

THE GREEN WATCH

The Green Lake Area Ratepayers' Association Newsletter Representing property owners and residents in the Watch and Green Lake Area

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SUMMER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE August 2010

Summer is half way through already! The warming trend into mid-July made for great times on the lake with great water temperature. Backcountry enthusiasts are thanked for their mindfulness for wild-fire prevention. Prevailing winds have kept this safety consideration high on our minds with inflow breezes bringing in sometimes-heavy smoke from nearby regions. So thank you all for your efforts on this safety consideration.

Looking into the rest of the summer, we look forward to the ground-breaking for the new 70 Mile House Store. The dates to keep in mind include August 11th for the final review for comment on the Official Community Plan (OCP). This enduring work will see benefits for the region in directing how planning is shaped to sustain watershed values. **August 21st** is the **GLARA annual general meeting**. Please mark this date as an opportunity to get caught up on the year in review and contribute to what needs to be given attention in the year ahead. We are grateful for the ongoing support received from Al Richmond, Bruce Rattray and Sally Watson in updates and leadership at the local government level on addressing concerns in the area.

Attention to road improvements is gratefully appreciated and GLARA has been advised more work on the north side is in the forthcoming capital plan. By way of working with GLARA, please copy the executive in letters of compliment or concern. The voice of individual resident strengthens the efforts of your association. Lastly, thank you very much to the GLARA Directors for their individual efforts that contribute to the benefits of GLARA work.

Regards, Bruce Gilmour

A few words about Cattle and Fences

by Gordon Labinsky

Anyone who has bought property on South Green Lake in the last 5 years may not realize that in the "good old days" (before the cattle exclusion fence was built) the open range cattle on the south side of the lake enjoyed many of the same privileges on your private property that the cows in India enjoy through-out that country. Meaning if you did not build a government approved (4-strand barbed -wire) fence to keep the cattle off your property then the cattle had the legal right "under provincial open range legislation" to come onto your property and eat whatever they desired, including your lawn, flowers and garden. This usually came as quite a surprise to new owners, especially those from the city.

This situation was finally brought to an end when in 2004 with the help of a whole lot of willing people doing a great deal of volunteer work a suitable right-of-way was negotiated with the Ministry of Forests and Range, a construction permit was granted, funds were raised locally, the right-of-way was laid out and cleared, a contractor was hired to build the fence, volunteers then installed the cattle guards and pedestrian gates at all of the trail crossings used by motorized traffic and built the extensions to the fence at the lakes.

An on going requirement of maintaining the fence is needed each spring to cut windfalls off the fence and fix breaks in the wire as well as repair the water-fence extensions.

I would like to thank the following people for volunteering to help with this very necessary work this spring: Art Groves, Peter McKie, Laszlo Veto, Roger Graham, Brian Stroud, Dale Dyck, Dennis Nagy and yours truly.

This will be the sixth grazing season the fence has been in place (construction completed spring 2005) and the paint on the metal pedestrian gates are starting to fade. Anyone who was not able to volunteer time for construction or maintenance of the fence and would like to volunteer a few hours of their time towards maintaining this community owned fence; and knows how to paint could be a big help by volunteering to re-paint some of the pedestrian gates (anytime this summer or fall). All you Moms or Dads, Grammas or Grandpas don't miss out on this rare opportunity to teach your kids or grand kids the great feeling of doing something as a volunteer to help your community. Free paint and brushes will be supplied.



If interested please contact:
Dennis Nagy, Lot #351, phone: 250-456-6020
Or Gordon Labinsky, Lot #1225, phone: 250-456-2310



ATV'S

"The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure reminds ATV operators to avoid traveling on public roads and road shoulders. It is illegal to operate unlicensed vehicles such as an ATV's on public roads in British Columbia. Off-road vehicles generally don't meet Canadian safety standards for vehicles that travel on roads and highways. In addition, these vehicles tend to damage and shift pavement edges and private driveway accesses. For more information, please refer to the following website: <http://www.icbc.com/registration-licensing/specialty-vehicles/off-road> "



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Be A Responsible Rider

Info Courtesy of Ministry of Forests and Range

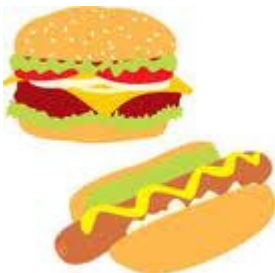
Be a responsible off-road rider and have low-no impact on the environment.

- Ride only on existing mining or forestry roads
- Use only existing trails where permitted
- Stay on the trail – do not cut switchbacks or short cuts
- Respect wildlife – give animals plenty of space and distance
- Avoid sensitive ecological areas such as wetlands, grasslands, alpine meadows and streams
- Heed signs and close gates
- Pack out what you packed in
- Check your off-road vehicle for noxious weeds and other debris after every ride
- Tread lightly and help conserve the natural ecology and environment

Before riding on crown land or forestry roads visit www.for.gov.bc for important details and updated information.

August 15, 2010

The Watch Lake North Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department (WLNGLVFD) will be having their Annual General Meeting at 1 p.m. It will be held at the Shorty Horn Memorial Fire Hall. The firefighters will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers, pop and water. During the coffee break, there will be a fire truck



August 14, 2010 - The Watch Lake Community Association and Watch Lake District Women's Institute will be hosting a gymkhana at the Green Lake gymkhana grounds. Registration for horses and competitors begins at 11:00 am, with the events starting at noon. There is a refreshment garden and food concession on the grounds. Hamburgers and hotdogs are available from noon until the end of the gymkhana. At 2:00 pm, home baked goodies will be offered for sale to those with a sweet tooth. This year, starting at noon, there will also be a sale table with crafts and artwork donated by local artists. Exceptional artwork and other prizes will be offered in a raffle. All proceeds from both sales will be donated to the community hall extension fund.

Water Report

By Fred Kuyek

Our first water test was conducted on Wednesday, May 26th. At a depth of 24 metres the temperature was 5° C. At a depth of 12 metres the temperature was 9° C and at 0.5 metres the temperature was 9° C. The last test was done on Wednesday, July 28th and the temperatures were as follows: At the 24-metre level it was 7° C. At 12 metres it was 16.5°C and at 0.5 metres the temperature was 18.5°C. The pH levels have remained at 9 for all levels. Water testing is done every 3 weeks on Green Lake. We are still looking for someone to do testing on Watch Lake, if you are interested please call Fred Kuyek at: 250-456-2230

Both Green Lake and Watch Lake were re-stocked with fish this spring. Watch Lake received 40,000 Pennask Rainbow Trout. Green Lake received 20,762 Blackwater Rainbow Trout and 17,968 Pennask Rainbow Trout. More information on fish stocking of lakes in B.C. can be found at gofishbc.com

The rock buoys were put back into their designated spots on May 29th. Alan Boyd used his boat to transport the buoys with David Cole, Fred Kuyek and Bob Walker helping to reattach them to their anchors.



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Green Lake and Area Rate Payers'
Association

AGM

Annual General Meeting

at South Green Lake
Snowmobile Clubhouse
South Green Lake Road

Fire # 176

10 AM Saturday August 21, 2010

For further information contact
Marie Kuyek at 456-2230

Fire Ban

As all of you all know, the Cariboo Fire Centre implemented a fire ban on all fires July 29th, this brought the Region into line with the rest of the Province. The recent cooler, wet weather we had earlier in July was beneficial to our region in discouraging wild fires. However with the drying trend, it was necessary to implement the ban due to the forest floor loading conditions. The Ministry will be releasing update information through the media and their web site.

<http://bcwildfire.ca>



NO CAMPFIRES

“Yardley” sign at the Sani Station.

For those who have not been in the area recently and for those driving by and wondering, the Sani Station at the junction of Bonaparte Lake Road and North Green Lake Road has had a face lift. Repairs have been made to the cattle fence around the site and to a leaking roof. The plumbing for both the recreational vehicle septic containment system and the public washrooms were deteriorating so they were repaired. The whole area within the Sani Station site has also been landscaped very nicely. Ministry of Environment stated that there were liability issues needing immediate attention due to the high usage in the summer time at the Sani Station.



Resulting from these improvements, the “Welcome to the area” Yardley sign had to be taken down. We are working with parks to relocate the sign. Keep an eye out for Yardley’s new home; hopefully it will be close to the Sani Station as it was before.

Handy Cariboo Helpful Hint

Do you get a white calcium build-up in your dishwasher with your well water? Here's some helpful advice. After you empty your dishwasher, put ¼ cup vinegar into it, let it stay there as you put dirty dishes into it over the next day or two. When it is full of dirty dishes put your soap in as usual and run your load. After unloading, add the vinegar again and so on. Eventually this will eliminate the white build-up in your dishwasher. Our calcium problem was so bad that every year we took our dishwasher apart and chipped the heavy buildup of calcium off. We no longer get any build-up with the vinegar, but you do need to add it every time to keep it from building up again.

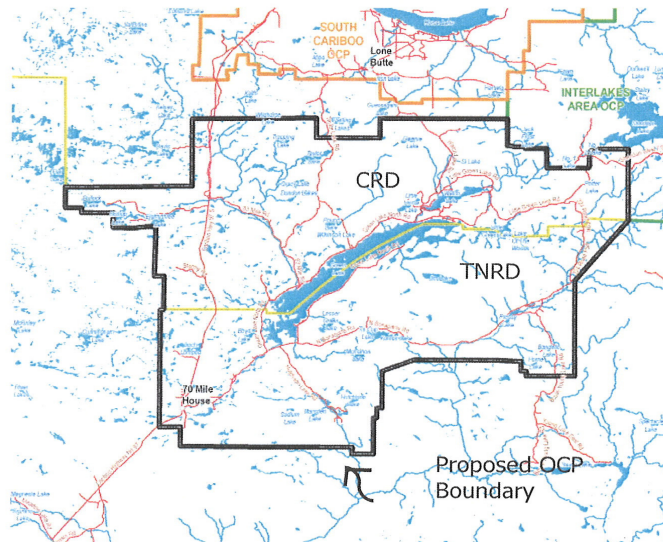
Fred & Marie Kuyek



NOTE: If the build-up of calcium is bad you need to chip some off the inside of the dishwasher.

GREEN LAKE AND AREA OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Please join us at Public Session #4
Wednesday August 11, 2010
Open House 2:30 – 5:00 p.m., Public Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Seventy Mile Access Centre (SMAC),
2545 North Bonaparte Road, 70 Mile House, B.C.



Public input is extremely important since the OCP should reflect the interests of the community. Please attend this public session.

Agenda

- 2:30 – 5:30 – Open house, viewing of maps
- 6:30 – Presentation of OCP highlights
- 7:00 – Public questions and comments

For further information, contact or refer to the following people and web sites:

Dan Wallace at the TNRD, 1-877-377-8673 (ext.7064) or danwallace@tnrd.bc.ca, www.tnrd.bc.ca or
Rick Brundrige at the CRD, 1-800-665-1636 (ext. 216) or rbrundrige@cariboord.bc.ca, www.cariboord.bc.ca

