

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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West Creston Hall Society AGM:

The AGM for the West Creston Hall Society was held on April 12th. Elections were held as are as follows:
President - Peter Schloss
Vice-President – Allen McLaren
Treasurer - Karen Evans
Secretary – Linda Teague
Newsletter – Marge Kennedy
Communications – Don Turner
Hall Rental – Leona Vondrasek
Maintenance – Bill Ryckman
Webmaster – Don Turner

Our community is extremely fortunate to have such hard working volunteers, dedicated to keeping our hall in first class condition, with an open mind to hosting community family events. If anyone has an idea for a special activity, please contact a Board member; we welcome community participation.

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

Spring is the perfect time to clean up the fire hazard areas around your home and out buildings. The first line of defending your home from loss to a forest fire is YOU. The Firesmart manual recommends a clean zone of 35 ft/10 m. around your home.

Before you plan on burning this spring, first check the current regulations at www.westcrestonfires.info; have a shovel and water close at hand. Please burn responsibly and above all do not leave the fire unattended until the area is cool to the touch.

The RCMP, YRB and West Creston residents will be patrolling Nick's Island road on the lookout for the

firebug that has plagued our community for years. It has been observed that this person is shooting fireworks from their vehicle. Not only are they threatening the wooden bridge over Corn Creek, but causing the trees to become a dangerous hazard for cars and people. Please do your part, report any suspicious activity, jot the down license number and notify the RCMP.

West Creston Fire Protection Society members practice on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, everyone is welcome. For more information call Jim 428-8841. **EMERGENCY FIRE CALL OUT NUMBER 250-402-9779**

Bus Service for West Creston Residents:

Days: Tuesday and Wednesday

This is a fixed route but the driver will stop where safe if more convenient to passenger(s) BUT only on the fixed route.

Tuesday: Connects to the Cranbrook Health Connection Bus (this bus needs to be prebooked (**1-877-843-2877**) to guarantee a seat - cost \$2.50 each way. Bus arrives at Hwy 3 and Nick's Island Rd at 8:05 am, continues to West Creston Hall 8:12am, West Creston Rd and Hwy 3 8:17am, Creston Valley Mall 8:25 am, Extra Foods 8:28 am and then to the Community Recreation Complex 8:30 am to meet the Health bus. The Health bus arrives in Cranbrook at 10:00 am, leaving Cranbrook at 2:45 pm. When returning to Creston this bus continues to West Creston to stop at the above route.

The bus does 2 more runs on Tuesday leaving the Community

Complex at 8:50 am doing the reverse route as above and again at 2:25 pm reverse route as above.

Wednesday: 2 scheduled runs same as the last 2 on Tuesday.

Call, **1-877-843-2877** for questions or booking Health bus. Schedules may be picked up at Creston Town Hall or from the bus driver. Cost is \$1.00 each way for fixed route.

The Handi Dart is available for those who meet the criteria, call **1-877-843-2877** to reserve, this is a door to door service, \$1.50 each way.

Website:

<http://www.transitbc.com/regions/cre>

click on to schedules and then West Creston for further information.

Columbia Basin Trust Meeting:

This year's CBT Grant vote will take place on **Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Hall. There is approximately \$30,000 available for disbursement in Area C. Although non-profit organization from any area may apply, only residents of Area C are eligible to vote on where the monies are to be allocated. This is one of those very rare opportunities that we, the voter, can have a direct voice and impact.

Community Clean-Up Day:

Tired of seeing "dump sites" and garbage along our roads? Be part of the solution! Plans are in the works for a community pride/clean-up day for the **first weekend in June**. In partnership with the West Creston Hall Society and Director Larry Binks, the organizers hope you and your neighbours will set aside a few

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hours on a Saturday morning to help gather unwanted garage along the roadways and to clean up dump locations in our community. Watch for posters for more information in the near future and contact information.