



South Green Lake VFD Newsletter

Fred Potter Memorial Hall, 546 S. Green Lake Rd, RR1, Site M, C3A, 70 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2K0 250-456-7547

President's Report The upcoming year should be an exciting one for the South Green Lake VFD. We have been working hard to raise funds for our Fire Hall Addition, which will be started as soon as the permits are in place. If you are interested in seeing what we are doing to keep our community safe, please attend our Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday, July 9th, 2011, starting at 10:00 am.

We will have a Guest Speaker, Mr. Steve Law, who is giving a presentation prior to the meeting with regards to an update on the status of our Fuel Management prescription started last fall.

Please read Deputy Fire Chief – Dale Dyck's insert regarding the urgency of building our Fire Hall Addition, so we can then concentrate on fund raising for a new vehicle. It is imperative that we have a newer truck in place within the next two years.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Bill Hinde (Fire Chief) and Laszlo Veto (Newsletter Editor), who have both decided to step down from their volunteer positions. Their dedication and hard work has been greatly appreciated.

Susan McKie - President

Fire Chief's Report First and foremost, on behalf of all the Volunteer Firefighters and Directors of the South Green Lake VFD, I would like to thank Bill Hinde for his vast knowledge and expertise. Bill recently stepped down as Fire Chief due to personal reasons. His training techniques, along with his procurement of pumps, hoses and universal fittings for all our trucks has made the fire fighters job much easier. I would also like to thank all the past and present fire fighters, who unselfishly give their time and efforts to keep our community safe.

We still require a Fire Chief and more Volunteer Fire Fighters to help protect our community.

We will have to move quickly to build the new fire hall addition, which will house upgraded equipment (namely a newer fire truck). The Executive and Building Committee have been busy securing blueprints, contractor quotes and engineered drawing approvals. We are now in the process of applying for a Building Permit. You may not be aware, but our newest fire truck has only two years left of underwriters grading credibility. Underwriters will not accept any fire truck older than 25 years. Our other two vehicles can only be used as stand-by units, as they are over 25 years old. Without Underwriters grading for at least one of our trucks, your house and cottage fire insurance costs will more than likely double. We are in a Catch 22 situation. The newer, bigger fire trucks will not fit into the old existing hall and the cost of building a garage to hold upgraded equipment and to purchase a newer fire truck has put a real strain on holding our Fire Hall budgets at their current levels.

On behalf of all the South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Fighters, play safe, be fire smart and be careful while riding those ATV's, dirt bikes or while out on the Lake.

A reminder that, as of May 1st, 2011, NO OPEN BURNING is in effect. This includes grass fires, burn barrels and no campfires larger than one meter by one meter.

Dale Dyck – Deputy Fire Chief

Annual General Meeting

Will be held at the Fred Potter Memorial Hall upstairs
546 S. Green Lake Road
Saturday, July 9, 10:00 am

Guest Speaker - Steve Law R.P.F.
About Fuel Management Prescription

Ladie's Auxiliary Report

Garage Sale – Saturday, May 21st, 2011

Well here we are again! Another year has gone by, but the weather was with us not against us. We had glorious sunshine for most of the day, with the rains not starting until after we had all packed up and left. With the good weather we had a great turnout of people, who not only came and spent money, but stayed to visit with one another, catching up with people they had not seen all winter.

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Annual SGLVFD Garage/Bake/Book and Raffle Sale. I would also like to thank everyone who donated items to our Book and Garage Sale, to everyone who donated items for our Raffle and to everyone who donated any supplies for our bake-ins (from the flour, to the apples, to the shortening) and especially to the many ladies of the Auxiliary who gave so generously of their time.

Without you there would be no Garage Sale and you all make my job so much easier.

This year we raised \$2,559.52 towards our Building Fund, with the breakdown as follows:



Hot Dog, Chips, Pop Sales	\$291.25
Book Sales	\$145.58
Raffle Sales	\$316.00
Bake Sales	\$1,493.50
Garage Sales	\$626.16
(less expenses)	-\$312.97
Total	\$2559.52

Thank you Ladies, all our hard work paid off!

Pat Graham
President – SGLVFD Ladies Auxiliary



Pat and Marga setting up the Raffle table!



John is looking for any reason to raise funds for the new fire hall!

Fred, Marie and Ken are enjoying trading food for money!



Indi, Doreen, Bobbi and Liz with a table full of baking!

At the SGLVFD—Fred Potter Memorial Hall South Green Lake Community Day Fire Fighters Open House Saturday July 30, 2010

Come out and see the equipment, try the fire hose!
Hot dogs, Pop & Ice Cream (by donation)
All proceeds to the SGLVFD Building Fund



Come out and see what's new!

Open Fire Restriction within the Cariboo Fire Centre

This restriction will be effective as of noon on May 2, 2011.

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 more than two open fires of any size at the same time
- burning stubble or grass over any area or size; and
- the use of fireworks or burning barrels of any size or description

This restriction covers all BC Parks, Crown and Private lands. Please check with civic authorities for any restriction before lighting a fire.

The Cariboo Fire Centre is currently experiencing dry conditions and a elevated fire hazard. Since April 7, 2011, there have been 11 fires; all human-caused. Please ensure all fires are not lit or kept burning during windy conditions, that adequate tools, water and people are on hand to contain a fire, and that fires are fully extinguished before leaving the area.

There are currently no campfire bans in effect for the Cariboo Fire Centre. Please visit www.bcwildfire.ca for the latest information.

Forest Use Restrictions in Cariboo Fire Centre

There are currently no forest use restrictions in effect for the Cariboo fire centre.

Fuel Management Prescription

Update 2011

As a result of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) developed by the TNRD, South Green Lake is a prime location where fuel management would be practical. According to the TNRD mapping, all of South Green Lake shows the interface fuel hazard assessment ranking of 65-80, which is considered HIGH.

We at the South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department (SGLVFD) are committed to protect human safety and health, our homes, businesses and infrastructure and, as such, we are pleased to act as the local government and have obtained 100% funding through the UBCM to have a Fuel Subscription treatment plan prepared by Steve Law a RPF (Registered Professional Forester).

Steve has split the areas into individual treatment units, verified private boundaries and has finished hanging the boundary ribbon along the sections of private property.

The draft prescription is being sent to the Ministry of Forests and Land for review prior to the public meeting which will be held prior to our AGM on July 9th, 2011. This will be the forum where we can review any of their comments and address any other concerns we have. Any comments or concerns raised at the AGM will be incorporated for the final submission sent to Forestry in July 2011.

Please visit the SGLVFD web site www.southgreenlakevfd.ca and click on the Wildfire Info tab for a generic copy of the letter sent to all residents and maps of the prescription area.

The second phase would be the implementation of the prescription. As of the rules today, this part of the process would be funded 75% by government, with South Green Lake residents having to contribute 25%. Our 25% contribution could be "in kind" (e.g. volunteer labour).



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.

SGLVFD Recycle Depot 2011 Update

A big thank you to all who dropped off refundable containers at the SGL Fire Hall and the 70 Mile Transfer station. One of the benefits of our recycling program is that all monies received go back into the operating budget of our fire department. Last year we raised enough monies from the bottle depot to purchase a new portable pump. This new pump has increased our capacity to draft more water from the lake giving us more volume at the road. We encourage all to please keep using the drop off at the Fire Hall and the 70 Mile Transfer Station as it's not only good for our environment, the South Green Lake community also benefits with newer firefighting equipment.

Over the past year, all of us on South Green Lake have prevented a large amount of bottles, cans and juice boxes from going into the landfill. Well done to all of us!!!!!!

Here are some fun facts on why we should recycle:

- The energy saved by recycling 1 aluminum can will run a TV for three hours
- It takes 400 years for aluminum to break down naturally.
- Aluminum is a very strong metal. Four six packs can support a 4000 pound car
- Recycling just 1 ton of aluminum cans conserves 36 barrels of oil or 1,655 gallons of gasoline.
- Making glass from recycled materials cuts related air pollution by 20% and water pollution by 50%
- Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a bulb for 4 hours
- Recycling 1 ton of glass saves 9 gallons of fuel oil
- 5 plastic bottles yield enough fibre for an XL T-shirt
- 10 plastic soft drink bottles are required to make the fibrefill for 1 ski jacket

Why Recycle - Five good reasons

1. Recycling conserves our valuable natural resources.
2. Recycling saves energy.
3. Recycling saves clean air and clean water.
4. Recycling saves landfill space.
5. Recycling can save money and create jobs.



Please Recycle



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) or \$25.00 (double 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 .

THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER THESE SIGNS.

Name: Phone number: _____

Numbers to appear on address sign: _____ Single Double

Cheque enclosed | OR Cash enclosed: |

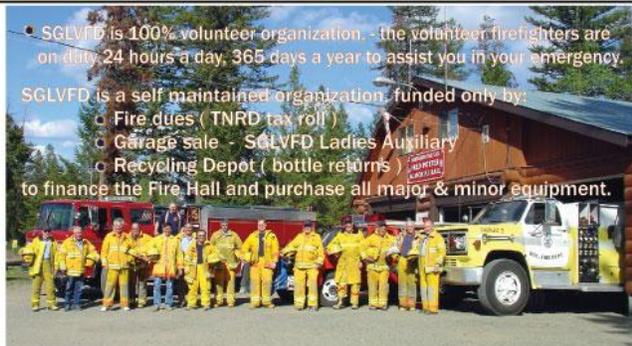


What if you had a fire and no one came?



The mission of the South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department is to provide the residents of South Green Lake with a highly trained and efficient fire suppression and prevention organization, that operates in a safe manner

to protect the community from the ravages of fire and other hazardous situations, within the scope of our resources.



"Working together - ensuring a safe community."

We need you!

Come join the Fire Hall and become a Volunteer Fire Fighter. Practises are every second Saturday.

Do you have emergency first aid or medical training?

Could your name be added to an Emergency Callout List for use in the event that South Green Lake suffers a major event?

For more info contact our Deputy Fire Chief, Dale Dyck at 250-456-7567

Meet Your SGLVFD Board of Directors

Susan McKie	President
Marga Veto	Secretary
Susan McKie	Treasurer
Dale Dyck	Acting Chief
Larry Messaros	Director
Dennis Nagy	Director
Cheryl Groves	Director

..... and your volunteer Fire Fighters

The volunteer firefighters are on duty 24 hrs. a day, 365 days a year, to assist you in your emergency. We sincerely thank the hard-working Executives, Fire Chief and Fire Fighters for making this a safer community; let's not forget the major savings we all enjoy in house insurance costs, thanks to their efforts.

Dale Dyck	Doug Hughes
Mike Balachanoff	Ernie Doyle
Dave Goodwin	Roger Graham
Art Groves	Sandy Jamieson
Peter McKie	Dennis Nagy
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..... Ladies Auxiliary Board of Directors

Pat Graham	President
Darlene Goodman	Vice-President
Lani Lazenby	Secretary

Dear SGLVFD Registered Members/Property-owners:

It's time for me to retire again. I have been directly involved with the South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department and it's Newsletter from the beginning, 12 years ago. I feel it's time to have a new face and a new page on the SGLVFD Newsletter.

It has been my pleasure to serve our Subdivision, the Members/Property-owners of the South Green Lake Fire Protection Area. It was a lot of fun for me to produce the newsletter. The colourful e-mail version of the newsletter, which I have implemented four years ago reaches about 28% of the Registered Members/Property-owners. You can also read the colour version of the last four issues of the Newsletter on the SGLVFD Web-page, at: <http://southgreenlakevfd.ca>
Do support your Local Fire Hall, let's not forget the major savings we all enjoy in house insurance costs. Please provide change of address, change of phone-numbers and change of e-mail to the Fire Department.

I have enjoyed all my association with the Fire Department & it's activities.

Have a safe Summer!

"Working together - ensuring a safe community"

Respectfully,

Laszlo J. Veto
Ex-Newsletter Editor
sglvfd@xplornet.com



Exercise at the Fred Potter Memorial Hall



Jackie Stroud

Don't forget that we have a drop-in exercise group at the Fire Hall. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. We work out. We have tons of different workouts including aerobic, weight training, cross training and step aerobics. Our workouts are designed for all age groups and all fitness levels so you'll fit right in. The cost is only \$1.00 for an hour of workout.

Hope you can join us!

Do We Have Your Current E-mail Address?

Please help us, by providing AND confirming your name, postal address, e-mail address, phone number(s) and lot number.

It will help us to keep in touch during emergencies.

Please advise myself, Larry Messaros at:

editor@southgreenlakevfd.ca

Or - send a note to:

SGLVFD

Site M, C-3A, RR #1

70 Mile House, B.C.

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