

WEST CRESTON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

August 2015

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Coming Events

Sept. 13th - Corn Crickers' Picnic

Sept. 14th - Town Hall Meeting

Sept. 21th - QiGong

Oct. 1st - Games night

47th Annual Corn Crickers' Picnic:

Date: Sunday, September 13th

Time: 11:30 to 3:00 pm

Memories the delicious aroma of barbequed hamburgers, sizzling fried onions, hot dogs, smokies plus condiments from local gardens! Don't miss the yummy corn on the cob fresh from the farmer's field, along with a fiercely competitive corn shucking contest. You won't want to miss out on the homemade peach and apple pies, baked fresh the morning of the picnic.

Come and enjoy the day's events games for all ages, along with the annual battle of tug-a-war ... women against men!

If you would like to volunteer at the picnic, please contact Don Turner at 435-1492. There are lots of jobs!

Construction Project:

Construction has been completed on the Addition to the Hall and we now have 3 functional rooms at the back of the building for storage and smaller functions.

Builder, Dale Waldner has done a marvelous job and has finished the project ahead of time and on budget. Thank you, Dale!

For this \$55,000 project we received \$49,500 in grants.

Thank you to Director Binks and RDCK's Tanji Zumpano for assistance in obtaining a Federal Gas Tax grant, and to Jennifer Krotz of CBT for assistance in obtaining the Columbia Basin Trust grants. We appreciate your support!

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

Creston Fire Service: dial 911 for fire response. **September 1st, 2015 is the arrival date** for West Creston's new fire truck which will be available for fire callouts. The truck will be parked at Spetifore Farms on Reclamation Rd until the satellite fire station is built.

To deal with the problem of properties with narrow steep driveways, West Creston Fire Protection Society's forestry truck will be also put into

service. The smaller 4 x 4 truck will be used to transport fire hose lines up more difficult driveways, with the main fire truck and water tankers pumping in the water supply.

The nine men and women volunteer fire fighters living in West Creston will be the first response team, getting the fire trucks to the fire and setting up first attack lines. Additional fire equipment and fire fighters will respond from Creston and if needed Wynndel and Canyon/Lister fire departments as well.

There are several different jobs for fire fighters. The community volunteers' primary jobs will be to set up the outside fire hose attack lines, switch out the fire fighters' SCBA air tanks, establish the first aid & rehab stations and traffic control.

These volunteer jobs are important as they will free up the Creston fire fighters to do what they do best - save lives and property!

NOTE: West Creston's new firetruck will be at the Picnic for your viewing. A member of the Creston Fire Department will be there to give tours.

Total Fire Ban:
No Burning; No Campfires
No Fireworks

<http://bcwildfire.ca>

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Remembering...

We are saddened by the July 20th passing of Margaret Berg.

Margaret was an Honorary Director & Lifetime Member of the Community Hall, bestowed to her in recognition of her many years of dedication and hard work for the Community Hall.

Margaret will be especially missed at the annual Corn Crickers' Picnic, where she was highly acclaimed for her ginger snap cookies and delicious pies. Hall fundraising was always a priority to her!

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Hall on September 26th at 11:00 am. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution may do so to a Charity of Choice.

Dogs, dogs, dogs...

Have you seen the new signs? That's right, dogs must be on a leash if on the Hall property and it's your responsibility to pick up after your pets.

This policy was re-introduced after a number of situations, and will be enforced once we have completed some changes to our Caretaker's fencing, giving him a better area to confine his pets.

This should be complete by the end of August.



Bottom-line: Leash your dog or leave it at home

Qi Gong is back:

For those interested in exploring the healing benefits of practicing Qi Gong, Shirley Turner will be returning to hold a practice group at the Hall every Monday, beginning September 21st.

Spring Forest Qi Gong (pronounced "chee gong") is a simple, efficient, and effective method for helping you experience your optimal health, wellness and happiness.

Come and join a group of individuals who rarely missed one of these inspiring and beneficial classes this past winter and spring. Look for details and fee on the Community Sign Board in the fall.

For further information, contact Shirley at 250 435-1490.

Temporary Position for Hall Janitor:

A temporary position is open for a janitor at the Community Hall.

Please call Don for further details, 250 435-1492.

Town Hall Meeting:

Date: September 14

Time: 7:00 pm – West Creston Hall

This is your opportunity to hear the latest updates from Area C Director, Larry Binks and ask questions regarding community issues.

Carpet Bowling Evening Returns:

Date: October 1st

Time: 7:00 pm

Here is a **free activity** to help pass the long winter evenings that might help keep us entertained until spring.

This activity is open to all adults of the community and their guests. No experience is necessary, we'll teach you!

Bring a snack of some sort to share with the group and your favorite refreshment. Come share in this evening of many laughs!

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