

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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West Creston Hall Society

Annual AGM:

The AGM for the West Creston Hall Society was held on **Tuesday, April 3rd – 7:30pm.**

Directors 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 /Maura Schadeli

Maintenance – Bill Ryckman

Webmaster – Don Turner

Director at Large: Marcel Vondrasek

Thank you to all our amazing community volunteers!!

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Garage Sale:

Garage Sale . . . Saturday, June 9th at 9:00am 1:00 pm at the West Creston Hall sponsored by the Fire Protection Society. All proceeds to support the Fire Protection Society operating expenses. Donations can be dropped off at the Hall **Friday, June 8th** after 6:00 p.m. We are not able to accept donations of large appliances, T.V.'s, computer equipment., or damaged or soiled items. To arrange early pick up of donated items, please call Brian or Cathy at 250-402-6576.

Second Annual Community Clean-Up:

If you are able to donate a couple of hours on **Sunday, May 6th, please meet at the Hall at 9:00 a.m.**

Volunteers will be issued gloves, garbage bags & assigned a designated area to cover. Last year's successful clean-up focused on the "dump site" off Smith Road, clean up of Summit Creek Park & some roadways in our

community. This year we hope to focus on the main roads (Nick's Island & West Creston Road) and will cover as many of the other roads depending on how many volunteers come out! An appreciation Barbeque will be offered to volunteers at noon at the Hall. If you would like to sign up, would like more information, or have suggestions, please contact Cathy at 250-402-6576 after 6:00 pm.

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

The Pine Beetle is killing more and more trees on Creston Mountain, which could be a source for a major forest fire in West Creston. Granted forest fires are the concern of B.C. forestry; but if you have not taken preventative measures to protect your property they will deem it not savable and make no effort to save your home.

Using the FireSmart manual guidelines, spring clean up is the perfect time to extend and clear out a firebreak around your home and outbuildings. The area within 10 meters of buildings should be free of dead leaves and branches, and grass areas kept mowed and watered.

If burning during spring clean up, keep your fire in check - never leave it and always have a source of water and a shovel close at hand.

REMEMBER YOU ARE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN PROTECTING YOUR HOME AGAINST A FIRE.

Our website www.westcrestonfires.info has the current information regarding B.C. Rules & Regulations on burning and the FireSmart Manual recommendations.

W.C.F.P.S. fire practices on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 6:00 pm at W.C. Hall: everyone is welcome.
EMERGENCY FIRE CALL-OUT PHONE # 250-402-9779.

Official Community Plan:

As announced last year with the autumn survey, the RDCK is preparing a new Official Community Plan for Area C. Community workshops have been scheduled and your input is needed! All workshops are open to any resident of Area C and will be from **6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the following dates & locations; West Creston Hall on Monday, May 28th; at Renee's Diner on May 29th; and at Wynndel Hall on May 30th.** An OCP is the community's vision for our area, what is important to us, and what direction do we want for our area.

For more information please visit www.areacocp.com. This website offers background information, helpful links & survey results. If you have any questions, please contact any member of your APC (Area Planning Commission) or Director Larry Binks.

Community Thank you:

A great big thank you to Don Turner who does such an amazing job of keeping the two large community signs updated and interesting!

He also looks after the community website, organizes and compiles the inventory data for the hall and the fire society, fills out Grant applications, plus does a share of handyman jobs in the hall as needed. Thank you Don for your tremendous donation of time and energy!!!