

# WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## West Creston Hall Society AGM:

The AGM for the West Creston Hall Society will be held on **Tuesday, April 8th – 7:00pm.** Please come and support your community hall.

We would welcome a volunteer with interest in the current vacant position of Vice President.

The hall is available for use by any community members belonging to the hall association. Membership for society is \$1.00. If you have any suggestions or ideas for other events please let the society know.

The agenda includes Election of Officers, Financial report, and Committee reports.

Carpet bowling has been happening on Thursday evenings which was a big hit with the folks attending. It will continue again in the late fall.

## CBT Grant Applications:

Larry Binks, Director Area "C", will be hosting the 2014 Columbia Basin Trust Grants **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Time: **7:00 PM** at the Hall.

This meeting is to give the Area "C" residents an opportunity to vote on where Area "C" portion of

the Columbia Basin Trust funds will go. Come and vote for your choice.

Open to all residents of Area "C" .

## West Creston Fire Protection Society:

The W.C.F.P.S's role is Public Awareness and Education in fire prevention.

### S-100 Course:

There are 7 spots still left, for the S-100 Basic Fire Suppression & Safety course on **April 26th & 27th.** This is a free course for West Creston Residents. To reserve a spot , please **call 250-402-9779**; leave your full name and a contact phone number.

### Spring Clean up:

The Southeast Fire Centre is asking the public to exercise caution while conducting any outdoor burning during spring clean up. Homeowners are encouraged to consult the B.C. FireSmart manual: [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca) also available from the W.C.Fire Society at the above phone number.

Take the following precautions:

- Do not burn during windy conditions
- Have water & tools on hand to control the fire & prevent it from escaping

- Create a fireguard one metre around planned fire site by clearing away all combustible materials eg leaves, twigs, grass
- Consider conducting smaller burns instead of a large burn
- NEVER leave a fire unattended and make sure it is completely extinguished and cold to the touch before you leave the area.

Be aware of Fire Bans – under the B.C. Wildfire Act anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition, may be ticketed for \$345.00 or fined up to \$100,000. If it contributes to a wildfire, penalties are up to \$10,000 and you will have to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

**Remember, you personally are your first line of defense against a fire.**