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South Green Lake VFD Newsletter

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President's Report

Susan McKie - President

The past year has been a very busy and productive one for the SGLVFD. Our Fire Hall addition was started last fall and should be functional by this August. Wilderness Custom Homes took the hall to lock up and our volunteer fire fighters and other community members have been completing the inside. Ainsworth Lumber donated a lift of OSB board, which was used on the inside ceiling of the Hall. Thank you to Rob Williams (Truck West Collision) for the generous use of his man lift. It was invaluable with the installation of the ceiling, wall board and heaters. Dwayne Parrent (Hallmark) was able to supply us with our HVAC installation at cost. He, along with help from the volunteers, completed most of the HVAC installation on the week-end of May 26th. We are now in the process of getting the inside slab and exterior aprons in place. To date volunteers have contributed 774 hours of labour in building the addition, which has been funded entirely by funds raised through garage sales, bake sales, bottle returns and some donations.

The operations part of the Wildfire Initiative started last November and was suspended this Spring, due to the dry weather conditions, which made it too dangerous to continue burning. Thank you to all the fire fighters and residents who helped with the burning, monitoring of the

hand piles, along with removal of fire wood from the area. To date we have contributed 369 hours of in-kind labour towards fulfilling our obligation of the Wildfire Initiative contract we have with the TNRD.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for all their hard work in baking the pie and organizing the garage/bake sale, which was a huge success.

We could not run the SGLVFD without the many unsung heroes who keep the sign board current, pick-up and sort the bottles, keep the trucks well maintained, attend meetings and training sessions and continue to ensure we have a safe community. Once again, these many volunteer hours show the dedication and commitment of our fire fighters and residents. We thank you all! A newer pumper (Superior) was purchased from the Kamloops Fire Department last October, a deal we couldn't pass up. The addition of this newer pumper will ensure our Fire Department's accreditation to 2019. We are currently in the process of equipping this vehicle as our primary pumper and plan on having it in service by mid August. Along with the excellent price for the truck, the Kamloops Fire Department also contributed ten sets of used turn-out gear. A big thank you to Jenny and Steve Gehl for their invaluable contacts and follow through.

As a volunteer Fire Department, we are always looking for good used equipment (hose, tools, etc.). If you have any contacts or if you have anything we might be able to use, please let us know.

Thank you to all the fire fighters, who carry a pager and radio 24/7, 365 days a year, ensuring a response if there's a fire or emergency. We currently have 18 fire fighters on our roster. Two of our members have retired from the Fire Department this year. They, along with the experience and dedication they brought, will be greatly missed.



Thanks to John Nesbitt for his twenty plus years of service to the Fire Department. Along with his fire fighting duties and ensuring that everyone was trained on the pumper, John,

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Annual General Meeting

Fred Potter Memorial Hall
(upstairs)

546 South Green Lake Road
Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am

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along with Iris, spent hundreds of hours sorting bottles and arranging for pick-up. Without the contribution of the bottle return money, we would not have been able to build the addition at this time.



Dale Dyck has also retired from the department, leaving the position of Acting Fire Chief. We thank Dale for stepping into the position of Acting Chief over the past two years. His dedication and hard work kept the department running smoothly. Dale was also our Building Committee Chairman and oversaw the construction of the addition. The many long hours spent on the addition, ensuring everything was done properly and safely, are greatly appreciated. Once again, thank you all for your continuing support and dedication to our Fire Department.



Susan McKie
President, SGLVFD

Fuel Treatment Report

The South Green Lake Volunteer Fire Department (SGLVFD) initiated an operational fuel management treatment of 19.0 hectares along the South Green Lake Road. This area is a strip varying in width from 50-100m and approximately 2.4km in length and runs along the south side of residential property. The treatment was funded by the UBCM though the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) as part of the Strategic Wildfire Initiative.

The contractor commenced in November on this high hazard site comprised mainly of dense layer 2 and 3 Douglas-fir. The prescription for the area called for spacing down to 1.5m and pruning to 3m. The resulting debris was then hand piled for burning.

Over the winter, due to the lack of suitable venting days, subsequent snowfall and poor burning conditions, approximately 50% of the piles remain unburned.

On April 16th a request for an Exemption from the burning Prohibition, which took effect on April 2nd, was sent on our behalf to the Cariboo Wild Fire Centre to try and get the remainder of the piles burned. On April 19th the exemption was approved by the Wildfire Management Branch. This exemptions was only for a 2 week period ending May 6, 2012.

We managed to burn another 20% of the piles but, due to the dryness and lack of rain, burning was halted May 1st. Please be cautious as there are still unburned piles out there, which will remain unburned until conditions permit this fall.

In the event of an extreme fire hazard this summer, the remaining piles will be monitored by patrols.

Ladie's Auxiliary Report

Once again another May long weekend has come and gone, and the Ladies Auxiliary for the SGLVFD had had another successful garage sale.

Many thanks go out to everyone who came out and supported us. All proceeds to go towards our building fund.



But none of this would be possible without the help of our Ladies on the Auxiliary. For their many hours of labour in making all the pies, and other baking, and for the hours of help at the garage sale itself. Also many thanks to the firemen who helped out loading some of our larger items, plus cleaning up. Many hands make light work!

So, thank-you one and all, for all your help, and we are grateful for your continued support.



Pat Graham
President
Ladies Auxiliary

At the SGLVFD—Fred Potter Memorial Hall
**South Green Lake Community Day
& Open House**
Saturday August 4, 2012
10 AM - 2 PM

Come out and see the equipment, try the fire hose!

Hot dogs, Pop & Ice Cream
(by donation)

All proceeds to the SGLVFD
Truck 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 April 1, 2012.

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

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.

Please check the web site or www.bcwildfire.ca for up-to-date information.

New Building



Our New Truck in its new home!

The outside of our new building



A pile of heating equipment ready to be installed.



The start of the new building in August 2011



The new generator with automatic transfer which runs the whole building when the power goes out!



Green Belt Report – Spring 2012

The landscapes around Green and Watch Lakes did change over the winter. Most notably is the logging that took place. The blocks that were logged were a direct result of the past mountain pine infestation that ravaged our lake areas. The beetle infestation has slowed mostly due to the reduction of habitat for the beetles. Salvage harvesting of the beetle infested stands allows for a reduction of the fire hazard around the lakes and at the same time captures some economic value from those stands.

While the infestation has slowed or even left our lake area, we still have to be aware of the risks of fire with what has been left behind. The area behind the South Green Lake Fire Hall has had some fire hazard reduction treatments completed over the winter. The area was thinned and branches pruned to reduce the fire risk, which we will all benefit from.

While the beetle infestation is a natural disaster, nature will replace what the beetle removed. As the stands age, pine seedlings will grow and begin a new stand that will be green and lush.

Yard and dead tree clean up is still a very good thing to do to reduce fire hazards as you return to the lake to enjoy the spring and summer.

Fire season is upon us, be aware of fire bans that will be announced and overall conditions as you enjoy your time at the lake.

David Schwarz, R.P.F.

SGLVFD Recycle Depot 2012 Update

We've had another successful year with our recycling efforts!

We really appreciate everyone dropping off the bottles at the fire hall. We would like to remind everyone to please take the lids off the bottles. It would save us a lot of work as we have to take all the lids off before we sort and bag them.

Our main bottle sorter, John Nesbitt has retired! We would like to thank John for all of his work and dedication in sorting the bottles. He did a fabulous job!

1994 Superior Pumper



As well as building a larger storage garage for the trucks, we had the opportunity to purchase a 1994 Superior Pumper Truck from Kamloops in November.

It was an unplanned purchase that presented itself and it was too good to pass up. This enables us to have at least one truck less than 20 years old for our underwriters certification. It will provide added support to our existing pumper truck and it will be very nice in the winter as the rear cab is totally enclosed. Riding in an open cab in sub-zero temperatures will make anyone appreciate a warm cab! We decided to use part of the building fund for the purchase of the truck so our building has slowed down right now, but the truck is in its new home! The new building was required as the trucks now are taller and longer than what our old building could accommodate. Inside the



building it is very large, but when the new truck is parked inside, it's very easy to see how large these trucks are now.

We brought the truck out for the first time on May 26 to see how it works and what equipment needs to be installed. As with any project of this size, it takes quite a bit of time and money to get this vehicle to the point where we can use it. We are currently canvassing fire departments around BC for hoses and fittings. We have been successful acquiring about 600 feet of 2 1/2" hose to get us started. The goal is to get the truck ready for service by the end of August.

The interior needs some upholstery repair. We are hoping that someone with a commercial sewing machine would like to volunteer some time to do the needed repairs. Please contact Larry @ 250-456-2129 if interested.

Wildfire Threat

With the Slave Lake Fires last year and the Kelowna, 70 Mile & Buffalo Creek fires a little closer to home from a few years ago, everyone has to be reminded of the challenges living and vacationing in the rural areas surrounded by beetle kill. We have been busy with the prescription and fuel treatment program trying to lessen the chances of a fire coming through our community. . It's extremely important that you take the time to clean up any fuel around your property, as this would help make fire protection much easier.

The challenges of a rural fire department are different than most larger centres. Along with structure fire protection, we have also provide interface protection.

Crown land is Forestry's responsibility, but we will still do the best we can to slow down any interface fires.

Statistics from the FireSmart Manual:

- Crowning forest fires often spread at up to 5.5 km/h
- 48% of all wildfires are human caused
- Over the last 10 years on average, 2,500 wildfires per year were started in BC consuming 25,000 hectares.

The FireSmart Manual has a lot of great information. Check our website for the link to download the manual.



BY NOW EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THE HIGHLY REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS IN THE LOCAL AREA.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER THEM!



This is a fund raiser for the South Green Lake Fire Department and the Lions Club.

We have been able to keep the great 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 easily seen in the daytime or nighttime, as well as during adverse weather conditions and they have been approved by our Fire Department. The old address signs will not be maintained by the Fire Department.

Please complete the form below and mail it along with cash, or a cheque – made out to South Green Lake VFD, 546 Green Lake South Rd., 70 Mile House, BC V0K 2K2.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Fire Chief Peter McKie @ 250-456-6806.

THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER THESE SIGNS.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Green Lake Address: _____

Number of signs: ____

Numbers to appear on address sign: _____ Single Sided \$15 - Double Sided \$25

Cheque enclosed OR Cash enclosed:

Mail to:

South Green Lake VFD,
546 Green Lake South Rd.,
70 Mile House, BC
V0K 2K2.



What if you had a fire and no one came?



Mission Statement

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.



SGLVFD is 100% volunteer organization, - the volunteer firefighters are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to assist you in your emergency.

SGLVFD is a self maintained organization, funded only by:

- Fire dues (TNRD tax roll)
- Garage sale - SGLVFD Ladies Auxiliary
- Recycling Depot (bottle returns)

to finance the Fire Hall and purchase all major & minor equipment.

“Working together - ensuring a safe community.”

We Need Volunteers

Come join the Fire Hall and become a Volunteer Fire Fighter.

Practices are every second Saturday in the Winter, Tuesday evenings in the Summer.



For more information contact our Assistant Fire Chief, Peter McKie at 250-456-6806



SGLVFD

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Firefighters

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.

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Dear SGLVFD Property-owners:

Another year has passed and a lot has been accomplished. You may have noticed that we have dropped our long and confusing postal address. Yes, we now have a real postal address and Super Mailboxes to go with those addresses!

If you have any contact changes (address, phone numbers, email address, etc.), please use the contact forms on the website to submit those changes. For anyone who does not have internet access, please send us a note with all of the changes.

You can also read the colour version of the Newsletter on the SGLVFD Website, at:
<http://southgreenlakevfd.ca>

Have a safe Summer!



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ensuring a safe community"*



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 address.

It will help us to keep in touch during emergencies.

Please send me an email to:
editor@southgreenlakevfd.ca

Or - send a note to:

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