

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Corn Crickers' Picnic:

Time is fast approaching for the annual "old time family fun" Corn Crickers' Picnic **to be held on Sunday, September 11th from noon – 3:00pm.** There will be the usual family fun, this year a juicy watermelon eating contest, corn husking, games for all ages, barbecued hamburgers, hot dogs and smokies with the "works", plus homemade pie!

The picnic is an occasion to visit with your neighbours . . . come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon and support your community. See you there!!

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

Exciting things are on the horizon for West Creston and the W.C. Fire Protection Society! The first is our application for the Credit Union Legacy Award has been approved to go to the Selection Committee. The Committee will choose the top five organizations. Every member of the Creston Credit Union **gets to vote on Sept 23rd and 24th for their favorite project to win \$25,000.**

Our project is to purchase a newer model (1988), fast response fire suppression pumper truck - replacing the current 36 year old fire truck. **You can help by being a member of the credit union and voting for W.C. Fire Protection**

Society to purchase an updated fire truck.

The second issue is Regional Fire Protection. The proposed concept is to reduce costs of fire protection by having one governing body to manage all firefighting equipment, train volunteer fire fighters and be the fire dispatch for the whole valley. Then all the communities will have equal protection through shared manpower and equipment.

West Creston already has in place a tentative agreement with the Reclamation Dyking District, who will donate the land for a West Creston fire station. With the help of various grants over the past few years, the Fire Society has been accumulating equipment which includes; two satellite units, a 1500 gallon water tender, specialized pumps, generators, fire hoses and nozzles . . .all notable assets for West Creston's contribution.

What is the benefit for West Creston – besides having a fire station within our community and recognized fully trained fire service; we will no longer be in an unprotected fire district, making us eligible for cheaper home insurance. We will keep you posted as to the committee's progress.

Remember - the "no open fires" ban is on, current restrictions are on the website

www.westcrestonfires.info .

Emergency fire call out number is 250-402-9779.

Community Clean-Up Day Follow up:

A huge thumbs up to the 30 volunteers who participated in the West Creston Community Clean Up. Three dump truck loads of garbage were removed from The "Smith Road Dump" and a pick up truck load of garage was collected from most of the roadways in the community. Thank you to Area C Director Larry Binks for covering the cost of the dump fees and equipment and to the Columbia Basin Trust for picking up the tab for the appreciation Bar-B-Q.

Area C Town Hall Meeting:

Area C Director Larry Binks will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on **Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.** at the West Creston Hall. The keynote speaker will be Jordan Eliason from Flexinet (high speed internet provider).

Area C Official Community Plan:

A review of the Creston Valley Official Community Plan (OCP) has been initiated by the Regional District. A unique OCP will be created for Area C to reflect our area's vision for the future. Your ideas and opinions will be essential to help shape Area C's OCP. Public meetings and a mail-out survey are planned over the next few months. A website has been created that provides essential information and will be updated regularly. Please take time to check www.areacocp.com and become part of the process!