

# WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## **Annual Community Christmas Tea & Bake Sale:**

The Annual Community Christmas Tea will be held on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** from **noon to 2:00 p.m.** The cost of the Tea is only \$5.00 – this includes sandwiches, dessert and beverage – plus a chance to win a door prize! Buy a spot or two on the Turkey and Ham Pull and possibly win your Christmas dinner. If you are interested in setting up a vendor/craft table please contact Marge beforehand as space is limited.

**Volunteers are needed to donate baking for the sale and/or to help set up, decorate, make sandwiches and assist during the Tea. Please contact Marge Kennedy at 250-428-3095 if you are able to lend a hand; the more the merrier and your help will be greatly appreciated!**

Once again this year, members of the West Creston Wildfire Society will be “Santa” helpers! Ladies, still another opportunity to be served tea and goodies by men in uniform wearing Santa hats and aprons!!

Baking can be brought to the Hall anytime after 10:00 am on December 7th. Hope to see you there!!

## **Appy Night December 14th:**

Here is your opportunity to join with friends and neighbours for an evening of friendship and Christmas cheer at the West Creston Hall December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Please bring an appetizer to share,** beverages available. Come and join us for an enjoyable festive evening complete with live music!

## **West Creston Fire Protection Society:**

The RDCK has mailed the Petition for a West Creston Fire Protection Service to every landowner in West Creston. If you have not received the petition yet, contact Larry Binks at 250-428-9577, for the petition package.

As stated on the petition, the annual requisition for this service would be assessed on the value of land and improvements. The maximum cost for the service would be \$102,000, which equates to a commercial rate (eg the utility companies) of \$1.37/\$1000 and a residential rate of \$1.24/\$1000 ( private property and farmland).

To achieve the 13 Km coverage area for insurance purposes a satellite fire station of the Creston Fire Department, will be located near the south end of Nick’s Island Rd. The West Creston satellite fire station will have a fire truck and responders from the West Creston community, with support fire fighting units and water tenders responding from Creston, Wynndel/Lakeview and Canyon/Lister fire departments.

Through different grant and donations, The Fire Society has already managed to accumulate over \$ 42,000.00 to go towards building this satellite fire station.

Having a fire protection service, to deal with structure fires, is a huge benefit; as a house fire can threaten the whole community if not quickly contained. Not only would West Creston see a great reduction in the cost of home insurance making it more affordable for everyone, it will

also make it more attractive to potential buyers; as the buyer will be able to get reasonable mortgage insurance rates.

West Creston has an opportunity for a win/win situation. Please do your part and send in your signed petition as soon as possible.

## **Area C Meeting:**

The next Area C Town Hall Meeting, will be held on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the West Creston Hall. Director Larry Binks is hosting this meeting to bring area residents up to date on area and valley issues. This is the last one scheduled for this year.

## **Thank you re: Corn Crickers’ Picnic:**

Although the picnic weather has long since disappeared we would like to thank the many Volunteers who contributed their time and effort to ensure another successful picnic again this year. The picnic was well attended and enjoyed by all!

## **Columbia Basin Trust Thank You:**

We would like to thank the Columbia Basin Trust for their generous donation towards the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. The donation of time and effort from community members ensures the continuation of our hall society, fire prevention society and many other events which enhance the quality of life in our community.