

THE GREEN WATCH
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Watch and Green Lake Area



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Hello to all GLARA Members and residents of the Watch/Green Lakes area
Important date to keep in mind.

The GLARA 2015 Annual General meeting

The GLARA AGM is being held at South Green Lake Snowmobile Club again this year. Please keep **Saturday, August 22th - 10:00 am** open on your calendar and plan to attend. Not only can comments and ideas be brought forward, but the meeting will provide updates from your Regional District Area Directors as well as reports from directors on the watershed management plan, water quality updates, transfer station, treasury reports and possibly a visit from our local RCMP. Hope to see you there!



Welcome Sign

Many of you may have noticed that the Green Lake - Watch Lake welcome sign that was put up last fall was missing for a few months. We had a lot of strong wind storms over the winter and the posts holding up the sign just weren't deep enough to support it.

Dave Goodwin pounded four posts for GLARA and Fred Kuyek engineered a system for the sign that will take a tornado to knock it down.

We would also like to thank Ken Greenwood, Dennis Nagy and Doug Hughes for their help with the sign and getting it back to the meadow for all to see.

Marie Kuyek



South Green Lake – Phase two cattle fence repair

This spring, the cattle fencing in "phase two section" of South Green Lake was repaired. Many trees with rotten roots had fallen onto the fencing over the winter months. It took 20 hours of work to clear all the debris and trees off of the fence and repair it.



I would like to thank Roger Graham and Steve Gehl for helping me do the repairs. For those of you that want to go through the foot gates, if you are too wide to get through, please don't hit the posts. If you need to get through, the posts can be lifted out and replaced after you go through.

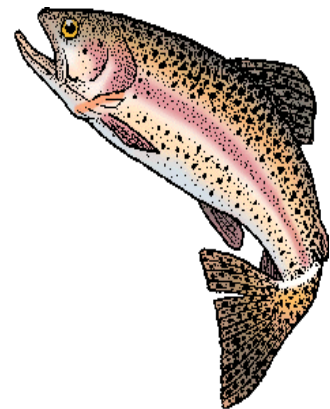
Dennis Nagy

Fish Stocking report

Green Lake: June 18/2015 Kokanee 11,807
June 30/2015 Blackwater Rainbow trout - 5,516

Nolan Lake: May 7/2015 Blackwater Rainbow trout – 10,018
May 7/2015 Rainbow trout – 10,000

Watch Lake: April 17/2015 Rainbow trout – 40,000



Green Lake Water report

This year we are doing water temperature and clarity readings on Green Lake every 3 weeks. The last water test was done on July 6. The water temperature for the first 3 metres was 21°C and the Clarity of the lake was at 7.8 metres.

Fred Kuyek, Green Lk Water Steward



Summer Safety

In spite of the hot weather and tinder dry conditions in the surrounding forests, the Watch Lake and North Green Lake area have experienced only two minor fires so far this summer. The first was a lightning strike to a tree on Kazoo Road. Fortunately it was spotted quickly and our firefighters were on the scene before it had a chance to spread. The second fire, also a lightning strike, was 1.5 kilometers north of Watch Lake, east of Box Hill. It appeared to be out after the heavy rain that followed the thunder storm but it flared up again a day later. It was brought under control with an air tanker dropping retardant and helicopters bringing in water. Our fire department provided tanker service for the forestry crew doing the final mop-up.



Campfire ban lifted July 27 Watch Lake Wildfire - Cariboo Fire Centre Photo

Campers and residents have respected the campfire ban and thankfully we made it through the July 1st weekend with no one defying the ban on fireworks. If you happen to see visitors lighting a campfire, please let them know there are fines for having fires at this time of year. Our crews are ready and well-equipped for any fire emergency, but as we have seen in other areas of the Province things can get out of control very quickly. We all hope to see another safe summer on the water. There are speed restrictions in the bays at the north and south ends of the lake. One of the first boats on the water this spring was an open exhaust noise maker that soon found its way to the far side of Haines Island where it entertained the nesting waterfowl. The lake is big enough for all of us and respect for the few restrictions will ensure that we can all continue to enjoy our various activities. Play hard, but play safe and let our firefighters have some time off too.

Roy Allan

small campfires only





FIRE SMART

Protecting our community from Wildfire
(WUI) Wildland/Urban Interface Fire
ARE YOU READY!

WUI is described as any area where combustible wildland fuels are found adjacent to homes and where development and wildfire fuel intermingle with no clear defined boundaries. This treatment cannot be solved by firefighters or more equipment. Solving the problem depends on what is done "BEFORE" the fire starts.

The solution is in our BACKYARDS. 85% to 90% of homes without flammable roofs and 10 meters of vegetation clearance WILL survive a major wildfire.

We need to focus our efforts before the fire starts by reducing the fire intensity by influencing the surrounding vegetation, which reduces the potential of wild fires on our structures.

Please take the time to fill out the Site Assessment Form to determine your risk in the event of a Wildfire. Go to this link: <http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/firesmart.htm> and download the "Home Owners Fires mart Manual"

The Wild fire threat is all around us this year" we can all help out ourselves and our neighbours by being fire smart.

Peter Mckie, Fire Chief SGLVFD



Story behind the name!

Recently I have been working on putting together a map of Green Lake and Watch Lake. I have been putting the names of places around the lakes including ones that the locals have named. We seem to have two Islands on Green Lake that are named "Moose Island". Moose Island East has an interesting story told to me by a local.

Three or four years ago a moose calf was abandoned there. No one knows why, but his mother just took off and left him. He spent the entire summer there and would often appear when the slalom course was being used. During that summer it appeared to have eaten all the available food and by late fall it was showing signs of malnutrition. As soon as the ice was thick enough, a resident would take branches out to it with his quad. No one knows what happened, but just before breakup of that spring (judging by the tracks in the snow), it appeared as though a couple of other moose went out at night and encouraged the orphan to leave with them. This is one of the Islands named on the map. If anyone is interested in purchasing the map I am having them printed and laminated in time for the GLARA AGM, August 22.

Marie Kuyek

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