

## 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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## SPRING 2011

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### *President's Report*

These greetings come from Green Lake shores. The remaining snow protected by the cover of trees and the shade of buildings, struggles to remain for another day with daytime highs touching the mid-teens. Stretches of shoreline have open water providing waterways for the first of the nesting ducks. Speculation is high on which date the lake ice will drop with ice thickness estimates in excess of 14 inches. When closing the wood burning stove door, I could hear in the night air the squawking of overhead Canada geese. I mused to my snoozing dog if the geese were talking about going into final approach to Green Lake with pontoons or ice skates on! The Easter weekend has provided the opportunity for the GLARA Directors to gather for the first meeting of 2011 to review files and plan ahead.

With the grateful assistance of your newsletter Editor Marie Kuyek and the Directors, in addition to good-to-know information and tips, this issue contains Official Community Plan process, Solid Waste Reduction planning, and south side Forest Fuels Management plan updates. GLARA continues to value resident input to direct the focus of the GLARA advocacy and education mandate. We continue to seek the opportunities to improve the overnight and day-use Parks infra-structure for public bathing facilities, gray water boxes, and access year round to potable water. Very much on the Directors minds continues to be the work towards having the Regional Districts address recreational property tax relief. In your readings or travels, if you come across any literature or experience of lake country cottage associations that have successfully addressed the inequities between escalating property tax assessments with no corresponding improvements in localized services, please share this information with GLARA to better advance a resolution to the Regional Districts.

Very high on the legacy from success in previous efforts brought together by residents of the lake, is the government commitment to sustain and increase water quality testing and lake level monitoring. This base line data goes a long way to confirm how individual resident attitude and behaviour towards water quality, becomes the collective benefit for the whole region. We intend to advance a planning proposal to the government about the merits of formulating a watershed management plan for the benefits of all vested interests. This is in anticipation of stemming off the threat of diminishing aquifer water supply due to increased demands placed by more and more wells. Please share in the success of sustaining water quality and quantity by promoting the message. We continue to value the leadership and example set by the volunteers on both sides of the lake on

behalf of fire prevention at Watch and Green Lakes. Show your support for the Volunteer Fire Departments by attending the bake and garage sales in May. Please use these opportunities, fishing derbies, the gymkhana and so on to talk to the GLARA Director for your area and to share your suggestions and insights on sustaining and planning for the health and enjoyment of this tremendous lake country area we have come to value. Thank you for your ongoing support for GLARA in advancing advocacy and education benefits from the local to the government level of assistance. Welcome to a great spring and summer through all of what you enjoy.  
**Bruce Gilmour, Chair, GLARA**

## Status of the Green Lake Area OCP



The Green Lake Area OCP was referred to the Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development (Crown) in December 2010 for ministerial approval subsequent to the Board of the Thompson-Nicola and Cariboo Regional Districts accordingly giving their respective OCP bylaws third reading. It is noted from discussions with ministry staff that First Nations engagement is essential and is an important obligation of the Crown, and to that end, ministry staff are undertaking a detailed review of consultations with First Nations.

This process will include a review of, the strength of claims asserted by First Nations, impacts of the OCP on asserted rights and title, and the consultation undertaken by local government.

It may also involve additional communication with First Nations regarding possible impacts of the OCP.

Should either the TNRD or CRD offices receive development applications within the Plan area before adoption of the pending Green Lake and Area OCP, the two regional districts would use the policies within the OCP for the purposes of providing recommendations to our respective Boards.

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### **NEWS RELEASE!**

The fire season has officially begun. The Cariboo Fire Centre has issued notice that effective noon on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; open fires will be restricted in that region. The restriction will remain in effect until Sept. 30, 2011, or until further notice. **Specifically this ban prohibits:**

Burning any waste, slash or other materials piled or un-piled at a size larger than one metre by one metre.  
Burning stubble or grass over any area or size. Using fireworks or burning barrels of any size or description.  
This restriction covers all BC Parks, Crown and private lands.

In the meantime, use the summer season to Fire Smart your property – contact your Volunteer Fire Department for tips, including, remove dead trees, clear underbrush, create protective barriers around your buildings, and take tree debris and brush to the landfill sites for wood waste.

For more information go to [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

Item	Where to recycle it
Aluminum pie plates, tin foil-clean	70 Mile transfer station
Ammunition and fireworks	RCMP detachment
Audio, video systems, personal, portable, vehicle aftermarket	Bee Line courier, 100 Mile
Automotive coolant	Petro Canada Bulk sales Exeter Rd
Batteries, rechargeable only	Pharmasave, Tip Top Radio, KMS Communications
Batteries, automotive	Cariboo Supply & Marine, Gold Trail recycling, 70 Mile transfer station
Batteries, household	SMAC-(70 Mile) & KMS Communications 100 Mile
Beer cans, liquor bottles	Liquor store, Gold trail recycling (for refund)
Cell phones & chargers	KMS Communications 100 Mile
Computer mice, trackballs, keyboards & keypads	Bee Line courier, 100 Mile
Computer monitors, computers, laptops	Bee Line courier, 100 Mile
Computer printers, desktop fax machines, scanners	Bee Line courier, 100 Mile
Fluorescent light tubes & bulbs	Century Hardware, Tim-Br-Mart
Fridges in working condition	BC buy-back program, \$30 rebate: for details call: 1-800-224-9376
Fridges, freezers, stoves	70 Mile transfer station, Watch Lake landfill
Glass, food jars & food bottles	70 Mile transfer station, Gold trail recycling
Ink cartridges	Save-on-foods (receive points)
Medications, expired	Donex, Pharmasave, Save-on-Foods pharmacy
Metals, tin cans, drink cans-clean	70 Mile transfer station, Gold trail recycling
Newspaper, any glossy flyers, magazines, catalogues, books	70 Mile transfer station
Newspaper, flyers "no glossy"	Gold trail recycling
Oils, filters, containers	Petro-Can Bulk sales Exeter Rd, 70 Mile transfer station
Paints, household, empty cans, paint aerosols	Gold trail recycling
Paper, cardboard, cereal boxes-clean, corrugated cardboard	70 Mile transfer station, Gold trail recycling (clean, dry, flat)
Plastic #2 white & large plastic milk jugs	70 Mile transfer station, Gold trail recycling, Save-on-Foods
Plastic, #1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & clean plastic wrap	70 Mile transfer station
Pop cans, tetra packs, water, pop and juice bottles	Save-on-foods, Safeway, Gold trail recycling
Propane cylinders- 1lb & 20lb	Cariboo Supply & Marine, 70 Mile transfer station
Scrap metal	CRD landfill, Watch Lake landfill, 70 Mile transfer station
T.V.'s, with built in DVD & VCR also accepted	Bee Line courier, 100 Mile
Telephones, "non cellular" & answering machines	Bee Line courier, 100 Mile
Tires, off rims	CRD landfill, 70 Mile transfer station, 100 Mile Tire shops (limit 4)

**Information on where to recycle in BC:** [www.rcbc.bc.ca/recyclepedia](http://www.rcbc.bc.ca/recyclepedia) type in item you need recycled

**Fluorescent bulbs Hot line number:** 1-800-667-4321

**Bee line courier** 201-7<sup>th</sup> St 100 Mile near Peter Skeene Ogden School 250-395-3971

**Cariboo Supply & Marine** 880 Alpine Ave, 100 Mile 250-395-3663

**Home Hardware** 488 Birch Ave, 100 Mile 250-395-2216

**Donex** 145 Birch Ave 250-395-4004

**Gold trail recycling** 720 Sollows Cr, 100 Mile 250-395-1041

**KMS communications** 916 Alpine St, 100 Mile 250-395-4015

**Petro-Can Bulk station** 380 Exeter Rd, 100 Mile 250-395-3818

**Pharmasave** in the Safeway Mall 250-395-2921

**RCMP 100 Mile** near Peter Skeene Ogden School 250-395-2456

**SMAC- Seventy Mile Access Centre,** 2545 Bonaparte Rd at 70 Mile 250-456-6016

**Tim-Br-Mart** 200 McDermid, 100 Mile 250-395-3835

**Tip Top Radio** #1-351 Birch Ave, 100 Mile 250-395-2922

## Cariboo Regional District (CRD) Solid Waste Plan Management update

The CRD is currently updating the Solid Waste Management Plans for the region, including the Watch Lake Transfer Station. This plan is the direction for the next ten years for the types of household waste, recycling and other waste reduction programs in response to input provided by local residents and best practice successes from other solid waste management operations. The goal for the next phase of the operational planning with resident and business input, Stage 2, will evaluate services to date and seek comment on what is proposed to further enhance cost management, reduction in household waste, and the benefits to the natural ecology.

Stage 2 review involves research on how to provide improved waste and recycling services to CRD residents and businesses, including the costs to provide these services.

The contents of the Stage 2 report include:

Recycling Options	Centralized Composting Facilities	Controlling Sites
Illegal Dumping Strategies	Green House Gas Emissions Inventory	Tipping Fees
Waste Reduction Targets	Hauling Municipal Waste Efficiencies	Zero Waste
Financial Strategies	Extended Producer Responsibility	Plan Monitoring
Promotion and Education	Transfer Station Improvements	Waste to Energy
Wood Waste Management		



The Advisory Committee will review the Stage 2 research findings with the intent to develop future service options to meet resident demand, protect the environment, and make the best use of tax dollars. Each service option will have differing levels of service, costs and waste reduction goals. North Green Lake and area residents and businesses are essential to the success of this review. Implementation of new services needs to be relevant for local resident and business needs. In addition to surveys, there will be public consultation at open houses throughout the region. In June CRD staff will be at transfer sites to provide residents with an opportunity to review the service options and complete the survey. Dates of the open houses and refuse site visits will be released in advance on the CRD web site, including the service options and online surveys.

Looking Ahead.....

Once the public consultation phase is completed and the survey data compiled, the Advisory Committee will meet to review and make recommendations for the future operations for the Watch Lake Transfer Station. Public Consultation is key to ensure the plans for services represent the needs and the interests of our communities.

Stay tuned for more information or please contact us at: **Email:** [talktrash@cariboord.bc.ca](mailto:talktrash@cariboord.bc.ca)

**Phone: 250.392.3351 Toll free: 1.800.665.1636**

CRD Solid waste management details: [www.cariboord.bc.ca](http://www.cariboord.bc.ca) open "**Solid waste management**"

## TNRD - 70 Mile House Transfer Station update



70 Mile House Transfer Station will be upgraded to an eco-depot. Development of infrastructure to host recycling and diversion services at 70 Mile House will start in the summer of 2012.

The eco depot will include:

- Weigh scales are planned to be installed at post-consolidation transfer stations (Phase 1 into Phase 2). A weigh scale installation includes: 40' truck weigh scales, load cells, scale house, digital display unit and is included in planned upgrades
- Concrete pads for placement of containers and other equipment
- Containers or designated areas to collect material to be recycled
- Increased and strategically placed signage installed so that users can clearly see what materials go where
- Suitable parking facilities and road markings to facilitate orderly traffic flow
- Development with built-in-flexibility so that extra capacity can be added as the need arises, whether from TNRD-implemented programs or requirements of private haulers
- Waste exchange days, hazardous and e-waste collection events



- Select provincial Extended Producer Responsibility diversion services
- Community share shed
- On site compost facility
- Solar power grid intertie system

The TNRD's 2011 illegal dumping strategy is well underway and the Conservation Officer Service in the 70 Mile House area has committed to keeping a watchful eye on potential post weekend road/gate dumping in this area. Residents are also encouraged to call in and report existing or new illegal dumping. We are also working with a private contractor in the area who can be dispatched for the quick clean-up and removal of illegal dumping. The TNRD will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Roundup on May 7th at the Clinton Public Works yard (1426 Government St.) between the hours of 9 am – 3 pm. Household hazardous waste is anything that is toxic, corrosive, reactive or ignitable. This type of waste should not be disposed of with your regular garbage because it is dangerous and very harmful to the environment when buried in a landfill.

Electronic Waste will also be accepted for recycling at this event.

As a result of the survey that was sent out to residents we are announcing "New dump hours for 70 Mile."

### **NEW DUMP HOURS**

#### **March 31 to October 31 (summer hours)**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 8am-4pm

#### **November 1 to February 28 (winter hours)**

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 8am-4pm



Buy your Eco-Cards at  
70 Mile Store, SMAC and  
Mandy's

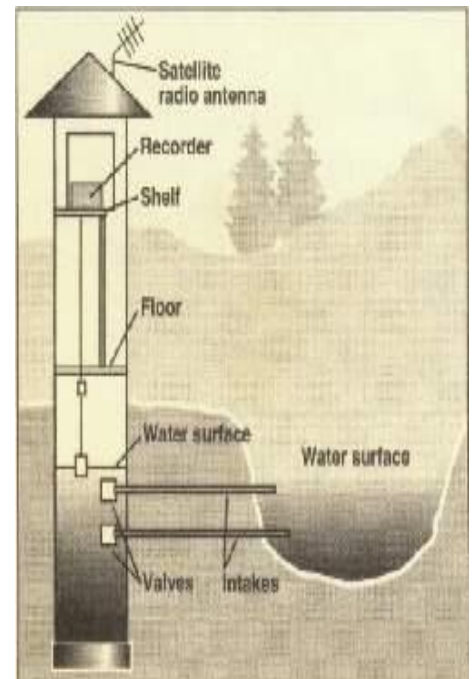
TNRD tipping fees can be found at: [www.tnrd.bc.ca](http://www.tnrd.bc.ca) open "transfer stations" then "tipping fees"  
**Recyclables taken to 70 Mile Transfer Station should be put into Blue Bags\*NO STYROFOAM, CERAMIC DISHES, CHINA PLATE GLASS and BOXBOARD COATED IN WAX, OILS or PLASTIC \* these are not recyclable anywhere!**

### **REPORT FROM MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

**Bob Grace from Ministry of Environment and a co-worker Laurie, with assistance from Gordon Labinsky installed the Thalimedes data logger in the WSC stilling well on June 30, 2010. Alan Boyd will be recording the data on a regular basis. The stilling well is located on the road causeway at the mouth of Watch Creek. We will be tracking the lake level to determine how the lake responds to variations in long term weather conditions. In drier periods, the lake level drops below the level of the outlet and becomes "landlocked", with no surface flow leaving the lake. Lake water is only removed via evaporation from the lake surface or infiltration into the ground, concentrating dissolved compounds. This loss of water results in an increase in dissolved solids, hardness, conductivity, pH, etc. in the lake water. As a consequence the lake becomes less hospitable for fish production and aesthetically unsuitable for drinking water.**

**We still need to survey in the current lake level to the historical measurements made before 1989.**

**Bob Grace. MOE**



**Schematic of a stilling well and shelter at a stream-gaging station**

## THINGS TO DO AROUND THE GREEN LAKE - WATCH LAKE AREA

- 70 Mile Store:** liquor agency, groceries, deli, baking, fuel & more [www.cariboovacations.com/70mile](http://www.cariboovacations.com/70mile)
- 83 Mile Farm Equipment Museum:** museum. [www.83milehouse.com](http://www.83milehouse.com)
- Ace High Resort:** accommodations and fishing. [www.acehighresort.com](http://www.acehighresort.com)
- Corral Restaurant & Motel:** accommodations & restaurant 70 Mile House, Hwy 97. Phone: 250-456-7500
- Cottage Handcrafts:** #926 S. Green Lake Rd ph: 250-456-7633 **closed:** Tues-Wed **hours:** 12-4 till Thanksgiving
- Crafts and More:** local crafts, at 70 Mile House near the Dusty Rose Pub. Open: **May** long weekend. June-weekends. **July-Aug** - everyday. **Sept-Dec** Sat & Sun & long weekends. hours: 10:00am-4:00pm 456-7429 Rita
- Dusty Rose Pub:** Pub, lots of activities and specials. Details on Website [dustyrosepub.com](http://dustyrosepub.com)
- Eagles Nest B & B:** accommodations-8562 Skyline Dr N. Green 250-456-2413 [eaglesnestbnb@bcinternet.net](mailto:eaglesnestbnb@bcinternet.net)
- Flying U Resort:** accommodations, working cattle ranch with many activities [www.flyingu.com](http://www.flyingu.com)
- Graham Dunden Ranch:** accommodations, horseback riding, trail rides [www.grahamdundenranch.com](http://www.grahamdundenranch.com)
- Little Horse Lodge:** liquor agency, groceries, restaurant, fuel, accommodations [www.littlehorselodge.com](http://www.littlehorselodge.com)
- Leyland's B & B:** accommodations - 8561 Skyline Dr. North Green Lake 250-456-7457
- Mandy's Restaurant:** Restaurant. **NEW OWNERS** Janice Luchies 250-456-7700 71 Mile House
- Meadow Springs:** horseback riding, trail rides, accommodations, working ranch. [www.meadowsprings.com](http://www.meadowsprings.com)
- Parks, Sunset View & Emerald Springs:** camping, playgrounds, horseshoe pits. Bring your own horseshoes.  
[www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/green\\_lk](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/green_lk)
- SMAC:** library, gymnasium, computer lab, games room, thrift store & more [www.smac.100mile.com](http://www.smac.100mile.com)
- Tall Timbers:** June fishing derby, accommodations, boat rentals [www.talltimbers.ca](http://www.talltimbers.ca)
- Tin Cup Greens Golf:** Par 3-9 hole course, rustic. 13 kms on Bonaparte Road from 70 Mile ph: 250-456-7577
- Watch Lake Lodge:** Trail rides, accommodations, boat rental, camping, store Dimps 250-456-7741 Located on the North side of Watch Lake at the "T" intersection of Watch Lake Rd [www.watchlake.com](http://www.watchlake.com)
- XH Bison Ranch:** Buffalo skulls & hides call first: ph: 250-456-2319 **sorry no tours** [www.xhbuffaloranch.com](http://www.xhbuffaloranch.com)

## EVENTS AROUND THE LAKES IN 2011

- May 21, 2011** North Green/Watch VFD (Hall #2) Garage & bake sale 9:00am – 1:00pm
- May 21, 2011** South Green VFD Garage, bake sale & wood raffle 10:00am – 1:00pm
- June 4, 2011** Fishing derby 4-5<sup>th</sup> Tall Timbers, beer garden ph: 250-456-7668
- June 11, 2011** Watch Lk/N. Green Lk VFD Dinner & Auction 70 Mile Community Hall  
4:30pm doors open, 5:30 dinner, 7:00 Auction call: Gisele for tickets 395-9082
- July, 2011** Golf Tournament, Tin Cup Greens date to be announced ph: Sue 250-456-2138
- July 3, 2011** Watch Lk/N. Green Lk VFD Summer General Meeting 1:00pm Watch Lake Hall
- July 9, 2011** South Green VFD Annual General meeting 10:00am
- July 9, 2011** Gymkhana: grounds on North Green Lake Rd 10:00am – 4:00pm, beer garden
- July 30, 2011** South Green VFD Community Fun Day 10:00am - 2:00pm
- Aug, 2011** Golf Tournament, Tin Cup Greens date to be announced ph: Sue 250-456-2138
- Aug. 13, 2011** Gymkhana: grounds on North Green Lake Rd 10:00am – 4:00pm, beer garden
- Aug. 20, 2011** GLARA AGM Watch Lake Community Hall 10:00am start
- Sept. 10, 2011** Cariboo Country Night Watch Lake Community Hall ph: Dimps 250-456-7741

### Firehall Garage Sales on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Please support your local Fire Department. If you have any good treasures around your home that you could donate to your Firehall for the sales, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Watch Lake – North Green Lake VFD news

The winter snow kept the wild fire danger to a minimum, but now that the snow is almost all gone the grasslands are particularly dry and flammable. The fact that the ground is damp or even still frozen in some places can be very deceptive. The level of the area's lakes and ponds seem to have remained low and all the signs are there for another dry summer. This will make it difficult for our fire fighters to obtain water in the event of a fire.



The snow plough mounted on one of the one ton trucks served the department well during the snow season – the parking lots at both fire halls and the community hall were kept cleared and the access roads to the lake kept open to provide quick access to lake water. Several practices were conducted on the ice so that the fire fighters would be familiar with pumping water even in the coldest days of winter. The plough is now in storage until next winter and the crew is in the process of improving the suspension on that truck so that it will safely carry the 250 gallon water tank for initial, rapid response to any remote or off-road fires. The second one ton truck came with sufficient over-load suspension to carry its tank and is ready to go.

Prior to the last fire season the department was able to purchase a used engine truck with excellent pumping capability to match that of the earlier pumper donated by the City of Coquitlam. These two trucks do an excellent job of directing water at the fire scene, but the problem is getting the water to the pumpers. Most



properties in this fire district are close to the lakeshore, but seldom close enough in the event of a fire. The two aging tenders do their best to transport water, but they are becoming expensive to maintain. Through the financial assistance of a BC Lotteries gaming grant, a very generous donation by the department's Auxiliary and a \$5000 grant from the CRD the department was recently able to purchase a newer tender. This truck, a 2006 Freightliner with a 1700 gallon capacity, can be filled, emptied into a portable holding pond, and make the return trip much more quickly than the older tenders.

With the exception of the 70 Mile store fire and a major shed fire, the past year has been fairly quiet for the department. For the first time there was an equal number of fire and medical aid 911 dispatches with 14 each. There were a couple of fires at the Watch Lake Dump, but primarily the firefighters responded to call-outs ranging from motor vehicle accidents and chimney fires to out-of-control grass fires.

Every year at this time fire departments throughout our area respond to out-of-control grass fires that started out as a simple spring burn-off or small rubbish fire. Be very careful with the spring clean-up on your property. As of Easter Sunday there have been two grass fires on the north side already this season. Fortunately, there was little wind and the department was on the scene quickly. Had it been windy, these same fires could have had devastating results for the community. There is a good possibility that there could be a total burning ban imposed early this year. Check regulations, venting and bans before you burn.



**Roy Allan**



### **BE BEAR AWARE! Don't invite a bear to dinner.**

Store garbage, compost, and recycling in a bear resistant enclosure  
Secure livestock feed ◊ Feed pets inside and store food indoors  
Clean barbeque after every use & cover ◊ Remove ripe fruit from trees & ground  
Do not approach a bear ◊ Make noise when walking in the wilderness  
[www.bearaware.bc.ca](http://www.bearaware.bc.ca) or call 1-877-894-2327 or RAPP 1-877-952-7277



# RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS SIGNAGE

A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN  
SOUTH GREEN LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT & THE LIONS CLUB



In an emergency when every second counts, firefighters, police or medical emergency services may lose critical time if they cannot locate your home. Despite recent advances in technology and improvements in our 911 emergency dispatch system, there is a marked difference for emergency personnel in being directed to an address and actually locating the residence. In an emergency, time lost trying to locate the correct driveway can have a tragic result. You can help assure that you receive emergency assistance in the shortest possible time by properly displaying large **highly reflective house numbers**.

***“If we can’t find you...we can’t help you”***

Address signs posted in a uniform position, with highly visible reflective properties, allow the appropriate emergency response team to find you as quickly as possible. Signs that are not reflective or right beside the road may not be seen, especially at night or in bad weather conditions!

We have arranged to supply these signs for a reasonable price of \$15.00 each (single sided, taxes included). The signs measure 8” high x 16” wide and are made of engineer-grade aluminum with 5” black numbers on a white, **highly reflective background**. These signs are quite easily seen in the daytime and at night, as well as during adverse weather conditions and they have been approved by our Fire Department.

We are encouraging all property owners to purchase the new signs, as the existing wooden signs are old and weathered and will not be maintained by the Fire Department in future. As you drive along the south side of the Lake you will notice that many signs have already been purchased and installed. Please complete the form below and mail it (with your payment in either cash or cheque – made out to South Green Lake VFD, RR1, Site M, C3A, 70 Mile House, BC V0K 2K0).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call either Acting Fire Chief Dale Dyck @ 250-456-7567 or Assistant Fire Chief Peter McKie @ 250-456-6806 or you may order them at our Annual Garage Sale to be held on May 21, 2011 at the SGL Fire Hall. **THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER THESE SIGNS.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



Numbers to appear on address sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque enclosed  OR Cash enclosed:

**Please keep the attached list of burning and fire department information close to your telephone.**

<p><b>Burning registration:</b> 1-888-797-1717 you will need the legal description of your lot &amp; address  <b>Venting:</b> 1-888-281-2992  <b>Fire info:</b> 1-888-797-1717  <b>Reporting a forest fire:</b> 1-800-663-5555 *5555 cell phone only  <b>Fires in Provincial Parks, call the Fire Warden at:</b> 250-456-2312 or 250-456-7683  <b>Fire emergency call 911</b></p>
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## Green Belt Report – Spring 2011

Anyone living on the south side of Green Lake will have been in receipt of the information from Steve Law, a Forest Consultant in 108 Mile House, who has been contracted by the SGLVFD in conjunction with the Thompson-Nicola Regional District to undertake the development of fuel management prescriptions in the wildfire interface areas. The objective is to reduce the wildfire hazard adjacent to properties and communities. The overall goal of the program is to prevent crown fires, reduce surface fire intensity and improve firefighting capabilities should a fire get started.

The treatments suggested are any of the following:

- Pruning of branches to help reduce ladder fuels, reduce crown fires
- Thinning of smaller understory trees, reduce crown fires
- Falling and burning of dead trees and limbs
- Falling and chipping to disperse dead trees and limbs
- Small scale logging to remove dead trees

None of these treatments are harmful and will be helpful in reducing the wildfire hazard adjacent to properties and communities.

A public meeting will be held during the summer where more details may be provided. The letter you received does provide an opportunity for input into the prescriptions and you should take advantage of that opportunity.

While this column is more geared towards the south side of Green Lake it certainly is applicable to the entire GLARA area. The treatments suggested above are good due diligence for your own property.

This interface fuel hazard abatement program is a result of the dead forests left behind by the pine beetles and is an initiative of government.

Wishing each of you a summer full of fun and activities. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

**David Schwarz, R.P.F.**



### ATV's

The main season for these vehicles has arrived; this is just a small reminder to people of the safety issues related to their use. These are "off road" vehicles.....their tires are not meant for use on pavement. Area residents do not mind if they are driven slowly along the side of the road on the way to our very extensive trail system, but it really upsets them to have these vehicles speeding along the middle of the road, or darting out from a side street. Many of these drivers are unaccompanied children. An ATV is not a baby-sitter, or something to get the kids out of your hair for a time.

On a trip to 100 Mile on a rainy October evening a group of us were astonished to see four men, in camouflage gear, speeding along a wooded stretch of Horse Lake Road. As they were coming towards, us, it was very disconcerting. Every year, people are killed in ATV accidents. In our greater area, and there's no reason to assume we are unique, most of these fatalities occur on the roads, and in most of those cases, alcohol is involved! The solution is obvious, don't drink & drive and especially, just drive where it is safe.

**This article was taken from the Deka Ratepayers Community Newsletter. At the request of Michelle Schilling of Ministry of Transportation GLARA was asked to include it in our Spring Newsletter.**

**Mark your Calendars; GLARA AGM August 20, 2011  
Watch Lake Community Hall 10:00am**

# GLARA Membership Form

**IMPORTANT! Before filling out this form, check your envelope - your expiration date is on your label!**

If your label is flagged with **pink** this is a reminder that your membership is **about** to expire. If your label is flagged with **yellow** your membership **has** expired or if you received this form by **email** your expiry date is in the **introduction paragraph**.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of member(s) applying

\_\_\_\_\_  
Legal description of lot if known, (optional) fire # or address & street (must have)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full mailing address (one newsletter per paid membership)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone Lake phone Work phone Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address for color email newsletter & notifications      \$15.00 or \$40.00 Cheque enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_  
**E-mail address: "use only for small notifications of happenings around the lake, not to be used for Newsletters."**

Make cheques payable to G.L.A.R.A.  
Mail to: RR#1, Site Q Comp 5, 70 Mile House, B.C., V0K 2K0.  
Membership fees are \$15 per year or \$40 for 3 years.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING GLARA**

### **NEW OWNERS**

The Little Horse Lodge has new owners. Rick and Carol Weiler have moved to Green Lake from Chilliwack and are preparing the Lodge for the busy tourist season ahead. Carol will be managing the guest facilities and dining room. The Weiler's daughter Sierra is still working in Chilliwack and will join the family for the summer. Carol has created a menu to suit every taste with reasonable prices and has hired popular local cook Shelly McKeown to ensure the highest quality meals. Carole says, "...we hope the lodge will become a comfortable meeting place for everyone. Drop in for a cup of coffee or stay a while and enjoy a fine meal."

