

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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Dear Green Lake Residents,

We all welcomed ice off on Green Lake May 3rd this year as it signals the beginnings of the season we all await. Daffodils are emerging as are docks being put in the lake, a welcome activity foretelling the joyful months to come.

This year GLARA is funding a lake survey conducted by Don Holmes of Lakeshore Environmental Ltd, Kamloops, BC. Don has worked in the Kamloops and Cariboo region for decades with the Ministry of Environment, primarily in the area of lake science and I am greatly looking forward to working with him as I cannot envision a better encyclopedia of knowledge. We are targeting producing a summary report to deliver to residents to discuss our lake health and answer a multitude of questions GLARA has received over time.

GLARA is researching avenues for further funding to target Watch Lake next year followed by a terrestrial water basin study in year 3. This would provide an independent analysis and environmental health report for our entire watershed boundary defined by the Official Community Plan which was collaborated by the TNRD and the CRD. We have strong support from both the Regional Districts; it is a matter of how and where to find the funds.

Speaking of Regional Districts, on May 6 the CRD and TNRD hosted a public meeting at the Green Lake Snowmobile Club to discuss wording changes in parts of the OCP. TNRD directors were present as well as planning services from both regional districts. The meeting was well attended and discussed changes to permitting wording with the objective of trying to simplify the process in development applications. It was welcomed by the audience with a few comments concerning areas outside the scope of the meeting. Several of the comments regarded provincial regulations beyond the mandate of the regional districts. The regional districts expressed their requests to the province to change the regulatory process with the hopes they are listened to in Victoria.

Anyone watching the news has seen that an early fire season is upon us in BC and Alberta, yet we still see people setting grass fires that blossom into forest fires. Please, let's work together to reduce and eliminate the risk of human caused forest fires!



Best of the summer to us all,
Dunham Craig – Co-chair GLARA

Invasive Species and You

The Invasive Species Council of BC's goal is to protect biodiversity by collaborating with the people who live in this province, to build healthy communities free of invasive species. As residents and visitors who appreciate the natural beauty of Green and Watch Lakes, you play a critical role in the prevention and early detection of invasive species directly impacting BC's ecosystems and wildlife. One of our greatest strengths is our on-the-ground network of community scientists, the "watchdogs" for invasive species. In 2022, ISCBC received over 1,600 reports of invasive species from the public across BC! Whether you call the South Cariboo home, or you just love to visit, we encourage you to report any invasive species that you see.

Garden Enthusiasts of Green and Watch Lakes

Calling all green thumbs! Have you heard about ISCBC's Grow Me Instead Guide? This resource provides information for gardening enthusiasts about horticulture's most "unwanted" invasive plants in British Columbia, while providing a variety of native and exotic plant alternatives considered non-invasive in our region. Within the Green and Watch Lakes area, several people have reported a number of garden varieties that have escaped local gardens, becoming invasive and destructive on the surrounding ecosystem.

Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), often seen around Green and Watch Lakes, is still commonly sold in many retail wildflower mixes, despite its negative impacts. It spreads fast – a single plant can produce up to 26,000 seeds that can survive in the soil for up to 20 years. In large infestations, Oxeye daisy reduces the number of native plants and compromises forage for livestock and wildlife. This plant is considered a noxious weed in many parts of BC.



Check out the **Grow Me Instead Guide** to find native or exotic plant alternatives to Oxeye daisy (and other invasive species) that are non-invasive to the surrounding environment. Be PlantWise!

Reporting and Preventing the Spread – Protecting Green and Watch Lakes

One of the easiest ways to protect the health and biodiversity of your local ecosystem, is to report any suspected invasive species you see. Your observations can be reported in a few different ways.

- Do you use iNaturalist? Join our "I Spy and Identify" Project to record your sightings
- Complete ISCBC's online invasive species reporting form
- Download the free Report Invasives BC App (download available on the App store and Google Play) Whichever method you choose, your reports will be funneled to experts who will identify the species and respond accordingly. Your reports help identify and manage invasive species, protecting BC's biodiversity. Join us in stewarding BC's landscapes and habitats!

Finally, we urge you to adopt the easy Clean Drain Dry and Play Clean Go techniques to avoid spreading invasive species. Boaters, anglers and paddlers can help stop the spread by cleaning off, draining and drying boats, paddles and angling equipment before moving between bodies of water. Hikers, mountain bikers and all outdoor enthusiasts can practice Play Clean Go by removing dirt, seeds, plants, and bugs from clothing, pets, equipment and vehicles before and after starting activities.

<https://bcinvasives.ca>



2022 Fish Stocking Report

Last Year-2022 between April and October

Watch Lake was stocked with 40,000 Rainbow Trout -yearlings

Nolan Lake was with 7,000 Rainbow Trout -yearlings

Green Lake was stocked with 1,065,618 Rainbow Trout yearlings & fingerlings

Green Lake was stocked with 348,686 Kokanee – fry

2023 fish stocking hasn't taken place yet but I will report on it in the next Newsletter

Fry – Development stage of fish immediately after the larvae stage, at an age of less than a week.

Fingerling – three to four months of life.

Yearling – 4 months until approximately one year of age.





WATCH LAKE – NORTH GREEN LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

On April 29th as a plume of smoke slowly rose beyond the hills to the east of Green Lake and a wildfire was said to be spreading to the West of 57 Mile we were reminded of the fire and smoke that forced our evacuation during the Elephant Hill wildfire of 2017. During that summer twenty of our firefighters gave up their seasonal activities and endured the heavy smoke in order to patrol the community twenty-four hours a day to ensure the safety of our properties. In July and August of 2021, the Flat Lake wildfire created another threat to this area. Another evacuation along with smoke-filled days had a profound impact on the enjoyment of the all too short summer season and once again, the firefighters remained on duty to safeguard our homes. Working with the South Green Lake Fire department, our tenders were able to transport many thousands of liters of water to the on-scene suppression crews.

We currently feel confident that we are more prepared than ever for whatever threats may arise during the coming dry season. Our roster is in great shape since twelve new members responded to a recruitment drive held last summer. We have all the wildfire suppression equipment we would need thanks to a Community Resilience Grant from the Red Cross and Fire Chiefs' Association that replaced and added to our necessary apparatus supply.

We have just replaced fifteen sets of firefighter turnout gear in order to comply with the NFPA (turnout gear expiry requirements) at a cost of \$50,000. We were assisted in this purchase by a 2022 Volunteer & Composite Fire Department Training & Equipment Grant from the Union of BC Municipalities. We are pleased to have been able to do this without any assistance from the CRD. The new Fire Pumper Engine has proven its worth several times since it was purchased by the Department in July 2021. The Department was able to make that purchase with the assistance of a BC Lottery Capital Gaming Grant, tight fiscal management, and a donation from one of the residents.





As an independent department we have no bureaucratic overhead and receive no funding from the CRD. We must rely on fire dues, grants and donations. We have to count on our neighbours to donate some of their time for training and practice sessions as well as be prepared for call-outs any time of the day or night. We need the community to support us through their annual fire dues and then spend that money wisely in purchasing the best possible equipment as well as provide the mandated training for our volunteers. But then, we hope we must never have to respond to another emergency.

Please have a safe summer. It is far better to meet a firefighter at a practice session than at a call-out.

Please visit us on the net at:

www.Wingfiredept.org

or on Facebook at Watch Lake -North Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department

SOUTH GREEN LAKE VOLUNTEER FIREHALL



Fire Chief's Report

Hello everyone, it's been a long, long winter and it looks like spring has finally sprung!

With that said, it seems that we have gone from winter into a very early fire season. With the recent fires all around us, it is a reminder that it is still very dry in the forest. We didn't get a lot of rainfall before winter set in resulting in some drought-like conditions. Hopefully we will get a wet spring and get some moisture in the forest. The public is urged to take all precautions regarding any debris burning. Category 3 fires are now prohibited as of 12:00 noon on May 4, 2023. If you are doing any burning, you should have an ample supply of water on hand. It is highly recommended to take your yard debris to your local Eco-Depot or landfill.

The SGLVFD will be holding its annual Open House on May 20th from 11:00 am– 1:00 pm at our Firehall. We will have a FireSmart info display with Reps available for any questions and concerns. The Auxiliary will have homemade pies for sale as well as a raffle with various items. We will also have a Sprinkler Protection Demo set up for your home protection and sprinkler orders will be taken if you want to purchase any. All of our apparatus will be on display, including our new to us Pumper/Tender. This tandem axle unit has a 2500-gallon capacity, and with our other 2 trucks we will have 4500 gallons of water available to us immediately upon arrival at a fire scene. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available by donation.

There will be an info table at our Open House concerning the Cattle Fence that runs along the southside of the lake. Volunteers are needed to help with the maintenance of this fence, as our current group of volunteers are no longer going to continue with this. The fence was installed and is maintained by the local residents. It is not the local rancher's fence to maintain. See Gordon Labinsky's **Cattle Exclusion Fence** article in the newsletter.

I hope everyone has a safe and "FireSmart" summer. Remember to ensure that all fires not left unattended and are completely extinguished before leaving.

Roger Graham
Fire Chief
SGLVFD

Dennis Tupman, a man for all seasons... By, Bruce Gilmour



Living on Green Lake in one word; colour! Colour in the seasons, the ever changing weather, the abundance of wildlife, and the personalities of the residents! The metaphor? A rainbow. The pot of gold? Dennis Tupman's legacy!

Dennis' recent memorial service was captivating and magnificent! In seeking to provide a fuller story about Dennis for the newsletter, Dennis' daughters (Denise, Allison, and Raechel) filled in some gaps.

Dennis and Ruth moved into their Green Lake home in May of 1992, when Dennis officially retired from the Vancouver School Board. Rachel recalls, "We bought a cabin at Green Lake in the Cariboo. I remember thinking, where the heck is that?"

Dennis *slowly* moved into retirement! Arts advocacy and education consulting across Canada along with extended travel to the States, Korea and Japan were some of his early retirement endeavors!

A picture paints a thousand words. How about this one of Dennis in blue jeans and suspenders, lumberjack shirt, a comical cap, climbing into his pick-up truck, heading off to the Transfer Station burn pile! Leading the assault on North Green Lake with water pistols! In the key of 'T', conducting the grandchildren orchestra with a harmony of ducks, Canada geese, and loons all high-tailing it down the lake!

Advocacy and legacy: as demonstrated with GLARA files assembled by Dennis that still thrive today! Dennis' character and communication style expressed charm, wit, as well as persuasiveness that has left a vision of social and ecological health that will live on!

Vivaldi's Four Seasons, anybody? If a picture paints a thousand words, then why not leave the closing of these thoughts to a Green Lake moment which so many of us can call up, the changing phases and splendor of Green Lake sunsets in all of their colours! Occasions where one has wondered if there is a name for that colour with the setting of the afternoon sun. Dennis' colours and how they added to our lives. Thank you, Dennis, for making a difference for a lake, an area, and in so many individual's lives.

Rest In Peace chap. Your Green Lake family...

Cattle Exclusion Fence

Important Public Notice to the homeowners in the South-East Green Lake community, from lake access road 7A to lake access #14.

This is the area protected from open range cattle by Phase One of the cattle exclusion fence that was built by the community in 2004 and completed in 2005. The fence extends from the North-East corner of the Buffalo Ranch all the way east to Nolan Lake.



I have been looking after maintenance of the fence for the last 18 grazing seasons 2005 to 2022. I have a very long list of volunteer workers that have helped me in those years. The list of names is too long to list here but I would like to send them all my sincerest gratitude. I could not have done it without their help.

I have just had my 85th birthday and am also having to deal with some very serious health issues which will make it impossible for me to continue to do fence maintenance in the future.

It is time for a 'Changing of the guard', in that the community must come up with a new team of 4 to 5 volunteer fence maintenance workers. If these workers cannot be found within the 240 homeowners in Phase One of the cattle exclusion fence area, then we should all be prepared this spring and summer to open and close our gates every time we want to leave or enter our properties.

Cows are just cows and if they are on the road and your gate is open then don't be surprised to find them on your lawn, in your garden or on your beach.

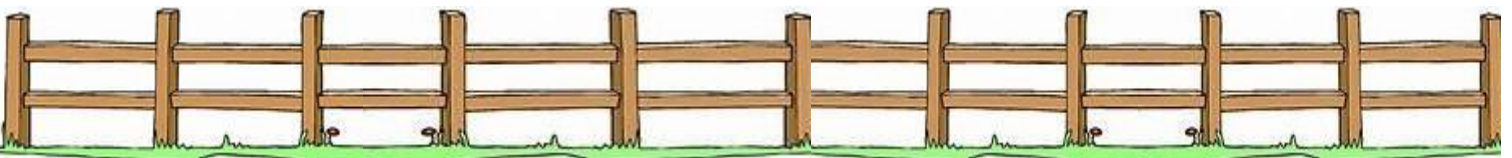
One of the volunteers who has been a big help to me for the past several years has told me he wishes to continue to help. I know he needs more helpers to do this job safely.

The ice has melted on the three lakes that form part of the fence. There are 5 water fence extensions that will require major rebuilding because of past ice damage during break-up. My hope is that some of the new volunteers will come from the new homeowners who have bought in the last 5 to 10 years. I would like to think that we can find the needed people without having to depend on any of the present crew of volunteer firefighters who do way more than their share of helping in the community. I was on the South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. for 14 fire seasons 1996 to 2010 so I have a good understanding of how much some people in the community expect of their unpaid volunteers.

Gordon Labinsky

1225 South Green Lake Road

There is also a phase two section of the Cattle Exclusion fencing that goes from Access 7A to point Road. **We are in desperate need of people** to help us with this phase as well. Please email if you can help with either fence. greenwatchlake@gmail.com



Mark your Calendars
Green Lake and Area Ratepayers' Association
Annual General Meeting at South Green Lake Snowmobile
Clubhouse
South Green Lake Road # 176
9:30 AM Saturday August 26, 2023

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Here is a little about us and our history. Ebus launched in Alberta in 2011, as well as in BC in 2018. We're the sibling brand to the luxury Red Arrow, owned by Pacific Western Group of Companies. PWT is an Alberta-based people transportation company.

Ebus provides Albertans and British Columbians with economical, efficient, and safe transportation. We offer an extensive network of scheduled routes for reliable transportation across the two provinces. This allows Ebus to specialize in coach service through Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, and Fort McMurray, as well as from Vancouver into the interior of British Columbia.

They have bus routes from **Vancouver to Kamloops, Kamloops to Prince George** and back again. Check out the Schedule at:

<https://www.myebus.ca/bc-schedule/>



Be Bear Aware

Don't invite a bear to dinner. Store garbage, compost and recycling in a bear resistant enclosure or inside. Secure livestock feed, feed pets and bring leftover food back indoors when they are done. Keep your Barbeque clean after every use. Do not approach a bear. Make noise when walking in the wilderness. Check out our website

<https://wildsafebc.com/black-bear/>



Summer Hours 70 Mile Eco Depot April 1 – Sept.30



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	closed	closed	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Summer Hours Watch Lake Landfill April.1 – Sept.30



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:00 am - 4:00 pm	7:00 am - 4:00 pm	Closed	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Summer Hours Lone Butte Transfer Station April. 1 - Sept.30



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8:00 am - 6:00 pm	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	closed	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	8:00 am - 6:00 pm	8:00 am - 5:00 pm

TNRD residents and businesses can now get re-loadable Eco-Cards for use at TNRD solid waste facilities. Eco-Cards can be loaded with funds at home or on the go using our new customer portal website. These new Eco-Cards are replacing the \$10, \$20 and \$50 punch eco-card system currently in place.



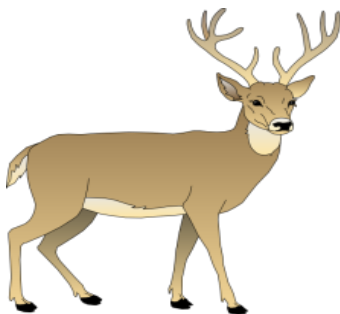
There are 3 ways to set up your new re-loadable Eco-Card:

1. Visit local Eco-Depot or Transfer Station. The site attendant can register you and give you your new re-loadable Eco-Card, which will be ready to use right away.
2. Register online here, by filling out the [Registration Form](#). **Please allow 1-2 weeks to receive your card if registering online.**
3. Call the TNRD at 250 377-2596, and we can register you over the phone. Please allow 1-2 weeks to receive your card if registering by phone.

New accounts come with a one-time \$10 welcome credit from the TNRD



**Please be careful when you are driving.
Watch out for Livestock and Wildlife!**



Check your email subject line or your envelope for your membership expiry date

Marked in **Pink** means membership expired

Marked in **Yellow** means membership is about to expire

GLARA Membership Renewal Form Membership fees are \$15 per year or \$40 for 3 years.

Name(s) of member(s) applying

Lake Address

Full mailing address

Home phone

Lake phone

Cell phone

E-mail address

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