday!

Ches Penney Family Y
35 Ridge Road
T: (709) 726-9633 w: www.ynortheastavalon.com



APRIL

Celebrate Earth Day, April 22nd, 2012

On April 22nd, more than one billion people around the globe will participate in Earth Day 2012 and help **Mobilize the Earth™**. People of all nationalities and backgrounds will voice their appreciation for the planet and demand its protection. Together we will stand united for a sustainable future and call upon individuals, organizations, and governments to do their part.

Attend a local Earth Day event and join one of our Earth Day campaigns as we collect A Billion Acts of Green® and elevate the importance of environmental issues around the world. Together we will **Mobilize the Earth™** on April 22nd and demand change.



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